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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Happy New Year, 4-H Members and Families! 🎉 As we step into 2025, we're excited to kick off another year filled with learning, leadership, and growth. Getting back into the swing of things, 4-H truly is all around us! During winter break, you may have conducted science experiments in the kitchen by baking cookies or helped document family memories by taking pictures. These everyday moments are great examples of the skills you can explore through 4-H. With more than 60 project options to choose from, there's something for everyone—whether it's science, arts, cooking, photography, or beyond. Let's dive into the new year ready to learn, create, and grow together!

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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Updates

Hamilton County 4-H Handbook

The 2025 Hamilton County Handbooks are in! Stop in the Extension Office and pick up your copy! Updated guidelines for 2025 can also be found on the various 4-H Project webpages. The complete 2025 4-H Handbook can also be found on our [website](#). Please read each of your projects' guidelines there may be updates from last year.



Project Workshops

As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2025. We'll let you know when our updated 4-H Workshops webpage is up and running!

2024-2025 Ten Year Members

Below is the list of 4-H'ers who appear in [in.4honline.com](https://4honline.com) as potential ten year members for 2024-2025. 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.

Christian Alvey	Madelyn Koepkey
Elizabeth Ambrous	Isaac Leonard
Kate Augspurger	Mary MacInnis
Macie Barth	Grace Macky
Sophia Beeson	Alexandria Marble
AnnaMarie Belt	Chaz McMurtry
Alison Bishop	Cameron Merriman
Alexander Blanch	Charles Merriman
Cheyenne Boggs	Elizabeth Miller
Noah Borcharding	Jonathan Muir
Owen Borcharding	Taylor Newby
Quinn Brogan	Lauren Pickett
Madison Brooks	Bianca Popa
Chase Bultemeier	Grayson Ratterman
Tiago Cabral	Andrew Reed
Travis Crane	Madeline Reiff
Lydia Crouch	Kaylee Roberts
Jackson Davis	Seth Salgado
Ethan Feliciano	Dylan Sarber
Ryan Finkbeiner	Jax Scamahorn
Jack Fisher	Payton Seese-Papp
Brinley Flaherty	Caelin Silitonga
Harrison Gilbert	Mackenzie Smith
Kaitlyn Graham	Matthew Spencer
Alexander Grau	Preston Stokell
Tessa Hartwick	Ian Strauss
Addison Henseleit	Charlotte Stuart
Nat Hicks	Sean Swingley

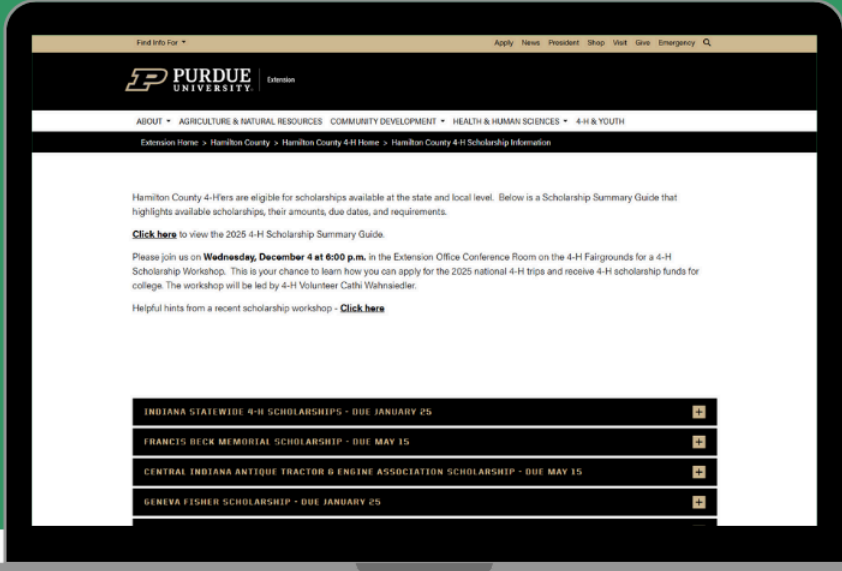
Luke Hideg
 Vincent Howard
 Sophia Hulen
 Evelyn Jenks
 Katherine Johnson
 Gracelyn Kinnaman
 Helen Koch

Ellie Taylor
 Exley Tricker
 Elias Underhill
 Rebekah Vanderpool
 Abigail Warner
 Delaney Waterman
 Ashley Webel
 Lillian Williamson
 Chloe Wilson
 Eleanor Worthington

Activities & Opportunities


Scholarship Deadline - January 25

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS



The screenshot shows the Purdue University Extension website. The main heading is '4-H SCHOLARSHIPS'. Below it, there is a section for Hamilton County 4-Hers, mentioning a scholarship summary guide and a workshop on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. A list of scholarships is provided at the bottom of the screenshot:

Scholarship Name	Deadline
INDIANA STATEWIDE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS	DOE JANUARY 25
FRANCIS BECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	DOE MAY 15
CENTRAL INDIANA ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP	DOE MAY 15
GENEVA FISHER SCHOLARSHIP	DOE JANUARY 25



<https://bit.ly/4hschols>



Hosted by Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
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LIFE LESSONS

VIRTUAL SERIES

WORKSHOP

Questions?
Contact local Purdue
Extension Office.

Adulting is hard!

How do you manage your money?
What do you do if your car breaks down?
How do you get a stain out of your favorite pair of jeans?

Join us for **Life Lessons** - a virtual series to learn the answers to these questions and more to get #beyondready for adulthood!

Open to all high school students (grades 9-12).



**Jan. 14-
March 4**



**Tuesdays
7-8 PM EST/
6-7 PM CT**



\$25

Includes provided
material, content and
supplies



**Zoom and Google
Classroom**

**Digital Safety - Kitchen Skills - Auto Care - Scheduling Appointments
Social Etiquette - Laundry Care - Financial Education - Much More!**

REGISTER VIA 4HONLINE



<https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>

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Unlock AI skills with Minecraft!

Teaming up with Microsoft, 4-H presents Minecraft Hour of Code: Generation AI. Dive into coding, explore responsible AI, and tackle real-world problems—all in your favorite game. It's free, fun, and packed with challenges! Start building your AI skills today!





4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



Tuesday February 11th 2025

Cost is \$25

Overnight Accommodations are available for an additional \$25

Space is limited

Register Now!

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>



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INDIANA 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING



This contest is based on consumer observation, comparing and making fact based purchases. Teams 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.

Open to 4-H youth in grades 9-12

Toolkit and study materials:
bit.ly/4hCWg3w

WHEN: FEBRUARY 15, 2025

WHERE: PURDUE UNIVERSITY (LOCATION TBD)

KITCHEN SKILLATHON

Kitchen Skillathon is an educational opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge and competence with common kitchen equipment, appliances, herbs, spices, and hazards/safety in the kitchen.

Open to 4-H Youth in grades 5-8

Toolkit and study materials:
Purdue.AG/4HKitchen



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Bridges to Adventure

Survival Skills

An immersive outdoor survival experience to learn essential wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire starting, and foraging.

February 26th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 1st - Ransburg Scout Reservation 10am-3pm

Flyfishing

A hands-on fly fishing adventure! Learn not only the art of fly casting, but also how to build fly rods and create custom flies.

March 19th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 22nd - Fairfax State Rec Area 10am-3pm

Sportfishing

Experience the thrill of fishing, discover how to filet, fry, and savor the delicious results of your catch!

April 2nd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 5th - Raccoon Lake 10am-3pm

Outdoor Skills

Get a grip on nature, & learn skills to enjoy your time outside, from map and compass reading to knot tying and tracking.

May 14th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

May 17th - Shakamak State Park 10am-3pm

\$35

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions

Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!

Busy, but crave the knowledge? Virtual sessions will be recorded to watch at your leisure



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REGISTER NOW
bridgestoadventure.honline.com



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TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 28-30
Ages: Grades 7th-12th

Contact your local Purdue
Extension Office to learn
more and register!

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



WE ARE HIRING

Apply by January 24, 2025



2025 4-H
Summer
Assistant



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Mid -May to Late July 2025

Deadline to Apply: January 24, 2025

Contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office with questions: (317) 776-0854

Click [here](#) to see a full job description. Click [here](#) to apply.



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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Help Us Promote 4-H

Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of other cool stuff to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood. Contact Bernie Huber for more information at bchuber@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854. Or follow our social media pages below.

Important Dates

January

- 4-H Scholarship Deadline - January 25

Looking Ahead

- 4-H Camp Shakamak- June 2-4
- Exploring 4-H Day Camp- June 10-11

- Hamilton County 4-H Fair 2025: July 17-21 | 2025 Livestock Auction: July, 22

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