

October 2025

Get ready, 4-H families - it's time to celebrate **National 4-H Week!**

Next week is all about showing our 4-H pride and making a difference together. Kick things off on **Monday with Go Green Day** - wear your best green and share your 4-H spirit loud and proud! And don't miss the fun on **Tuesday**, October 7, at the Junior Leader Halloween Carnival - a spooky-good time for all ages! Then, on **Thursday**, **join us for 4-H For Good Day**, as clubs and members roll up their sleeves to give back to our community.

Don't forget - **4-H enrollment is now open!** Every member and volunteer reenrolls each year, so <u>sign up today</u> and let's make this new 4-H year our best one yet!

Clubs and families - we want to see your 4-H Week spirit! Post photos of your Go Green outfits and share highlights of your service projects on social media using #HamiltonCounty4H so we can celebrate together.



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Activities and Opportunities

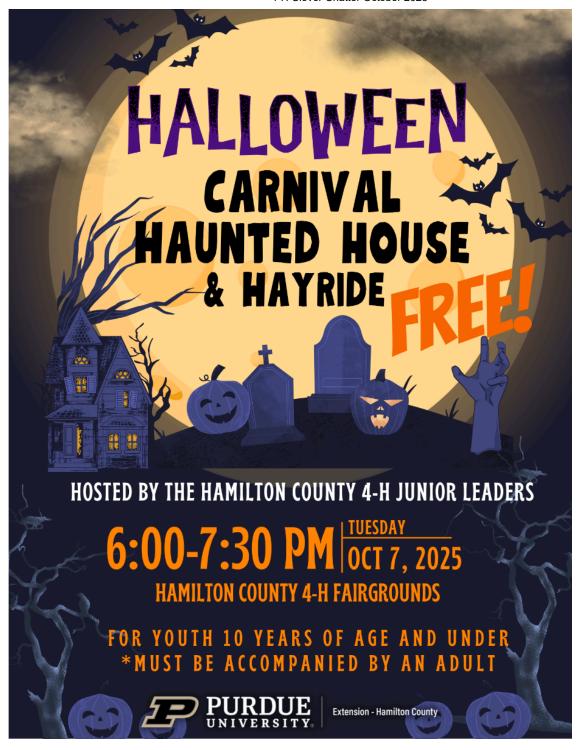


National 4-H Week - October 5-11





Let's paint the nation green! We're kicking off #National4HWeek with a bold splash of Indiana 4-H spirit. Whether it's a green hat, shirt, face paint, or even green socks—show the world you're #4HBeyondReady!



4-H For GoodDay

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK







On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! Let's recognize all the 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator. We want to hear from you, Thursday, October 9!



The Indiana Great Apple Crunch is a fun initiative that encourages apple education and support for our Indiana Apple Orchards. Join in to contribute to the Crunch heard around the state.

You pick when and how you celebrate, any time in October. We provide fun stickers and posters for your school, as well as electronic resources to offer suggestions of how your site can participate.

Why Register?

- Free stickers and posters
- Electronic Toolkits
- · Social Media posts





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What's the Big Crunch Goal?

The mission of the Great Apple Crunch is simple:

- Support local farmers
- Celebrate healthy eating
- Strengthen resilient local food systems

Success is measured by the number of Crunchers and the pounds of local apples devoured. Last year, 86 counties joined the bite brigade. This year's BIG JUICY goal: all 92 Indiana counties crunching together!

Register Now & Claim Your Crunch Swag!

<u>Sign up today</u> (scroll to the bottom of the page) to receive your Let's Get Started Toolkit by email. Registration is open all of October. Posters and stickers are available while supplies last - don't let your crunch go without!

- Schools & Early Childhood Sites: Contact Sophie Lindley (<u>slindley@doe.in.gov</u>).
- Community Partners & Extension Offices: Contact Laura Dodds (<u>ljdodds@purdue.edu</u>).



Purchase your holiday poinsettias and help support the many service projects, scholarships, and community activities sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders!

- Locally produced by Heartland Growers in Westfield, Indiana.
- Your choice of red, ice crystals, shimmer surprise, or white blooms.
- 14-16 inch plants in 6 inch pots.
- Guaranteed 7+ bloom stems.
- \$10.00 per plant.
- Makes a great holiday gift or decoration!

Quantities are limited so place your order now! Click here to place your order online. Forms are also available at the Extension Office. Please submit your order no later than November 10, 2025. Feel free to share this with a friend, neighbor, church, or favorite business! Pick up date: December 3, 2025 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Hall A on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Payment is due at pick up. All plants not picked up by 6:00 p.m. will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.



Reminder 4-H Club Leaders and 4-H Volunteers

In an effort to plan for the 2026 4-H Program, we would like to know your intentions of returning, or not, to assist as a 4-H Volunteer.

- 4-H Club leaders and at-large volunteers should complete this <u>form.</u>
- 4-H Project leaders should complete the following form.

*If you have already visited this link and submitted your response for 2026 you do not need to fill out the form again.

Please note, you will still need to re-enroll in 4-H Online beginning October 1.



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.

Important Dates

October

- National 4-H Week October 5-11
 - Go Green Day October 6
 - 4-H for Good Day October 9
- Junior Leader Halloween Carnival and Hayride October 7
- 4-H Handbook Cover Design Contest Deadline October 17

November

- Purdue Extension Office Closures:
 - November 11 for Veteran's Day
 - November 27-28 for Thanksgiving

December

- Poinsettia pick up December 3
- Purdue Extension Office closed December 24 at 12:00 p.m. December 26 for the holiday

2026 Hamilton County 4-H Fair

July 16-20, 2026 | Livestock Auction: July 21, 2026

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