

Clover Close-Up

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New 4-H Year

Wow! Where did the summer go? As we jump right into September, it occurred to me that we are experiencing a lot of "NEW". We are well into a new school year, meeting new friends, trying new things and we get to start a new 4-H year. To help you get the best out of your new 4-H year, here are some ideas I thought would be good to share:

- ⇒ Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. Sometimes that's the best way to discover something new.
- ⇒ We encourage you to try at least one new experience or project. That could be running for a club officer position, being a mentor to a new 4-H member, giving a demonstration or even sharing your thoughts and ideas at a club meeting.
- ⇒ Welcome someone you don't know. Club meetings are likely to have new members this year, say "Hello" and welcome them to 4-H. Show them the ropes and help them to get involved.
- ⇒ And finally, listen, be respectful and participate.

Let's make this new year, the best one yet!

Enrollment Facts

Here is what you need to know about enrolling in the new 4-H year:

- Enrollment opens October 1, 2022
- Enroll at v2.4honline.com
- **Important: Update, as needed, your mailing address, phone numbers and email address, including emergency contacts**
- Regular 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3 thru 12
- Mini 4-H is for children in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade
- Enrollment fees for 2022-2023 is \$15 for regular 4-H, with a maximum of \$45 per family
- Fees for Mini 4-H will be \$5 per child
- Confirm that your child's school grade and years in 4-H are correct
- You will be required to select a Club that you would like to participate in, if you have questions about club selection, please contact the Extension Office
- You will also need to select at least one project that you would like to complete
- Follow our Facebook page
- Bookmark our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/>
- New and returning Adult Volunteers will need to also complete enrollment beginning October 1st, **new this year**, deadline for Adult Volunteers to enroll will be May 15, 2023, absolutely no exceptions

Club Benefits

Did you know that we have 15 clubs to choose from? I'm sure there is a Club that will fit your needs. If you have any questions about a particular Club, please reach out to the Club Leader listed on the reverse side of this newsletter or contact the Extension Office and ask for Andrew. Some benefits to attending monthly club meetings:

- ◆ Meet new people and make new friends that share the same interests as you
- ◆ Opportunities to practice new skills, like public speaking or giving demonstrations
- ◆ Holding a leadership role in your club
- ◆ Develop interpersonal skills by socializing with other members
- ◆ Practice record keeping skills
- ◆ Participate in community service projects
- ◆ The chance to listen to a guest speaker talk about a particular subject, ie: woodworking
- ◆ You will gain practical experience in a safe environment
- ◆ Learn how to work as a team with your fellow Club Members
- ◆ You will expand your 4-H resume
- ◆ Activities in your Club Meetings will help to build your confidence
- ◆ Increase your knowledge in different areas
- ◆ Sharpen your people skills
- ◆ Establish a support system
- ◆ You'll improve your mental health by socialization

To Make the Best Better

All 4-H families have a responsibility to read the Clover Close-Up Newsletter each month and to understand the information and deadlines that apply to them.

Need help? Then please reach out to your Club Leader, Superintendent or contact the 4-H Educator at the Extension Office. We cannot help you unless we know you need it.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 7

6:30PM Auction Committee, EO, Main Hall

Thursday, September 8

6:00PM 4-H Council Meeting, EO, Main Hall

Tuesday, September 13

6:30PM Swine Committee, EO, Main Hall

Thursday, September 15

7:00PM Shooting Sports Committee, EO, Main Hall

Wednesday, September 21

6:00PM General Projects Committee, EO, Main Hall

Saturday, September 24

8:00AM 10:00AM or 1:00PM Blacksmith Workshop
Blacksmith Shop, Fairgrounds
Call 574-858-9270 to reserve your spot

Tuesday, September 27

7:15PM Lucky Lassies & Lads Club, EO, Room D

Friday, September

4:30PM Committee Paperwork Due

If you would like to submit an article, picture or need to add something to the Calendar of Events to be featured in the next months' newsletter, please email graff8@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340 by the 20th of the current month.

Battle of the Barns Flag Design Contest

The Battle of the Barns Champion flag has seen better days! We are hosting a design contest for a new flag. If your design is selected, it will be the new face of the Battle of the Barns Champion Flag.

Designs are due by October 28th. Must be a current Kosciusko County 4-H Member.

Submit your design by email to: adferrel@purdue.edu

Or by mail to:
Kosciusko County Extension
Attn: Battle of the Barns
202 W Main St
Warsaw, IN 46580

It's Paper Clover Time!
October 5-16, 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



New Family Mentorship Program

Over the last year, we have heard many families talk about the struggles they had with understanding enrollment, following the enrollment process, and understanding what it takes to complete a 4-H Project. Our goal this new 4-H year is to partner a new family with a veteran family. The veteran family would then help mentor the new 4-H family through all of the processes. We would like to ease the feeling that new families have of being unwelcomed and forgotten.

If you would like to be part of this mentoring experience and help a new 4-H family, please email Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340.

We have a supply of Reserve Champion Ribbons at the Extension Office, please stop by to get what you need or email graff8@purdue.edu and we can mail them to you.

Club Leaders

American Neverquitters

Dawn Harris 574-371-5776

Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers

Jason Rich 574-265-4837

Claypool Classics

Kayla Leininger 574-253-1302

Firm Foundations (Warsaw)

Konda Koorey 574-377-7209

Goat Club (Warsaw)

Gretchen Rettinger 574-265-1653

Horse & Pony (Warsaw)

Charity Trump 574-551-6113

Leesburg Mighty Farmers

Sonja Hesser 574-551-4451

Lucky Lassies & Lads (Warsaw)

Erin Lawrence 574-377-1239

Mentone United

Kylene Crabb 931-639-7567

Milford Helping Hands

Peg Zimmerman 574-457-6858

Pierceton Hayseeds

Casey Pequignot 574-551-3404

Sidney Triple S

Rhonda Wood 260-578-7497

Silver Lake Rambling Farmers

Tammy Boggs 574-551-3793

Syracuse Community Hands

Mariah Roberts 574-328-0108

The Great Outdoors (Warsaw)

Terin Penrod 574-377-6152

Adult Volunteers

Adult Volunteers, Club Leads, Council Members and Committee Members must complete enrollment every year online. New Adult Volunteers, not only need to complete the online enrollment but must also complete a paper enrollment form, available in the Extension Office. Background checks are completed for all volunteers. When a volunteer signs their enrollment form online or on paper, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. Only authorized, enrolled Volunteers may interact with the youth in our program and only authorized, enrolled Volunteers are covered by Purdue University insurance. Enrollment for Adult Volunteers open October 1st, and beginning this year will have an enrollment deadline of May 15, 2023. All new and returning Adult Volunteers, Club Leaders, Council Members and Committee Members must be completely finished with their enrollment process by this date to be eligible for the free pass for the Kosciusko County Fair.

4-H Volunteers Wanted

Do you have a hobby? Or an expertise in something? It can be anything! We are looking for adults that would like to share their hobbies, interests, expertise, or talents with youth through some hands-on workshops.

Or maybe you would like to volunteer to help out as a Club Leader or serve on an Committee. We are on the look out for some great Adult Volunteers, specifically to serve on the Sheep Committee, General Projects Committee, Dog Committee, Rabbit & Poultry Committee.

If you have a passion in any of these areas, we would love to talk to you. Please email Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340

Committee Superintendents

Alpaca

Dana Finch 574-377-4077

Auction

Kassi Rowland 574-265-6696

Beef

Brian Zehring 574-453-1058

Blacksmith

Jerry Clase 574-858-9270

Cat

Jenny Spicher 574-320-7258

Dairy

Laura Curtis 574-551-3535

Lisa Teeple 901-497-2928

Dairy Calf Feeder Steer

Marc Beer 574-518-9815

Dog

Looking for new Superintendent

General Projects

Nate Imhoff 574-253-1977

Goat

Todd Kohler 574-453-6982

Horse & Pony

Amanda Bays 260-578-2772

Junior Leader Advisor

Michelle LeCount 574-265-1651

Llama

Laura Oyer 574-903-3985

Mini 4-H

Janelle Deatsman 574-527-9360

Poultry

Nicole Marsillette 574-376-0728

Josh LaRue 423-441-0574

Rabbit

Duane Kline 574-268-4776

Royalty

Marvene Johnson 574-269-2447

Sheep

New Superintendent Needed

Shooting Sports

Cody Demske 574-328-2022

Supreme Showman

Brock Ostrom 260-578-4545

Swine

Blaine Goon 574-527-6960

National 4-H Week
October 2-8, 2022

We believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

During this week and all year long, help us celebrate opportunity for ALL kids. More information to come!

The Clover Close-Up Newsletter is the official newsletter for Kosciusko County 4-H. Event dates, deadlines, and other important information is communicated from the Extension Office to Clubs, Committees and Families through the newsletter on a monthly basis. Please be sure to read the newsletter each month in its entirety. Several people missed an important deadline this past year even though all the information was printed in the Clover Close-Up. You can avoid this by staying on top of those dates printed in this newsletter and turning forms in early. The Extension Office may catch mistakes if your forms come in early and there would be time to make corrections.

This is the time to let the Extension Office know how you want to receive the newsletters each month, via email or postal mail. Please email graff8@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340 with your preference.