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INDIANA 4-H



SPRING IS COMING!

Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

With spring just around the corner, Hendricks County 4-H has a month full of exciting opportunities! Due to some complications last month, a lot of the things we were hoping to get out in February are now (finally) ready in March!

Our handbook will be available online starting March 7th! Hard copies will be available in the office later this month. It will be extremely important for you to review any projects you are in as EVERY SINGLE project has been updated at least a bit!!

Trip information is coming out this month! If you are in 7th-12th grade, be sure to check out the many options of trips available to you this summer! 3rd-6th grade youth are eligible to attend 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park and information will be available soon for that trip as well.

We have several club meetings, project events, and 4-H programs happening this month, so make sure you check out the calendar on page 7 of this newsletter! We are especially excited about our Spring Break SPARK Programs coming up at the end of this month! Looking for a "staycation" over spring break? We have several options for you!

Our office is getting updated this spring as well with a new staff member!! Ellen Looney is joining our team as the 4-H Youth Development Administrative Assistant. Ashley Alexander has moved into our Extension Program Assistant position and will be taking on some new roles along with still helping with 4-H. We are excited to have a full office again! See page 6 for an introduction to Ellen.

Finally, be sure to check out page 5 for our Clover Craziess info! While every March brings a big tournament in basketball, it brings a fun contest in the world of 4-H. Pick your favorite projects and be sure to vote each week to find out who will bring home the title of Champion this year!

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4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to ALL YOUTH in 7th-12th grade who are interested in taking on more of a leadership role within the community. We meet monthly to conduct business, participate in community service, and build leadership skills.

**Next Junior Leader Meeting:
Monday, March 7th
6:30-8 p.m.
Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds!**

4-H Summer Trips

4-H Trips are back to in-person for the summer! More details will be sent soon, but you can save the dates for any trips you are interested in attending:

- **4-H Academy** - 9th-12th grade - June 8-10
- **State Jr. Leader Conference** - 9th-12th grade - June 14-17
- **4-H Camp** - 3rd-6th grade - June 15-17
(Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grade)
- **4-H Band** - 9th-12th grade - June 18-20
- **4-H Chorus** - 9th-12th grade - June 18-21
- **4-H Round Up** - 7th-9th grade - June 20-22
- **Citizenship Washington Focus** - June 25-July 1

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

4-H Enrollment

4Honline is OPEN! Enroll at:
v2.4honline.com

If you need your password reset or need help enrolling, please call the office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu.

Also, if you selected to pay by cash/check, please get those payments in ASAP so we can process your enrollment! THANKS!

**Junior
Leaders**
INDIANA 4-H



Jr. Leader Help Needed

We have several opportunities this month for Jr. Leaders to help with programs or events! Be sure to check out our Jr. Leader website for more information and to sign up:
<https://bit.ly/HCJL2022>



Scholarships

You can find links to our scholarships on our NEW website:
<https://bit.ly/2022HC4H>

Scholarships:

- Pork Producers, Sheep Club, Swine Club, Beef Club, Beef Club Continuing Education, Hampton Memorial Livestock Scholarship, Hampton Cascade Scholarship
- Master Gardeners Scholarship

Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Help ranges from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Fill out this survey: <https://bit.ly/3y6OYxM> or contact the Extension Office to see how you can help!

CLUB INFORMATION

New Club Leaders Needed

There are several clubs that are transitioning leadership this year! If your club is one of those, you will be contacted to see if anyone would be interested in assisting with the club as a new leader/co-leader.



Club Audits Coming!

Per state 4-H guidelines, we are to conduct club financial reviews/audits of 20% of our clubs on an annual basis. These audits will take place in early spring. Below is a list of clubs that will be reviewed this year:

- Center Stage 4-Hers
- Working Wonders
- Lucky Clovers
- 4-Leaf Clovers
- Clever Clovers
- Jr. Leaders
- Beef Club
- Bridle Bunch
- Shooting Sports
- Sheep Club
- Swine Club

Additionally, ALL clubs must submit a financial overview annually in addition to filing an IRS 990 form. Club leaders will receive additional information soon.



Mini 4-H

Attention Mini 4-H Members!
Mini 4-H Meeting:
March 9th at 6:30 p.m.
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
We look forward to having you!

Now Hiring: 4-H Summer Assistants

Our office is looking for 2 individuals to join our office for a summer full of fun! We are once again hiring 4-H Summer Assistants to help out with Jr. Leaders, Mini 4-H, and more! See link below for description and application! Applications due: March 11th

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks/>

!!! COVID SAFETY PLAN UPDATE

According to the most recent update from Purdue University's College of Agriculture, safety plans are no longer required for Extension activities (including 4-H)! Volunteers and families should still keep health and safety in mind when planning meetings, but no official form is required to be submitted any more.

4-H Youth Council

The next 4-H Youth Council meeting will be **Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.** both in-person at the Fairgrounds and virtually via Zoom.



4-H Adult Leaders

Next Meeting: Spring 2022

See e-mail sent out for the February/March 2022 Volunteer Newsletter!

The Exec Board is looking for feedback from leaders. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey:

<https://bit.ly/22LeaderSurvey>

4-H Fairboard

The next Fairboard Meeting will be on Monday, March 7th at 7 p.m.!

See email for committee meeting dates and times.



SPRING BREAK SPARK PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

All of these programs are open to 4-H AND non-4-H youth in the grades mentioned! Bring a friend and join the fun! *Registration can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2022SpringBreakSPARK>*

Chef University

We will once again be offering Chef University. Participants will prepare recipes designed to help them learn new cooking techniques, science skills, and nutrition lessons. Recipes are based on food items from around the world! The last day includes a fun "Chopped"-style event.



Cost will be \$40 (includes all 3 days). Grades 3-5.

March 30, 31 and April 1st from 12:30-4 p.m.

Special thank you to the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers!

Spring Break GEM Day

Get Experience in Mindfulness (GEM) places an emphasis on stress management taught through practical and interactive mindfulness-based activities. It is a fun, interactive program designed to help youth develop a better understanding in all seven areas of wellness. Youth will leave with several items that will help them continue to practice mindfulness at home!

Cost is \$25. Lunch is included.

Monday, March 28 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 9th-12th grade

Tuesday, March 29 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 6th-8th grade

****This program made possible through a grant from IU Health! Thank you IU Health!****



STEM Makerspace Days

Build. Try. Develop. Make.

Join us for two days of various STEM-related activities to explore your interest and careers in STEM! Activities range in topics and skill levels.

Cost is \$25 (includes both days). Snacks provided.

Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1
9 a.m. - 12 noon



4-H CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!

We are looking for several 4-H Camp Counselors this year! If you are in 9th-12th grade (as of January 1, 2022) and would like to help with 4-H Camp, now is your chance!! Applications are available on the Purdue Extension - Hendricks County website <https://bit.ly/2022HC4H>. All applications are due by Friday, March 25th at 4 p.m. You can email, mail, or drop off your application.

Camp Counselors have four trainings to help prepare them for their time at camp. All trainings are held at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds with Boone, Tipton, and Montgomery Counties also there. These are the three other counties we camp with during our time at Shakamak. Transportation is not provided to trainings, but is provided to 4-H Camp.

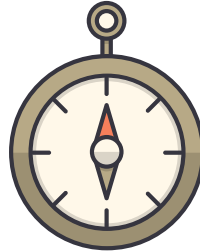
Camp Counselor Training dates are:

May 9th - 7-9 p.m.

May 16th - 7-9 p.m.

May 26th - 7-9 p.m.

June 2nd - 5-8 p.m.



It is expected that Counselors will attend at least three of the sessions. Hybrid options are being discussed, but in-person attendance is strongly encouraged to better prepare for our time at camp. 4-H Camp is June 15th-17th. If you have questions or need assistance applying, please contact the Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu. Thank you!

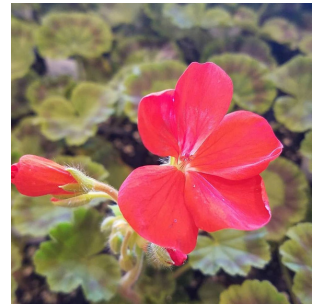
4-H FLOWER SALE IS HERE!

We will once again be offering flowers to sell to the community! We will be offering Red and Hot Pink Seed Geraniums for \$2.00 each and Purple and White Petunias for \$5 each. Please give your total flower count to your club leader by March 21st!



You should have received information in the mail!

Pick up is the last weekend in April!



CLOVER CRAZINESS IS BACK!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram stories for 2022 Clover Crazyiness!

Our reigning THREE-time champion is Fashion Revue. Will they come out victorious again this year or will another project take home the crown of "best project" this year??

2022 Clover Crazyiness

Only YOU can decide!
Voting takes place throughout March!



IMPORTANT!

LIVESTOCK UPDATE

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 13 and 14 for tag in days!**

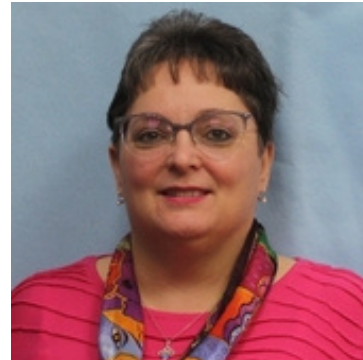
Sheep and Goats will have Tag In on May 13th and Beef/Dairy Beef Tag In will be on May 14th. More details will be sent to members involved in these projects!

Since there is no longer a statewide April 1st ID deadline for steers, there will be **NO TAG IN DURING MARCH** this year! This will most likely be the case in future years as well.

WELCOME, ELLEN!

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new Purdue Extension Office Administrative Assistant- Ellen Looney. Ellen, her husband and their dogs moved to Danville during the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking forward to getting to know and help YOU!

Ellen became involved with the Extension Office through her participation in the Hendricks County Indiana Homemakers Extension Association. This coming year she will be serving as the President of her local Club. The next time you stop in please say 'HI'.



HHS UPDATE

RT2 Book of the Month

March's Featured Book: Chicks and Salsa by Aaron Reynolds. Read about some fun-loving farm animals that are tired of eating regular feed.

Join this festive group as they learn how to cook up a storm!

To become a member of the RT2 Book Club, call the Hendricks County Extension Office at 317-745-9260.



ANR UPDATE

Virtual Lunch and Learn- Home Horticulture Series

Sponsored By:



Learn from six different sessions:

- Achieving Success in Lawn Care- March 17th
- Ornamental Pruning: Healthy Pruning Techniques- March 24th
- Pollinators and Native Plants- March 31st
 - Mushrooms- April 7th
 - Wildlife Pests- April 14th
- Composting Basics- April 21st



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FREE PROGRAM!

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3M5YYik>

Important 4-H Dates

March 2022

March 3- Rabbit Club Meeting
March 3- Washington Winners Meeting
March 7- Beef Club Meeting
March 7- Fairboard Meeting
March 7- Jr. Leaders Meeting
March 8- Pittsboro Trailblazers meeting
March 8- 4-H Explorers Club Meeting
March 9- Mini 4-H meeting
March 9- Swine Club Meeting
March 10- Discovery Club Meeting
March 10- Washington Winners Club Meeting
March 12- Shooting Sports Safety Meeting
March 14- Sodbusters/Clover Club Meeting
March 14- Bulldog Clovers Club Meeting
March 15- Sheep Club Meeting
March 17- Amo Aces Club Meeting
March 21- Bridle Bunch meeting
March 22- 4-H Explorers Meeting
March 22- Happy Farmers Club Meeting
March 28- Youth Council meeting
March 28-April 1 - Spring Break Programs

April 2022

April 4- Beef Club Meeting
April 5- Sodbusters/Clover Club meeting
April 4- Fairboard Meeting
April 5- 4-H Explorers Meeting
April 7- Rabbit Club Meeting
April 7- Discovery Club Meeting
April 11- Bridle Bunch Meeting
April 12- Bulldog Clovers Club Meeting
April 12- Pittsboro Trailblazers Meeting
April 13- Swine Club Meeting
April 14- Amo Aces Club Meeting
April 14- Discovery Club Meeting
April 14- Washington Winners Meeting
April 19- Sheep Club Meeting
April 20- Happy Farmers Club Meeting
April 22- Sodbusters/Clover Club meeting
April 25- Youth Council Meeting
April 26- 4-H Explorers Club Meeting
April 28- Rabbit Club Meeting



Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather starts to get worse, 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 the evening. 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!



HEALTHY LIVING TIP:

March is National Nutrition Month!

This month, try a new fruit or vegetable! Remember, the darker the color of fruit and vegetable, the more nutrients it has!



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Visit our NEW website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks>





Hendricks County 4-H Presents:



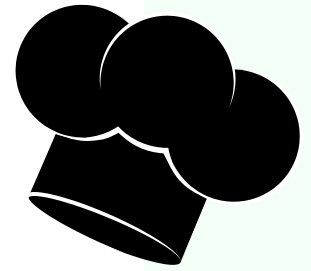
Chef University

Attention 3rd - 5th graders!

Are you interested in learning how to cook healthy foods?

If so, we have the perfect class for you!

Hendricks County 4-H is offering a 3-Day cooking class where participants will help prepare healthy recipes, learn cooking techniques, and experience new cultures through food. We will even be having a "Chopped" style Contest!



JOIN US ON
MARCH 30, 31, AND APRIL 1, 2022
12:30-4 P.M. AT THE
HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

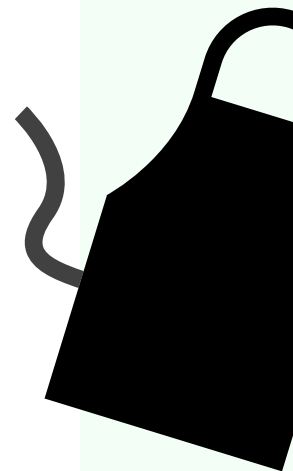
Class Size Limit of 10 Chefs!*

Cost: \$40 per chef

For additional information or to register visit:
<https://bit.ly/2022SpringBreakSPARK>

All Chefs will receive a special take home gift at the end of the program thanks to a donation from the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers!

*Additional health and safety guidelines will be sent to participants upon registration.



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STEM Makerspace Days

Join us for two mornings of exploring STEM through hands-on stations! Activities include 3D printing, coding, robotics, circuits, construction sets, and much more!

Dates: Thursday, March 31 *and* Friday, April 1st

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 noon (each day)

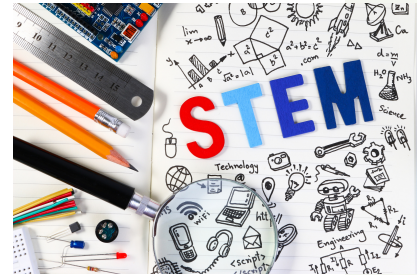
Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Ages: 3rd-12th grade

- No 4-H Membership Required
- Stations will have challenges for all abilities!

Cost: This is a family event, so discounted prices available for families with multiple children.

- \$25 for one/first child, \$22 for second child, \$20 for third child. Contact Office if interested in enrolling 4 or more children. No cost for parents to participate with children.



For Registration and More information go to:
<https://bit.ly/2022SpringBreakSPARK>

Spring Break GEM Day (Get Experience in Mindfulness)



Relax and enjoy this program that places an emphasis on stress management taught through practical and interactive mindfulness-based activities.

High School Session: Monday, March 28 (Grades 9-12)

Jr. High Session: Tuesday, March 29 (Grades 6-8)

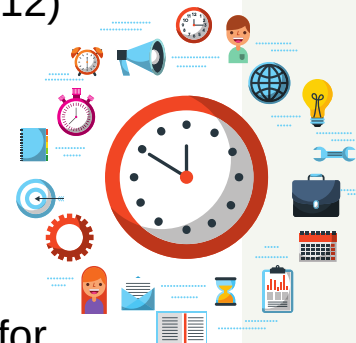
- No 4-H membership required for either session

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch and snacks provided)

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Cost: \$25/person

Participants will receive several take-home items for participating, including a yoga mat!



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Thank you IU Health for your support!

