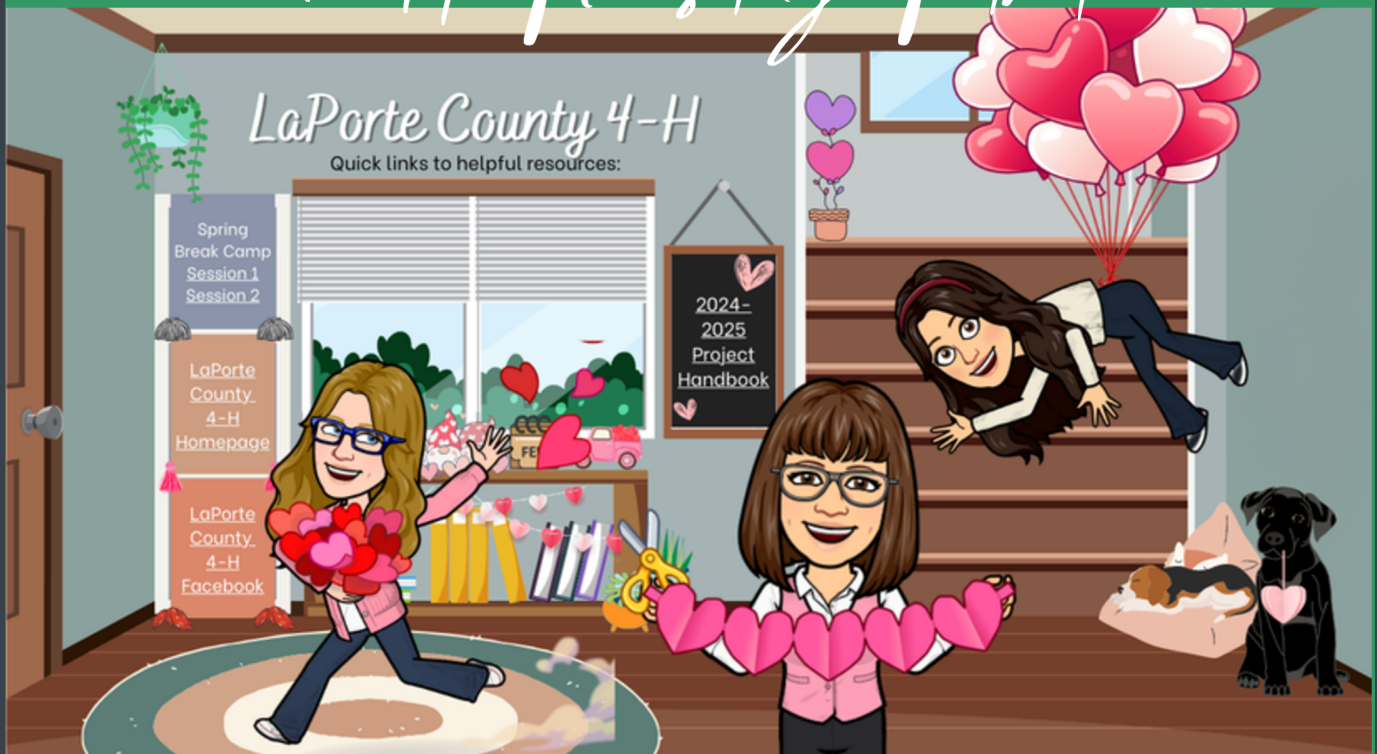


# LAPORTE COUNTY

## 4-H Thursday Tidbit



## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



### Things happening in February:

- February 13th | Poultry Workshop & Horse & Pony Committee Meeting
- February 17th | Extension Office Closed | Robotics Workshop
- February 20th | Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care
- February 21st | Beef Tagging | Appointment Only
- February 22nd | Beef Tagging | 8 AM to 11 AM
- February 22nd | Shooting Sports Workshop | 1 PM to 3PM
- February 24th | Mini Monday

### Save the Dates:

- March 1st | 4-H Booster Club Clover Crop
- March 24-28 & March 31-April 4 | Spring Break Camp
- April 1st | Camp Registration Opens
- April 5th | Workshop-a-Thon
- April 26th | Feeder Calf Tagging | 8 AM to 10 AM
- May 3rd | Sheep, Swine, Goat Tagging
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline

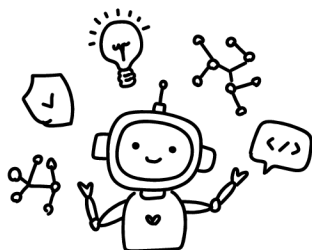
**Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings**

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# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



## ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 7TH & 17TH @ 5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 22ND @ 10:00 AM

SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

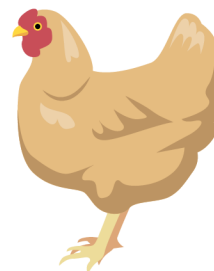
## POULTRY PROJECT KICK OFF WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 13TH @ 6:00 PM

SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

REGISTRATION OPEN IN 4-H ONLINE UNDER EVENTS:

[HTTPS://25POULTRYKICKOFF.4HONLINE.COM](https://25POULTRYKICKOFF.4HONLINE.COM)



All 4-H members and parents are welcome to join us and learn projects guidelines and have the opportunity to have all questions answered!



## SWINE HEALTH & PROJECT UPDATES WORKSHOP

MARCH 6TH @ 5:30 PM

COMMUNITY BUILDING - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

REGISTRATION OPEN IN 4-H ONLINE UNDER EVENTS:

[HTTPS://SWINEHEALTH25LPC.4HONLINE.COM](https://SWINEHEALTH25LPC.4HONLINE.COM)

Discover the latest updates in swine health and learn how they impact the swine project. If you're part of the Vet Science Project, this is a great opportunity to dive deeper into swine care and get inspiration for your project! Don't miss this chance to expand your knowledge and connect with others passionate about animal health!

## SEWING WORKSHOP

MARCH 10TH @ 6:00 PM

EXTENSION OFFICE - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



Join us for a 4-H Sewing Meeting where we'll dive into the exciting workshop calendar and explore the key skills for every sewing level. Whether you're just starting out or tackling advanced projects, this meeting is the perfect chance to connect, learn, and gear up for success in your sewing journey.

# CALENDAR UPDATES FOR CLUBS & PROJECTS

February 9th | Mini Equine | Cancelled  
February 9th |Springfield Hoosier Rebels| Meeting moved to February 16th | 5 PM

## SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

The Shooting Sports Coordinators have been busy trying to work on the logistics and a schedule for the year, we will post the schedules as soon as they are finalized. **Shooting Sports instructors will be hosting a Gun Cleaning Workshop on February 22nd from 1-3pm in the Small Projects Building at the Fairgrounds. Youth do not need to bring anything with them.**

## ARCHERY DATES

All meetings will take place at the Small Projects Building at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Please make sure you are approved in 4-H Online or you will not be able to shoot.

You can find the sign-up page for Archery here: <https://signup.com/go/SVCwHiC>

### **Upcoming Dates**

February 8th: Shoot 9-Noon

February 20th: Project 7th/9th grades 6-9pm

February 22nd: Shoot 9-Noon

March 8th: Shoot 9-Noon

## 4-H ONLINE LIVESTOCK ID

It is never too early to ID your animal in 4-H Online. If you have your animals or you are bringing an animal you brought last year you can enter them in 4-H Online NOW!

Horses, ponies, mini equine, draft horses, and pygmy goats can be reactivated if you plan to bring them to fair again this year. Even if you are not, it never hurts to have extra animals enrolled.

If you have registered animals that do not have to come to tag in day those can be entered now too!

# 2025 FAIR JUDGING

## **Fri., June 27** | Sewing, Fashion Review & Consumer Clothing

Judging for Exhibit Hall projects will follow a hybrid format. What does hybrid judging entail? The day will kick off with project check-in, where 4-H members will drop off their projects at the designated judging table. Once check-in is complete, the building will be closed, and all 4-H members and their families will be asked to exit. Judges will then have approximately 1.5 hours to evaluate the projects. Later in the afternoon, 4-H members will have the chance to meet with the judges for a project review, should they choose to participate.

We are also going to be offering early project drop-off for all projects listed below the week of June 23rd - June 27th from 8:00 to 4:00 PM at the 4-H Exhibit Hall.

**Sat., June 28** | Communications, Foods, Construction & Architectural Replica: Farm Toy Scene, Building Toys & All Other Materials, Child Development, Genealogy, Health, Veterinary Science, Wildlife, Performing Arts Notebooks, Leadership, Soil & Water Science, Weather & Climate Science, Cake Decorating, American Heritage, Electric, Geology, Home Environment, Woodworking, Entomology, Small Engines, Garden, Container Garden, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing

**Monday, June 30** | Arts & Crafts, Fine Arts, Needlecraft, Photography, Beef Education, Cat Education, Computer Science, Dog Education, Draft Horse Education, Horse Education, Llama Education, Rabbit Education, Goat Education, Sheep Education, Swine Education, Dairy Cattle Education, Do Your Own Thing, Bicycle, Beekeeping, Forestry, Aerospace, Collections, Model Craft

[Click here for the complete 2025 Fair Schedule - changes are denoted in Red](#)



# MINI 4-H CORNER

## MINI MONDAY - FEBRUARY

The February 24th Mini Monday will be all about STEM! Both sessions still have openings so make sure to register to join in on the fun!

Registration closes January 14th so we can have a headcount. Follow the link: <https://Februaryminimonday.4honline.com>



## MINI PROJECTS

Need help figuring out what projects you want to do? Check out the **Mini 4-H Handbook**. There has been some changes and adjustments so be sure to look it over!

[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2024\\_2025-mini-4-h-guide1.pdf](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2024_2025-mini-4-h-guide1.pdf)

## MINI LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member (except poultry & rabbits) **AND** find an older 4-H member to work with the day of show.

### **Project Update: Animal Education & Livestock Shows**

If your member plans on participating in the Mini Livestock Shows the week of Fair, we are strongly encouraging Mini 4-H'ers to complete the new Animal Education project for another educational opportunity. Guidelines for that project can be found on page 6 of the LaPorte County Mini 4-H Guide.

# INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

**February 20:** 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

**April 5:** 10 AM | Workshop-a-thon

**April 5:** 1 PM | Workshop-a-thon

**April 14:** 5:30 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

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**May 13:** 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

**June 2:** 6 PM | Small Projects Building

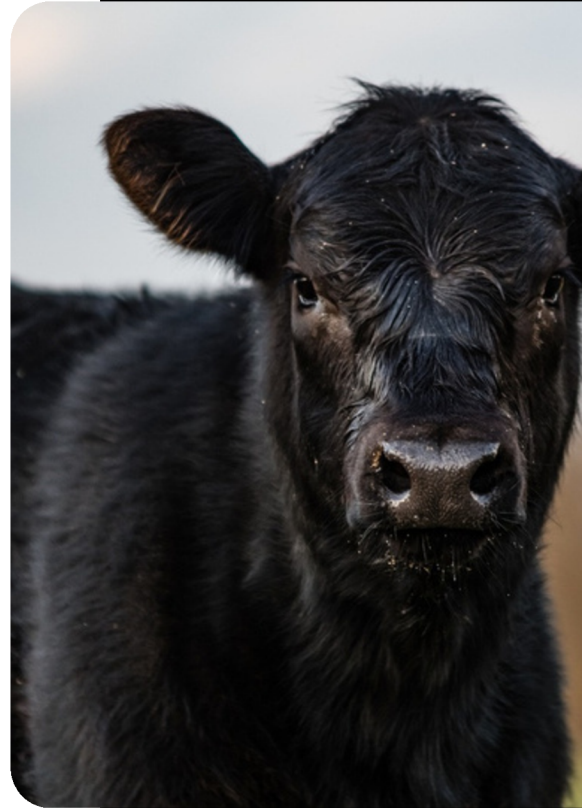


**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care needs to be completed by June 13.** *YQCA can be completely online, we recommend it be completed by June 13.*

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, you will need to log into 4-H Online and find the date you want to register for. If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or visit us at 2857 W. State Road 2, Suite A. LaPorte IN 46350

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Kelsey Guadarrama prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or [ksajdera@purdue.edu](mailto:ksajdera@purdue.edu) at least one week prior to the session you plan on attending.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Kelsey Guadarrama prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or [ksajdera@purdue.edu](mailto:ksajdera@purdue.edu) at least one week prior to the session you plan on attending.





# LAPORTE COUNTY 4-H WORKSHOP-A-THON



**APRIL 5, 2025**

10:00 AM-2:00 PM CST

Location: TBA

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING 4-H'ERS!

Congratulations on a great career with 4-H! We are so glad that you were a part of the LaPorte County 4-H experience. We want to recognize all of your hard work during fair by displaying your biography on our TV wall in the Small Projects Building during Fair Week. Our office asks that you fill out our County 4-H Survey as well as the State 4-H Survey below. Those who complete the State survey before April 1st will receive a commemorative tassel.

We look forward to reading about your experience.

COUNTY SURVEY



STATE SURVEY



# State 4-H Poultry Workshop

Saturday, February 15th, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Community Building

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana

Location: 750 S 200 West Columbus, IN

On Hwy 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65

Go to [www.bartholomewcountyfair.com](http://www.bartholomewcountyfair.com) for directions.

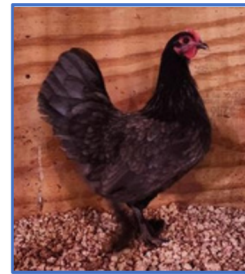


Food and Drinks available for purchase throughout the workshop.

Parents/guardians should plan to attend with their 4-H member(s).



Check-in begins at 9:30, please use the link below to register. For questions or more information contact: Matt John – 812.603.7722 or [mjohn2@ivytech.edu](mailto:mjohn2@ivytech.edu)



## Workshop Topics

Working with Rare Breeds of Poultry

\*Hands on experience for 4-H members – **Do not bring your own poultry**

Getting Started with Exhibition Poultry

Protecting Your Poultry

Parent/Leader/Superintendent Round table discussion

Use the link below to register by Feb. 14th. Registration is required and will help our club plan for food.

<https://20254-HPoultryWksp.4honline.com>





# 2025 Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteers Workshop

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

## **Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex**

Join us for the Annual 4-H Dog Volunteer Workshop! New and seasoned 4-H Dog Project Volunteers, Judges, and Trainers will have the opportunity to enhance their skills and network with each other statewide. If you are a 4-H youth member in grade 8 or above with a passion for volunteerism or judging, you are welcome to attend! However, you must be accompanied by an adult. Register now and enjoy a day of fun, including a catered lunch, a resource folder, and much more. Pitch in desserts are welcome!

### **Agenda**

- Registration: 9-9:50 AM EST Welcome: 9:50-
- 10:00 AM EST Class Rotation 1: 10:00-10:50
- AM EST Class Rotation 2: 11:00- 11:50 AM EST
- Lunch & ISF 4-H Dog Advisory Committee
- Meeting : 11:50- 12:40 AM EST Indiana 4-H
- Rules Review: 12:40-12:50 PM EST Class
- Rotation 3: 1:00-1:50 PM EST Class Rotation 4:
- 2:00-2:50 PM EST Safe Travels Home: 3:00 PM
- EST
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### **Classes to Include**

*If you have interest in teaching an additional topic please contact us.*

- Bringing the Fun Back to Dog Training
- Socialization Skills
- Drill Team- How to Judge it!
- Judging Showmanship with a mock class
- "Need to Know" Policies for New & Experienced 4-H Leaders
- Advanced Obedience
- Agility Piece by Piece

**Registration due by February 19, 2025**

**Cost: \$15 per participant. Payment due at the workshop, cash or check accepted.**

**Register via 4-H Online in the Events Tab at [25dogvolunteer.4honline.com](https://25dogvolunteer.4honline.com)**

*Contact Purdue Extension-Jefferson County for additional questions at (812) 265 8919.*



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