

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

October 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

Hello, Lake County 4-H Families!

It's here — a brand-new 4-H year! October marks the official start of enrollment, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome both new and returning members into another year of discovery, leadership, and fun. Now is the time to reconnect with your club, and set goals for everything you'd like to achieve in the coming year.

This edition of Clover Connections is packed with information to help you get started, from enrollment details to upcoming events and opportunities. Whether you're continuing with a favorite project or ready to try something new, 4-H is here to support you every step of the way.

Let's kick off the new 4-H year with energy and excitement — the best is yet to come!

JOIN 4-H TODAY

The Lake County 4-H Program welcomes all youth in grades K-12.

Scan the QR code to sign up:



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 10/1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens

Wednesdays 10/1 - 10/8 - 4-H Livestock Skillathon Meeting, 18095 Clay Street,
Hebron, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday, 10/2 - 4-H Horse & Pony Meeting, Extension Office,
6:30pm-8:30pm

Sunday, October 5 - 4-H Kick Off, Extension Office, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, October 7 - 2025 Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Awards Celebration,
Lake County Fairgrounds, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 8 - Purdue Extension Annual Business Meeting, Extension
Office, 4:30pm

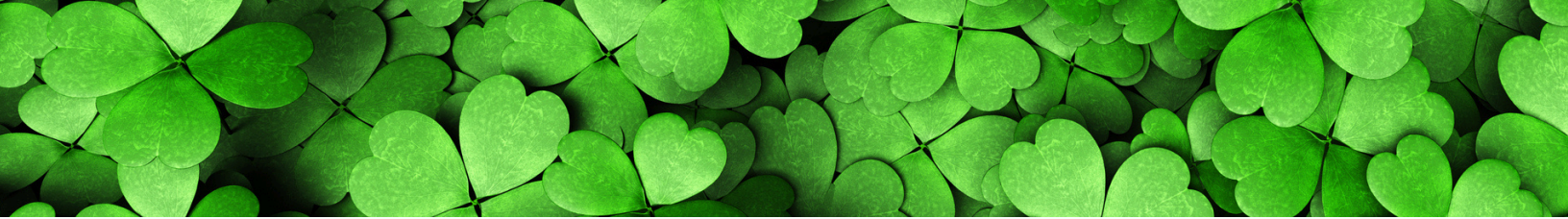
Saturday, 10/11 - State Livestock Skillathon Contest

Thursday, 10/23 - 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office,
6:00pm-7:30pm

PLEASE NOTE!

Make sure you have the dates above are on your calendar! Please note: The
Extension Office will be closed on the following date:

October 13th- Columbus Day



UPCOMING LEADER'S EVENTS

Thursday 10/23 - 4-H County Committee Meeting (Superintendent Elections),
Extension Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday 11/15 - Indiana 4-H Beyond Ready Volunteers Workshop, Jonathan Byrd's
Events and Catering, Carmel, 10:45am-12:00pm

Thursday 11/20 - 4-H County Committee Meeting (Officer Elections),
Extension Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10/1 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting,
Lake County Fairgrounds, 6:00pm

Thursday, 10/2 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 W. 113th Ave,
Dyer, 7:00pm

Friday, 10/3 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave,
Cedar Lake, 4:00pm

Tuesday, 10/7 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Tuesday, 10/7 Shelby Ag Club Meeting, 3606 Belshaw Rd, Lowell, 6:00pm

Thursday, 10/9 Hammond Explorers 4-H Club Meeting - Indoor Trunk or Treat,
5825 Sohl Ave, Hammond, 5:00pm

Saturday, 10/11 St. John Spitfires 4-H Club Fundraiser, 851 Center Ross Rd,
Crown Point, 11:00am



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Sunday, 10/12 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club, Lowell, 2:00pm

Sunday, 10/12 Eagle Creek Up & At'Em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay Street,
Hebron, 4:00pm

Monday, 10/13 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E. 109th Ave,
Crown Point, 7:00pm

Tuesday, 10/14 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 3045 725 W,
Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday, 10/14 Tails & Trails 4-H Club Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave,
Lowell, 6:00pm

Wednesday, 10/15 Hammond Explorers 4-H Club Meeting, 564 State Street,
Hammond, 3:00pm

Wednesday, 10/15 St. John Spitfires 4-H Club Meeting, 1249 Arrowhead Ct,
Crown Point, 5:00pm

Saturday, 10/25 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 3606 Belshaw Rd, Lowell, 5:00pm



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Entomology & Forestry ID Workshop

Tuesday, October 7 & October 21

6:00pm at Jim's Repair Service

- Want to learn about insects throughout their life cycle and expand your forestry knowledge by identifying trees? Join us at Jim's Repair Service located at 11900 Wicker Ave for grades 3-12. You can register at <https://insectforestry10-7-2025.4honline.com> for October 7th workshop. For the October 21st workshop, register at <https://insectforestry10-21-2025.4honline.com>. If you have any questions please contact Lin Wozniowski at lwozniowski@gmail.com.

Entomology & Forestry ID CDE

Tuesday, November 4

- This is the Annual Forestry and Insect ID (CDE) contest. This contest will be held at the Lake County Extension Office, 2293 N. Main Street at Crown Point from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Register at <https://insectforestry11-4-25.4honline.com>. Questions can be emailed to Lin Wozniowski at lwozniowski@gmail.com



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4-H Enrollment (October 1-January 15)

- Enrollment starts October 1st on 4-H Online website <https://v2.4honline.com/>. The enrollment form is how we know who is participating in 4-H and that parents have given permission for youth to participate. It tells us how to reach you, so that the office and 4-H leaders can communicate with you. It also tells us which projects you are interested in, so we can share information about workshops, rule changes, etc. Families can log back in and edit this as needed throughout the year, so please keep your information current.
- If you were enrolled in 4-H last year, do not try to create a new account! Just log in to your existing family profile and update your information as needed. You can reset your password if you have forgotten it.

Indiana 4-H Program Fees

- Payment can be made online by credit/debit card or by submitting a cash or check payment to the Extension Office within ten days of online registration. Please make checks payable to Purdue University.
- There is no fee for Mini 4-H (grades K-2). For members in grades 3-12, the program fee is \$15.00.

Most of our 4-H clubs meet at least once a month. If you don't know when your next club meeting is, please contact your club leader. If you don't know who your club leader is, contact the Extension Office at (219) 755-3240 and we will be happy to help!

What if someone wants to join after January 15th? They are welcome! Returning members and adult volunteers need to re-enroll by January 15th or their records will be archived. No internet access? You are welcome to enroll at the Extension Office. Paper forms are also available.



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Memory Books

- While memories of the past 4-H year are fresh, it's a good time to make and submit a 4-H Memory Book. The guidelines are in the Lake County 4-H Handbook and each 4-H member can complete a book each year that they are members. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to take a look at their goals and achievements of the past year and for future years. It is an organized way to recall and record your many successes and favorite time of the past year. Every participant will receive an activity ribbon if they meet the requirements. The books are due in the Extension Office by November 1.

4-H Kickoff

- We're excited to host the Lake County 4-H Kickoff on Sunday, October 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Purdue Extension Office (2293 N. Main St., Crown Point, IN). This event is a great way for new families to learn what 4-H is all about. As current members, we'd love for you to help spread the word—invite your friends, classmates, and neighbors to come see everything 4-H has to offer! The Kickoff will feature hands-on activities, snacks, and plenty of fun for youth in grades K-12.





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Celebrate National 4-H Week

Show off your 4-H spirit on social media and in your community! Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11, is 4-H Spirit Week—celebrate by wearing green and/or the 4-H clover! On Monday October 6, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Let's paint the nation GREEN! Share your 'Go Green' moment on social media and tag National 4-H, Indiana 4-H, and use: **#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek**

Thursday October 9th, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all the 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference – another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator! Share your '4-H For Good' story on social media, tag others in our 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use: **#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek**

4-H For Good Challenge

- 4-H is teaming up with NBCUniversal and Wicked Movie to celebrate youth who lead with heart and hands. Stay tuned for the #4HForGood Challenge launching Oct. 9 during National 4-H Week!





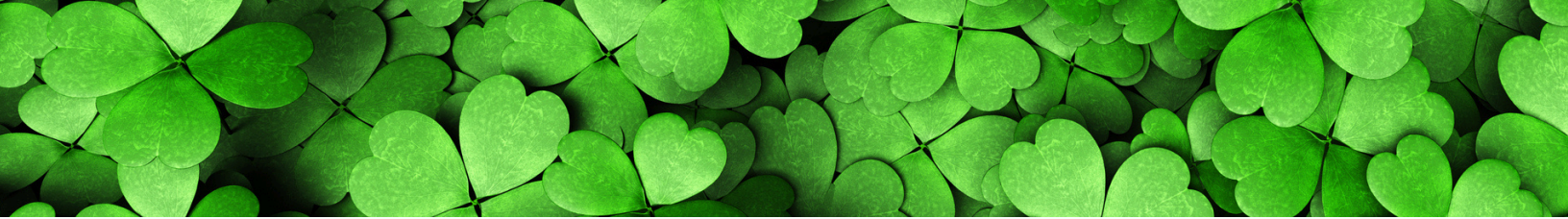
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Casey's Pizza

- From October 1-November 4, Casey's and 4-H are joining forces to strengthen the communities they call home. With more than 2,900 stores across the Midwest and South, and more than 2.5 million active 4-H'ers in those areas, this partnership is helping more young people become Beyond Ready to lead and give back—locally and beyond. October 1-10, you can round up your in-store purchase to donate to 4-H. October 1-November 4, you can add a donation to any order made online or in the Casey's app.

4-H Invention Convention Training

- You're invited to join us for the upcoming Indiana 4-H Invention Convention training on Wednesday, November 5 at the Extension Office. This free professional development opportunity is designed for teachers and 4-H volunteers who want to spark creativity and problem-solving in youth. The workshop will be led by Dr. Danielle Lay, Purdue University. Participants will:
 - Explore the Invention Convention Worldwide curriculum and resources
 - Develop plans to bring invention education into classrooms, 4-H clubs, and youth organizations
 - Learn about opportunities for students to showcase their inventions — including a local 4-H showcase at the Lake County Fair as well as state and national competitions
- Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM CDT
- Location: Extension Office
- Cost: Free (lunch included)
- Register here: <https://in4-hicwnorthwest.4honline.com/> (please register by October 31)

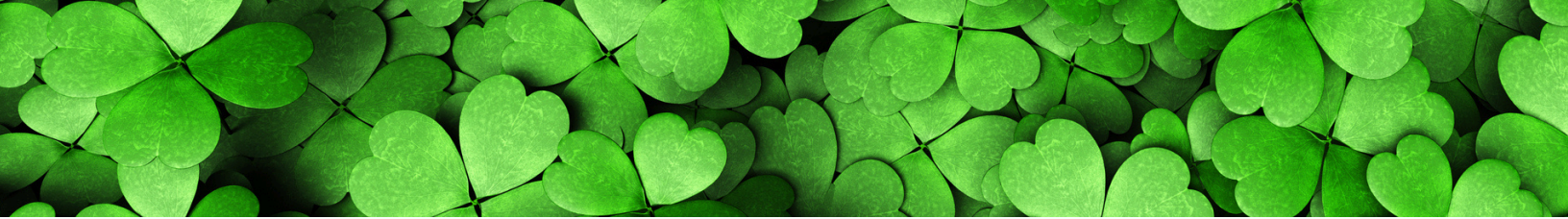


2025-2026 Ambassadors

We are proud to introduce the new group of Lake County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2025-2026 program year! This year's Ambassadors come from eight different clubs and will serve as leaders and representatives for 4-H throughout the county.

- Elaina Berrones
- Abigail Bisig
- Claire Donaldson
- Logan Downs
- Lily Hamilton
- Nathan Jamrosz
- Mikayla Klopp
- Jordan Middlebrook
- Jenna Miller
- Noah Miller
- Annalise Neal
- Garret Neal
- Wilson Orange
- Leah Pozen
- Kacper Rzadkosz
- Sebastian Rzadkosz
- Addison Segert
- Fawwaz Shareef
- Zahrah Shareef
- Katelyn Smith

We congratulate these youth on their achievement and look forward to seeing the leadership, creativity, and teamwork they will bring to Lake County 4-H this year.



New Project

Something NEW is coming to Lake County 4-H!

Get ready to put your creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills to the test... because this year we're adding BRIDGE BUILDING as a brand-new 4-H project!

We can't wait to see what amazing structures our 4-Hers design and build. Details are still being finalized, so stay tuned for more info on how YOU can be part of this exciting new adventure.



If you have any club or project information that you'd like to share in the weekly email, please let 4-H Secretary Roz Adams rdcoleman@purdue.edu know by the 15th day of each month. See the online [Lake County 4-H Calendar](#) at for more upcoming events.

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For special dietary needs please contact Jennifer Haynes or Kasey Wilhoit at least 2 weeks before the event at (219) 755-3240 and jhaynes7@purdue.edu or kwilhoi@purdue.edu.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please please contact Jennifer Haynes or Kasey Wilhoit at least 2 weeks before the event at (219) 755-3240 and jhaynes7@purdue.edu or kwilhoi@purdue.edu.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at bit.ly/48sNJfj. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.