

4-H: There is something for everyone

As I was assembling information for this Clover Chatter, I was reminded again of the diverse programming opportunities 4-H has to offer. From agriculture equipment diagnostics to drones, to Crafting Curiosity to Forces of Nature; everyone can find an interest they would like to explore in 4-H. We know it takes a lot of courage to take a step out of your comfort zone. 4-H is our place to try new things. I flew a drone for the first time in my life this week at a 4-H Drones practice. We are always learning. What will be your new 4-H experience this month? I cannot wait to hear about it!



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Announcements

FEBRUARY 24, 2024



BEEF & DAIRY STEER ID DAY

Hamilton County Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day
Small Animal Barn on the 4-H Fairgrounds
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

All Steers and Commercial Heifers planning to show at the Hamilton County 4- H Fair and/or Indiana State Fair must be ear tagged, weighed and identified at the Hamilton County Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day on February 24, 2024 in the Small Animal Barn on the 4-H Fairgrounds from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Check your mail box for more information. It was mailed last week.



Crafting Curiosities

GRADES 3 - 7 COST: \$30
APRIL 1 - 2 FROM 8 - 11:30 A.M.

HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVITY WITH
CANVAS PAINTING, PAPER CRAFTS,
STRING ART, CHARCUTERIE BOARD

Register by March 22
IN.4HONLINE.COM

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CLOVER GAMING CONNECTION™



3 APRIL

9AM-3:30PM
HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**Explore engineering, design, logic, technology,
math, and story concepts behind the Science of
Games!**

REGISTER BY MARCH 22 AT IN.4HONLINE.COM

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As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2024.

Shooting Sports, Robotics, Cake Decorating, and Rabbits, are starting this month.

Be sure to check our [4-H Workshops webpage](#) for updates. More workshops are added weekly.

Attention Project & Club Leaders!

- We are working on a 4-H calendar for families to check on our website and we want it to be accurate. We are so thankful for the support of our volunteers and cannot wait for this new 4-H season! Please contact Lisa Hanni at lahanni@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854 with your scheduling write up, dates, and questions.
- 4-H Club Financial audits are due annually. Financial audit letters were mailed out to each club last week. Please submit your audit documents for the 2023 year no later than February 12, 2024. Forms can be turned in to the Extension Office or emailed to Maggie at mherrington@purdue.edu.
- Hamilton County 4-H is still searching for a new project leader for Sportfishing. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.



2024 MINI 4-H MEETINGS

HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 8

MARCH 14

APRIL 18

MAY 9

JUNE 6

2024 4-H Handbooks are in!

Come into our office to pick up your 4-H handbook! You can also view the online 4-H Handbook [here](#).

2024 YES Grant Applications Due March 1

4-H provides opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant is intended to give youth-led projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference.

In 2023, the Indiana 4-H Foundation awarded 31 YES Grants for a total of \$28,544.30. Read more about these projects on the [YES Grant page](#).

For 2024 projects, the application deadline is March 1, and grants will be selected by April 1. Final reports are due by December 31. The application process for 2024 is now open through our [portal](#).

Funds for this initiative were made available from the Nola Gentry Charitable Trust and Corteva Agriscience.



4-H is looking for Leaders, Creators, Storytellers and Changemakers! Apply TODAY to become one of FOUR Youth in Action winners. Four outstanding youth will receive a \$5k scholarship, tailored professional mentoring, national spokesperson/speaking opportunities and MORE! Applications are now live until April 1. Learn more & apply: [here](#)



Congratulations on your achievement! The 4-H Council celebrates the ten year members in many ways. You should have received an email and a hard copy mailing to submit your 4-H Fairbook information. Click [here](#) for more details.



HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR

FAIRBOOK ADS AVAILABLE!

To learn more about sponsoring your ad go to bit.ly/4o6LIAo

Submit by March 13

To learn more click [here](#)

Help Us Promote 4-H

The best way to market 4-H is to share your story. Post a fun 4-H experience on your social media outlet. Tell your friends and neighbors about 4-H! Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of 4-H swag to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood. We also have club flyers, FAQ sheets, Mini 4-H flyers, and more. If you need any promotional materials for a local event, we can help! Contact Bernie Huber for more information at bchuber@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854.

2023-2024 Ten Year Members

Below is the list of 4-H'ers who appear in in.4honline.com as potential ten year members for 2023-2024. If you believe you should appear on this list and you

do not see your name, contact the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY. We will begin collecting information for ten year member recognition in January.

Valerie Adams	Dru Kelly
Zachary Bales	Josephine Kile
Kara Bennett	Elijah Kolb
Bryce Bryant	Ty Kremer
Cole Burkman	Drew Manges
Samuel Clark	Katherine McCauley
Quinn Conrad	Caleb McConkey
Aaron Crawford	Addison McMillan
Amelia Denault	Walter McNew
Jacob Drummond	Hans Moore
Grace Fox	Natalie Newman
Madelyn Garber	Grady Piel
Taylor Gerardot	Johnathan Popiela
Grayson Gladura	Samuel Poynter
Ellie Gollner	Audrey Ratcliffe
Tatym Green	Evelyn Ratcliffe
Sydney Hall	Hank Rhinebarger
Samuel Harpham	Rylyn Rutowski
Meghan Haws	Kassidy Schakel
Avery Hayden	Jenna Schnarr
Camryn Herring	Chesed Thifault
Timothy Higginbotham	Juliana Weinrich
Kathryn Hoffmeister	Amelia Wiggins
Owen Holt	John Zeller
Cooper Jaeger	Chloe Zerr
Charlie Kaufman	

Activities and Opportunities

VIRTUAL JUDGING CAMP FEBRUARY 8



REGISTRATION
Registration Link: [Judging Camp](#)

- \$50
- 4 weeks
- Home assignments
- Interactive virtual meetings
- Certificate of Completion



Performance
Halter



Oral Reasons



Reining



Western
Riding

Register [here](#)

State 4-H Poultry Workshop

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Community Building

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana

Location: 750 S 200 West Columbus, IN

On Hwy 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65

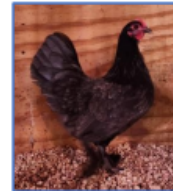
Go to www.bartholomewcountyfair.com for directions.



Food and Drinks available for purchase throughout the workshop
Exhibition type birds and standard-bred chicks will be available for purchase.



Check-in begins at 9:30, please use the link below to register. For questions or more information contact: Matt John – 812.603.7722 or mjohn2@ivytech.edu



Workshop Topics

Exhibiting Poultry from a Judges Perspective

*Hands on experience for 4-H members – **Do not bring your own poultry**

Nutrition and Feeding for Exhibition Poultry

Protecting Your Poultry

Parent/Leader/Superintendent Round table discussion

Use the link below to register by Feb. 16th. Registration is required and will help our club plan for food.

https://2024state4-hpoultryworkshop.4honline.com/#/public/ins_o/evt_1gw

Register [here](#)

FORCES Of Nature



\$35

January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond PWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the cloud comparison activity and learn about soil health.

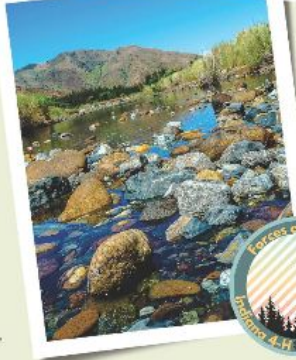
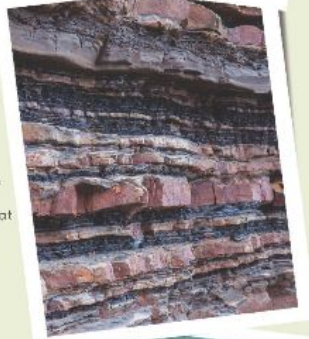
April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions.
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded if you can watch them at your leisure.

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM

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Extension - 4-H Youth Development



Present:

AG EQUIPMENT DIANOSTIC WORKSHOP



4-H and FFA youth grades 9-12 are invited!
Pre-registration is required, \$25 Registration fee to cover lunch and supplies. This is a pre-requisite to the June 8th contest.

February 24th

- Daviess Co Fairgrounds
- Clay Co Fairgrounds
- Bane-Welker Traning Center- Lebanon

Register by February 16th

March 16th

- Jasper Co Fairgrounds
- Churubusco High School
- Decatur Co Fairgrounds

Register by March 8th

**For More Information
and to Register visit:**

purdue.ag/AgEquipmentDiagnostics

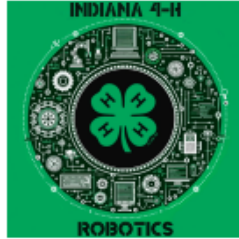


Register [here](#)

Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

March 9
Indiana State Museum

Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition



Robotics teams and clubs can compete in the spring Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition using any brand of robot. Review the new challenges on the [Indiana 4-H Robotics page](#). Contact your county 4-H Extension Educator about volunteering to lead a team or joining a team.

Register teams via [4-H Online](#).

Do You Want To Learn More About 4-H STEM Programs?

Even if they are not competing, 4-H members can bring their families and friends to the Indiana State Museum for the STEM Showcase to celebrate and explore 4-H STEM programs. Check out the Invention Convention and Indiana 4-H Robotics competitions in the Great Hall and learn how to get involved with these programs. Engage in hands-on STEM activities. Explore the Indiana State Museum galleries and exhibits, including the Towers of Tomorrow LEGO® Bricks exhibit.

Register 4-H members via [4-H Online](#).

Indiana 4-H Invention Convention Competition

Invention Convention is a global K-12 invention education program that activates STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship (STEMIE) learning to instill problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity skills for life. Student inventors can present their inventions to a panel of expert judges and engage with other student inventors at the first Indiana 4-H Invention Convention State Competition. Exceptional projects may be eligible for awards and advancement to the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. Learn more about this program on the [Indiana 4-H Invention Convention page](#).

Register inventors via [4-H Online](#).



[Register teams here](#) by March 1

[Register Inventors here](#) by February 23

[Register 4-H members to visit the Indiana State Museum here](#) by March 6 (mini by March 9)

INDIANA 4-H KITCHEN SKILLATHON



TOOLKIT AND STUDY MATERIALS: [PURDUE.AG/4HKITCHEN](https://www.purdue.edu/4hkitchen)

View toolkit and study materials [here](https://www.purdue.edu/4hkitchen)


INDIANA 4-H WANTS YOU!



Do you like money? Like to shop?
Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision
Making CDE is just for you!



**1. LEARN
HOW TO
SAVE
MONEY
WHILE
SHOPPING**



**CRITICAL
THINKING**

Understand the financial scenario and judge the products to fit the need.
(Think of it like livestock shopping only its for every day things you use, like socks.)



Budgeting Basics

Learn the basics of how far your money will stretch and that your finances are YOUR responsibility!



CDM- HOW IT WORKS

Consumer Decision Making is a contest based on consumer observation, comparing and making fact based purchases. A team of 3-4 youth are given classes to judge based on a scenario. As a team, class options are ranked. Those selections are then defended through oral reasoning to a judges panel.

Winners at the State Contest are then eligible to compete at the FCS Classic. This National Contest is a part of the National Western 4-H Round Up in Denver which is held the first weekend of January in Denver, CO during the National Western Stock Show!

CDM- YOU DECIDE

Airfryer/Toaster oven



Toaster



Blender



Toaster oven



Scenario: Joe lives in an apartment on campus and needs some appliances. He likes to meal prep because he usually eats on the run between classes and work. Joe is trying to cook at home more to be healthier and to save money. Joe's mom has given him \$100 to spend towards his purchase.

Understand Wants vs Needs and how your spending habits and choices can have a future impact on your credit.

For more information check out purdue.ag/4hconsumerdecision
****Mark Your Calendar for April 6th for this year's Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest!****



INDIANA 4-H

UAV Competition

A free, statewide, drone/UAV competition will be held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Alexandria, IN at 12:00 PM, May 4, 2024.

Both Junior Division (grades 6-8) and Senior Division (grades 9-12) members will receive awards.

Contact your local 4-H Educator for loanable practice "Tello" drones. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Three Competition Areas:

- ✓ Obstacle Course Flight
- ✓ FAA Rules and Regulations
- ✓ Programming--Using "Drone Blocks" App

MAY 4, 2024
ALEXANDRIA, IN

Bill Decker

765-641-9514

wdecker@purdue.edu

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Register at:
<https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>

The next drone practice meetings will be at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds at 7 PM

February 12, March 20, April 22, and May 1
Register for the Indiana 4-H UAV competition [here](#)

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed
pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov



3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



4-H INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be recorded on the Extension Office voicemail after 4:30 p.m. and posted on social media.



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Important Dates

February

- Virtual Horse Judging Camp - February 8
- Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse - February 13
- State 4-H Poultry Workshop - February 17
- **Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office Closed - February 19**
- Forces of Nature Virtual Session - February 21
- Forces of Nature Indiana Geology Lab - February 24
- **4-H Beef & Dairy ID - February 24**
- Ag Equipment Diagnostic Workshop in Daviess County- February 24

March

- Junior Pork Day at Purdue (more info TBA) - March 2
- **Purdue Extension Hamilton County Ag Days - March 5-7**
- Indiana 4-H Stem Showcase - March 9
- Forces of Nature Virtual Session - March 13
- Forces of Nature Turkey Run State Park - March 16
- Ag Equipment Diagnostic Workshop in Jasper County - March 16

April

- **Spring Break Camp - Crafting Curiosities - April 1-2**
- Forces of Nature Virtual Session - April 3
- **Spring Break Camp - Clover Gaming - April 3**
- Kitchen Skillathon Career Development - April 6
- Forces of Nature Depauw Nature Park - April 6
- 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest - April 6
- **Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office Closed at Noon - April 8**

Looking Ahead

- Indiana 4-H UAV Competition - May 4
- **4-H Animal ID Enrollment Deadline - May 15**
- **4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline - May 15**
- 2024 4-H Camp Shakamak- May 30- June 1
- 2024 Exploring 4-H Day Camp- June 11-12

- 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair July 18-22, Livestock Auction July 23
- 2024 Indiana State Fair - August 2-18

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