

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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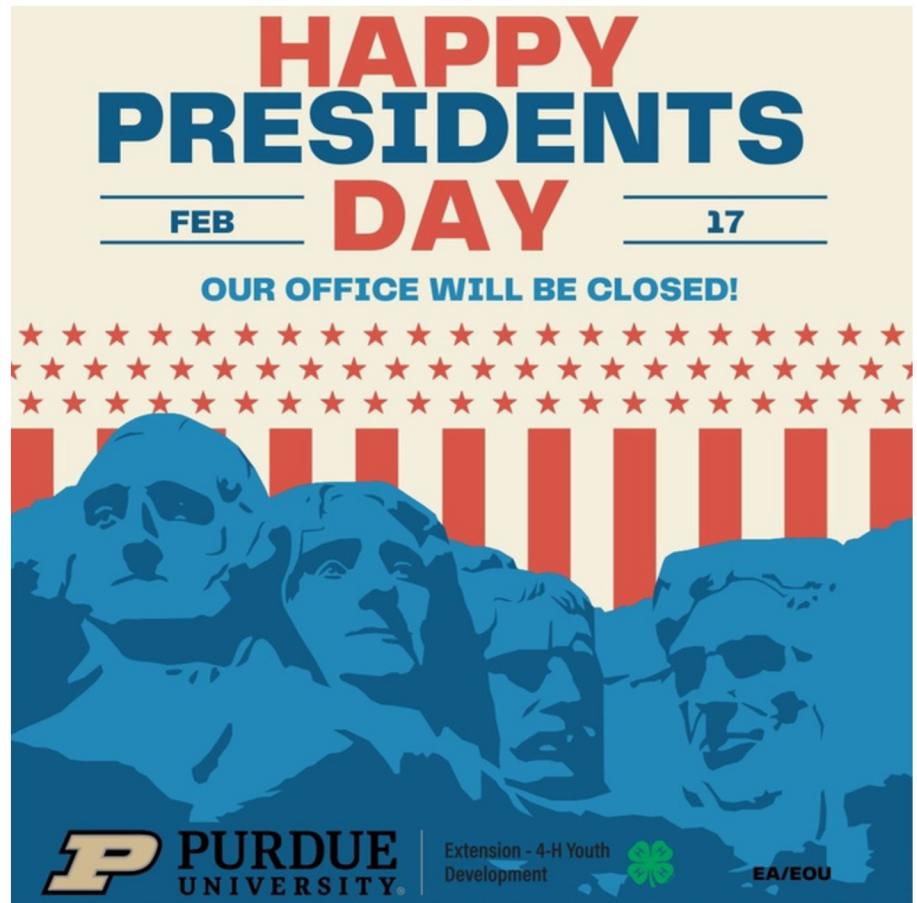
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Calendar of Events



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2 4:00 Pierceville Haypals Meeting 5:00 4-H Pioneers Meeting	3 7:00 County Bees Meeting 4-H Camp Registration Open!	4 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Mtg	5	6	7	8
9 2:00 Napoleon Country Club Meeting	10 7:00 Morris Shamrocks Mtg 7:00 Faithful Workers Meeting	11 4-H Camp Registration opens Grades 3-7 1:00 Extension Homemakers Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 2:00 Shooting Sports Meeting	17 7:00 Hopewell Cloverbees Meeting OFFICE CLOSED	18	19 6:00 Junior Leader Meeting	20	21	22
23 1:00 Dream Seekers Meeting	24 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	25 6:30 Tractor Meeting	26	27	28 Registration due for 4-H Volunteer Conference	-

Can you find the four H's hidden in the newsletter?



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

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Club Meeting Resources:

Song: Hokey Pokey

Repeat after me song

Hey, hey bo-diddly bop I wish I was back on the block

With a (insert object) in my hand I would be a (insert person)

A (list all persons mentioned) That's who we are.

Pizza – Pizza man

Book – Librarian

Tofu – Vegetarian

Jungle Vine – Tarzan

Basketball – Michael Jordan

Soccer Ball – Mia Hamm

Light Saber – Young Anakin

Health & Safety

Staying Hydrated:

It's important to drink lots of water throughout the day to stay hydrated and healthy. Every cell in our body needs water. So how much water should I be drinking you may ask? The Mayo Clinic suggests that adult women drink 11.5 cups of water per day while adult men should drink 15.5 cups of water per day.

Here are some tips for upping your water game:

- Flavor it! Add fruit to your water for a delicious taste.
- Tie it into a routine! Drink a glass of water each time you brush your teeth, eat a meal, or go to the bathroom.
- Track it! You can set a goal and keep track of how much water you drink each day to help you reach it.
- Start a challenge! Challenge a friend or family member to see who can meet their water consumption goal.
- Alternate your drinks! If you are trying to cut back on other drinks, alternate each soda with a water or each juice with a water.

Resource: Tips for drinking more water by the Mayo Clinic Wednesday, August 16, 2023



Food for Thought

“You have to be authentic, you have to be true, and you have to believe in your heart.”

– Howard Schultz.



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Enrollment is Open!

4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year is still open. Please enroll as soon as possible, as you must be enrolled to sign up for events, camps, etc. On January 15, we began only sending information to those who have enrolled for the new program year.

Once again we will be utilizing 4-H Online as our enrollment platform. You can access your account by visiting v2.4honline.com

If you need further assistance please give us a call or stop by the office, we are happy to help. 812-689-6511 or 525 W Beech St Osgood, IN 47037.



4-H Online Help Guides:

Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **RETURNING** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-returning-youth-member.pdf



Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **NEW** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-new-youth-member-1.pdf



Beef ID Day

4-H members who enrolled in the beef project on 4-H Online will be receiving a letter with additional Beef ID day information in the mail. Be on the lookout! If you have decided to show beef but did not previously sign up online please contact the extension office.

BEEF ID DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

9-11AM

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

5-6PM

*If you are planning to come on Friday evening, please let the office know by calling 812-689-6511.



***Deadline to have animals enrolled on 4-H Online is May 15, 2025.**



100% Completion T-Shirt design contest!

Every Ripley County 4-H member has the chance to design the 2025 4-H Completion T-shirt! Designs must be submitted by March 15, 2025. Call the Ripley County Extension office at 812-689-6511 with any additional questions!



T-shirt design guidelines:

- Completed in black ink (regular pencil does not scan well) on white 8 1/2 X 11 unlined paper
- Your original artwork! (Any potential copyright infringements cannot be considered)
- In some way state 100% completion of projects and represent Ripley County 4-H
- Must include the original copyrighted 4-H Logo
- Please put your name and shirt color choice on the back of your artwork!
- Artwork must be done by an approved Ripley County 4-H member

EA/EOU



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2025 4-H Tractor Schedule



February 25th - 6:30PM

@ Ripley County Extension Office

June 21st - 9:00AM Fun Day and driving practice

@ Ripley County Fairgrounds

June 28th - 7:30AM County Tractor Contest

@ Ripley County Fairgrounds

July 26th - TBD - Area Contest

Call the Extension office at 812-689-6511 or a Tractor leader with questions.



4-H Project Volunteers

NEEDED



- Aerospace
- Animal Education
- Cake Decorating
- Collections
- Computer Science
- Construction & Architectural Replica
- Consumer Clothing
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Garden



- Giftwrapping
- Home Environment
- Leadership
- Llama & Alpaca Craft
- Recycling
- Soil & Water Science
- Veterinary Science
- Weather & Climate
- Wearable Art
- Weeds
- Wildlife
- Woodworking



Ripley County 4-H is always welcoming new volunteers! If you have any question or are interested in starting the process of becoming a new volunteer, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H program would not be such a success without the help of all our wonderful 4-H volunteers!

RIPLEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



WE'RE HIRING

2025 SUMMER INTERN



The Ripley County Extension office is looking for college students who (preferably) have 4-H experience and are looking for summer work. You will gain valuable experience with administration, clerical skills, organizational management, and get to learn more about the 4-H program! *Must be EARN eligible. Contact the Extension Office with questions.

Go to www.workandlearnindiana.com and create an account to see if you are EARN eligible.





2025 Ripley County 4-H Fair

Dates: July 20th - July 26th

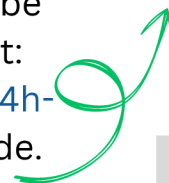
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4-H Handbook Available

The 2025 Ripley County Handbook will be available to pick up at the office by February 15th. A digital copy can be requested by emailing bsarring@purdue.edu and will also be available on our Ripley County 4-H website at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/4h-ripley-county.html> or by scanning the QR code.

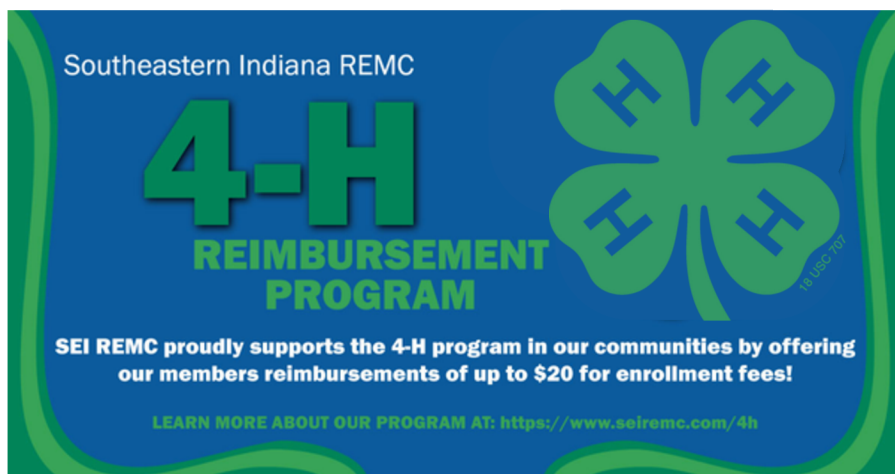


Poster Boards and Plastic Sleeves

Unfortunately the price of poster boards have gone up for this year. Effective November 1st, poster boards will be \$5 each, sleeves will still be \$2 each, or a set will be \$7.

REMC Reimbursement

If you're a 4-H member and your electric provider is Southeastern Indiana REMC, be sure to visit www.seiremc.com/4h to get your 4-H enrollment fee reimbursed!



CPA Wanted

The Ripley County 4-H Corporation Board is in search of a CPA to conduct an audit and review of our accounts. If you or someone you know is interested in assisting with this, please contact the extension office at 812-689-6511.

Ripley County Extension Board

The Ripley County Extension board will have 4 open positions starting in November. If you are interested or have any questions about the Extension Board please contact Dave Osborne, osbornda@purdue.edu, or call the office at 812-689-6511. Open positions include Brown Township, Center Township, Shelby Township and an At - Large position.

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RIPLEY WRANGLERS 2025 CLUB CALENDAR

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.
Watch Facebook, Remind and come to meetings to get the latest info!



February 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING Extension Office Information distributed concerning Vaccine Clinic, explanation of Club Folder Paperwork, Pass out Achievement Award Sweatshirts and Discussion over 1st Place Awards for Fair. **Demonstrations:** Rylee Mitchell, Hadley Carfield, Bella Shaver and Ashtyn Peelman (Originally Scheduled for January Adalyn Placke, Chesney Placke, Maddie Miller and Maddie Menchhofer)

March 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING Extension Office **Demonstrations:** Hadley Wagner, Kinley Menchhofer and Sydney Finney

April 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Vaccine Clinic: Dr. Kelli Cobler will be at the meeting to administer Vaccines needed to show at fair, to all who are interested. Please get a Vaccine Form from leaders to turn in before the clinic to participate! **Demonstrations:**

May 3-4, 2025 OR May 10-11, 2025 SHOW CLINIC/OVERNIGHT LOCK IN Horse Barn and Arena at the Fairgrounds: Details to come.

May 6, 2025- CLUB MEETING **Work Detail**, Stall/Barn Clean Up, 1st of 3 Safety Meetings, Barn Prep and Clean Work Detail **Demonstrations:**

May 23, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 4-7pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 3, 2025- CLUB MEETING 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 1 4-H Prep, STALL RESERVATION, STALL FEES AND FAIR SHOWBILL DUE! **Demonstrations:**

June 9, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 28, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 10-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Pre-Fair Meeting: ENCOURAGED to ATTEND!! Last of 3 Safety Meetings, Fair Week Prep and Job Duty Sign Up. **Demonstrations:**

July 7, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 12, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 9am-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 18-25, 2025- RIPLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR Horses are at the Fairgrounds starting Friday July 18th evening through Friday July 25th.

~ IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON SHOWING A HORSE/PONY AT THE FAIR AND HAVE NOT BEEN TO A MEETING WITH THE WRANGLERS: Please plan on coming to a meeting this Spring to get information and details about the week of Fair!

Feel free to reach out with any questions to the Club Superintendent/Leaders:
Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015 or Sarah Young (812)212.1405

2024-2025 Shooting Sports Schedule

Date	Location	Time	
Feb. 16, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Mar. 9, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Apr. 6, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
May 18, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Jun. 8, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns

Contest and Family Fun Day: July 12th, 2025
Time: Noon-4pm @ Coon Hunters Lodge

Shooting Sports Leaders

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2024 Animal Dates

Animal	ID Day	4-H Online Due	Check-In	Show	Release
Poultry	None	None	Saturday, July 19, 2025 2pm – 5pm	Sunday, July 20, 2025 3pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Beef Set-Up will be Friday, March 7 @ 5pm	Saturday, March 8, 2025 9am - 11am (Beef Feeders: May 3, 2025 8-11am)	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy Feeder	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 11am (or following Dairy)	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Goats	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Thursday, July 24, 2025 Dairy- 9am Meat- 1pm Pygmy- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Llama & Alpaca	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Horse & Pony	None	May 15, 2025 	Friday, July 18, 2025 6pm-8pm	See H&P Leaders	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Pocket Pets	None	May 15, 2025 (Form w/ Picture must be turned into Office.)	At Show	Saturday, July 12, 2025 2pm	After Show
Rabbit	All Rabbits: Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am Meat Pen Only: Friday, July 11, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 pm	May 15, 2025 (for adult rabbits, meat pen due after July ID day)	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Sheep	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 6pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Swine	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2024 6am – 2pm Barrow weigh in Tues, July 22, 2025 8am-10am	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 Gilt- 1pm Barrow- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Cat	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Monday, July 21, 2025 3pm	After Show
Dog	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Saturday, June 14, 2025 12pm	After Show

Barn Set-Up will be Saturday, July 12, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

Clean Up will be Saturday, July 26, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

*Non-Auction animals can leave Friday, July 25, 2025 at 7:00am – 10:00AM OR after 8:00PM.

No animals can leave between 10AM-8:00PM

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Area 1 4-H Opportunities



Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

4-H Volunteer Conference



March 8, 2025 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am Thrive Session

11 am First Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.

12 noon Catered Lunch

1 pm Second Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.



 **Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 28th** v2.4honline.com

First Session Options

4-H Camps & State Fair

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level.

Engaging 4-H Club Meetings

Play games, learn Parli and get ideas you can bring back to your club meetings.

Area Fair Board Roundtable

Collaborate with area board members to publicize events and share best practices.

Second Session Options

A Year of Club Meetings

Use a template provided in this workshop to schedule your year of club meetings with suggestions for learning, guest speakers, community service and fun.

Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

4-H Judges Panel

Talk with frequently hired 4-H judges about what they are looking for in the exhibit hall and how standards compare to state fair.

This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers Call (812) 689-6511 or email bdwenger@purdue.edu with questions



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State 4-H Opportunities

Hosted by:
Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

Life Lessons

Some Topics Include:

- Budgeting/Finances ●
- Home Care ●
- Self Care ●
- Auto Care ●

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAYS JANUARY 14-MARCH 4

7-8 P.M. ET/6-7 P.M. CT

ZOOM AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Register via 4-H Online! Opens end of November.
Questions? Contact local Purdue Extension office.

Extension - 4-H Youth Development

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 28-30
Ages: Grades 7th-12th

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!

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: 9:50-10:00 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

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

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

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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 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

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>

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Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing:

The two-day Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing program is a great skill builder for the beginner or intermediate grant writer. Whatever your skill level, come with an idea and be ready to write. At the end of Day One, you will have a proposal outline and all of the resources you need to expand your outline into a full proposal.

Return on Day Two with your full proposal, and we will put you into the role of a reviewer, teach you strategies for finding funding, and provide you with an opportunity to polish your proposal and send it in for a strong professional review.

When: Tuesday, February 25, and Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Eastern

Where: Purdue Extension Bartholomew County, 783 S Marr Road, Columbus, IN 47201

Cost: The workshop is \$225.00, which includes all materials and lunch on both days.

Registration: For information on TCTAC sponsorship, contact Kayla Wright at knwright@purdue.edu. To register, please visit <https://cvent.me/d5dAx3>. Please register by February 18, 2025.

A limited number of full registration sponsorships have been made available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who are working on environmental-related projects and planning to submit a TCTAC Intake Form.

Whether your project is big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently.

NOTE: If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact Cora Reinbolt at 812-379-1665 or carter34@purdue.edu prior to the workshop.

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Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing

Build skills in writing grants for your organization. Whether big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently

Two Day Program 9 am – 4:30 pm
Day 1: February 25, 2025
Day 2: March 25, 2025

> REGISTER NOW

<https://cvent.me/d5dAx3>

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Family Dinner Projects:

Purdue Extension is partnering with The Family Dinner Project to help bring awareness to the importance of family dinners for youth development. Frequently having dinner as a family can be very important at all ages. Check out this list of benefits that family dinners have on youth:

Below you will find fun conversation starters or games you can use at your next family dinner!

If you would like more information or more resources reach out to Baylee Dwenger by email or phone:
812-689-6511
bdwenger@purdue.edu

Benefits of Family Dinner:

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Conversation at the dinner table is even better than reading to children in boosting their vocabulary, and helping them to read.

Kids who start eating dinners now are less likely to be overweight later.

New parents who develop a dinnertime ritual feel more satisfied with marriages.

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Strong link between family dinners and academic performance, even stronger than doing homework, sports, or art.

Increased intake of fruits, vegetables and micronutrients, and fewer fried foods, trans fats and sodas.

Children feel more connected to siblings and parents.

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Teens who eat regular family dinners are more likely to get A's in school.

Reduces high risk teenage behaviors like smoking, substance abuse, eating disorders, teenage pregnancy and violence.

Reduces depression and anxiety and increases self-esteem.

Opportunity to check in with kids to find out how they're doing.

Dinner Time Conversation Starters:



CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one thing you are waiting for, or looking forward to, right now?



CONVERSATION STARTER

How can you tell when somebody loves you?



CONVERSATION STARTER

If you could, would you eat ice cream for every meal?



BIOSECURITY BASICS FOR BACKYARD AND SMALL FLOCK POULTRY

Authors: Torey Fischer, Geoff Lossie, DVM and Darrin Karcher, PhD



Biosecurity includes a variety of procedures that can protect both you and your animals from disease and is an important consideration to ensure the health of your livestock. With the recent outbreak of high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), poultry practitioners should take extra precautions and reevaluate their biosecurity. Numerous reports of backyard and small flocks infected with the HPAI virus have occurred. Everyone must do their part to ensure their flock's safety and protect others' poultry enterprises.

THREE MAIN COMPONENTS OF BIOSECURITY

- Isolation – keep your birds away from wildlife (wild birds and other animals)
- Traffic Control – limit people that visit your flock
- Sanitation – keep your equipment and buildings clean



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK?

ANIMALS (ISOLATION)

- Don't let dogs or cats in with your flock
- Keep wild birds and wildlife away from your birds
- Remove dead birds quickly
- Quarantine all new birds at least 21 days before mixing them with your current birds



PEOPLE (TRAFFIC CONTROL)

- Shower and change clothes after being around other birds before seeing your birds
- Limit people coming to see your birds
- Limit going to see other people's birds
- If possible, have visitors coming to see your birds put on clean boots and clothes and ask them not to interact with other poultry prior to visiting your flock

EQUIPMENT (SANITATION)

- Clean out your chicken coop or building at least twice a year
- Keep the area around the coop clean from waste and debris where rodents can hide
- Mow grass 10 feet around the chicken coop to ward off rodents
- Wash and disinfect water containers weekly
- Clean and disinfect all equipment you use: feeders, waterers, nests, crates, etc.
- Do not share equipment with others who have poultry

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HPAI TO WATCH OUT FOR

- Sudden high mortality
- Lack of energy and very quiet birds
- Swelling of head, comb, eyelids, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of wattles, comb, and legs
- Nasal discharge, coughing, and sneezing
- Diarrhea (particularly green in color)
- Decrease in feed and water consumption
- Neurologic signs

HPAI can occur quickly leading to sudden death with no warning signs, and is extremely contagious. If you observe any of the symptoms noted above, with sudden high mortality being the most concerning, we encourage you to report it immediately to USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ERADICATE THIS DISEASE

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To find the most up to date information you can visit the USDA website

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/defend-the-flock>

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



- <https://vet.purdue.edu/news/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-continues-in-the-news-even-as-cases-end-in-indiana-heres-what-you-need-to-know.php>
- <https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/>



The Horticulture Business lab, led by Dr. Ariana Torres, is developing an online tool designed to empower leafy green growers with data-driven financial decisions. It streamlines recordkeeping with a TurboTax-like format and enhances financial literacy through workshops and webinars, offering in depth profitability, breakeven, and ROI analyses. The tool helps assess the economic feasibility of adopting integrated pest management strategies, promoting smarter investments. Additionally, it supports growers in setting profitable pricing strategies based on breakeven analyses, boosting market access, and improving long-term financial outcomes for their farms.

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HortCalculator

A Financial Tool for Leafy Green Farmers



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