



Special points of interest:

- Archery Schedule
- Volunteers for the new year request
- Project Change Process
- Rule Change Voting
- Junior Leaders Meeting
- New in the office



New Adventures Await...

WOOOHOO! The new 4-H year has officially started! Let's get those enrollments submitted! Remember that if you plan on volunteering with Steuben County 4-H, you also need to enroll in 4-H Online. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Beginnings can be a super exciting time. A time to make a change, a time to dig deeper, or maybe simply a time to try something new. I am excited to have a new beginning with all of you! Though I still have much to learn, I think we can grow Steuben County 4-H together.

Kirby

STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H |

A look ahead at important dates:

- October 1:** New 4-H Year! 4-H Enrollment Opens
- October 5-11:** National 4-H Week
- October 13:** Extension Office Closed
- October 20:** Items for Nov./Dec. Newsletter Due
- October 20:** Fair Board Meeting; 2nd Reading of the Suggested Rule Changes and Vote
- October 21:** Junior Leaders Meeting




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- November 10:** Fair Board Meeting
 - November 11:** Extension Office Closed
 - November 20:** Items for Nov./Dec. Newsletter Due
 - November 24:** Area 11 Crops, Forestry & Entomology CDE
 - November 27/28:** Extension Office Closed
 - November 28/Dec. 2:** National 4-H Congress





Club, Committee, and Board Happenings

Stop, Hold Your Horses!

Please contact 4-H Educator, Kirby Douglass, to confirm your commitment of being a club leader for the 2025-2026 4-H Year!
(Include club meeting information if possible)

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This is Us
Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

Special Accommodations
If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.

Current Club information is as follows:

4-H Bit and Bridle

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the first Monday of the month.

Lucky Ducks

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of the month January - June.

4-H Explorers

In need of a leader!
Volunteers welcome!

Orland Creative Kids

Meets at the Orland Community Center on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Flint Arrows

Meets at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Station on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Otsego Go-Getters

Meets at Stoy Farms on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Fremont Ready, Willing and Able

Meets in Fremont at the Perry Family Home on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month.

The Conquerors

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 1st Monday of the month January - June.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

Meets at the Hamilton Town Hall

Tiny Clovers, Mini 4-H

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 4th Tuesday of the month.



2025-2026 Fair Board Meetings

9/8/2025
10/20/2025
11/10/2025
12/8/2025
1/12/2026
2/9/2026
3/9/2026
4/13/2026
5/11/2026
6/8/2026
7/13/2026
8/10/2026
9/14/2026 Annual Meeting

VOLUNTEERING

Have you ever thought about volunteering, but you aren't quite sure how to get started?

Have you thought about wanting to help out in some way, but you don't have a lot of time to give?

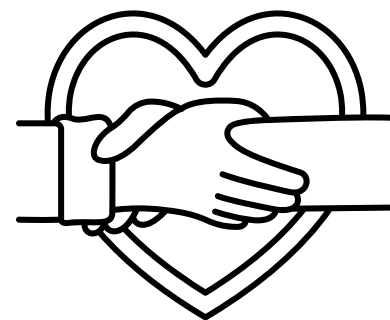
Are you currently a volunteer, but you would like to add and/or change your volunteer duties?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, LET'S CHAT!

There are truly so many ways to volunteer with 4-H! Volunteering is not a one size fits all system.

Some commitments may last most of the year, while others may only be needed for the day.

*Steuben County 4-H
Volunteers Rock!*



HELP NEEDED

MISCELLANEOUS

- Shooting Sports Instructors*
- Shooting Sports Coordinator
- 4-H Resume
- Communications
- Small Engines
- Woodworking

- Foods Superintendent
- Cooking Superintendent
- Sewing Superintendent

CLUBS

- 4-H Explorers Leader
- Junior Leaders - Multiple needed

ONE TIME OR "EPISODIC" NEEDS

- Record Sheet replacement workshops related to 4-H projects
- 4-H Camp Chaperones - one night or multiple
- Pork Stand Help (during the fair)
- 4-H Fair Office Help (during the fair)
- Recruitment Booths

**Shooting sports instructors must go through a certified training!*





SCHOLARSHIPS

Indiana 4-H has scholarship opportunities for members in grades 10 - 12. Check them out on the Indiana 4-H page under scholarships. The due dates will arrive sooner than expected, so definitely consider getting started!

Remember that some local scholarships have requirements for submitting transcripts once in college. Don't miss out by forgetting to complete this task!



4-H ENROLLMENT



When participating in Indiana 4-H as a member or a volunteer, one must be officially enrolled in the program through 4-H Online! This means individuals making programmatic decisions, meeting with youth, or participating in 4-H events should be enrolled as a member or volunteer.

Remember that one is not automatically a member or volunteer simply by submitting their enrollment in 4-H Online! The enrollment must be approved by 4-H staff in the system.

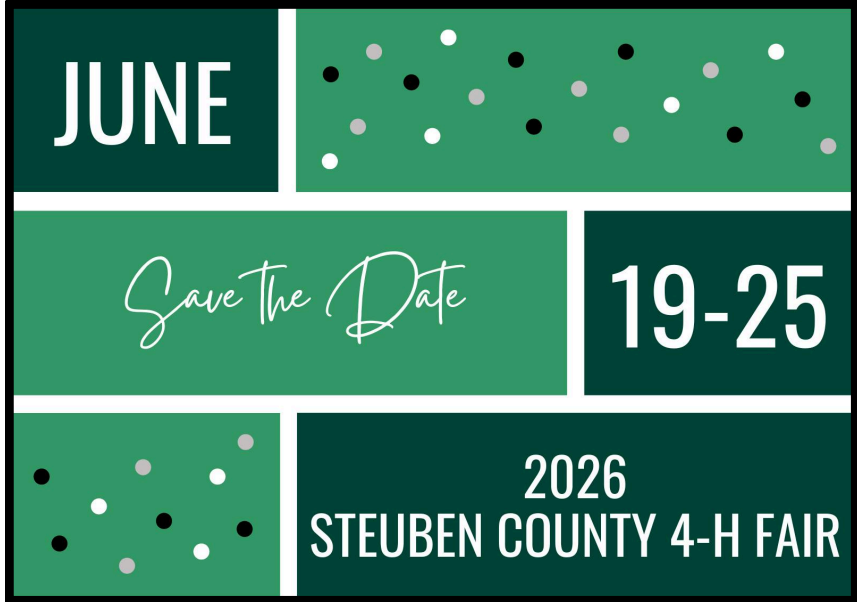


RULE CHANGES

The 2nd reading and vote for the suggest rule changes for the 2025-2026 Steuben County 4-H year will take place at the **October 20th Fair Board meeting at 7pm.**

Remember that for the rule change to be considered, the individual or a like minded representative that submitted the rule change suggestion must be present!

The Steuben County 4-H Fair Board meetings are open to the public. Volunteers and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend to be involved in discussions.

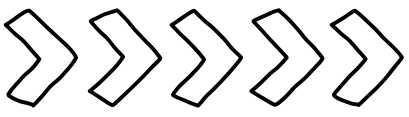


4-H PROJECT CHANGES


To change 4-H projects after an enrollment has been submitted in 4-H Online, one must email the desired changes to 4-H staff. There will be a reply providing confirmation that the changes were made.

STOP IN AND SAY HELLO!

The new educator, Kirby, would be happy to introduce herself and learn more about you and your vision for the future of Steuben County 4-H!

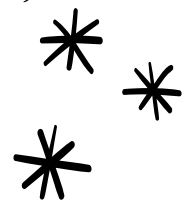


2026 ARCHERY SCHEDULE
Members must complete project with a certified instructor!

<u>PRACTICE</u>		<u>OTHER DATES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20 • April 27 • May 4 • May 11 • May 18 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Meeting: April 13th • 3D Tournament: May 30th
<u>TIME</u>		
	3 rd - 6 th grade: 5:30 - 6:30pm 7 th - 12 th grade 6:30 - 7:30pm	

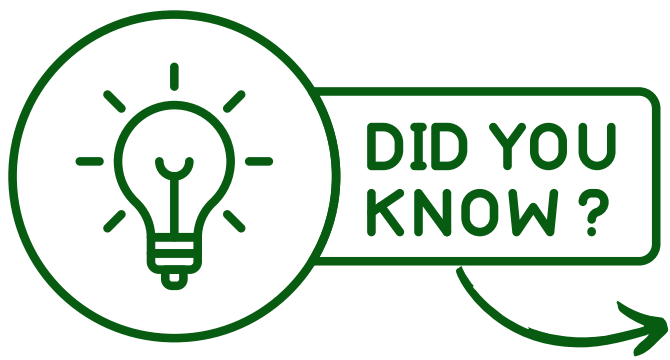
WHAT'S NEW IN THE OFFICE?

When you visit the Steuben County Extension Office, you will now be greeted with a new, but potentially familiar face! Introducing our new office secretary, Amanda Quaderer!



Amanda grew up in the area and is very fond of Steuben County. She resides here with her husband, Matt Quaderer. She is an involved mom that enjoys watching her kids play sports and show their animals. Laughing with her family is noted as one of the best moments in her life. Amanda enjoys

baking and is a lover of flowers. Now, the 4-H world is not a new topic in her world. She is a long time 4-H'er! She participated in the program as a kid pursuing projects such as pigs, horses, photography, as well as many others. In Steuben County 4-H, she is involved in her children's 4-H Club, the Lucky Ducks. When asked what she is most excited about in her new position, she expressed that she is excited about helping other families on their journey with 4-H and being a part of a larger community.



Purdue Extension Steuben County offers a lot of services beyond the world of 4-H! We have access to a vast world of knowledge and are here to help serve the community. Ask about our services!

Beyond Steuben County...

Training Opportunity

INDIANA 4-H BEYOND READY VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming volunteer workshop! Learn about the Beyond Ready initiative and how YOU can be a part of preparing Indiana youth to be Ready for Work, Ready for Life!

DETAILS



Workshop is in conjunction with the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

Workshop participants earn FREE Luncheon admittance! Luncheon immediately follows workshop.



Volunteer Ready!

Complete the workshop and you, too, are Beyond Ready! You walk away with skills to help Indiana youth in their career exploration journey.



RSVP

Complete this short survey to let us know you are coming. We will have a variety of resources ready for you!

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SCeMA00EfKMJIY or QR code

 **Contact Us**
jlabrell@purdue.edu

 **More Information**
<https://in4h.org/luncheon-rsvp/>

10:45 AM - NOON

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NOVEMBER

JONATHAN BYRD'S EVENTS AND CATERING
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CARMEL, IN



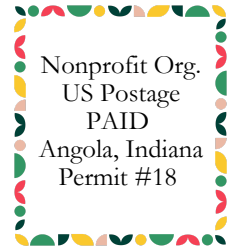
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Enrollment opens October 1st!

Challenge: Bring/invite at least 1 new friend to your 4-H Club meeting this year!