



# Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection

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## Fair Time is Almost Here!

### Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

I don't know about you, but I am super excited for the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair! This is one of the premier events of the summer, and I am looking forward to all the food, festivities and FUN!

Just a couple of reminders...

1. FairEntry is due on Monday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m. Our office will be open until 7 p.m. to help you with any FairEntry needs.
2. Completion cards are NOT required this year! You do not need to get a book signed by your club leader!
3. I hope that you have a fun and enjoyable fair this year! I want it to be a great experience for all that are involved in this event.

If you are in need of any help, please feel free to call or email and we will be happy to assist. Our contact information can be found at the bottom of this page.

Good luck and Happy July!

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## Extension Office Info

HEADS UP!! The office will be **OPEN LATE on July 1st** for those that have questions, need to turn something in, or need help with FairEntry.  
*Hours will be 8am-7pm.*

*The Extension Office will be **OPEN** Saturday July 13th and Sunday July 14th*

## Contact Us

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



# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES



## Junior Leaders

### ***Fair Activities and 4-H Keystone Cooperative Café Sign Ups are open now!***

We have Pre-Fair/ Fair Activities, Café Shifts and Café- Officer of the Day Opportunities (see below for links).

We will work with any youth that may need to adjust schedules based on shows/contests. Please be sure to sign up for 3 shifts in the Café and 3 fair activities. If you need assistance or are having trouble finding places that work with your schedule, contact the Extension Office ASAP.

Remember, the Café is our BIGGEST fundraiser and we need LOTS of help from you to make it happen!!



- **Pre-fair and Fair Activities:** [hendricksco4h.com/Pre-FairandFairActivities2024](https://hendricksco4h.com/Pre-FairandFairActivities2024)
- **Café Shifts:** [hendricksco4h.com/JLCafeShifts2024](https://hendricksco4h.com/JLCafeShifts2024)
- **Café Officer of the Day:** [hendricksco4h.com/JLCafeOfficer2024](https://hendricksco4h.com/JLCafeOfficer2024)

If you still need training to work on a register in the Café, you can stop by the Extension Office during office hours M-F 8am-4pm and during our extended hours on Monday, July 1st from 8am-7pm!

### ***Completion Trip is Tuesday, July 23rd!***

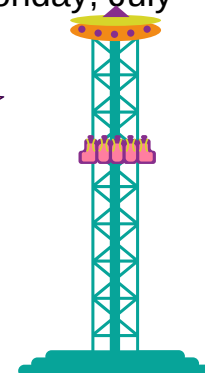
We will be taking a charter bus to Holiday World!

You must bring your own money for lunch, supper, & any souvenirs. If you completed at least 3 café shifts and 3 fair volunteer activities, cost per person is \$35.

If you have not completed all of your activities, cost per person is \$55. The travel schedule will be sent out closer to the trip date.

You must register to attend the trip in 4-H Online by **Tuesday, July 16th.**

*Payment Due: Monday, July 22nd. Cash and check accepted. Please make checks payable to Hendricks County 4-H Jr. Leaders.*



### ***Jr. Leader Record Sheets Available!***

Don't forget to complete your Jr. Leader record sheet! Hard copies are available in the Extension Office, or you can print it from the link below. ***These are DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 16th!!***

Link to Jr. Leader Record Book: <https://hendricksco4h.com/JLRecordBook2024>

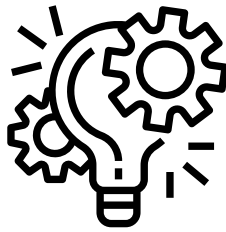
### ***Jr. Leader Service Project!***

We are collecting box cereal for the Food Pantries of Hendricks County. They can be dropped off at the Extension Office during office hours. These are due Thursday, July 18th!

# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

## STEM at the Fair

Join the fun and FREE educational experience of **STEM at the Fair** on Sunday, July 14th from 3-5 p.m. in the classrooms of the 4-H Fairgrounds Complex Center. This event is open to all ages and has something for everyone! Stop by to explore hands-on STEM activities! See flyer attached for more information!



## GENERAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

*It takes MANY hands to create a successful 4-H Fair. We need YOUR HELP!*

Volunteer Sign-ups are available for approved adult volunteers who would like to help during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! To signup, visit:

**<https://hendricksco4h.com/4620r3d>**

There are options to help with project watching, helping at the 4-H information booth, trash pickup, and other event help (ex. motocross, cheerleading contest, etc.)

## 4-HER ROUND UP

**4-H'er Round-Up is the Friday of Fair week (July 19th) and is open to ALL 4-H Participants (Mini 4-H too!). It will be held at 12:30 p.m. outside the Fleece Performance Grandstands. This FUN day may include dirt, water, foam and more! Come ready to get messy and have fun with other 4-H Participants. It's a great way to celebrate your hard work!**

## Rocket Launch at the Fair

The 4-H Rocket Launch will be happening on Saturday, July 13th at 4:00 p.m. and is located at the back 40 lot (North-most grass field of the Fairgrounds)



# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

## Mini 4-H



JOIN US FOR

### MINI DAY AT THE FAIR!

SUNDAY JULY 14TH, 2024  
FROM 1-3 PM

Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
Outside the Cartlidge Barn

RSVP HERE UNTIL FRIDAY, JULY 12TH  
[HTTPS://HENDRICKSCO4H.COM/MINI DAYATFAIR24](https://hendricksco4h.com/mini-day-at-fair24)



## Flower Bucks

If you sold over \$100 worth of flowers during the spring flower sales, you have earned flower bucks. For every \$100 that was sold, you will receive \$5 in flower bucks. Flower bucks are now available for pick-up in the Extension Office. These coupons are redeemable at the Co-Alliance 4-H Café 7/14 thru 7/20.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO

### 2024 Top Flower Sales Members

- Preston Thomas
- Andrew, Abraham, Joshua Herbert
- Sylvia Livengood
- Rylee, Conner, Cole Smith

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### 2024 Disability Inclusion Day at the 4-H Fair

The Hendricks County 4-H Fair and 4-H Program strive to be inclusive environments for everyone in our community. As part of these efforts, we are excited to share our Disability Inclusion Day. This event will allow individuals of any age with any type of disability to visit and enjoy the fair along with their families!

Wednesday, July 17  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

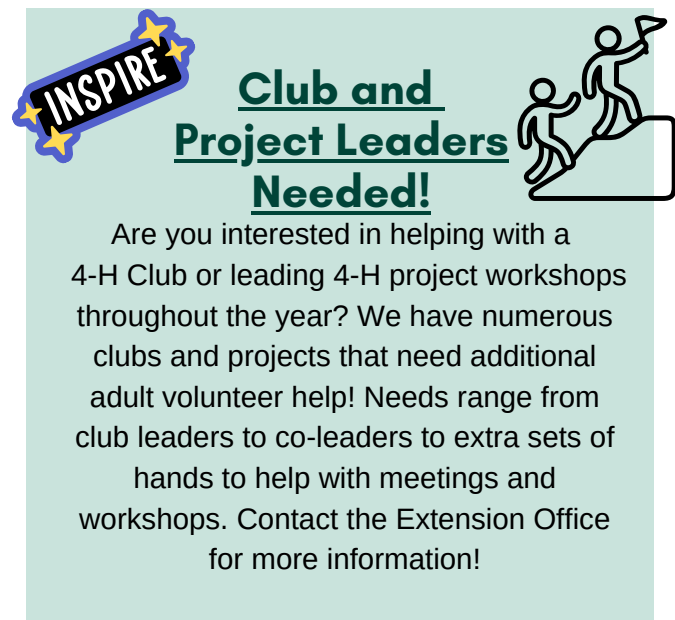
**What is Offered:**

- FREE Admission and Parking
- Wheelchair Accessible Shuttles
- Sensory Friendly Activities
- FREE Carnival Rides (Select rides)
- FREE Resources
- Quiet/Sensory Areas

**For More Information:**

- [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto:hendrces@purdue.edu)  
317-745-9260
- 1900 E Main St, Danville, IN

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**INSPIRE**

### Club and 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! Needs range from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!

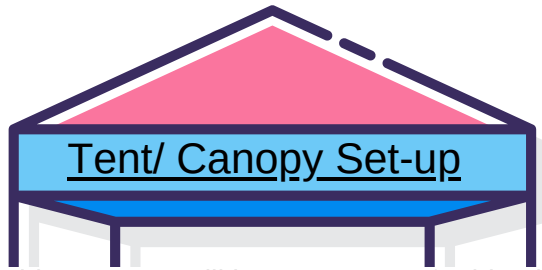
- Sign up to volunteer as a 4-H family use this link: <https://hendricksco4h.com/2024DID>



# LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## Re-Tagging Protocol

We know that animals have tags that get ripped out. If this happens with a county tag or an RFID tag, please contact the Extension Office ASAP. The re-tag must be witnessed by a 4-H Youth Council member or representative in order to allow us to accurately update 4-HOnline.



### Tent/ Canopy Set-up

Again this year, we will have a system for identifying tent/canopies during Fair. You must have a specified tag on your tent at all times.

- You can sign your form and pick up your tent tag at the NSSB Fair Office starting Saturday, July 13th at 12 noon.
- Tags will be \$5 per tent (up to 12'X12').
- Non-Dog Tents cannot be set up until 12 pm on Saturday, July 13th (one-day dog-show tents do not require a permit).
- Covers must be removed from tents at night and when the "Responsible Person" is not on the fairgrounds. The responsible person is designated when you get your tent tag. Tents must be visible throughout and **cannot have enclosed sides**.

Please be courteous to all 4-H participants on placing your tent. The Livestock Director may establish areas for 10-year members. Tents, no larger than 12' x 12', are limited to one per family on the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Tents are to be located 10' away from building, do not block doors, do not place on sidewalks or in restricted areas. Due to livestock shows and safety concerns, tents will not be placed between the HC Horseman's Club Sheep/Goat Pavilion and the NSSB Arena and between the Neier Swine Pavilion and the NSSB Arena. Tents will be permitted to be moved to those areas on that species' show day at the discretion of the Livestock Director.

The "Responsible Person" **and** any family is liable for damage caused by this tent. Tent will be moved or taken down at the direction of the Fair Board President or designee if/when needed.

## LIVESTOCK CHECK-OUT

Fair Check- Out for all species:

Check out for livestock will take place after Supreme Showman on Saturday, July 20th. There are penalties for early departure for animals:

- 4-H member will not be eligible to exhibit that species the balance of the current year and the subsequent year.
- 4-H member will not be eligible to sell any species in the auction.

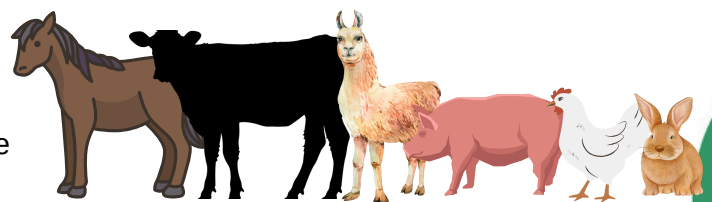
Only Exception for early release:

- During designated State Fair animal release day and time with proof of State Fair entry for each animal, and you must keep at least 1 animal for each species on the Fairgrounds until regular check-out time.
- With an Early Animal Release Form that has been signed by the Barn Superintendent AND 4-H Youth Development Educator, Ashley Alexander. These forms can be obtained from Barn Superintendents or the NSSB Fair Office.

## **Battle of the Barns is Back!**

Grab some friends to complete the list of tasks to win points for your barn!

The winning barn will earn bragging rights, claim the new Battle of the Barn trophy, and a pizza party on Saturday afternoon!



# ARE YOU READY FOR FAIR?

## RECORD SHEETS

This year, record sheets and completion cards are NOT REQUIRED! You do NOT have to take any books or record sheets to be signed by a 4-H Leader in order to exhibit at the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair! If you choose NOT to exhibit this year and you would like to complete the 4-H project you are enrolled in, you MUST complete a General Record Sheet and upload it to FairEntry. Once you have done that, you must also complete the White Record of Achievement card (see explanation below). If you have questions about these new policies, please contact the Extension Office.

## ACHIEVEMENT CARDS (Also called "White Cards")

The MY RECORD OF 4-H ACHIEVEMENT is the official record of your participation in projects and 4-H activities within the 4-H Program. Each year you will complete this sheet with information about projects/activities you have completed for the current year. It is important that you fill this out because the information that you add helps you qualify for scholarships and awards throughout your 4-H career! This year you must turn this into your 4-H Club Leader OR the Extension Office by Wednesday, July 17th. The Club leaders should turn-in ALL of the ACHIEVEMENT CARDS in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 18th at 12:00 (noon). It is a good idea to keep a copy of this card for your records! Mini 4-H members do not need to do this.

## COMPLETION CARDS

Completion Cards are NOT required this year! You will only need to have completed FairEntry and have your project tag to exhibit your project. Project tags can be picked up at the check in station on the day of judging.

## CREATIVE WRITING

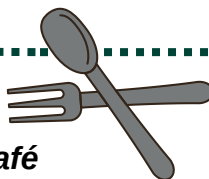
- Those exhibitors wishing to participate in this portion of Communications are asked to sign up in FairEntry by Monday, July 1st. This can be entered as a Word Document or PDF File. This allows us to print your documents to give to our judge to mark up and evaluate. If you need to email your project, please email to [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto:hendrces@purdue.edu).
- The feedback portion of Creative Writing will be on Saturday, July 13th beginning at 8 a.m. Please bring a clean copy of your writing project in a binder with you to the feedback portion of judging to be displayed during the fair.

## WHAT'S COOKING CAFE

### **Returning to the Fair – *What's Cooking Café***

The Conference Rooms will be the location of the *What's Cooking Café*! Many of us look forward to all that glorious fair food, but after a few days crave something a little lighter or more "home cooked". The What's Cooking Café also provides a cool place to sit and enjoy your meal on those hot days. The What's Cooking Café will offer lunch and dinner daily, with daily dinner specials.

*Lunch will begin at 11 AM and dinner specials will begin at 4:30 PM*





**Barn Crew Help Needed!!** We are in need of barn crew members to assist in the preparation, set up, tear down, and logistics of before, during, and after Fair. Contact Chris Feuquay if interested at 317-829-4335. Should be at least 18 years old to apply.

**FAIR SCHEDULE** is now available! See attached schedule or visit our Hendricks County Google Site to see the full schedule at <https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>. Schedules also available in the Extension Office.

**Youth Talent Competition** will be July 16th at 6 p.m. Pre-Register for the talent competition. Winners are eligible for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition. Information and registration available at: <https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2023fair/youth-talent-show>.

**Hendricks County "Got Talent" Contest** will be July 16th at 8 p.m. Winners will receive CASH PRIZES! For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2023fair/hendricks-county-fair-got-talent>.

**Fair Yard Signs** are NOW available for pick-up in the Extension Office. We appreciate everyone's help in promoting the Hendricks County 4-H Fair!!

**Fair Preparation Packet** was sent out via mail and email in late June. In the mailing you will find helpful information including: Fair Preparation Check List, Project Check-in Process, FairEntry Guide for Projects, Fair FAQs, Super Sale Information, Project Judging Schedule, Fair Week Schedule (livestock shows and 4-H events), a Map of the Fairgrounds, and a flyer for the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Contact the Extension Office if you need a copy of this mailing.

*Congratulations to our 2024 Hendricks County Queens Court!*



From L to R: Kelly Wagner- Miss Congeniality, Lexi Mercurio, Lora Watson, Graci O'Neal (Queen), Alessis Standish, Brianna Hume, Ariane Sims



## ADDITIONAL FAIR TICKET INFO & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## WHAT ABOUT TICKETS & PARKING PASSES?

### What will tickets be like this year?

Tickets will be digital again this year. This means they will be e-mailed to the exhibitor address you have in FairEntry. They will not be e-mailed out before July 12, 2024. They will come from the e-mail address: [fansupport@hometownticketing.com](mailto:fansupport@hometownticketing.com). If, after July 13th, you don't see them in your e-mail, please check your SPAM folder to see if they were routed there by mistake. Fair tickets will be good for 1 entry (or scan) per day. Additional Fair tickets can be purchased on-line at: [4hcomplex.org/p/tickets](http://4hcomplex.org/p/tickets)

### Who gets a Fair ticket?

4-H Members: Each 4-H participant, including Mini 4-H participants who are over the age of 9 years-old that have at least one entry for the fair in the FairEntry system will get a ticket for each day that the Fair is operating. Additionally, each Participating 4-H "Family" will get 2 additional tickets for parents/guardians for each day that the Fair is operating.

Children under the age of 9 years-old (including those in Mini 4-H) are not required to present a ticket to get into the fair.



### What about Parking Passes?

There will be no parking passes this year EXCEPT for those that are showing livestock. Livestock members may pick up a Livestock Parking Pass at the Extension Office after July 12th. This pass will allow parking ONLY in the area designated Livestock Parking. NO LIVESTOCK TRAILERS are allowed on the fairgrounds during fair (with the exception of check-in and check-out). The Livestock Parking Pass will NOT allow entrance to the Fair. Your Fair Ticket allows access to the Fair. *Handicap-accessible parking is available in the paved parking lot at the front of the 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex closest to the Extension Office.*

## ILQAP or YQCA

\*Applies only to 3rd-12th grade 4-H Members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. (not required for Mini 4-H)

Either Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance Program (ILQAP) or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training **MUST be completed before bringing your animals to the fair.** There are two options listed below on how to have your completion certificate ready at the time of livestock check-in:

- **Print out the certificate and bring it with you to the fair OR**
- **Take a picture on your phone and have this ready to present at the fair**

## 4-H FAIR LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

**Saturday, July 20th at 9 a.m.**


*Returning for 2024!* We will be holding a Livestock Skillathon for youth to test their livestock judging skills and knowledge. Open to any 4-H and/or FFA youth in grades 3-12! You do not have to be currently enrolled in a livestock project to participate!

**<https://hendricksco4h.com/Skillathon2024>**





# CHOOSING HEALTHY AT THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIR



County fairs are a beloved tradition, offering a variety of attractions, entertainment, and, notably, food. However, navigating the array of culinary delights while maintaining a balanced diet can be challenging. Here are some practical tips to help you make nutritious choices during the county fair.

### 1. Plan Ahead

Before heading to the fair, consider eating a healthy meal or snack at home. A balanced meal containing lean protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables can help curb hunger and reduce the temptation to indulge in less nutritious options at the fair.


### 2. Stay Hydrated

Hydration is crucial, especially during hot summer days. Carry a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. Opt for water or unsweetened beverages instead of sugary drinks like sodas or lemonades, which can add unnecessary calories.

### 3. Prioritize Protein and Vegetables

When choosing meals at the fair, look for options that include lean proteins (such as grilled chicken or turkey) and vegetables. Many vendors now offer healthier alternatives like grilled items and salads. These options can provide essential nutrients without the excessive calories and fats found in fried foods.

### 4. Choose Wisely Among Fair Favorites




While fair food is often synonymous with indulgent treats, there are ways to enjoy these favorites in moderation. Opt for smaller portions or share with friends and family. For example, choose a small serving of roasted corn on the cob instead of a large order of fried cheese curds. Look for booths that offer fruit cups or yogurt parfaits as alternatives to sugary desserts.

### 5. Be Mindful of Portions

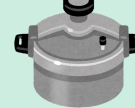
Portion control is key when indulging in fair treats. The excitement of the fair can lead to overeating, so be conscious of portion sizes. Sharing dishes can help you enjoy a variety of foods without overindulging.

### 6. Balance Indulgence with Activity

County fairs often involve a lot of walking, which can help offset some of the extra calories consumed. Take advantage of this by exploring the fairgrounds, participating in games, or engaging in other physical activities available at the fair.



Enjoying the county fair doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your nutrition. By planning ahead, staying hydrated, prioritizing lean proteins and vegetables, choosing smaller portions, balancing indulgences with activity, and practicing mindful eating, you can navigate the fair with a focus on both enjoyment and health. Making informed choices allows you to relish the fair experience while maintaining a balanced diet.



The season for canning is upon us! If you are in need of maintenance testing for your Presto canner, Amanda can conduct that testing here in the office. The cost is \$5 and we request that you give us 2-3 business days to get it back to you. Contact the Extension Office to schedule a drop-off time.



## Home and Family Arts Open Class Show

**Sponsored by Hendricks County Extension Homemakers**



Open class books now available! We have hard copies on the table outside the Extension Office or a PDF version can be found at

[www.4hcomplex.org](http://www.4hcomplex.org).

The open class show will take place July 13th, 2024. Take a look at the handbook for more details!  
Home and Family Arts Day is July 18th



### Junior Baking Contest

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Rules can be found in the Open Class Book

Open to ages 9-12

The theme this year is

**Apples!**



Sponsored by Hendricks County Extension Homemakers, Hendricks Power and Hendricks County Farm Bureau

### ANR UPDATE



Be sure to check out the Master Gardener informational booth at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, located in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall. Master Gardeners will be there to answer any questions about gardening or the Master Gardener Program!



# IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



## July and August Dates

July 1- FairEntry Closes at 11:59 p.m.  
July 1- Youth Council/Fairboard Joint Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
July 1- Fairboard Meeting- 7 p.m.  
July 8-13 - Pre-Fair Indoor Project Judging  
July 14-20 - Fair Week



## Club/Project Meetings in July

All Workshops Held at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted.

- 1- Beef Club Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 1- Dog Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 1- Photography Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 2- Rabbit Club Meeting- 6:30 p.m.
- 2- Archery Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 2- Photography Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 3- Gifted 4-H Club Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 6- RPM Workshop- 9:00 a.m.
- 6- Trapping Meeting- 12:00 Noon
- 8- Bridle Bunch Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 8- Dog Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 9- Archery Workshop- 6:00 p.m.
- 9- Rabbit Workshop- 6:30 p.m.
- 10- Swine Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13- RPM Workshop - 9:00 a.m.
- 13- Trapping Meeting - 12:00 Noon
- 29- Dog Club ISF Prep - 6:00 p.m.



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### Archery

Tuesday, July 2 & 9

### SHOT GUN

Friday, July 12

### RIFLE, PISTOL, & MUZZLE LOADER (RPM)

Saturday, July 6

Continue to check your email for updates!!

## REMEMBER

4-H Volunteer Enrollment  
If you have signed up to be a 4-H volunteer, please make sure you are doing your online training!

Training videos can be found on 4HOnline and are 3 sections.

## 4-H Youth Council

Monday, August 26  
at 7 p.m.



## 4-H Adult Leaders

TBD  
Stay Tuned!



## 4-H Fairboard

Monday, July 1  
at 7 p.m.

