

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in December:

- Enjoy the holidays!

Important Announcements:

All animals must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th and project options should be chosen by then.

All animals and exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry to be shown or exhibited in the 2026 year. We know this is early but it is hard to add exhibitors at check in, it really makes it more difficult on staff and volunteers. Fair Entry deadline will be June 12th.

Be sure you have enrolled in 4-H Online for this program year so that you don't miss any email communications regarding projects and other opportunities!

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Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings

VOLUNTEER RENEWAL/SIGN UP

October is just around the corner and we have sparked creativity, built confidence, and helped grow tomorrow's leaders—and now it's time to do it all again! Re-enroll as a 4-H volunteer and continue your incredible journey of impact, learning, and connection.

🔥 Why Re-Enroll?

- Reignite your passion and purpose with fresh opportunities
- Reconnect with your local 4-H community and fellow changemakers
- Refresh your toolkit with new resources, training, and ideas
- Recommit to making a difference—your presence makes magic happen

✅ Re-Enrollment is Easy! Log into your 4-H Online account to update or confirm your information, complete your trainings, and submit your enrollment. Need help? Do not hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Not sure what to select for your volunteer type? Use the chart below to know your type!

Volunteer <u>Type</u> in 4-H Online:	PROJECT VOLUNTEER	PROGRAM VOLUNTEER	CLUB VOLUNTEER
Volunteer <u>Role</u> in 4-H Online:	Subject Matter/Project Leader	General Program Volunteer	1. Club Organizational Leader 2. Shooting Sports 3. 4-H Affiliate member
<u>For:</u>	Superintendents, committee members, coaches & clinic leaders	Anyone wanting to volunteer in any aspect of 4-H	1. All club leaders, including assistant club leaders or other club helpers. 2. Coordinator, instructor & Associate instructor 3. 4-H Council members

NEW VOLUNTEER	New Volunteer Applicant	New volunteers and any volunteers who were not approved during the previous 4-H year.
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YOU CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOLUNTEER TYPE



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VOLUNTEER BANQUET

We wanted to let you know that the 2025 Volunteer Banquet has been postponed until March. The event will now be held alongside the Purdue Extension – LaPorte County Annual Meeting.

A formal invitation will be sent once the date is finalized, and more details will be shared in early 2026. We look forward to celebrating your hard work and dedication together in the spring!

Thank you for all that you do to make LaPorte County 4-H and Purdue Extension a success.



Junior Leaders is open to 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and provides opportunities for service learning and leadership development. Junior Leaders will meet monthly at 5:30 ahead of our Mini-Monday activities. Junior Leaders will meet to discuss projects and ideas for the year and then stay to help with Mini-Monday station activities.

This is a great opportunity for youth who are looking to be more involved in 4-H activities, and it is also a great way to earn volunteer hours.

To stay up to date on information regarding Junior Leaders, join our remind group:
<https://www.remind.com/join/d6bc2b>

Upcoming meeting dates @ 5:30 in the Small Projects Building: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18. **Additional dates may be added based on projects chosen by Junior Leaders.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

January 17: 9 AM | Tentative **

February 19: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

March 10: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 8: 9 AM and Noon | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 13: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

May 11: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office (ID help will be available

June 1: at 9 AM and Noon

June 8: 6 PM | Small Projects **

FAIR INFORMATION

It is never too early to start planning! 2026 Fair Dates: **July 11th-18th** Stay up to date through their website (<https://lpfair.com/>) or [Facebook!](#)

Approved Black Friday Prices: November 28-December 13

- Season Pass: \$42
- Senior/Child (ages 10-15) Season Pass: \$32
- Family Pass Bundle: \$50
- Includes 8 single-day passes (1 pass = 1 person, 1 day)
- All Gates Parking Pass: \$10
- Admission not included. Free parking lot also available!
- Golf Cart Permit: \$125
- 4-H Family Campground Spot: \$224 (to first of the year)

MINI MONDAYS

We are ready for another year of mini fun! Please save the dates for our Mini Monday events. We will start at 6 PM in the Small Projects Building.

Save the dates:

- January 26 - Recycling
- February 23 - Wearable Art
- March 23 - My Pet & Me: Cat
- April 27 - Garden
- May 18 - Bike Rodeo
- June 29 - Project Judging & Pet Parade
- July 11 to 17 - Fair Week, we will do Mini Graduation again this year for all 2nd graders. You will need to register in Fair Entry for ALL fair activities.



INTERESTED IN BEING A 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR OR CHAPERONE AT

CAMP TANNADOONAH?

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMP COUNSELORS:

- GRADES 7-12
- MUST BE ENROLLED FOR THE 2025/26 4-H YEAR
- ATTEND CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING DAYS (DATES TO BE DETERMINED)

CAMP COUNSELORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FROM JUNE 8TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMP CHAPERONES:

- MUST BE APPROVED VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2025/26 4-H YEAR

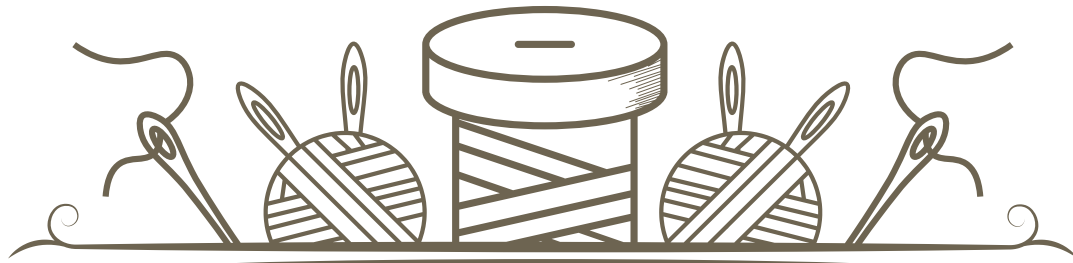
TWO MALE CAMP CHAPERONES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FROM JUNE 8TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2026.

THE 2026 4-H CAMP WILL TAKE PLACE AT CAMP TANNADOONAH IN VANDALIA, MICHIGAN.

APPLY TODAY!

Applications are open now through January 25

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2026 Sewing Dates

January

January 17 and 19

9:00am - 3:00pm

Working on fundraiser bags or next summer's projects.

****Please come in the back door of the extension office****

****All dates for workshops are at the Extension Office.**

For any questions, call Jackie Miller at 219-363-0093

For accommodations or interpreter/translator services,
please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or
laporteces@purdue.edu at least one week prior to the event.



DECEMBER ARCHERY SCHEDULE

11th - 7th Grade Project Discussion 6:00-9:00 Making Bowstrings

13th - Shooting 9:00-12:00

27th - Shooting 9:00-12:00

All meetings will be held at the Small Projects Building.

All participants are invited to the shootings on the 13th and the 27th

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



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2025-2026

GOAT

WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 22, 2026 @ 6PM SMALL PROJECTS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 @ 9:30AM SMALL PROJECTS

WORKSHOP

MARCH 2026 TBD

MAY 2, 2026 @ 8AM SMALL PROJECTS

WORKSHOP

MAY 16, 2026 @ 9AM SHOW ARENA

WORKSHOP

JUNE 13, 2026 @ 10AM SMALL PROJECTS

WORKSHOP

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2026

Rabbit Workshop Day

JANUARY 3, 2026 | 10 AM - 2PM
SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING

Join us for the 2026 Rabbit Workshop Day on January 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Small Projects Building! All counties are welcome to attend this hands-on event. Be sure to RSVP by December 19—those who do not RSVP may still come, but will not receive a nesting box to make during the workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring a rabbit and a carrier. The carrier is not required. Reserve your spot at <https://lpcwinterrabbit26.4honline.com>

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SCAN THE
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REGISTER
[OR CLICK HERE](https://lpcwinterrabbit26.4honline.com)





INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 27-29, 2026

Ages: Grades 7-12



**CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER**

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!

