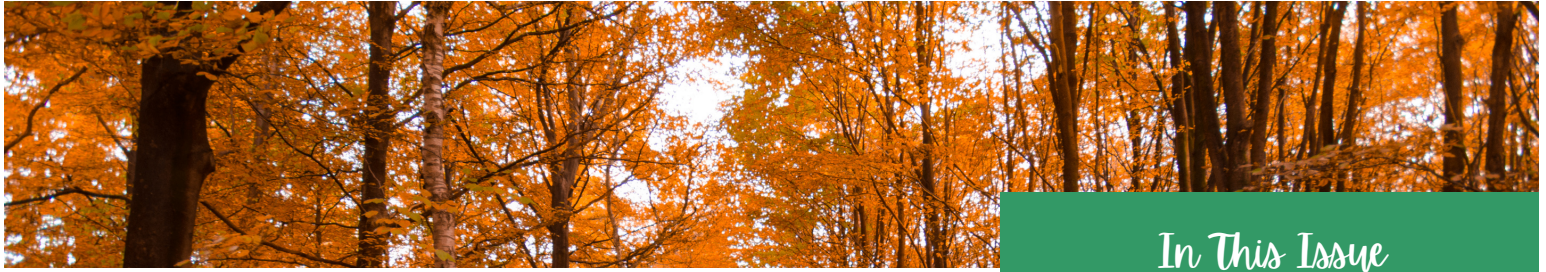


Clover Close-Up



October 2023



Welcome to October...

...and a new year for the Kosciusko County 4-H Program! We hope you had a great time and a great experience in 4-H last year. We would like to extend a special welcome to all that may be new to 4-H in 2024!

Enrollment for 2024 is now OPEN! You should be logging into v2.4honline.com to sign up for 4-H. Don't forget to double check your contact information. It is very important that information is kept up-to-date and current. Check your club selection and project list, too! Maybe you want to try something new this year.

We are always looking for new members and new volunteers, so share how much fun you had last year with your friends, family and neighbors so they can sign up, too.

If you need any assistance getting ready for the new 4-H season, give the Extension Office a call at 574-372-2340. We are always happy to help!

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

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Office Hours:

- Monday - Friday
- 8:00am - 4:30pm

Office Location:

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Warsaw, In 46580

Office Phone Number:

- 574-372-2340

Miscellaneous Information

Correspondence Preference

As you start enrolling for 2023-23 4-H program year; please make sure to have a family email listed in your profile. The Extension Office sends important information through email all year long, and the best way to ensure you are receiving these emails is to have an email entered in your family profile. If you prefer to receive information, like this newsletter, via postal mail, please email graff8@purdue.edu and advise of your preference for postal mail and be sure to include your mailing address.

Thank You Cards

Did you receive help with a project? Or did you “sell” a project at the Auction? If so, have you sent that person a “Thank You” note? Be sure to show them your appreciation. Being grateful for people that invest their time in you not only makes them feel appreciated, it in turn shows them your character. If you haven’t sent them a note, please do so soon! We do have 4-H themed “Thank You” cards at the Extension Office. Feel free to stop by and get a few.

Share Your Fair Pictures

If you would like to share your pictures from this year’s 4-H Fair, General Projects or Mini 4-H Judging, please email them to Tami at graff8@purdue.edu. Be advised, your pictures could be used in upcoming events brochures or newsletters, advertising and the cover of the 2024 Guidebook. Thank you!

Project Updates

Some of our County Only projects have been moved to State Eligible Projects. Please see the following changes:

- Farm Toy Scene - Select Construction and Architectural Replica
- Gift Wrapping - Select Arts and Craft, General
- Lego Construction - Select Construction and Architectural Replica
- Lego Creative Scene - Select Construction and Architectural Replica
- Recycling - Select Arts and Craft, General
- Wearable Art - Select Arts and Craft, General

If you have any questions when enrolling your child in the “Projects” section of 4HOnline, please call the Extension Office at 574-372-2340.

Junior Leaders

4-H members in grades 7-12 can join Junior Leaders. As a Junior Leader, you will be able to:

- Help other 4-H members develop leadership skills.
- Achieve a broad understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Participate in team building.
- Develop follow-through and responsibility.
- Improve written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain self-confidence and self-respect.
- Practice and acquire leadership skills.
- Think critically and problem-solve.
- Develop and practice empathy for others.
- Understand and develop a sense of belonging with others and our community.
- Develop and improve your resume for college and work applications after high school.
- More details will be announced through the Remind App
- Join the Remind App Junior Leaders Group at: @4hjlead



Member Enrollment Steps

Creating A New Account:

- Go to v2.4honline.com
- If you have never enrolled in 4-H before, click on “Don’t have an account?”
 - If you CANNOT remember your login or password, please DO NOT create a “new” account. Contact the Extension Office for assistance.
- Select Indiana 4-H Youth Development from the drop-down menu.
- Choose your County from the drop-down menu.
- Complete your family’s information.
- Click the Create Account button.
- Enter your family’s address information.
- Click the Verify button.
- If you create a new account and an existing account is found, click the Confirm button and continue logging in with an existing 4-H Online account. If the existing account is not your family, please contact the Extension Office for assistance.

If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the Family Member List. Click “Enroll Now” under 4-H. If you are a New Member and your name is not yet listed, click the “Add Member” and follow the steps for “Adding a New Family Member,” then continue with the steps below.

1. Select the member’s Grade and click Next.
2. Select to Confirm that you would like to enroll as a Club Member.
3. Click the Select Clubs button.
4. Select the County in which your Club is located.
5. Click Add next to the Club you would like to join.
6. Once your Club is added, click Next at the bottom of the screen.
7. Click Select Projects.
8. Select the Club with which you want your project to be associated.
9. Click the Add button next to the project you want to add to the member’s enrollment.
10. Confirm Year’s in Project, click Add.
11. Repeat steps 7-10 for each project in which you would like to participate.
12. Click the trash can icon to remove any projects.
13. Click the Next button once all the member’s projects have been added.
14. Click “Show Questions”.
15. Complete the enrollment questions. Some of the questions will be completed based on what you entered when you created your record.
16. Complete the Health Form fields and Consents.
17. Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen when you are done.
18. Complete the Consents.
19. Click the Next button at the bottom of the page when you are finished.
20. If applicable, review the fees for the member.
21. If you are choosing to pay with credit card, you will need to Add New Card. This will redirect you to a new site. This site IS NOT mobile friendly so you will need to be on a computer for this step using Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Safari web browsers (skip to step 23).
22. If choosing pay with check/cash to your County Extension Office, select Payment for this invoice will be collected by Kosciusko County. Enrollment will not be approved until payment has been made (skip to step 24).
23. If you selected to pay with credit card you will be redirected to enter that information. Fill out all the required fields noted with an * and then click Continue. Upon completion you will be returned to 4HOnline.
24. Review the enrollment information.
25. Once you have verified that the clubs and projects are listed correctly, click the Submit button.

You will receive an email to let you know your enrollment has been submitted. You will receive another email when the Extension Office has approved your enrollment. Any enrollment fees to be paid by credit card will process when your enrollment is approved.

Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

Step One: Fill out an Application

- Pick up your paper application at the Extension Office or call 574-372-2340 to have a copy emailed to you.
- You will submit your application including information for three references.
 - Please be sure to include full addresses and/or emails for each reference.
- Once your paperwork is turned in, we will send a form to each of your references and complete a limited background check.
- Paper applications are only required for your first year as a Volunteer.

Step Two: Create a 4-H Online Account.

- As we complete your paper application process, please login to v2.4honline.com and create a profile.
- Please “Add” yourself as a Member if you have children already enrolled in our program
- You will need to complete the enrollment process each year that you plan to volunteer.

Step Three: Complete Youth Training.

- Once your 4HOnline profile is created, you will then complete the mandatory training videos located in the training section.
- Your enrollment as a 4-H Volunteer cannot be approved until the training is complete.
- You will need to complete the training videos each year that you plan to volunteer.

Other Important Information.

- Until all the above steps are complete, you are not a fully approved volunteer; you may attend club/committee meetings, but do not have any voting rights.
- And you cannot interact with youth in the program as a 4-H Volunteer
- Please contact the Extension Office at 574-372-2340 with any questions.

Process Complete.

- Congratulations! You have completed all of the required steps needed to becoming an approved 4-H Volunteer.
- Your dedication to become a volunteer is greatly appreciated.
- Your overall goal is to improve and support the lives of Kosciusko County youth
- And to “**Make the Best Better**”.



October 2023 Calendar

Thursday, October 5, 2023

- 4-H Council Meeting
 - 6:00pm
 - Extension Office Auditorium

Monday, October 9, 2023

- American Neverquitters Club Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Atwood Community Building
 - 213 W Hovey St, Warsaw
- Swine Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

- Auction Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Monday, October 16, 2023

- Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Silver Lake Lions Building
 - 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake

Thursday, October 19, 2023

- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

- Leesburg Might Farmers Club Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Leesburg United Methodist Church
 - 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

Saturday, October 28, 2023

- Blacksmith Workshop
 - 8am, 10am or 1pm
 - Blacksmith Shop, Fairgrounds
 - Call Jackie to reserve your spot
 - 574-527-2271
- Junior Leaders Call-Out
 - 6pm - 8pm
 - Fairgrounds
 - Join Jr Leaders Band App to get the JL Scoop
 - @4hjlead

Upcoming Events

JUNIOR LEADERS CALL OUT

**OCTOBER
28**

**Youth in Grades
7 - 12**

**Kosciusko County
Fairgrounds, near the
Blacksmith shop**

**6:00pm -
8:00pm**



Mini 4-H

What is Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is a noncompetitive 4-H program for youth in grades K-2. Mini 4-H is designed to introduce you and your child to the 4-H program and is an excellent way for children to learn by doing and to exhibit projects at the fair. Mini 4-H members also have the opportunity to attend club meetings and workshops. The goal of the Mini 4-H program is to help young children build self-confidence, develop an inquiring mind, set goals & make decisions, relate to other people, and develop a concern for the community. Mini 4-H provides skills through access to programs, development of projects, and interaction with 4-H youth and adult volunteer leadership. Enrollment for Mini 4-H opens October 1st and is \$5 per Mini 4-H member.

Mini 4-H General Projects:

- Arts & Crafts
- Collections
- Cookie Decorating
- Farm Toy Scene
- Foods
- Lego
- Nature
- Photography
- Sewing

Mini 4-H Animal Projects:

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Calf Feeder Steer
- Goat
- Horse & Pony
- Llama
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

2023-24 4-H Club Leader Contact Information

- **American Neverquitters**
 - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers**
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- **Claypool Classics**
 - Kayla Leininger 574.253.1302
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- **Firm Foundations**
 - **Club Leader Needed**
- **Goat Club**
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- **Horse & Pony**
 - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Leesburg Mighty Farmers**
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- **Lucky Lassies & Lads**
 - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Mentone United**
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- **Milford Helping Hands**
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- **Pierceton Hayseeds**
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- **Sidney Triple S**
 - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Silver Lake Rambling Farmers**
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- **Syracuse Community Hand**
 - Mariah Roberts 574.834.2442
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- **The Great Outdoors**
 - **Club Leader Needed**

We really hate to see clubs disbanded due to lack of leadership. As noted above, we are in need of new Club Leaders for the Firm Foundations Club, which is typically our home-schooled members and for The Great Outdoors Club. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Club Leader, please reach out to Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu as soon as possible.

We have some unconfirmed Club Leadership, please contact the office if you have any questions on the status of these clubs.

Volunteer News

2023-24 4-H Council Members

- Aron Leininger
- Matt Grady
- Mitchell Hall
- Terin Penrod
- Kylene Crabb
- Mike Petersen
- Rochelle Leininger
- Heather Lechlitner
- Cory Colman
- Darren Wilkinson
- Austin Bitting
- Steve Trump
- Shana Messmore
- Karen Templin
- Rob Seewald
- Tyler Bouse
- Barry Ostrom
- Gabe Ayers



Annual Financial Statements and Audits

Most Clubs and Committee must turn in their financial statements annually. Here is what you need to know:

- Audit should be done by the 2022-23 treasurers or officers.
- Audit year is October 31, 2022 through September 30, 2023.
- Audit paperwork will be mailed out sometime in October.
- More information to come.

Superintendents and Committees

As of the printing of the Newsletter, the following Committees have not submitted their Committee paperwork, which was due September 29th. If your Committee is on this list please get this taken care of ASAP.

- Alpaca Committee
- Cat Committee
- Goat Committee
- Llama Committee
- Poss-ABILITIES Committee
- Swine Committee

Club Leaders

We are still waiting on a few club rosters and club meeting dates/times. Even if nothing has changed or the meeting are “the same as they have always been”, it is still nice to get a new copy each year. If your Club in on this list, please get your paperwork submitted ASAP. This information is important for new 4-H Members.

- American Neverquitters
- Horse & Pony Club
- Lucky Lassies & Lads
- Sidney Triple S

Volunteers Needed for the 2023-24 Program Year

Our 4-H Program is always looking for adults interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer. If you or someone you know is interested, please give the Extension Office a call at 574-372-2340. We would love to speak to you about how you can help. Some areas where we could always use help include, but are not limited to:

- Club Leaders
- Committee Members
- Leading a workshop
- Help with a project

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Are you a school employee?

We are looking for opportunities to present to classrooms about 4-H as well as other topics of interest. Please contact Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu if you are interested in working with us on this.



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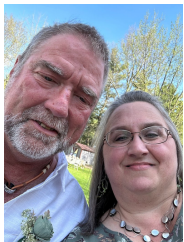
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- Twitter: @Kosciusko4H
- Instagram: KosciuskoCounty4H
- Website: extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko

PAPER CLOVER
EVERYONE'S A WINNER!

OCTOBER 4-15
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.
TractorSupply.com

Donate during checkout at our local Warsaw Tractor Supply Co.

National 4-H Week: October 1 - 7, 2023

This year's theme is:

I ♥ H H

Some ways you can get active during National 4-H Week is to complete a community service activity on your own or with your club, invite a friend to your October Club Meeting or put together a special activity for your club.

The possibilities are endless.

6M
Six million kids nationwide are learning how to be better humans in 4-H.

I ♥ H H



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