



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection

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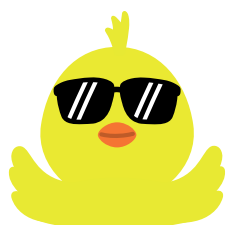
Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

While I gather my thoughts for this article in the newsletter, I am looking out the window at the beautiful, sunny day that has come to the Fairgrounds today! I am so thankful that spring is finally here and that the sun is shining!

With spring comes various deadlines for 4-H. It is NOT too late to sign up for 4-H. Call your family and friends and tell them that 4-H is a great program for them! The deadline to register if you have an animal project is May 15th. Everyone else has until July 1st (FairEntry Deadline) to enter in 4-H.

One of the MOST important deadlines for 4-H is the animal enrollment deadline. Please keep in mind that you MUST enroll your animals in 4-HOnline by May 15th at 11:59p.m.! There are no exceptions to this rule! No animals will be allowed to be entered into 4-HOnline after this deadline!

As always, I encourage you all to start on your 4-H projects early! I still want you to be able to enjoy the summer!



I will see you around the grounds!
Have a great rest of the school year!

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Extension Office Info

The Extension Office will be CLOSED
on April 11th for Professional
Development and
in observance of
Good Friday on April 18th.

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<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H Opportunities

**Junior
Leaders**
INDIANA 4-H



**Next Jr. Leader Meeting:
Wednesday, April 9th
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds**

2025 Jr. Leader Meeting Dates:

April 9

May 12

June 3

June 25

All Meetings

6:30- 8 p.m.

@ HC 4-H
Fairgrounds

Jr. Leaders is open to youth in 7th-12th grade who are interested in taking more of a leadership role in the 4-H Program! We meet monthly and do monthly community service projects. Be sure to sign up for "Junior Leaders" on 4-HOnline when enrolling in projects!

April Community Service

We will be collecting donations for the Hendricks County Animal Shelter for National Pet Day (April 11th). They are currently asking for donations of: regular bleach, paper towels, dawn soap, hand sanitizer, white vinegar, dog/cat treats, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and clay litter. Please bring any donations you have to the next Jr Leader meeting (April 9th)!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2025 Jr. Leader Completion Trip will be on Thursday, July 24th.
More details to come.

MINI 4-H

Meeting Dates

April 21 - Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds @
6:30 p.m.

May 6 - Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds @
6:30 p.m.

June 3- Mini 4-H Day Camp - Hendricks Co.
4-H Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

July 13 - Mini Day at the Fair! More details
TBA

Get your Mini 4-H Books
today!

We have them for free in
our office, and on our
website:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/Mini4H>



4-H Information

Apply now for 4-H Trips!!

There are spots available for 4-H trips! Members who already applied will receive their acceptance letters soon! Apply before the open spots fill!

- 4-H Academy - 9th-12th grade - June 11-13
- 4-H Camp - 3rd-6th grade - June 11-13
- 4-H Band - 9th-12th grade - June 21-23
- 4-H Chorus - 9th-12th grade - June 21-24
- 4-H Round Up - 7th-9th grade June 23-25

Find More Information HERE: <https://bit.ly/3L1YI3b>

4-H Camp Info!



4-H Camp is June 11-13 this year, at Shakamak State Park. The three-day camp is open to all 4-H members in 3rd-6th grade (as of January 1, 2025). Transportation is provided to and from camp.

This year's theme: Animals

The full cost of camp this year is \$148, but because the 4-H Youth Council wants to see more youth attend, **you will only pay \$120!!** Financial assistance is available!!

Registration is open on 4-HOnline and will close May 9th. Information has been sent out! Keep an eye out for it as spots will fill fast!!

Registration link:

<https://2025hendrickscamp.4honline.com>

**Check out this
year's shirt
design!**

**Scan the QR code
to order!**



Grooming Assistance

For the 2024-2025 program year, Hendricks County 4-H is still requiring Grooming Assistance Forms to be turned in by JUNE 15 for any adult that plans to assist with an animal at the Fair.

If your form is NOT turned in by JUNE 15, you will not be permitted to handle any animal belonging to a 4-H member at the 2025 Fair.

Forms can be found in the Livestock mailing that has been sent out. If you have not received the mailing for your respective species by April 9th, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Information

4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

In previous years, livestock members were required to participate in a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training - with the exceptions of Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Cat, Dog, and Little Critters. This year, a livestock quality assurance program is still required, but there are two options now.

Option 1: In person training of the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program. Cost is \$3. We have several trainings set for Hendricks County and will share surrounding County options as well.

Option 2: Online training through YQCA. Cost is \$12. Or there is a test out option for an additional fee. Link for YQCA is: www.yqcaprogram.org

You **DO NOT** have to complete **BOTH!** **ONLY ONE** is required. You can pick the best option for you. Additional information has been sent out to all of the members in the projects for which a quality assurance training is required.

Both of these are also the options available for participating in the Indiana State Fair livestock shows for the designated species.

Dates for the in person Hendricks County trainings are currently:

- April 29; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 22; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- June 17; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 10 a.m.
- June 17; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

Check out the flyer attached at the end for more information!



REMINDER FOR TAG-IN

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 7 and 8 @ 5-7pm for tag-in days!**

All sheep, goat, and cattle that have required taggings will be done at the same time. This is the same as it was in 2024. This will allow those with multiple species to come all at once instead of having to come two days.

You will receive additional information in the mail about tag-in in the livestock mailings.

IMPORTANT!

Animal Enrollment Deadline **May 15**

*Livestock ID info DUE in 4-HOnline.

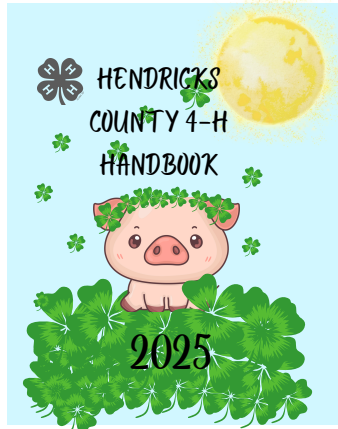
NO EXCEPTIONS

****Poultry are NOT online – paper entry forms available in the Extension Office, all due May 15**
***** Dog and Cat forms due at a later date**

(all paper forms except those for Cat exhibitors have been mailed out)

4-H Information

2025 4-H Handbooks are Available!



Physical copies are available in the Office
for \$5!

A free PDF is available at this link:

hendricksco4h.com/handbook2025

Scholarships



Local Scholarships are now available!

Master Gardener Scholarship deadline is **April 15th**

<https://hendricksco4h.com/scholarships25>

GIVE BACK TO THE OLD GOLD AND
BLACK, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FOR [YOUR UNIT/COLLEGE HERE].

ALL
HAIL



Support Hendricks County Extension Programs on
Purdue Day of Giving!

4-H Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who
participated in this year's spring
flower sale fundraiser!

Club order pick-up will be May 1st
and 2nd depending on the date
selected by your club leader.
Leaders will schedule and confirm
date and time.

Drive-thru open sales pick-up will
be Saturday May 3rd from 8-10am.

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Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather is constantly changing, we want you to know that **SAFETY** is the number one concern of Purdue Extension—Hendricks County and Hendricks County 4-H. Therefore, should inclement weather happen, please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for cancellations. If schools have been canceled for the day, **MOST LIKELY** 4-H related events will be canceled as well for that day. When bad weather happens, please make sure that you only attend meetings where you are comfortable getting to and from the meetings. Again, we want you to stay **SAFE** while driving this winter!

Reminder: We have a Google Site!

With springtime approaching, we will be sharing lots of information! A great way to keep up on our most recent updates, find the monthly newsletter, and locate leader contact information is our Google Site! We recommend all families bookmark it and keep it handy, so you have quick access to frequently needed resources!

Livestock mailings that were just sent out are also linked here!

<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>



4-H Fair Queen Contest



Are you interested in becoming the 2025 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen?

All members enrolled in 4-H in Hendricks County who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2025, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2025, are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Fair Queen Contest.

Each contestant must be an active or past member of 4-H.

You can find more information such as rules, schedule, and the application at: <https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2025fair/2025-4-h-fair-queen>

Application is DUE May 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS!



4-H Enrollment

For families that have not yet enrolled in 4-H – this is for you! While there is not a hard deadline to enroll, it is still very important to do so as soon as possible! We send out a lot of informative emails and physical letters and if you are not enrolled, we cannot guarantee you'll get those! Please take a few moments to head to v2.4honline.com and enroll for the 2024-2025 year so you don't miss out! (There are instructions on our Google Site if you need help!)

HHS UPDATE

Food Preservation Class



Extension - Health and Human Sciences



Sponsored by the
Hendricks County
Extension
Homemakers

Learn about Freezing, Drying and Canning!

Perfect for beginners and seasoned home preservers alike.

FREE

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex

1900 E Main St, Danville, IN

RSVP by May 28

Scan QR Code for link



Questions? 317-745-9260 or hendrces@purdue.edu

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Home and Family Arts Day Junior Bakers Pecan Contest

Sponsored by
the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers

Thursday, July 17, 2025

at the

Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Open to Youth Ages 9-12

Registration Required by July 1, 2025

See Hendricks County Home & Family Arts Open Class
Show Booklet for complete details.



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



FREE Program for Pre-K through 1st Grade

Spots are limited, so register by June 30,
2025

Register for each session your child will
attend.

Registration does not include
admission to the Hendricks
County 4-H Fair.

Children 9 and under are free.



Read a Good Book!
Taste Healthy Foods!
Touch Agriculture!

Monday, July 14, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Friday, July 18, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

<https://hendricksco4h.com/RT2>

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BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO GRANT WRITING



The Purdue Extension program in Hendricks County is offering a two-day Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing Workshop at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, IN on May 6th and June 3rd. This is a great program for a beginner or intermediate grant writer. Whatever your skill level, come with an idea and be ready to write. At the end of the Day One, you will have a proposal outline and all of the resources you need to expand your outline into a full proposal. Return on Day Two with your full proposal, and we will put you into the role of a reviewer, teach you strategies for finding funding, and provide you with an opportunity to polish your proposal and send it in for a strong professional review.

Whether your project is big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Jeff Pell prior to the event at 317-745-9260 or jpell@purdue.edu by April 22, 2025. Registration ends Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

When: Tuesday, May 6, and Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Eastern

Where: Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

Cost: The workshop is \$225.00, which includes all materials and lunch on both days.

Registration: Registration is available by visiting <https://cvent.me/e5lllG>.

Please register by Tuesday, April 29, 2025.



Hendricks County Master Gardeners

Present

Gardening for All Ages

April 26, 2025

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

1900 E. Main St., Danville, Indiana

This free event will feature Garden-related Vendors, Master Gardener Help Desk, Free Trees and Seeds {while supplies last}, Children's Activity Booth, Food Vendors. Educational Sessions include Native Perennials, Teaching Kids to Garden, Gardening for Good Nutrition, Rain Gardens, Garden Tools, Hypertufa Leaf Castings, and Garden Pests. For more information, visit hendricksgardeners.com or follow us on Facebook @HendricksCountyMasterGardeners.

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Calendar of Events

April Dates

April 1 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 1 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Clarks Creek Elementary @ 7:00 pm
April 2 - Little Critters Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 1 - Hippology; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 3- Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 3 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 5 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
April 7 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30
April 7 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 7 - Dog Workshop (Returning Members); Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 8 - Sew Savvy Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 8 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 8 - Pittsboro Trailblazers Meeting; Truax Farms @ 7:00 pm
April 8 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Clarks Creek Elementary @ 7:00 pm
April 10 - Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 12 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
April 12 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 13 - Goat Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 4:00 pm
April 14 - Dog Workshop (New Members); Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 14 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 14 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 15 - Sheep Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 15 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 16 - Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 16 - Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 17 - Jr. Master Gardener Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 17 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
April 17 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 19 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
April 21 - Dog Workshop (Returning Members); Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 22 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 22 - Happy Farmers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 22 - Poultry Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 23- Communications Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
April 26 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
April 28 - Dog Workshop (New Members); Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 29 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Clarks Creek Elementary @ 7:00 pm
April 29 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
April 30 - Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm



May 1- Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 1 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 3 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 3 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
May 5 - Dog Club 2A, 2B & up Member training, Drill team practice; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 7 - Natural Sciences; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 5 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 7 - Dog Workshop (Returning Members); Fairgrounds @ 5:00 pm
May 7 - Robotics workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 6 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 9 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; planting flowers @ 7:00 pm
May 8 - Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 10 - RPM; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 18 - Goat Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 4:00 pm
May 12 - Dog Club 1A & 1B Member training, Drill team practice; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 12 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 5:00 pm
May 12 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 20 - Sheep Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 13 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 13 - Sew Savvy Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 14 - Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 15 - Jr. Master Gardener Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 15 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 15 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 17 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
May 19 - Dog Club 2A, 2B & up Member training, Drill team practice; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 19 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 20 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 21 - Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 22 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 27 - Happy Farmers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 20 - Poultry Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 24 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am
May 20 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Hummel Park @ 7:00 pm
May 27 - Archery Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 pm
May 28 - Communications Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7:00 pm
May 29 - Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm
May 31 - RPM Shooting Sports; Fairgrounds @ 9:00 am

4-H Youth Council



April 28 @ 7:00 pm

4-H Adult Leaders



April 22nd
@ 7:00 pm
Zoom



4-H Fairboard

April 7 @ 7:00 pm



4-H

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



CLUBS

- Gifted 4-Hers
 - The Gifted 4-Her's Club is seeking a co-leader to help facilitate meetings in the Danville area.
- Working Wonders
 - Working Wonders is seeking one or two club leaders looking to serve youth in the Southwest Area of Hendricks County.

PROJECT ADVISORS

- ATV: Safety Co-Leader
- Bicycle
- Computers
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Geology
- Health
- Our Environment (Recycling)
- Shooting Sports (Volunteers/Instructors)
- Small Engines
- Sportfishing
- Veterinary Science

STEM VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking an energetic STEM volunteer to help facilitate workshops. Workshops are frequently held during Spring Break and in the Fall. More workshops can be added as the leaders deem appropriate.

MINI 4-H VOLUNTEERS

We are in search of help to facilitate our ever-growing Mini 4-H Program! Our Mini 4-Hers meet once a month beginning in February and have meetings through the beginning of June.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for general volunteers to help where needed! This could be serving on a committee or helping at the fair. If you are interested in helping our rapidly growing program, call us to get more information!

CONTACT US 317-745-9260
TO VOLUNTEER hendrces@purdue.edu