

*Digital Handbooks will be available online starting 12/1/25*

*<https://bit.ly/nobleco4h>*

*Printed Handbooks will be available sometime in January once they return from the printshop.*

*If you have specific questions before then, please contact the Extension office.*

*1 Free printed book per family, additional books are \$6.*

*The Extension Office will be closed:*

*Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day*

*Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving*

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Christmas*

*Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 New Years*

## Upcoming Dates

*(Subject to change if need arises):*

- February 1<sup>st</sup> 4-H Camp Counselor applications due
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Extension Office Conference Room.
  - 14H-QLC 6pm
  - 4-H Leaders Mtg 7pm
- March 29th Graduating Seniors Bios and Photos Due
- April 18th Cattle Tagging & Check IN
  - 7:30am Beef
  - 9am Dairy Steers
- May 8th Sheep/Goat Tagging 5pm-7pm
- May 15th Last Day to Add or Drop a Project
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day for Animal ID in 4HOnline.com
- June 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> 4-H Camp for 3rd-6<sup>th</sup> Grades
- June 13th Nominations due for:
  - 4-H Legacy Award
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Livestock Hall of Fame
- June 15th Mini Camp for K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades
- June 17th Show Ring Set up- Leaders & Livestock Mtg.
- June 18th Pen Set Up- Everyone
- June 26th 14HQCA or YQCA Due for County Fair
- June 29th Fair Entry Due
- July 9th Foods Judging and Foods Auction
- July 10th-11th Static Project Judging
- July 10th Yearly Awards and 10 Year Graduation
- July 11th-17th Noble County 4-H Fair
- July 17th Noble County 4-H Livestock Auction
- July 31st Record of Achievement Due

*Additional dates and times to come.*

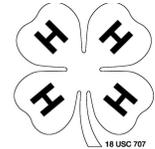


# Enrollment Happening Now!

Go To: <http://4honline.com/>

## To Join Noble County 4-H:

1. Sign up at 4honline.com (or call 260-636-2111)
2. Pick a Township Club
3. Enroll in Projects
4. Check out Project Clubs, Events, Camps, Trips, Workshops and more!
5. Showcase your work at the County Fair in July and win a chance to compete at the Indiana State Fair in August.



## Costs:

- Regular 4-H Grades 3-12 the program fee is \$20
- Mini 4-H Grades k-2 the program fee is \$5

*Assistance maybe available to cover 4-H dues, ask for info in the Extension Office.*

## **Want to donate more to your community but don't have the extra time or cash?**

Don't worry you don't have to break the bank! Did you know you can donate to 4-H by simply doing your regular shopping? 2 local businesses are making it easy to donate to Noble County 4-H! Your local **Kroger** store lets you pick where your charitable donations go to from every transaction that comes down their check-out lane! Simply go online to your **Kroger Card** account and select Noble County 4-H as your donation recipient and every time you shop with your Kroger card, a portion of the transaction will come directly to the Noble County 4-H. **Midwest America Federal Credit Union**, offers a **Noble County 4-H debit card, free of charge!** Any purchases made with your debit card will send a portion of those transactions to your Noble County 4-H program at no charge to you. Stop by their new location at 648 E. North St. in Kendallville for more details.



## **Indiana 4-H Scholarships**

All 4-H scholarship applications and submission instructions are available on the State 4-H website: [extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html](http://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html)



All submissions must be uploaded by members **no later than January 25, 2026**. This includes all 4-H Club, Senior Year, Purdue Horticulture, and Accomplishment scholarships. A member must be in an "Active" status in 4-H Online to submit an application. Please reach with any questions.



*"To make the best better"*

# Noble County 4-H Recap



*"We love the diverse education all year, and celebrating their achievement at the fair is such a great way to highlight their work!"*  
-Noble County 4-H Mom

## 2024-2025 4-H Stats

- 482 youth enrolled in 4-H (396 regular, 86 mini)
- 152 approved Adult volunteers
- 1820 Animals ID'ed
- 3501 Total entries at county fair
- 130 Total entries sent to state fair
- 35 State Fair entries receiving Orange special merit

## Highlights of 2024-2025

- After school STEM Programs
- Homeschool Co-op STEM
- After School 4-H Intro Clubs
- St. Mary's Take over Day
- Rome City School Take over day
- YMCA Camp Robotics
- School Carnivals
- Chef U
- Quality Livestock Care Training
- Junior Master Gardeners
- Fiber Arts
- Junior Leaders Careers Night
- Community Service Projects
- 4-H Project Build Days

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

Let us know what your kids are interested in, we have many programs available just looking for the right audience! Or are you interested in hosting a youth program? Contact the Extension office for more info! 260-636-2111.

# AREA YOUTH PROGRAMS

## FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

### 2025-2026 PROGRAM YEAR

#### COOKIE CAMP NOV 26<sup>TH</sup>



Join us for this 1 day camp at the CLC in Kendallville Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm \$20 per child, will take home cookies and everything provided except lunch.

For more info or to sign up go to:  
<https://culinaryarts.eventcalendarapp.com/kids-cookie-camp>

#### PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS DEC 22ND-23RD



2 Day program at the Extension Office where we will delve into the world of photography. 1-3pm, \$10 per student. Take home a completed 4-H project, all supplies provided Call 260-636-2111 or Email Brandy at [Ande1307@purdue.edu](mailto:Ande1307@purdue.edu)

#### PAINTING 101 DEC 22ND-23RD



Join us for this 2-day workshop on fine arts & painting. All skill levels are welcome, suggested grades 3rd-8<sup>th</sup>. All supplies provided and take home a finished project ready for fair. Annex Extension Office \$10 per student. 9am-11am, Call 260-636-2111 or email Brandy at [Ande1307@purdue.edu](mailto:Ande1307@purdue.edu)

#### FIBER ARTS JAN. 28TH



6-week youth program at Augusta Hills where each week we will delve into the world of sewing and crafting. Suggested for grades 3rd-8<sup>th</sup>. Wednesdays Starting January 28<sup>th</sup>. 1-3pm Cost is \$30 per student. To sign up go to:  
<https://forms.gle/spr5UhEhwKXA4BmD9>

#### FOOD SCIENCE



3 Day youth program at Augusta Hills where each week we will delve into the world of Food and Nutrition! Welcome to all skill levels but suggested for grades 3-8. April 15, 22, 29, 1:00-3:00 PM Cost: \$30 per student Sign up at:  
<https://forms.gle/eDnPtMrAUjaiSDqw8>

#### BBQ FOODS



2-night youth program at Augusta Hills tasting the world of BBQ cooking! Welcome to all skill levels but suggested for grades 3rd-8<sup>th</sup>. April 27 & 28, 6-8 PM Cost: \$30 per student Sign up at:  
<https://forms.gle/eDnPtMrAUjaiSDqw8>

#### MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Make sure to follow us on social media and sign up at [4HOnline.com](https://4HOnline.com) to stay up to date on the upcoming programs and classes.

If you have interest in hosting a program at your location or for your group or club contact the Extension office, we would love to meet with you and expand our program area.



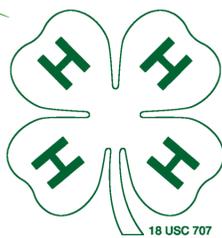
For More info or Sign ups Check us out on Facebook or Contact the Extension Office

# CHALLENGE YOURSELF

2026 is the perfect year to try something new! We would like to encourage all our Noble County 4-H'ers to try a new project this year. Challenge yourself and try doing a project you have never done before. We would love to help you get started and many mentors are available to help you along the way. Contact the Extension office for help!

**PROJECTS INCLUDE:**  
LIVESTOCK, FAMILY PETS  
ARCHERY, AIR RIFFLE  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
ATV & OUTDOOR SPORTS  
COOKING, BBQ,  
FOOD PRESERVATION  
CAKE DECORATING  
SMALL APPLIANCE COOKING  
BIKES, CREATIVE WRITING  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
HOME ENVIRONMENT  
COMPUTERS,  
ELECTRONICS & STEM  
SEWING & FASHION  
ENTOMOLOGY, GARDENING  
GEOLOGY, GENEALOGY  
ENGINES, PHOTOGRAPHY  
FISHING, WEATHER  
WILDLIFE, WOOD SCIENCE  
& SO MUCH MORE...

***"CURIOSITY IS THE ENGINE OF ACHIEVEMENT!" - KEN ROBINSON***



## Youth Garden Workshops

The Noble County Master Gardeners are hosting gardening workshops!  
These workshops are for anyone in the community in grade K to 12.

**March 17:** 6-7:30 pm - CLC, 401 E Diamond St Kendallville, IN

Winter sowing, seed selection & garden design, houseplant propagation, broom corn craft

**April 21:** Local Green House Tour TBD @ 6 PM

**May 19:** 6-7:30 pm, Dekko Rm, South Complex, 2090 N St. Rd. 9, Albion

Learn to exhibit produce at the fair, container gardening, & home fertilizers



## **VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE:**

- **All adult volunteers** must re-enroll in 4HOnline and have approved background checks before attending any 4-H meeting, events or working with 4-H'ers. If you need assistance enrolling, please contact the Extension office. Only approved volunteers will be listed in handbooks and publications.
- **2025 tax documents** are due to Noelle by February 9th, 2026.
- **All 4-H Club Banking Monthly Statements** must be mailed to the Extension Office each month. We will have a confidential mailbox for your club treasurers to access but they must come here first. You can have you bank mail them directly if you prefer. Attn: Purdue Extension 4-H 109 N. York St. Albion IN 46701.
- Club Leaders, you must have a **separate president and treasurer** and minimum of 2 unrelated leaders on the committee and financials. Contact Matt Dice for more info.
- Clubs and Townships- Please turn in your **2026 Meeting dates** to the office ASAP so we can share with the public. Email Mcdon197@purdue.edu
- **Fair Board has open seats** for 4-H Townships that need to be filled, if you are interested in joining, please contact Noelle in the Extension office Ngaerte@purdue.edu.
- If you have a fund raiser or event please send the info to Brandy at Ande1307@purdue.edu so we can help advertise it for you. Contact the Extension office for help with **Marketing Materials**. *Reminder- Use of the 4-H Logo is a federally protected item and we need to make sure we are following branding rules.*
- The Fair board office is separate from the Extension Office. **We do not handle their rentals or camping info.** To rent a space at the Fair Grounds contact 260-347-0666 for all other Fair Board related questions contact 260-318-7301
- Please report all social media accounts and communication accounts your clubs are using to Brandy at Ande1307@purdue.edu.

# Message from 4-H Educator:

4-H Club Leaders,

Thank you for everything you have done to make 2025 a successful year for 4-H. We had over 3500 projects exhibited at fair, 1820 animals exhibited, with 482 youth exhibiting a project. Your clubs, educational programs, and recruitment are truly helping to raise our kids & community in a positive light.

As we look forward towards the future, we encourage you to reach out to the extension office for anything you may need.

I would like to offer some general 4-H fun events during the fair. **Things like Farmer Ninja Warrior Course and Mini Golf Championships.** If you or someone you know would be interested in helping organize one of these events, please let me know, we can talk.

A few reminders, Make sure volunteer enrollment is done before any interactions with youth. New 4-H year started Oct 1.

People that serve on bank accounts or help in other ways should also have the volunteer training in 4honline completed.

We need to make sure that 2 unrelated & approved volunteers are on bank accounts. People that served in the past and unwilling to do the 4h volunteer paperwork need to be taken off the accounts. I highly suggest 3-4 parents of kids be on all bank accounts. I do request that the statements be sent to the 4-H office, it becomes easier to file taxes if we get copies.

Send us your dates, send us your news, we would like to put them in our newsletters.

*4-H Enrollment is open, so get the word out!*

Reach out if you have any questions or feedback.

Matt Dice,  
Purdue Extension – Noble County 4-H Educator  
County Extension Director



Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development





**NOBLE COUNTY 4-H**

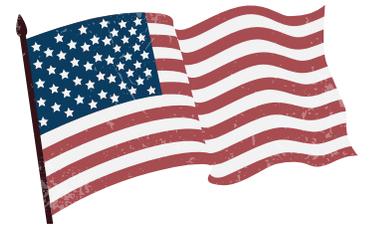
**2026**

*Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of America!*

**THIS YEAR WE ARE JOINING IN  
WITH OUR GREAT NATION TO  
CELEBRATE THE 250<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY OF AMERICA  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE  
THIS THEME IN YOUR CLUB AND  
EVENTS WHERE POSSIBLE**

## **The Founding of America & 4-H**

- 1776: The Declaration of Independence is adopted, declaring the United States as an independent nation.
- 1855 First Noble County Fair Held in Ligonier
- 1883 Kendallville Fair Grounds Established
- 1902: 4-H Youth Organization Founded
- 1914: The Cooperative Extension Service System of the U.S Department of Agriculture was founded
- 1924: 4-H Logo Patented
- 1948: The 4-H logo became federally recognized when Congress passed the law in 1948, which established Title 18 U.S.C. 707 to protect the 4-H name and emblem.



**2026: The 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of America!**

*\*\*Make sure to learn these dates and events.... you never know when they might turn up....*



The Noble County Junior leaders are an elite team of 4-H'ers who desire to go above and beyond in their 4-H experiences. They take on more leadership roles at 4-H events and help with fundraising for special project for Noble County 4-H. To learn more or sign up, contact the Extension office or go to our website [Extension.purdue.edu/noble](http://Extension.purdue.edu/noble)



### **CALL OUT MEETING**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Extension Office- Annex**

Help us plan the

**Junior Leader 2026 calendar!**

**DINNER PROVIDED!!**

### **Other Upcoming Dates**

**February 12th 6 pm**

- Extension Office
- Office Elections, Shirt Voting

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Service Night**

- Location based on service project

**April 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm 4-H Park**

- Flower Form Pick up,

**May Flower Sales 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 4-H Park**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Mini Camp at Fair Grounds**

*\*Dates are tentative and subject to change as needs arise.*



# **4-H Camp Counselors Needed!!!**

Interested in being a counselor at this summer's 4-H camp? This is available to grades 9-12, but 8th graders may be considered if there is a shortage of counselors.

Now is the time to apply!

**Applications are due February 1, 2025.**

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your leadership skills in working with younger youth and planning fun adventures for them, while working along with your peers.

**4-H Summer camp will be June 3rd-5th for grades 3rd-6<sup>th</sup>.**

Applications on our website at:

**<https://bit.ly/4HCampCounselorApplication>**



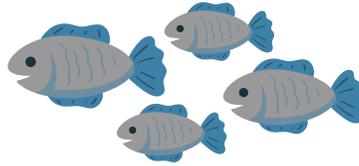
# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Noble County 4-H Fishing Club Tournament



Rank	Fishing Club	Inches
1	Ethan Pippenger	132.5
2	Garrett Winget	99
3	Colt McComb	95
4	Brock Targgart	94
5	Everett McClellan	90
6	Benton Flaherty	82.75
7	Charlie Galligher	72.25
8	Cutter Lawson	69.75
9	Brodey Dice	68.25
10	Maison Galligher	67.75
11	Chase Perlich	66
12	Waylon Lawson	60.5
13	Josiah Kline	58
14	Collin Anderson	57
15	Byron Kimmel	49
16	Charlie Gierscher	49
17	Creed Dice	48.75
18	Emmett Tuttle	43
19	Hendryx Dice	35
20	Andy Hendrix	18.5

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

- GENE STRATTON PORTER
- DAN & DENISE HOLBROOK
- YARDE VET
- C&A TOOL



FOR LETTING US FISH THEIR PROPERTIES.



*Congratulations to our Tournament Winner Ethan Pippenger who received his award at the joint county achievement night*



*Interested in starting a club or hosting a competition? We would love to see more project clubs and events throughout the year. Contact Matt Dice for more information.*

# Joint 4-H Achievement Night!

Green Twp Aggies



Junior Leaders



Jefferson Twp



Archery Club



Wayne Twp



York Twp



Extension office Hosted Price is Right style games with lots of Prizes!!





Green Twp Helping  
Hands Achievement  
Dinner



Noble Twp Achievement  
Dinner and Pumpkin  
Carving



Send us your pictures! We want to  
share your events!  
Email Brandy at [Ande1307@purdue.edu](mailto:Ande1307@purdue.edu)



# Noble County 4-H Fair Awards Night 2026

Now accepting Nominations for:

Volunteer Of The Year and  
Noble County 4-H Legacy

**CHOSEN BY YOU!**



*Nominations submitted to Brandy*

*Ande1307@purdue.edu by June 12th, 2026*

*Forms on our website: <https://bit.ly/nobleco4h>*

*or contact the office for form. (We can not fill out for you)*

Noble County 4-H Fair awards night will be Friday July 10th at 6pm.

We will be honoring 10 year & Graduating members, as well as Volunteer of the Year and Legacy Award winners. If you have any other awards, you would like us to announce please let contact Brandy.

## **Noble County 4-H Volunteer of the Year:**

This is your chance to brag about all the great volunteers! Send us your nominations for Volunteer of the year. Award requirements:

- Must be current, approved, active volunteer
- Must be Noble County resident
- Must not be a past winner

## **Noble County 4-H LEGACY Award:**

Tell us someone you think has left a Legacy in Noble County 4-H. Award requirements:

- Must have minimum of 10 years of Noble County 4-H volunteer work
- Must be resident of Noble County during 2026 Fair
- Has made a positive impact on the youth of Noble County 4-H

Once nominations are collected, voting will be open to the 4-H Community. It will be up to you to decide who is the best of the best! Get you nominations in by filling out the form on <https://bit.ly/nobleco4h> and emailing to Brandy at Ande1307@purdue.edu by June 13th at 4pm.



**Noble County 4-H Livestock Hall of Fame** will be presented during Round Robin at the county fair. We will be honoring a person or couple who has raised top quality livestock in Noble County while participating in Noble County 4-H and enriching the livestock program through their expertise.

Once nominations are collected, decision will be made by the livestock award committee. Get your nominations in by filling out the form on <https://bit.ly/nobleco4h> and emailing to Brandy at Ande1307@purdue.edu by June 12th at 4pm.



# Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp @ Epworth Forest

4-H Camp takes place during the first weeks of June every year and thanks to generosity from the Noble County Exhibit Corp, a portion of the Camp dues are covered. Ask the Extension Office for more info!

Campers are grades 5-6 and camp counselors are chosen out of a pool of 4-H High Schoolers, adult volunteers and County Educators. Campers stay overnight in cabin's at Epworth Forest for 4 days and experience a wide variety of activities, educational events and meeting new friends.



## 4-H Round Up & Academy: June

4-H Round-Up and Academy are exciting opportunities offered to our 4-H'ers. Youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9 have "Round-up" and Highschoolers have Academy. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for them at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own. Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to register. Registration and all forms will be completed through 4-H Online.



## Noble County Extension Homemakers

Extension Homemakers  
Organized in 1919  
[ieha-families.org](http://ieha-families.org)

Noble County Extension Homemakers would like to invite the parents and Grandparents of 4-H'ers as well as any graduating members to join our club! Noble County has four Extension Homemaker clubs with 50 members. Their mission is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support. With a wide range of interest and community involvement there is something for everyone to get involved with. For more info contact Abigail Creigh or Brandy Anderson in the Extension Office. 260-636-2111.

### EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' CREED

*We believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, in everything that makes life large and lovely, in the divine joy of living and helping others.*

*And so we endeavor to pass on to others that which has benefitted us, striving to go onward and upward, reaching the pinnacle of economic perfection, in improving, enlarging and endearing the greatest institution in the world - THE HOME.*

*Mrs. W. C. Horne, Hendricks County, 1930*

### EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' PLEDGE

*To maintain the highest ideals of home life; to count children the most important crops; to so mother them that their bodies may be sound, their minds clear, their spirits happy, their characters generous; to place service above comfort; to let loyalty to high purpose silence discordant notes; to let neighborliness supplant hatred; to be discouraged never; to lose self in generous enthusiasms; to believe one's community may become the best of communities; and to cooperate with others for the common end of a more abundant home and community life.*

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Noble County Extension Educators are available.  
If you can't reach us, feel free to email!

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