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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2024

It's time to enroll in 4-H!

If you have already enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H for the new year - AWESOME! Welcome or Welcome Back! If you have not yet enrolled now is the time! Our target date for enrollment is January 15! Make sure you are inviting your classmates and neighbors to join 4-H. We know that a personal invitation to join is more powerful than any press release or social media blast we can send out from Purdue Extension. Share the enrollment website: in.4honline.com. 4-H members and volunteers must re-enroll every year. We are looking forward to another fantastic 4-H Season!



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[Click to enroll in 4-H!](#)

FAQ

YOUR OFFICE IS CLOSED AND I'M HAVING TROUBLE ENROLLING! WHAT DO I DO?

Don't worry. Purdue Extension will be able to assist you next week. Our office is closed on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

WHO DO I TALK TO?

Anyone in the Extension Office can help you with your questions. Call us at 317-776-0854.

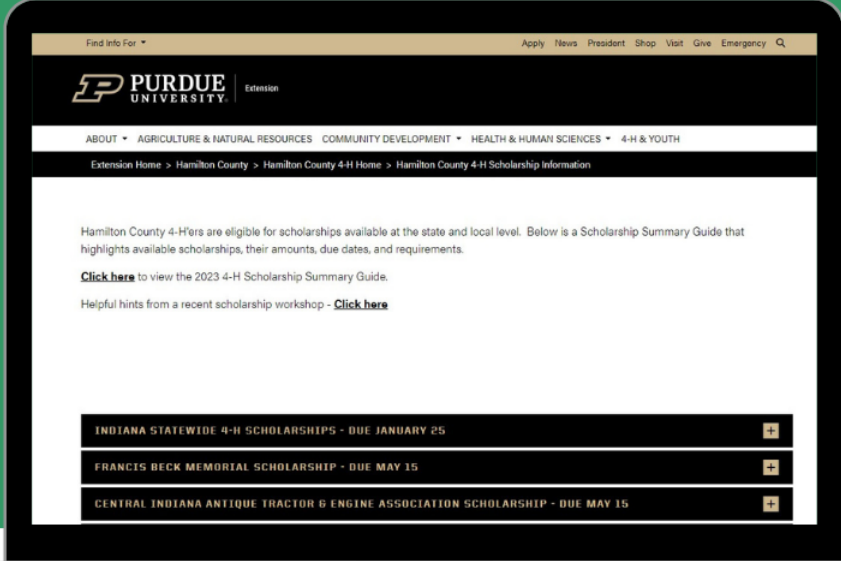
I FORGOT A PROJECT! WHAT DO I DO?

Don't panic! Projects can be added and dropped until May 15. Once your enrollment has been approved by our staff, you can drop and add by logging in to your family profile.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THERE ARE RULE CHANGES FOR MY PROJECTS?


The 2024 4-H Handbook is posted online @ <https://bit.ly/3vdbB7c>

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS



The screenshot shows the Purdue University Extension website. The header includes the Purdue University logo and navigation links: Apply, News, President, Shop, Visit, Give, Emergency. The main content area is titled "Hamilton County 4-H Home" and "Hamilton County 4-H Scholarship Information". It states: "Hamilton County 4-H'ers are eligible for scholarships available at the state and local level. Below is a Scholarship Summary Guide that highlights available scholarships, their amounts, due dates, and requirements." It includes links: "Click here to view the 2023 4-H Scholarship Summary Guide." and "Helpful hints from a recent scholarship workshop - Click here". A table lists three scholarships:

INDIANA STATEWIDE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS - DUE JANUARY 25	+
FRANCIS BECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MAY 15	+
CENTRAL INDIANA ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MAY 15	+



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4HSCHOLS](https://bit.ly/4hschols)

Many state and local scholarship applications are now available. [Click](#) to visit our Hamilton County 4-H Scholarships web page. You can view our scholarship summary, download applications, and learn how you can apply for national 4-H trips and receive money for continuing education.

The first application deadline is January 25!

- Scholarship applications to be uploaded to 4honline include: 4-H Club Scholarship 4-H Horticulture Scholarship
- Scholarship applications to be turned in to the Purdue Extension Office: Outstanding 4-H Achievement Award Outstanding Ag Achievement Awards Hamilton County 4-H Foundation Geneva Fisher Scholarship



2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.
Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.
\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023




Important Updates

Hamilton County 4-H Handbook

The 2024 Hamilton County Handbook is off to the printer to be returned to us at the start of January. We will continue to update the 4-H website and project pages with the 2024 rules and guidelines. The 2024 4-H Handbook can be found on our [website](#). Please read each of your projects' guidelines as things may differ from last year.

Livestock Showmanship rule going into effect at the 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair: “In Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Sheep, and Swine, once an exhibitor is the overall junior or intermediate winner, the 4-H’er is only eligible to compete in the next higher level of showmanship classes in future years.”



2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Activities Changes

➔ Due to construction, all static 4-H projects will be displayed in the Exhibition Center for the 2024 Fair.

➔ Ceramics, Gift Wrapping, and Small Engines changed from open to closed judging this year.

JULY	TUES 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace Rocket Launch Check in @ noon Sewing Judging in the afternoon with staggered times complementing Fashion Revue judging
	MON 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather Craft open judging @ 8:30 a.m Health will be closed judging @ 8:30 a.m
	TUES 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography judging all levels at 8:30 a.m Recycling judging @ 9:30 a.m. Child Development @ 1 p.m. Construction Sets judging Intermediate and Advance will now start with check in @ 1:30 pm, Judging @ 2 p.m.
	WED 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foods Preservation check in all levels 8-9 am, judging all levels @ 9 a.m. Microwave judging check in all levels 8-9 am, judging all levels @ 9 a.m
	THURS 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bucket Calf show 8:30 am with Dairy Show following immediately after Dairy Goat show @ noon Pygmy Goat show @ 4 p.m.
	FRI 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheep Fitting Contest @ 10:30 a.m. Meat Goat show @ 1 p.m.
	SAT 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse and Pony Dressage @ 10 a.m. Swine Show @ 9 a.m.

Important Updated State 4-H Policies

4-H project exhibitions occur through a variety of methods: county fairs, career development events, and other statewide competitive events. The following statewide deadlines will be followed by all county programs annually:

May 15 – All animals requiring 4-H Animal Identification must be identified in.4honline.

July 1 - FairEntry Deadline. This is the system where you will enter your classes you plan to exhibit.

4-H'ers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) by July 1, 2024.

ALL exhibits must be entered into FairEntry by July 1 for the county of exhibition. This serves as the “drop/add” deadline for 4-H projects.

- Livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing this deadline may exhibit and will have opportunities to receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still participate fully in showmanship classes.
- Non-livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing the deadline may compete and the highest placing as “blue.”

Project Workshops

As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2024. We'll let you know when our updated 4-H Workshops webpage is up and running!

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

Zachary Bales

Kara Bennett

Bryce Bryant

Cole Burkman

Dru Kelly

Josephine Kile

Elijah Kolb

Ty Kremer

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
Kathryn Hoffmeister	Juliana Weinrich
Owen Holt	Amelia Wiggins
Cooper Jaeger	John Zeller
Charlie Kaufman	Chloe Zerr

Activities and Opportunities

WE ARE HIRING



2024 4-H
Summer
Assistant

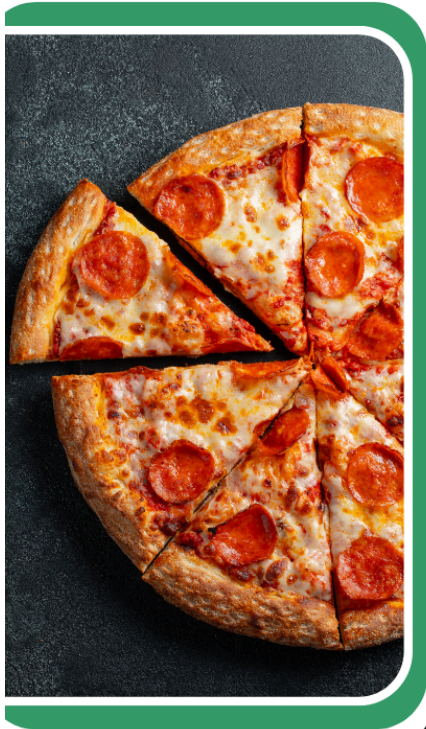


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College students, are you interested in learning all that truly takes place behind the scenes in the Extension Office? Are you organized and self-motivating? The Hamilton County 4-H Council is currently accepting applications for the 2024 4-H Summer Assistant. Applications are due January 25. [Click here for more info.](#)

2024 4-H ENROLLMENT MIDNIGHT PIZZA CHALLENGE



The Hamilton County 4-H club with the highest new and re-enrollment percentage as of **MIDNIGHT** on January 15, 2024, will **WIN** a pizza party.

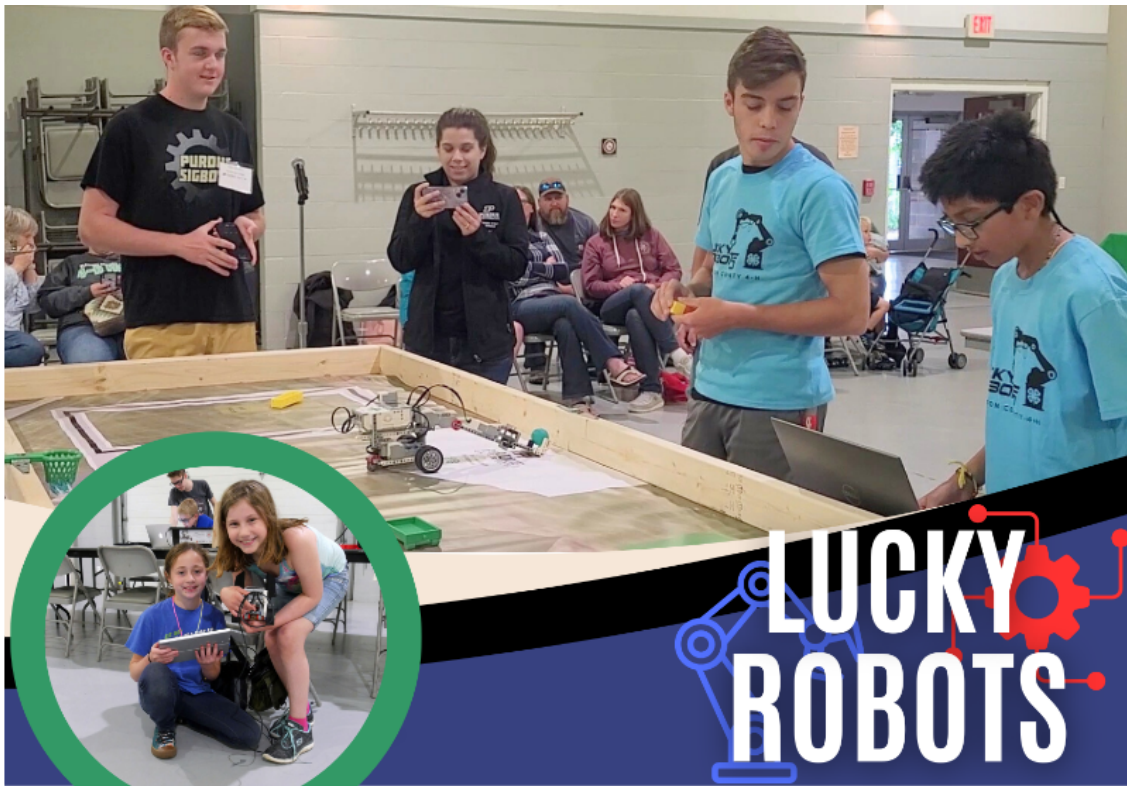


What can you do?

- Enroll
- Re-enroll
- Remind your fellow club members to enroll
- Tell your friends to enroll
- Get your neighbors to enroll



[IN.4HONLINE.COM](https://www.in.4honline.com)



Lucky Robots 4-H Meetings

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds

January : 24

February : 1, 7, 15, 21*, 29* *Meeting location TBD

March : 7



March : 9- 4-H Robotics Competition
@ Indiana State Museum



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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 Wild Fa 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 eld comparison activity and learn about soil health.

April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

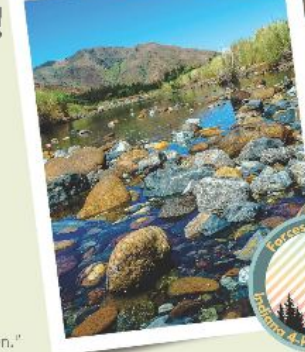
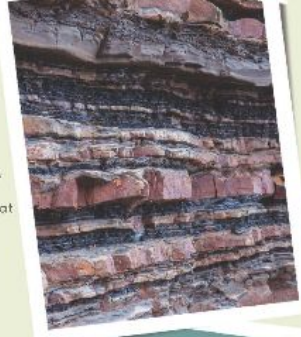
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

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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COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in case you miss one.

Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu

PACK YOUR BAGS!



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If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.



Visit the State House

Tuesday, February 13th

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is \$20 to attend

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation. .



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Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Time: 8:30am EST to 2:30pm EST (approx.)

- Who: Must be in grades 7-12 and registered in 4-H!
- Cost: \$20 to attend!
 - The cost is an additional \$20 (\$40 total) if the 4-H'er chooses to do the overnight program on Monday, February 12 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (space is limited).
 - Payments are now accepted through 4honline!
 - Register here: [Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse \(4HOnline\)](#)



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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9AM-3:30PM

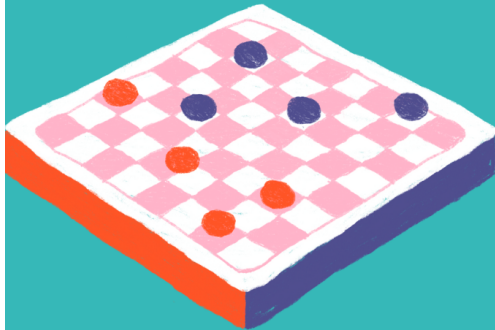
HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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

REGISTER BY MARCH 22 AT IN.4HONLINE.COM

GRADES 3 - 7

COST \$30



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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

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



Interested in poetry and public speaking?

High school students are invited to join Marion County 4-H to practice for the state *Poetry Out Loud* competition, where young people recite poetry for a chance to advance to national finals in Washington, D.C.! Over \$50,000 in prizes and school scholarships. [Learn more and sign up to participate here.](https://sites.google.com/view/4hpoetryoutloud/)



Hamilton County 4-H is still searching for new project leaders for the following projects. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.

Chicken Barbecue

Creative Writing

Sportfishing

Robotics

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

January

- Discover 4-H- January 3
- 4-H Enrollment Target Date - January 15
- Purdue Extension Office Closed - January 15
- Summer Assistant Applications Due - January 25
- Many 4-H Scholarship/Award Applications Due - January 25

February

- Purdue Extension Office Closed - February 19

March

- Purdue Extension Ag Days - March 5-7

Looking Ahead

- 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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