Clover Close-Up Sign

Mini 4-H,

Mini 4-H will be kicking off their program year on Thursday, February 15, 2023 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Main Hall at the Extension Office. Our Mini 4-H program is for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This program gives these children the opportunity to learn the basics of 4-H in a non-competitive environment by participating in club meetings, activities and exhibits designed especially for them.

At club meetings, Mini 4-H'ers work on fun, hands-on activities related to a particular project, play games, do crafts and learn about selected topics.

Mini 4-H members participating in the animal projects may attend regular 4-H club meetings and workshops related to their particular species, but it is not required.

We encourage parents and guardians to be involved also. By attending meetings, you will learn about how the 4-H Program works and see how you can get involved.

Our goal 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.

We offer 12 animal projects and 9 general projects that the Mini 4-H'ers can participate in. Each project may be exhibited at the Kosciusko County Fair and the member will receive a Mini 4-H ribbon.

To enroll go to: v2.4honline.com

There is a \$5 enrollment fee per Mini 4-H Member. Once you have completed your enrollment process, you will be added to the mailing list to receive information from our office and/or the Mini 4-H Committee

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Office Hours:

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

Office Location:

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Office Phone Number:

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Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program offers youth in grades 3-12 an opportunity to develop life skills through 4-H Shooting Sports in a safe and caring environment under the direction of 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Instructors.

Youth new to the 4-H Shooting Sports Program must attend all three (3) beginner mandatory safety training courses in order to participate in the program. Classes begin this month and will be held at the Extension Office from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Mark your calendars now.

- Wednesday, February 14, 2023
- Wednesday, February 21, 2023
- Wednesday, February 28, 2023



Enrollment by the Numbers

Kosciusko County 4-H Enrollment:

Members: 454 Mini 4-H: 108

Adult Volunteers: 185

Top 5 Clubs based on number of kids enrolled:

- Leesburg Might Farmers Club
- Mentone United Club
- Milford Helping Hands Club
- Horse & Pony Club
- Pierceton Hayseeds Club

Top 4 Projects based on number of kids enrolled:

- Swine
- Shooting Sports
- Poultry
- Dairy
- Beef

Top 5 Schools represented in Kosciusko County based on number of kids enrolled:

- Warsaw Community Schools
- Homeschool
- Wawasee Community Schools
- Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
- Whitko Community School Corporation



Enrollment Reminders

For 4-H Member and Adult Volunteers

Many folks think that they have completed their enrollment for 4-H, yet we still have some who have missed a step. Do this quick check to be sure that you have completed the enrollment process.

- Did you re-enroll at https://v2.4honline.com?
- Have you paid your 4-H fees?
- Have you completed your online adult volunteer training modules?
- Does your status show you as "Active" in 4HOnline?

All steps must be completed before you are considered an active enrolled member and/or volunteer.

Auction Committee News Blast

The smell of warm greasy bacon...sizzling pork chops...everyone desires a slice of meat on the table with dinner. What if someone you knew was never able to purchase meat for their family or themselves? Would you want to change that for them? Heart of 4-H would allow you to restore the food insecurities that many Americans are facing today. The Auction Committee has 8 butcher spots reserved at Martins. It is simple, take your animal in and the meat will be distributed to food pantries. You have just helped a struggling family. You should be proud of yourself, you put food on the table for someone who otherwise wasn't able.



Premise ID Information

Anyone who buys, sells or exhibits livestock must have a Premise ID. A Premise ID is an identification number for the physical location in which animals are housed and is necessary to protect animal agriculture and the livestock industry. All 4-H'ers are required to know the Premise ID number for the property where their animals are located and the Premise ID number is also entered in 4HOnline when enrolling their animals to be exhibited at the 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair. The BOAH staff would like us to remind you to please not wait until the last minute to request a Premise ID. They do the best they can to accommodate, but the calls and emails are quite heavy and they can't guarantee they can generate a premise ID instantly. Go to https://www.in.gov/boah/forms/indiana-premises-identification-registration/ to apply for your premise ID.

2024 Scholarship Information

National Scholarships:

<u>4-H Accomplishment Scholarships</u>: Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member's life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

<u>4-H Club Scholarship</u>: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit StudentAid.gov/.

<u>4-H Senior Year Scholarship</u>: Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

<u>Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship</u>: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement.

To apply: Youth may complete their application through their 4-H Online account. Instructions on how to submit your scholarship are listed below. Applications are due January 25, 2024.

IEHA Homemakers Scholarships.

IEHA (Indiana Extension Homemakers Association) Scholarship: There are 17 scholarship opportunities available through the Kosciusko County Homemakers Association and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association. They are as follows:

<u>The Kosciusko County Homemakers Association</u>: Two (2) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded each year to college/university students including those seeking a two year associates program. And one (1) \$1000. scholarship will be awarded each year to a Career & Technical Program earning certification/license in their chosen field. Applications are due March 15, 2024.

<u>Career Advancement Scholarship (IEHA)</u>: Eight (8) \$500 scholarships. Two (2) scholarships will be given to IEHA members, one (1) is given to pursue career in the medical field, and five (5) random scholarships. This is a financial need scholarship. Applications are due March 15, 2024.

<u>Steps to Success Scholarship (IEHA)</u>: Five (5) \$500 scholarships are awarded. Four (4) to applicants admitted to or enrolled in a state accredited college or university and one (1) to a state accredited vocational and technical program through a public school. Applications are due May 1, 2024.

<u>Ruth B Sayre Scholarship</u> is from the Country Women's Council and is offering a \$500 scholarship to foster the educational development of women. Applications must be an Indiana Resident. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

Kosciusko County Homemakers Association Scholarship Applications can be obtained from the Extension Office or email stravis@purdue.edu.

Kosciusko County Scholarships

2024 Kosciusko County Scholarship applications will be available February 1, 2024 in the Extension Office and will need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than March 15, 2024.

<u>ANGLIN-BISHOP AWARD</u>: This award was created in memory of two Jr. Leaders, Mike Bishop and Jeremiah Anglin, who passed away during their 4-H careers. It is meant to recognize a Jr. Leader who exemplifies what it means to be a Jr. Leader, 4-H member and for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our Jr. Leader program.

BOB STIFFLER 4-H BEEF SCHOLARSHIP: The Bob Stiffler 4-H Beef Scholarship was established by the Kosciusko County Cattlemen's Association in honor of Bob's outstanding contribution to the beef industry in the county. The goal of the scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Beef project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer projects by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

<u>TOM SMITH AND RUDY ROSS</u>: Tom Smith was a Kosciusko County farmer and two of his greatest loves were the County Fair and showing sheep. Rudy Ross was a man who was devoted to the sheep industry. Before his death is 1987, he was the oldest Dorset Breeder in the United States.

GENE MILNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Gene Milner was the first pistol instructor in the Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee created the scholarship after Gene passed away very unexpectedly. The goal is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Shooting Sports project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H shooting sports project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

Kosciusko County Scholarships. continued:

<u>JAY HAAB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP</u>: The Jay Haab Memorial Scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Swine project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Swine project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP: The Kosciusko County 4-H Scholarship program is to reward active 4-H members for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in the 4-H by awarding scholarship to them for a further study at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H POULTRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Poultry project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H RABBIT COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Rabbit project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

New 4-H County Fair Approvals

Information from January's News letter, just in case you missed it...

GROOMING ASSISTANCE

After careful examination and debate, Council voted to remove the limits to who can fit and/or help get an animal ready for show. Families can decide what honest people they would like to have help from for their livestock.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE</u>: This change DOES NOT permit unethical fitting or treatment of animal exhibits; that expectation will still remain.

MINI 4-H

Much discussion and suggestions were given about a Mini 4-H livestock showcase during the fair. Council voted to approve a Mini 4-H Livestock Showcase and Mentor program for the upcoming year. The showcase will take place on Thursday AM of the fair.

More information about this opportunity and mentor program will be coming in the new year.



WORKSHOPS

After reviewing completion requirements from the 4-H state office, Council voted to extend the "no workbook and/or worksheets required for general projects" rule to also be allowed for livestock projects. Workshops and workbooks are not required for livestock exhibition. Workshop attendance and/or workbook activities are still STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, but not required. The workbook can still be completed if not exhibiting an animal at the county fair for completion

IMPORTANT NOTICE: YQCA/QLC will still remain the only workshop required for animal exhibition.

SCHEDULE

Due to a few requests and with the addition of a Mini 4-H livestock showcase, a few fair events will be moving days and/or times. The main move is Dairy. The Dairy show will move from Thursday to the first Saturday. Along with that, there will be some animal check-in times that change.

More information about these small changes will be coming in the new year.

FORMS

Many suggestions came in from 4-H families about the relevancy for affidavit forms and off-premise forms. After hearing those suggestions, Council voted to remove those forms as requirements for exhibition.

get Involved

Upcoming 4-H Trips

- 4-H Camp: June 5-7, 2024 at Epworth Forest
 - o Open to youth in Grades 3-6
- 4-H Academy: June 12-14, 2024 at Purdue University
 - o Open to youth in Grades 9-12
- 4-H Round-Up: June 24-26, 2024 at Purdue University
 - o Open to youth in Grades 7-8
- Contact Andrew at the Extension Office or check out our website for more details.





February 2024 Calendar

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Please note change in meeting location

- Horse & Pony Mini 4-H Club Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall
- Horse & Pony 4-H Club Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Monday, February 12, 2024

- Beer Dairy Lease Callout Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall
- Swine Committee Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Auditorium

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- · Goat Club Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- Canvas Painting Workshop
 - o 6:00pm
 - o Extension Office Auditorium
 - Registration required
- Poultry Committee Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Johnson's House
- Shooting Sports Beginners Mandatory Training Session
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- Mini 4-H Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall & Auditorium
- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - Extension Office Room D

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- Syracuse Community Hands Club Meeting
 - o 3:00pm
 - Wawasee HS Ag Room

Monday, February 19, 2024

- Jr Leaders Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- Sidney Triple S Club Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Sidney Fire Station, 103 E Center St, Sydney
- Goat Committee Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - o Extension Office Room D

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- Auction Committee Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Auditorium
- Shooting Sports Beginners Mandatory Training Session
 - o 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Saturday, February 24, 2024

- Blacksmith Workshop
 - 8am, 10am or 1pm
 - Blacksmith Shop, Fairgrounds
 - Call Jackie at 574.527.2271 to reserve your spot

Monday, February 26, 2024

- Milford Helping Hands Club Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Wawasee Bible Church, 2041 E 1200 N, Milford
- Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club Meeting
 - o 6:30pm
 - Silver Lake Lions Building, 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake
- Pierceton Hayseeds Club Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - Harvest Community Church, 512 S Seventh St, Pierceton

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

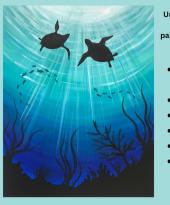
- Horse & Pony Committee Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - Shine Building, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
- Leesburg Mighty Farmers Club Meeting
 - o 7:00pm
 - Leesburg UM Church, 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg
- Lucky Lassies & Lads Club Meeting
 - o 7:15pm
 - o Extension Office Auditorium

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- Shooting Sports Beginners Mandatory Training Session
 - o 6:30pm
 - o Extension Office Main Hall

Upcoming Events

Canvas Painting



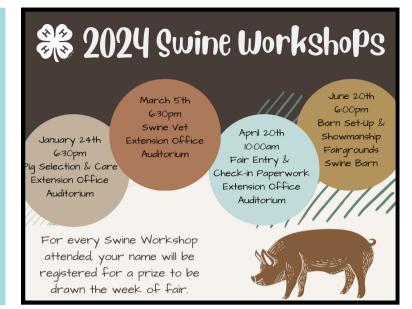
Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art! Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting, and make this undersea adventure. This is open to youth in grades 3-12, but parents are welcome to dive in and paint with their youth.

- Location: Kosciusko County Extension Office, 202 W. Main St., Warsaw, IN
- Date & Time: February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- Cost: \$15
- Registration closes: February 7
- Register: https://bit.ly/canvassteam24

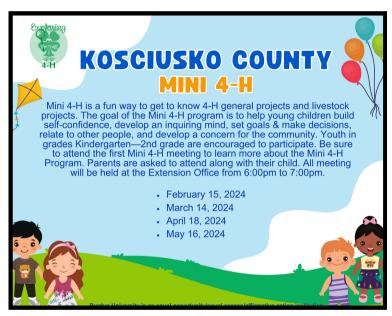




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