

HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

June 2025

A Season of Growth and Excitement!

Yes, the Hamilton County 4-H Fair is happening — and we couldn't be more excited to showcase our 4-H members! While you may notice some extra activity and construction around the fairgrounds (including Pleasant St.), it's all part of a bigger vision for the future of 4-H in our community. These temporary inconveniences are paving the way for long-term enhancements that will create even more opportunities for our youth to learn, lead, and thrive. We're especially looking forward to the anticipated ribbon cutting for the brand-new Bicentennial Building on opening day — a symbol of progress and promise. More details will be coming out next month. Thank you for your continued patience and positivity as we grow together. The best is yet to come!



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Did you know?

1. **Drop Box** – We have a mail box right by our front door for you to drop off or pick up something after office hours. We also have a secure drop box in the door where you can drop off items as well. Need a book, record sheet, tags, etc. but can't make it in during office hours? Give us a call

and we will put it out in the pick up box for you.



- 2. **Location** We are on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Workshops that list the location as Hall A, Hall B, Hall C, or a livestock building are referring to a building on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.
- 3. **Website** <u>www.extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton</u>. All of the 4-H projects have record sheets, score cards, rules, workshops, etc. listed online. So much information at your fingertips 24/7!
- 4. **Handbook** The 4-H Handbook changes every year! Make sure your family has the 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Handbook.
- 5. **Project Manuals** These books might be good for more than one year. Please check the front of your manual to see how many years you need to use your current manual. Use the manual for your grade as of January 1, 2025.
- 6. Workshops Come to these to learn about your project. You will NOT complete your project at a workshop (unless stated). This is a place to get helpful tips and talk to your project leader. All project leaders' contact information is listed in the front section of the 4-H Handbook and on each project page.
- 7. **Project Record Sheets**: A member may complete a record sheet to have 4-H club leaders sign in lieu of an exhibit.
- 8. **Poster Size** Sometimes foam poster board is not sold in the correct size. Double check the measurements. All 4-H Posters should be 22" x 28" and MUST be displayed horizontally. The Extension office does have foam board for \$4.
- 9. **Poster Sleeves** Do you have a project that includes making a poster? Our office sells poster sleeves for \$2. Check out the poster rules in the 4-H Handbook on page 30, #15.
- 10. Exhibit Tags Tags are available from your leader or in the Extension Office. Remember you must have tags on all non-animal projects. Sewing requires one (1) tag per garment. Be sure to write in your name, club, project, years in the project, and your grade. On posters, please place the exhibit tag in the lower right corner of the poster, on TOP of the plastic.

Announcements



Fair Entry Deadline July 1 It's time to get those 4-H exhibits entered! Click here for 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Entry page. Fair Entry works with the 4Honline system, so you will use your 4Honline profile and password. You will not have to create another password. 4-H'ers will need to register each "exhibit" or "project" they plan to bring to the 4-H Fair in the Fair Entry system. This will be the way the Extension Office prepares the check-in/judging sheets and records the results.

4-H Exhibitors MUST complete their Fair Entry registration by July 1. 4-H'ers will NOT be able to complete their Fair Entry registration on checkin day.

Anything that gets entered and judged at our 4-H Fair should be preregistered in Fair Entry.

If you are not sure if you will be exhibiting a project you are enrolled in, go ahead and pre-register the exhibit. Additional help documents, including a written and video guide, can be found on our Hamilton County 4-H Fair web Page. Please contact the Extension Office (317-776-0854) with any questions you may have. We are here to help.



The 2025 4-H Fair books are here!

Be sure to pick up your family's copy from the Extension Office or at your next club meeting. The Fair book contains valuable information you will need as you prepare for the 4-H Fair. The schedule is also posted on the 4-H Fair website here.



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INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1, 2025.

1. This certification must be done on an annual basis

2.Pre-registration is preferred **BEFORE** attending a training

3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer

OR a training in another county

OR complete the online YQCA training

Training Dates

Training Locations

April 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Osprey Point

19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville, IN 46062

May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Noblesville High School - Jr./Sr. Cafeteria

18111 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060

June 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall C

*Certification cost is \$3. Please bring cash or check to the workshop

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use https://in.4honline.com. Click "Events" and then click "Register for an Event."

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator. This is the only online option.

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension office @ 317-776-0854.

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As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2025. Be sure to check our <u>4-H Workshops webpage</u> for updates. More workshops are added weekly. You can also view upcoming club meetings, workshops, and other important 4-H meetings for the month on our <u>4-H Events Google Calendar</u>.



Attention Project & Club Leaders!

- We are so thankful for the support of our volunteers! Please contact Lisa Hanni at <u>lahanni@purdue.edu</u> or 317-776-0854 with your scheduling write up, dates, and questions.
- 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.



Get your 4-H Materials from the Extension Office

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ELECTRIC PROJECT

Circuit Board	\$ 9.00
Magnetic Shake Light	\$21.00
Trouble Light Kit	\$42.00
Extension Cord Kit	\$28.00
Flashlight/Circuit Mounting Boards	\$ 2.00

PROJECT MANUALS

Replacement Project Books	\$10.00
Achievement Record Green Folders	\$ 2.00
Farm Record Books	\$ 25.00

POSTER SLEEVES/POSTER BACKING BOARDS

•	Poster Size 22x28 (standard)	.\$2.00
•	Poster Size 16x20 (salon)	\$2.00
•	Poster Backing Board, 22x28	.\$4.00

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

•	Insect Boxes (can also be used for Geology)\$3	2.00
•	Pins/Vials\$	6.00
•	Insect Book\$	5.00

GEOLOGY PROJECT

Let's Look At Rocks Book	\$ 5.00
4-H ENROLLMENT FEE	\$25.00
MINI 4-H ENROLLMENT FEE	NO COST

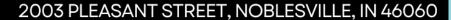
Activities & Opportunities





Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn

Join us for the 4-H Club Painting Party! Gather some friends, wear your paint clothes, and help us create some fun items for the fairgrounds!



NOW-JULY 15



We have 36 food pantry programs in Hamilton County and they are struggling to meet the needs of local families and individuals. **There are over 33,000 people in Hamilton County who are food insecure.**

Help Purdue Extension raise awareness about hunger and pack the pantries! the goal is to collect more than 5,000 pounds of food!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate FUNDS OR canned goods, dry products, cereal, etc., to Purdue Extension Hamilton County at 2003 Pleasant St.

DONATED ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE 4-H FAIR.



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4-H Fair Photography Sponsorship



Sponsorship of an event at the 4-H fair will give your business recognition on each photo and announcement at the fair event. A banner with sponsor names/logos will also be displayed.

Apply here: https://forms.gle/qvhXaDVK84ovBCnX7







State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers

Youth ages 14 through college-age young adults are invited to work behind the scenes and have fun too! Check in non-animal 4-H projects, set up exhibit displays, interact with fair attendees, live on the state fairgrounds, and make new friends. We can adjust your schedule around school and other commitments. Apply here.



State Fair Education Stations

Education Stations at the Indiana State Fair provide an opportunity for youth to promote 4-H to the public by sharing skills learned in 4-H using a make-it and take-it format. Each 4-H club selected will commit to teaching during an assigned four hour period and in return that club earns \$400. Apply here



Learn from a 4-H'er

This new event allows 4-H members to share knowledge learned about their project with fairgoers. Using a microphone and standing at their exhibit display, the 4-H member will tell fairgoers how their exhibit was assembled, skills learned, and how they overcame challenges related to their 4-H project work. The 4-H member should plan to present this information concisely in 2-3 minutes, and be prepared to answer questions. Apply here.

Volunteer Highlights



4-H PREPARES YOUTH LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE



Across Indiana, graduating 4-H seniors were asked to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. In Hamilton County, 34 youth completed the survey and the results are included below.



94% of graduating seniors developed a personal commitment to making ethical and just choices.



73% of graduating seniors make choices that promote health and well-being, especially nutrition, physical activity, and sleep.



91% of graduating seniors can manage their emotions in ways that lead to good health for themselves and others.



97% of graduating seniors can set goals and work to achieve them.



98% of graduating seniors try to live up to the values of respect, responsibility, honesty, kindness, and generosity.

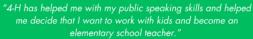


97% of graduating seniors have the ability and interest to give back to others.



"I believe that the most important thing 4-H has taught me is problemsolving. Every year, there are some complications while completing my projects. Managing these complications has strengthened my problem-

- Graduating Senior



- Graduating Senior





"The relationships I've built with fellow members, mentors, and community leaders have been invaluable, providing me with a sense of belonging and a deep understanding of the power of community. These connections have not only helped me grow personally, but have also inspired me to

Graduating Senior



Y-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

June

- Exploring 4-H Day Camp June 10-11
- 4-H Sign Painting June 11
- 4-H Academy June 11-13
- Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Training June 17
- Chef University Spark Club June 17 & 19
- 4-H Band June 21-23

- 4-H Chorus June 21-24
- Poultry Blood Testing June 21
- 4-H Round-Up- June 23-25

July

- Fair Entry Deadline July 1
- Purdue Extension Office Closed for Independence Day July 4
- 4-H Queen Pageant July 11
- Hamilton County 4-H Fair 2025: July 17-21 | 2025 Livestock Auction: July, 22

Looking Ahead

2025 Indiana State Fair - August 1-17

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