



Spring is almost here!

March has arrived, bringing with it the promise of sunny days and the whisper of spring in the air. It's the perfect time to swing by the Extension Office and pick up your project manuals for this exciting 4-H year! Whether you're looking to start something new or put the finishing touches on a project, these manuals are packed with ideas to keep you busy over Spring Break. They're not just guides; they're gateways to learning more about our project content areas, offering fun activities that the whole family can enjoy together.

And let's not forget the delightful Foods Project! It's a delicious adventure waiting to happen, filled with recipes and activities that will have everyone in the kitchen, creating memories and tasty treats. So why wait? Swing by our office, grab your manuals, and let's make this March a month of learning, fun, and family bonding through 4-H projects!

Here's to a fantastic month ahead!

Warm regards,



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Announcements



*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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SPRING BREAK CAMP

GAMES, FUN, & PIZZA

APRIL 3 **9AM-3:30PM**
HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Join us for a day of...

- Designing a board game
- Explore the science behind gaming
- Play board games

Lunch provided

REGISTER BY MARCH 22 AT IN.4HONLINE.COM

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Extension - Indiana 4-H



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, 2024.**

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 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall B
May 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall C
June 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall B

*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 2024.

Clogging, Leathercraft, Llamas & Mini Llamas, Reading, and Small Engines/Tractor 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. This Google Calendar will be live on our website by Friday of next week (March 8), so if you have any changes with your scheduling write-up, dates, or questions please contact Lisa Hanni at lahanni@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854.
- 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 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](#).



38th Annual
Hamilton County
AG DAY
2024 Ag Adventure

Purdue Extension is excited to once again be hosting Ag Days here on the 4-H Fairgrounds March 5-7. Many 4-H leaders, youth representatives, and local producers are volunteering to help make this event a success.

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.



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](#)



SPONSOR A 4-H FAIR AWARD

Sponsor Application:
<https://bit.ly/3lilhRb>

[Sponsor Application](#)

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.

Valerie Adams
 Zachary Bales
 Kara Bennett
 Bryce Bryant
 Cole Burkman
 Samuel Clark
 Quinn Conrad

Dru Kelly
 Josephine Kile
 Elijah Kolb
 Ty Kremer
 Drew Manges
 Katherine McCauley
 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

Junior Pork Day Saturday, March 2, 2024



Program Agenda

8:30 – 9:00	Registration – Fee \$5.00 – Land O’ Lakes, Inc. Center Lobby (New Animal Sciences Meats Lab) , Purdue University, 720 Clinic Drive (off Harrison St.), West Lafayette, IN 47907		
9:00	Welcome – Dr. Paul Ebner, Animal Sciences Interim Dept. Head – Purina Pavilion		
9:15	<u>Group 1</u> Live Animal Evaluation How to judge prospect pigs, market hogs and breeding gilts Evaluate 3 classes of swine	<u>Group 2</u> Carcass Evaluation Evaluating pork cuts & carcasses Evaluate 3 meats classes	<u>Group 3</u> Hands On Activities Where’s Waldo? -- Tracking your pig and Biosecurity risks Enrichment – It’s more than just toys
10:15	Groups Rotate		
11:15	Groups Rotate		
12:15	Lunch –Brats, chips, fruit, ice cream – Purina Pavilion		
1:00	Afternoon Rotations (<i>35 minute sessions – 5 min to walk</i>) –		
	Group 1 – BBQ across America		
	Group 2 – Pork Family Feud		
	Group 3 – Preparing for Show Day and Swine Showmanship		
1:40	Groups Rotate		
2:20	Groups Rotate		
3:00	Announcements and Door Prizes – followed by awards – Purina Pavilion		

NO PRE- REGISTERING REQUIRED!!!!!!

This program is being supported by the Crossbred Classic, Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers Assoc. and the Purdue University Animal Sciences and 4-H Departments. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Brian Richert – Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837, brichert@purdue.edu .



4-H Academy @ Purdue University June 12-14, 2024



Cyber Security

At 4-H Academy, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana.

Personal Finance



Contact your county's Purdue Extension 4-H Educator before May 15 to register.



Investigating Forensic Science

To learn more, visit bit.ly/in4hacademy



...and more!



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[4-H Academy Website](#)

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 silt comparison activity and learn about soil health.

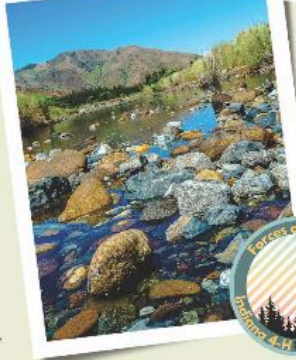
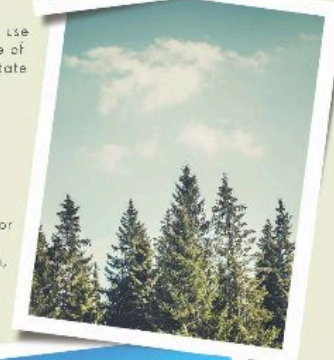
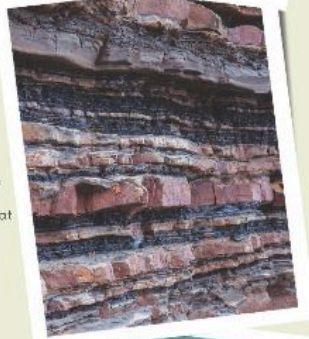
April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

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
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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

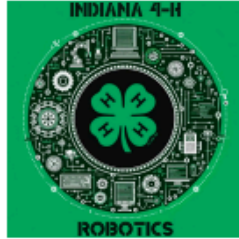


Register [here](#)

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](#).



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, 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!****

4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Competition

**Test Your Skills
and Knowledge!**



**Madison County
Fairgrounds
Alexandria, IN
May 4, 2024
12:00 PM--3:00 PM**

- Free Event for 4-H Members
 - Junior Division (Grades 6-8)
 - Senior Division (Grades 9-12)
- Obstacle Course, FAA Regulations Test, Drone Robotic Programming
- Enroll Here: <https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>
- For More Information, Contact: Bill Decker at wdecker@purdue.edu

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

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



Extension - 4-H Youth Development

*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

March

- Junior Pork Day at Purdue - 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
- **Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 18**
- Office Closed for Good Friday - March 29

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 Closing at Noon - April 8**
- **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training - April 22**

May

- Indiana 4-H UAV Competition - May 4
- **4-H Animal ID Enrollment Deadline - May 15**
- **4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline - May 15**
- **4-H Queen Pageant Application Deadline - May 15**
- **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training - May 22**
- 2024 4-H Camp Shakamak- May 30- June 1

Looking Ahead

- **2024 Exploring 4-H Day Camp- June 11-12**
- **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training - June 19**
- 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair July 18-22, Livestock Auction July 23

- 2024 Indiana State Fair - August 2-18

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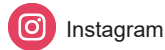
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