

# STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION

## IMPORTANT DATES

### *February*

- 9 - Fair Board Meeting
- 14 - Workshop: Beekeeping
- 16 - QLC
- 16 - Workshop: An. Science
- 21 - Workshop: Beekeeping
- 23 - Workshop: Cat
- 28 - Workshop: Beekeeping

### *March*

- 2 - Workshop: Poultry
- 9 - Fair Board Meeting
- 15 -ID Day: Beef
- 23 - QLC
- 30 -QLC



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*Indiana  
Senior*

Isaac Sanders



Isaac Sanders took his 4-H project to the Indiana Make it with Wool contest. Now he is going to the National Make it with Wool Contest in Reno! Good luck! Steuben County 4-H is cheering you on!

**Steuben County Extension Office**  
**317 S. Wayne St. Suite 1A**  
**Angola, IN 46703**

**260 - 668- 1000 ext. 1400**

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:00am - 4:30pm**





## CLUBS MEETINGS

### **4-H Bit and Bridle (Horse & Pony)**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June 1st Monday, 7 pm;

2/2, 3/3 (Moved), and 4/6

[May, June, September & October will be at the fairgrounds]

Sara Smith 260-316-6393

### **4-H Explorers**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center,

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June, 1st Thursday, 1:30-3 pm:

1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4

Bethany Wright 815-592-7106

### **Flint Arrows**

Meets at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Station, 8404 W. 500 S., Hudson, IN 46747

January-June, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1 pm;

1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/7

Amelia Swander 260-316-7999

### **Fremont Ready, Willing and Able**

Meets at the Fremont Library

1004 Toledo St, Fremont, IN 46737

January-June, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM;

1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Lauren Bryan 734-718-9303;

Katlyn Beard 260-243-0914

### **Lucky Ducks**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm;

1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9

Amber Farnham 260-667-3586;

Jordan Eldridge 765-592-0102

### **Orland Creative Kids**

February- June, Prairie Heights Middle School  
(meet at panther square)

Last Monday of each month, 3:30- 4:30 PM;

2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 5/26, 6/29

Jennifer Holden 260-312-5662

### **Otsego Go-Getters**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6-7:30 pm;

1/26, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4 and 6/1

Amanda Cline 260-316-5113

### **The Conquerors**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6-7 pm;

1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2

Angela Michael 260-316-1277

### **Tiny Clovers, Mini 4-H (Grades K-2 only)**

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-May, 1st Monday, 5:30-7 pm;

1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1

Elizabeth Adamson 260-316-9551





# Quality Livestock Care

## Class Dates:

February 16, 2026  
9:15 – 10:15 AM  
Carnegie Library

March 23, 2026  
5:30 – 6:30 PM  
Community Center

March 30, 2026  
5:30 – 6:30 PM  
Community Center

April 11, 2026  
9:30 – 10:30 AM  
Carnegie Library

April 23, 2026  
5:30 – 6:30 PM  
Community Center



## Reminder

QLC is required if you plan to exhibit any of the following:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Feeder Steer
- Dairy Steer
- Goats
- Sheep
- Swine
- Rabbit
- Poultry

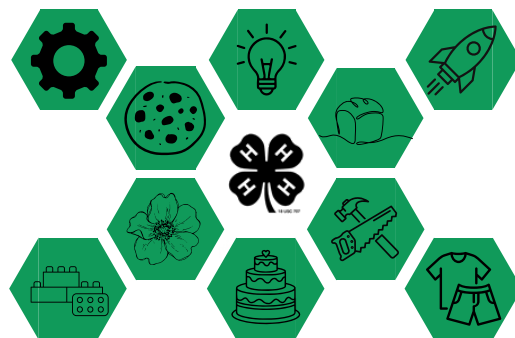
Register on [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)  
(Under Events)



## Premises ID

If you are new or you moved to a new farm. Don't forget that you have to have a Premises ID to show your animals at the fair and State Fair.

<https://www.in.gov/boah/forms/indiana-premises-identification-registration/>



## 4-H Fair Board Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Upcoming Dates:

February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026

April 13, 2026

May 11, 2026

@ 7pm Community Center



## **Cat Workshop**

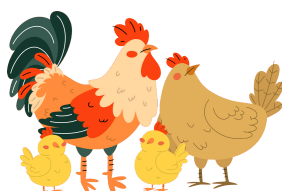


February 23 - 6 pm Cat Workshop,  
Community Center

## **Poultry Workshop**

March 2 - 6 pm Poultry Workshop  
then 7 pm Poultry Barn Discussion

May 16 - 10 am Poultry Workshop  
at Poultry Barn.

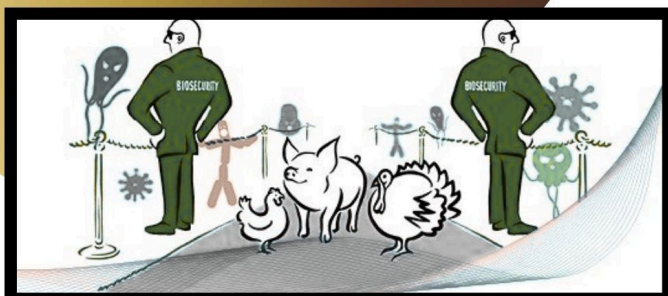


## **Shooting Sports Instructors**

Are you knowledgeable about gun safety? Would you like to help teach the next generation to respect and safely handle firearms? Let's chat about becoming a certified volunteer!

***Class Dates: April 10 - April 12***

Registration Opening  
February 27 - March 30  
Scan QR Code



# **Fueling Success: Nutrition & Biosecurity in 4-H**

**February 16, 2026  
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Carnegie Public Library  
322 S Wayne St, Angola, IN 46703**





**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY

Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development



# BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNER

Experience beekeeping,  
and learn how to get  
started with this  
condensed 3-part series  
held at:

Angola's Commons Hall,  
501 S John St.  
Angola, IN 46703

Register at Purdue Extension office

Cost of the entire series:

\$10 Per Adult

Free to ALL Youth



## Class Dates:



**February 14,**

HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING  
WHY KEEP BEES?  
BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT  
HIVE INABITANTS  
BEEKEEPING OVERVIEW



**February 21,**

HIVE INSTALLATION  
SPRING MANAGEMENT  
HIVE CHECKS  
WHAT IS NORMAL?  
PESTS AND DISEASES  
SUMMER MANAGEMENT  
SWARMS & SUPERS



**February 28,**

LATE SUMMER,  
FALL AND WINTER  
MANAGEMENT  
HONEY HARVESTING  
HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS  
MARKETING  
QUESTIONS AND  
REVIEWS

**9 AM - 12 PM**



## Achievement Award

Achievement Winner Applications are available in the Extension Office. Applicants must be high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors participating in the Steuben County 4-H Program. These are due to the Extension Office on or before May 29, 2026. Five total individuals will receive money for college! Start them early as recommendation letters are required!



## Seniors

Another scholarship opportunity is available through Star Financial: the **Future of Agriculture Scholarship**, valued at \$1,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be current high school seniors or have at least one year remaining in their college or trade school program in Fall 2026. Eligible high school students must plan to enter a trade or collegiate program within two years of receiving the scholarship.

Apply at  
<https://www.starfinancial.com/future-of-agriculture-scholarship>

## Indiana 4-H Round-up & Academy



BOTH will be held June 10-12, 2026  
 Be on the look out for more info!



### 2026 ARCHERY SCHEDULE

Members must complete project with a certified instructor!

#### PRACTICE

- April 20
- April 27
- May 4
- May 11
- May 18

#### OTHER DATES

- Safety Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>
- 3D Tournament: May 30<sup>th</sup>



#### TIME



3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 5:30 - 6:30pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30 - 7:30pm

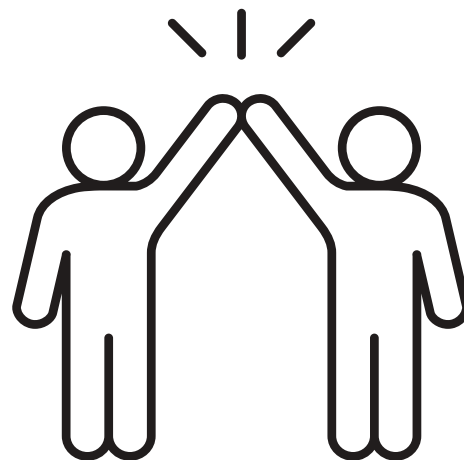








## Find your place in Stueben Co. 4-H!

There's something for  
everyone. Every skill  
matters.




 **ANNOUNCERS:** Use your confident voice to announce classes at 4-H livestock shows.


 **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:** Product selection, packets, and item drop-off/pick-up. Meets 1-2 times per year.

**AUCTION:** Help review, plan, and conduct the auction, including advertising and software support. Meets 4-5 times per year, plus fair week and post-fair wrap-up.


**AWARDS:** Choose award recipients, trip delegates, trophies, and special awards. Assist with securing sponsors if needed. Meets 2-3 times yearly; much of the work is done by email.


**CAMPING:** Organize fair week camping and help plan future utilities. Meets 1-2 times in spring/summer.

 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Serve as ambassadors, connecting the organization with the community through events and activities that raise awareness and support.


 **FINANCE:** Manage fundraising, donor communications, and the 4-H Fair Board budget, including memorial fund consultations.

**GROUNDS:** Maintain the fairgrounds, assist with repairs and setup, and coordinate trash and restroom services. Minimal meetings; work done at various times.

 **PARKING & GATE:** Manage gate volunteers, help with parking, and count funds during the fair. Minimal meetings; support needed during fair week.

 **PORK STAND:** Support the pork stand fundraiser by planning, staffing, and supplying. Meets a few times off-season, plus during the fair.

**PROGRAM & PUBLICITY:** Organize fair activities and handle advertising. Assist with events during fair week. Meets 4-5 times yearly.

 = Indicates where extra hands  
would be most helpful

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\* If you would like more information please \*  
\* call the office ! 260-668-1000 ext. 1400 \*  
\* \* \* \* \*



**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS?**  
**WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEER SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**AND INVITE YOU TO APPLY!**  
**HERE ARE SOME OF OUR OPENING'S.**

Mini 4-H  
4-H Resume  
Communications  
Consumer Clothing  
Foods, Baked  
Foods Alternative Cooking  
Foods, Preserved  
Model Craft

Needle Craft  
Sewing Fashion Revue  
Sewing  
Shooting Sports  
.22 Rifle  
Air Rifle  
Small Engine  
Woodworking

Interested or know someone that would be a good fit, please contact

Kirby at [douglakj@purdue.edu](mailto:douglakj@purdue.edu)



### **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.

### **4-H VOLUNTEERS**

Don't forget to re-enroll on 4Honline. After completing your enrollment please go to the training tab. It will show "complete" when the training(s) are done in your profile.





# SAVE THE DATE

## Steuben Co. 4-H Fair June 19-25, 2026

100 Lane 101B Crooked Lake,  
Angola, IN 46703



*We are so excited for you to be a part of  
Steuben County 4-H! Here are some dates for  
you to remember for the 2026 fair season.*

### ID Days

Beef  
March 15, 2026

Horse  
April 26, 2026

Feeders, Sheep, & Goats  
May 3, 2026

### Pre-Fair

Return Worksheets  
May 29, 2026

Fair Entry  
June 3, 2026  
@ fairentry.com

### Fair

All Fair Clean Up  
June 13, 2026  
@ 9 AM

Post Fair Clean Up  
June 27, 2026  
@ 9 AM



## ATTENTION

## FOOD TRUCK VENDORS



2026 Steuben Co. Fair

HAS FLEXIBLE  
OPTIONS FOR FOOD  
VENDOR TRUCKS,  
INCLUDING DAILY  
AND WEEKLY SPOTS.



**JUNE  
19 - 25**



Please Contact Steuben Co. Purdue  
Extension 4-H  
at 260-668-1000 ext. 1400

## Indiana 4-H 2026 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
January			
1/22/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Jackson County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
1/24/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	White County	9:30 - 12:00 EST
1/27/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Whitley County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
February			
	Club Financial Review and Audit Process		
2/5/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Greene County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
2/9/2026	4-H Professional Development: 4-H Educators Guide to Clover Guardians	Virtual	12:30-1:30 EST
2/10/2026	Day at the Statehouse	Indiana Statehouse	8:00 - 3:00 EST
2/14/2026	CDE – Meats Judging	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
2/14/2026	CDE – Milk Quality	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
2/14/2026	Regional Robotics – South	Bartholomew Co. Fair.	9:00 - 4:00 EST
2/19/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Hendricks County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
2/21/2026	Regional Robotics – North	Marshall Co. Fair	9:00 - 4:00 EST
March			
3/9/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Blackford County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
3/14/2026	State Drone/UAV Contest	Purdue Poly, Anderson	10:00 - 3:00 EST
3/14/2026	Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase	Indiana State Museum	8:00 - 4:00 EST
3/24/2026	Volunteer Development: Clover Guardians: Confident, Prepared, Unshakeable	Virtual	6:30-7:30 EST
3/25 – 29/2026	Ignite	Washington DC	All Day
3/27-29/2026	Teen Leadership Weekend	Camp Tecumseh	All Day
April			
4/1/2026	Deadline - Graduating 4-H Member Survey		
4/6/2026	Spring Youth Staff Conference	Virtual	10:00 - 1:00 EST
4/9 – 15/2026	National 4-H Conference	Washington DC	All Day
4/11/2026	CDE – Hippology	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
4/15/2026	Deadline - Exhibit Hall Worker Application		
4/15/2026	Deadline - 4-H Ambassador Program Application		
4/17/2026	Career Exploration Day	Shedd Aquarium	All Day
4/18/2026	Discovery Challenge Contest	Purdue Poly, Anderson	10:00 - 3:00 EST
4/19-25/2026	National Volunteer Week		
May			
5/1/2026	Deadline – National 4-H Congress Registration		
5/2/2026	CDE – Livestock Judging Contest	Boone Co. Fairgrounds	7:30 - 4:00 EST
5/2/2026	CDE – Poultry Judging	Boone Co. Fairgrounds	7:30 - 4:00 EST
5/4/2026	Volunteer Development: Clover Guardians: Confident, Prepared, Unshakeable	Virtual	6:30-7:30 EST
5/8/2026	Deadline - 4-H Round-Up and Academy Registration Early-Bird Deadline		
5/9/2026	CDE – Wildlife	West Lafayette	8:30 - 3:30 EST
5/15/2026	Deadline - Livestock ID in 4-H Online		
5/15/2026	Deadline - IRS Filing Date		
5/22/2026	Deadline - 4-H Round-Up and Academy Registration Final Deadline		



## Indiana 4-H 2026 Calendar

June			
6/10 – 12/2026	4-H Round Up & Academy	Purdue	All Day
6/12/2026	CDE – Dairy Judging	Elkhart County	7:30 - 6:00 EST
July			
7/31-8/24	State Fair in Exhibit Hall	State Fairgrounds	All Day
August			
8/3/2026	Project Drop Off	Indiana State Fair	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM EST
8/5-8/8/2026	Ambassador Training	State Fairgrounds	All Day
8/6/2026	CDE – Horse Judging Contest	Indiana State Fair	8:30 - 3:30 EST
8/10/2026	Foods and Garden Drop Off	Indiana State Fair	
8/10/2026	Project Judging	Indiana State Fair	
8/7-23/2026	Indiana State Fair at the Indiana State Fairgrounds		
Date TBD	Annual 4-H Program Update	Virtual	TBD
8/24/2026	State Fair Project Pick Up	Indiana State Fair	
September			
Date TBD	Fall Youth Staff Conference		
October			
10/4-10/2026	National 4-H Week		
November			
11/27 – 12/1	National 4-H Congress	Atlanta, Georgia	All Day
December			
12/1/2026	Deadline – National 4-H Conference Registration		
12/2-4/2026	Purdue Extension Professional Development Conference		



## Record Sheet Information

Steuben County 4-H has project record sheets for each project to be completed by the 4-H Member and/or Mini 4-H'er. The 4-H staff have prepared the sheets in a folder for individual members to pick up at the Steuben County Extension Office.

These record sheets are due back to the office by the end of the business day on May 29, 2026.



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!





Check out our NEWEST hands-on youth workshop experience!!

## Kitchen Showdown: Team Edition:

Step into the heat at Kitchen Showdown: Team Edition! This two-day workshop for youth in grades 5-12 kicks off with hands-on instruction where participants build essential cooking skills, learn kitchen techniques, and practice working as a team. On day two, it's game on—teams go head-to-head in a fast-paced cooking competition, putting their skills to the test for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. Perfect for young chefs who love teamwork, creativity, and a little friendly competition in the kitchen.

When: Tuesday, February 17th and Friday, February 20th from 5:00-7:00 @ the Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 W Squawbuck Road Columbia City, In

Workshop fee: \$25 payable via cash or check (checks payable to Purdue University) at the Whitley County Extension Office located in the basement of the Government Center (220 W Van Buren St. Suite LL4, Columbia City, IN 46725) or pay by card via Venmo (see details for Venmo below)

Payment is expected immediately following registration to secure your spot at the workshop. Payment will not be accepted the day of the workshop because supplies need to be purchased in advance of the workshop. Registration closes February 12th!

\*No refunds will be given after the close of registration.

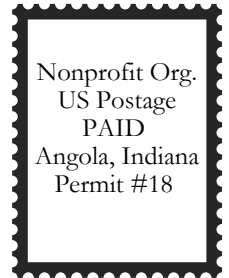
We're excited to see you at this team cooking challenge workshop!! Invite a friend to join you!



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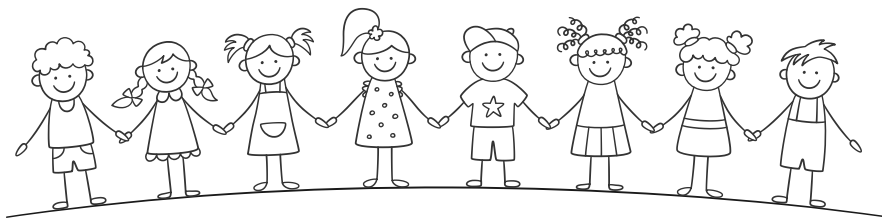
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AND SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH SOMEONE  
WHO MIGHT ENJOY 4-H, TOO.**