

Kosciusko County 4-H



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New Member Guide

WELCOME!

Hello!

Welcome to the Kosciusko County 4-H Program! Thank you for your interest and for choosing to make 4-H a part of your family's life. 4-H has something to offer you – regardless of what your interests are; if you are in elementary or high school, like to do things by yourself or with others, have lots of hobbies or just one, or live in town or out in the country; there is something for everyone! We hope that you like to try new things, meet new people, and learn new skills. And by doing so, you will have a great time in the 4-H Program.

This guide is designed with YOU in mind; to help you learn more about 4-H as a whole, about the program in Kosciusko County, what we offer and what you can expect. With the information provided here, we hope will be helpful and give you the tools necessary to have a positive start in your 4-H career. Please take the time to go over the information in this guide so you can learn what to expect in the coming 4-H year. If you have further questions or need something clarified, do not hesitate to contact your local club leader or the Extension Office! Our goal is to support you throughout your 4-H career!

We are excited to have you as a part of the 4-H Program and want to do all we can to help support you as you begin this journey. The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is “to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their community and the world.”

Let us all work together to help make this happen for the youth in our community!

Thank you!



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What is 4-H?

4-H began over 100 years ago, and has since grown into the largest youth development program in the nation. 4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. 4-H is delivered through America's 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service – reaching every corner of our nation. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through Purdue University. Community clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment, camps/workshops and special programs are all ways youth across Indiana can be involved with the 4-H program.

Mission

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Motto

“To make the best better.”

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The “H” on each leaf stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color, representing growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H Pledge

I pledge;

My Head to clearer thinking
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service
My Health to better living
For my club, my community,
my country and my world.

Enrollment

Regular 4-H Membership is open to all youth grades 3 through 12; along with mini 4-H for grades K through 2. Youth may participate a maximum of ten years in regular 4-H.

4-H Year

Our 4-H year starts October 1st and continues until September 30th of the following year.

Club Information

- You are required to identify which club you are in when you enroll for the 4-H year in 4HOnline.
- Club enrollment is determined based upon your preferences of meeting days, times, and location.
- To enroll in 4-H and sign up for a club, go to <https://v2.4honline.com>.
- 4-H Clubs meet typically once per month to stay updated on 4-H happenings, participate in leadership building exercises, conduct community service activities and more!
- Joining a club is a great way to stay involved and build relationships with other youth. Any member may join any club that fits their schedule.
- Enrollment is open October 1.
- Costs for enrollment is \$5 for mini 4-H (K-2) and \$15 for regular 4-H (3rd-12th).

Available Clubs and Contacts

American Neverquitters

Looking for new Leadership

Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers

Anna Rich 574-265-4838

Jason Rich 574-265-4837

Claypool Classics

Kayla Leininger 574-253-1302

Goat Club

Christina Nieto 574-377-1497

Horse & Pony Club

Charity Trump 574-551-6113

Leesburg Mighty Farmers

Sonja Hesser 574-551-4451

Lucky Lassies & Lads

Erin Lawrence 574-377-1239

Mentone United

Kylene Crabb 931-639-7567

Dawn Vargo 574-221-9161

Elizabeth Wilson 574-353-7039

Milford Helping Hands

Karena Wilkinson 574-529-1022

Pierceton Hayseeds

Casey Pequignot 574-551-3404

Kayla Stuebaker 574-376-9283

Sidney Triple S

Jeff Brubaker- 260-352-2477

Rhonda Wood-260-578-7497

Silver Lake Rambling Farmers

Tammy Boggs 574-267-3792

Emily Redman 765-201-2068

Syracuse Community Hands

Mariah Roberts 574-328-0108

Where to Turn For Help

Try one of the following contact points whenever you get stuck or have a question:

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Office Manager

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Additional places to look up information on all aspects 4-H:

- "Clover Close-Up" – our newsletter full of information that can either be mailed or emailed to you
- Kosciusko County 4-H Facebook page
- Kosciusko County Extension Website (search "Kosciusko County Extension" in your search bar)

4-H Project Areas

GENERAL PROJECTS

Animal Sciences

- Animal Education
 - Cat Poster
 - Dog Poster
 - Llama Poster
 - Poultry Poster
 - Rabbit Poster
- Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive Arts

- Arts & Crafts, General
(includes Wearable Art, Recycling, and Gift Wrapping)
- Cake Decorating
- Communications
(includes Creative Writing)
- Construction & Architectural Replica
(includes Legos and Farm Toy Scene)
- Consumer Clothing
- Fashion Revue
- Fine Arts
- Home Environment
- Model Craft
- Needle Craft
- Photography
- Sewing, Wearable and Non-Wearable

Crafts

- Blacksmithing
- Gift Wrapping
- Recycling
- Wearable Art

Engineering & Technological Science

- Aerospace
- Computer Science
- Electric
- Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
- Small Engines

- Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
- Welding
- Woodworking
- Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills

Healthy Living

- ATV Safety
- Bicycle
- Child Development
- Foods
(includes Create-With-A-Mix and Dairy Foods)
- Health
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing

Leadership & Citizenship

- Genealogy
- Junior Leaders
- Leadership

Plant & Environmental Sciences

- Beekeeping
- Entomology
- Floriculture (Flowers)
- Forestry
- Garden
- Geology
- Soil & Water Science
- Sport Fishing
- Weather & Climate
- Science
- Wildlife

COUNTY ONLY PROJECTS

- American Heritage
- Blacksmith
- Collections & Hobbies
- Consumer Meats
- Consumer Grilling
- Crops

- Fire Education
- Homemade Ice Cream
- Horseless Horseman
- Microwave Cooking
- Plant Science
- Pocket Caged Critters Poster
- Scrapbooking, Digital
- Scrapbooking, Traditional
- Welding

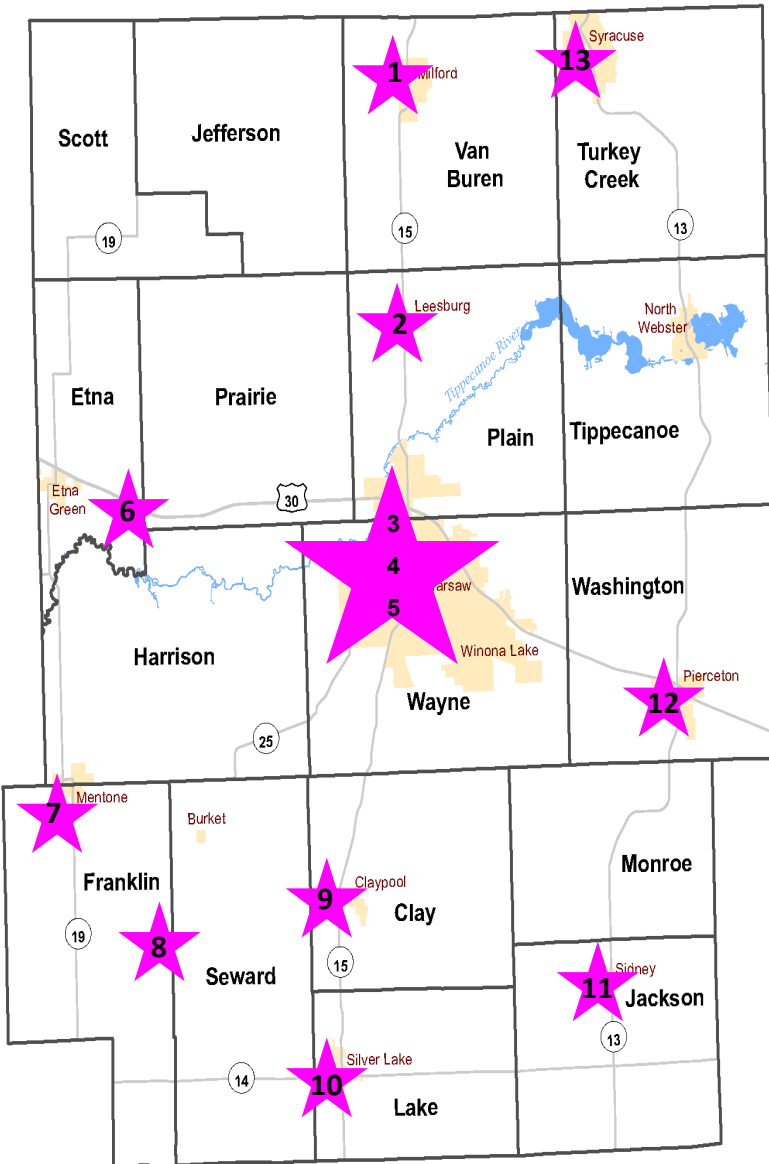
ANIMAL PROJECTS

- Alpaca
- Beef
- Cat Care
- Dairy
- Dairy Calf Feeder Steer
- Dairy Steer
- Dog Training
- Goat
- Horse and Pony
- Llama
- Pocket Caged Critters
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

MINI 4-H PROJECTS (Grades K-2)

- Arts and Crafts
- Collections
- Cookie Decorating
- Farm Toy Scene
- Foods
- Lego
- Nature
- Photography
- Sewing
- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Calf Feeder Steer
- Goat

Kosciusko County, Indiana Townships



Source: IBRC at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. August 2011

4-H Club Map Key

1. Milford Helping Hands

- Meets at Wawasee Community Bible Church on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

2. Leesburg Mighty Farmers

- Meets at Leesburg UM Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

3. Lucky Lads and Lassies

- Meets at the Extension Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm.

4. Horse and Pony Club

- Meets at Kos. Co. Fairgrounds on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

5. Goat Club

- Meets at Extension Office on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

6. American Neverquitters

- Looking for new Leadership.

7. Mentone United

- Meets at Mentone First Baptist Church on the first Mondays of each month at 7pm.

8. Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers

- Meets at Beaver Dam UMC on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

9. Claypool Classics

- Meets at Claypool Lions' Club on the first Monday of each month at 6pm.

10. Silver Lake Rambling Farmers

- Meets at Silver Lake Lions' Club on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

11. Sidney Triple S

- Meets at Sidney Fire Station on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

12. Pierceton Hayseeds

- Meets at Harvest Community Church in Pierceton on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm.

13. Syracuse Community Hands

- Meets at Wawasee High School on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm.

BECOME A 4-H

VOLUNTEER

Your Life, Your Time

Your calendar is full. Your to-do list is jammed. You want to help, but it seems impossible to find the time. Don't panic. You don't have to give up your life to make a difference in the life of a young person. You can choose programs or activities that fit your schedule. You'll be surprised how flexible 4-H is.

Volunteer Process

Once you've decided to join our team of 4-H Adult Volunteers, we begin the process of clearing you as a volunteer.

- 4-H Volunteer Application
- 3 references contacted and verified
- National & State Sex-Offender database check
- Yearly Adult Volunteer Enrollment, Adult Behavioral Expectations, Position Description completed and vehicle policy acknowledged

After all the above are completed you are free to work anywhere within our 4-H program!

Work with Youth

- Work as a leader through our 4-H Clubs leading and advising youth as they grow.
- Be a part of a livestock project committee.
- Teach a workshop and help youth learn a skill you're passionate about.
- And much more!

Sign up today!

Reach out to the Community

- Help plan and execute local community service projects.
- Be an advisor to youth working on public speaking projects, preparing college scholarship applications, starting a business, etc.
- Coordinate fundraising opportunities.

Develop Your Leadership Skills

- Organize and direct events for 4-H'ers and potential members.
- Plan activities, coordinate training, or serve as a liaison to community organizations
- Manage "special events"; spring break or summer programs

Share your skills & interests

- Lead a group of youth on a local tour or outdoor adventure.
- Provide leadership or skill-based workshops for youth.
- Sponsor a 4-H Club through your work.

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