

Sullivan County 4-H monthly communication for 4-H members, families, leaders, fair board, and council.

Ride bus to Academy and Round-Up 2026!

New! Sullivan County 4-H members attending Academy and Round-Up this year have the opportunity to ride a coach bus from Sullivan County to Purdue University for free! (Thank you Sullivan County 4-H Council for paying the \$100 per person fee.)

4-H RoundUp and Academy are June 10-12, 2026. This is the first year both events take place the same week. Register before May 9. Both events are at Purdue University and give youth the experience of living in a residence hall and navigating a Big Ten campus. Cost is \$125 because 4-H Council pays half.

RoundUp is for grades 7-9. About 500 youth and adult participants gather at Purdue University for an introductory leadership development and career awareness.

Academy, for grades 9-12, includes hands-on educational workshops designed to teach technical and workforce preparation skills. Youth choose tracks such as artificial intelligence, creative arts, animal health, digital ag, food science, EMS, finances, flight, weather, plant science, and civic engagement.

If you have questions, please contact Extension Educator Cheryl Casselman at ccassel@purdue.edu or 812-286-4332.

4-H project guidelines & manual pick-up

The Extension office will be open for you to pick up 4-H project manuals and/or pay 4-H fees at Ag Day on Saturday, March, 14, 2026 from 8 am to 11 am. Please call prior to the day and your information will be ready to pick up that morning.

New 4-H family orientation

❖ Saturday, March 14 ❖ 9:30-10 a.m. ❖ at the Homemakers food stand at the fairgrounds

Perfect for families new to Sullivan County 4-H who are looking to learn the basics. This is during Sullivan County Ag Day, so arrive early to eat pancakes and sausage, check out the vendors, and then join 4-H Educator Cheryl Casselman for a new 4-H family orientation.

Extension office summer assistant

Applications are being accepted for the 2026 Purdue Extension Sullivan County Summer Assistant. This is a temporary position beginning in May and working through July 2026. Hours of work will be upon agreement of employee and employer. Past 4-H member preferred. Must be enrolled in some type of post-secondary education.

For an application or more information, contact Cheryl Casselman at ccassel@purdue.edu or 812-268-4332.

YES grants

Money available for youth-led community service projects

YES (Youth Engaged Service) grants provide up to \$1,000 for youth in grades 7–12 across Indiana to plan and complete a service project in their community. Youth will identify a local need, then create and carry out a youth-led service project—and you can even invite your friends to join you!

Each youth lead will be supported by an adult supervisor, but the goal of these grants is to give 4-H youth hands-on leadership and project management experience.

- Applications are now open!
- Deadline to apply: March 15
- Grant notifications: April 15



Adults may advise, but youth need to take ownership of their project by completing their application, filling out their budget sheet, and compiling their final report with minimal adult intervention.

Group participation is encouraged in the service projects, including younger children who may want to lead their own project one day! Clubs with members of all ages are encouraged to apply as long as the YOUTH LEAD is in grade 7-12.

Past \$1,000 funded projects to get the ideas flowing:

- “Baby Basic Bundles” to support needy families by providing essential infant care items
- “Paw Pals” care kits to help 4-H Rabbit members get started with the items they need for basic grooming.
- Fair entrance beautification makeover
- “Seasonal Sensations for Seniors” provided decorations to elderly residents in local nursing homes for holidays and seasons
- “Birthday in a Bag” donated to a local food pantry has everything for a birthday party: cake mix, candles, banner, etc.

Funds for this initiative were made available from Rural 1st by Farm Credit and Corteva Agriscience.

Learn more and apply at <https://in4h.org/grants/>

2026

Junior Leader meetings

7-8 p.m. in the 4-H Building

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 7



To Stay in the loop with Junior Leaders, add yourself to:

Groupme: visit https://groupme.com/join_group/112489741/9yFo2LQg

Facebook: Sullivan County 4-H Junior Leaders

Instagram: sullivancojuniorleaders

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This certification must be done an annual basis. 4-H members must be registered BEFORE attending a training. 4-H members may attend any training dates listed OR a training in another county OR complete the online YQCA training.



Tuesday, March 10th, 5:30-6:30pm Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Tuesday, April 28th, 6:00-7:00pm Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Thursday, May 14th, 5:45-6:45pm Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 14th, 2:00-3:00pm Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Register for classes on events at www.v2.4honline.com. Cost is \$3 at the door.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to 4-H Educator Bailey Draper by emailing bldraper@purdue.edu by June 22nd.



Those exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must show a hard copy of the completion certificate (not digital) at check-in.

Attention Poultry Exhibitors

Beginning in 2026, Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be required for all poultry unless the birds are purchased from an NPIP-approved hatchery or farm.

If your poultry comes from an NPIP source, proof of purchase is now required. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Invoice or receipt from an NPIP hatchery or breeder
- NPIP certificate or official documentation (often includes the NPIP number)
- Shipping paperwork showing NPIP status

If you have any questions, please contact Extension Educator Bailey Draper at bldraper@purdue.edu or call the office at 812-286-4332.

Cat vaccinations

If you are planning to show your cat in the 2026 4-H Cat Show be sure to get your cat vaccinated. A completed form must accompany your cat at the show. This vaccination must occur at least 2 weeks prior to the show in July. Don't wait!

4-H Council committee member positions open

Committees will meet outside of Council meetings and report out their work and make recommendations to council. Committees: Budget & Audit, Projects, Trips & Awards, Club Leaders, Nominating, and Constitution & By-Laws. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Extension Educator Cheryl Casselman or any 4-H Council member.

Important Dates

- Ag Day: March 14, 7-10:30 a.m.
- New 4-H family orientation: March 14, 9:30-10 a.m., Homemakers food stand at fairgrounds
- 4-H project manual pick up day: March 14, 8-11 a.m., Extension office
- Sullivan County 4-H Performing Arts Contest: April 16, 6:30 p.m., Crossroads Church
- Livestock ID deadline (4honline): May 15
- Sullivan County 4-H Fair: July 11-18, 2026
- Indiana State Fair: Aug. 7-23, 2026 (closed Mondays)

Save the date for these 2026 4-H opportunities

- Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse, February 10th 2026—Open to grades 7-12
- Teen Leadership Weekend @ Camp Tecumseh March 27-29, 2026—Open to Junior Leaders
- 4-H Camp: June 7-10, 2026 @ Shakamak State Park—Campers are grades 3rd-6th, counselors are grades 8th-12th
- 4-H Round-Up for grades 7-8 at Purdue, June 10-12
- 4-H Academy for grades 9-12 at Purdue, June 10-12

Cancellation Reminder

4-H and Extension meetings are cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled due to inclement weather. This applies if only one or more Sullivan County school corporation cancel classes due to inclement weather.

You can still register for 4-H — tell a friend!

Go to v2.4honline.com to enroll and re-enroll for 4-H and to be a volunteer. Instructions are on the website at www.extension.purdue.edu/sullivan. Call the Extension office if you have questions or computer access challenges at 812-268-4332. Staff members are happy to help!

4-H fees

Regular 4-H state fee is \$15 per 4-H'er. The maximum fees for families is \$45. I.e. families with more than three 4-H'ers pay no more than \$45. There is no additional county 4-H fee for Sullivan County. There are no fees for Mini 4-H'ers. Make checks payable to Purdue University.



First year Sullivan County 4-H'ers are free!

Woo hoo! Thanks to the Mike Sprinkle Memorial Fund, all 4-H'ers who complete their first year of 4-H will be reimbursed \$15 with their project premium money after the 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fair.

Thank you to the Mike Sprinkle family!

4-H enrollment is still open!
v2.4honline.com

2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Sullivan County and Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the May 15th Deadline, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in county and state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	For Sullivan County Fair	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID tag and Tattoo	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID tag	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	
Meat Goat			
Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	Breed Registry Tattoo	May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	Official USDA Scrapie ID or 5-digit County Tag	
Horses and Pony	Two Color Picture	Color Picture	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Picture	Color Picture	May 15
Sheep			
Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	May 15
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	ID that matches Breed Registration Papers	
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch	May 15



INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh**When:** March 27-29, 2026**Ages:** Grades 7-12

Register by Feb. 13 by contacting your Extension Educator.



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!



CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER





**Sullivan County 4-H
Performing Arts Contest**
April 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Church
2 South Court St, Sullivan



- Curtain Act – Musical** (1-4 performers with a 3-5-minute instrumental or vocal performance)
- Curtain Act - Non-Musical** (1-4 performers with a 3-5-minute act. Skits, gymnastics, reading, cheerleading, lip sync, juggling, puppetry & dance)
- Group Act** (5+ performers of skits, sketches, choral numbers, dance, lip sync, or any new & exciting group version of a non-musical curtain act. 5-8 minutes)

Person in charge of group _____

Phone number _____

4-H Club Name _____

Tell us a little about the act. How would you like to be introduced?

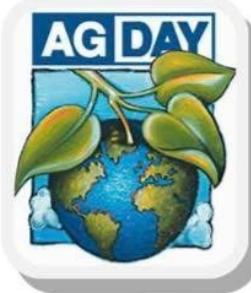
Is a piano needed? Yes No

Other items needed

****Submit this form by 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Extension Office or email ccassel@purdue.edu. For additional info, please call the Extension Office at 812-268-4332.**

If you need accommodations to attend this program, please indicate on the registration form, or contact Cheryl Casselman before April 15, 2026 at 812-268-4332 or ccassel@purdue.edu. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action university.

SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS \$4,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS!!



Enter the essay contest sponsored by the Sullivan County Ag Day Committee and you could win money to help fund your college or vocational education!!

The title of your essay should be: The Illusion of Supporting Small Farmers: How Government Payments Can Strengthen Corporate Control of Agriculture.

In your essay, explain how government farm payments are designed to help agriculture, then analyze how these programs may contribute to increased corporate control within the agricultural industry. Discuss the impacts this may have on small farmers, rural communities, and the future of agriculture. You may also include your perspective on how agricultural support programs could be improved to better serve small and mid-sized farms.

The following rules apply:

1. All entrants must be *high school Seniors in Sullivan County*
2. All essays are limited to *800-1200 words*
3. Entry deadline must be *postmarked or emailed by Thursday, February 18, 2026.*
4. Winners will be recognized at the Sullivan County Ag Day Program, which will be on March 14th, 2026.
5. Prizes will be awarded upon enrollment in college or vocational school.
6. Entrants **must** include a cover sheet with their name, address, telephone number and personal email. Cover sheet will be removed to insure judges will not know the author of the essay.

Send entries to:

Kennedy Gofourth, SWCD District Coordinator
3316 N Section Street
Sullivan, IN 47882
Or email to: sullivan-swcd@iaswcd.org

Note: Essay judges will be impartial and will be selected based on their knowledge and expertise in this particular field.

<p>AWARDS Three \$1,500 Scholarships</p>
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What's New for 2026

4-H Non-Livestock Projects

ALL POSTERS

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. **The poster must be mounted on a firm backing to add stiffness to the exhibit, for example: a foam core board.** Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

ANIMAL EDUCATION

ALL Animal Education posters will check-in in the Exhibit Building on the designated check-in day for building projects. **Animal Education posters will not be checked in at the livestock barns, during livestock check-in, or judged at the livestock shows.**

COMPUTER

The Computer project has had several changes and additions for 2026. Please stop in the Extension Office to get a copy of the new project guidelines for the Computer project. We are also seeking a Superintendent for this project, please call the office for more information if you are interested, 812-268-4332.

SPORTS

The 4-H Sports project is a new county project for 2026 that encourages youth to learn about the sport of their choice. A 4-H'er may choose any sport that they are interested in to create a poster about. Please stop in the Extension Office for a copy of the project guidelines.

RETIRED PROJECTS

The following county projects have been retired from Sullivan County 4-H and will no longer be available beginning in 2026. Aviation, Basketball, Bowling, Discover the River, and Golf. Basketball, bowling, and golf can now be participated in under the new Sports project.

2026 Sullivan County 4-H Projects

County Projects

These projects exhibit only in Sullivan County and do not advance to the Indiana State Fair.

Aquatics	Gift Wrapping
Blacksmithing (6th grade and above)	Junior Leaders (7th grade and above)
Crops	Scrapbook
Cupcake Decorating	Sports NEW - Create a poster about any sport
Farm Mapping	Welding
Fire Science	

Livestock Projects

Beef	Poultry (chickens, pigeons, quail, gamebirds, waterfowl)
Dairy Cattle	Rabbit
Dairy Goats	Sheep
Horse & Pony	Swine
Llama and Alpaca	Meat Goats

State Projects

These projects can advance to the Indiana State Fair.

Aerospace: Rocketry/Drones	Geology
Animal Education	Health
Arts & Crafts	Home Environment
ATV Safety	Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety & Operator Skills
Beekeeping	Model Craft
Bicycle	Needle Craft
Cake Decorating	Photography
Cat	Sewing
Child Development	Sewing Fashion Revue
Consumer Clothing	Shooting Sports
Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue	Small Engines
Computer	Soil & Water Science
Communication	Sport Fishing
Includes Creative Writing, Public Speaking	Tractor Safety & Operating Skills
Construction and Architectural Replica	Weather & Climate Science
Includes Legos and Farm Toy Scene	Wildlife
Dog	Woodworking
Electric	Zero Turn Mower Safety & Operating Skills
Entomology	
Fine Arts (paintings & drawings)	
Floriculture	
Foods (baked and preserved)	
Forestry	
Garden	
Genealogy	

Scan to learn more
about projects





2026 4-H CLUB MEETING DATES

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Cass Champs

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

June to be determined

Dugger Community Building
6-7 pm

Curry Nomads

Gill-Go-Getters

Grand Champion Sycamores

Haddon Blue Ribbon Hustlers

Old Oak Old Hickory

Super Champs

Turman Lads & Lassies

Fairbanks Township

February 6

Fairbanks Community
Center

6 p.m.



WONDERS OF THE WABASH

INDIANA 4-H SPARK CLUB

Learn about water quality, wildlife habitats, history of the Wabash River, wetlands, nature photography, and how water has shaped the landscape of Indiana. The final session will be a canoe trip down Sugar Creek!

Join us for this hybrid SPARK Club with virtual in-depth sessions and hands-on Saturday adventures!

Virtual Sessions Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 pm

February 25, March 25, April 15, and May 20

In Person Sessions Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm

February 28 - George Rodgers Clark Museum in Vincennes

March 28 - Merom Bluff in Sullivan County

April 18 - Wabashiki in Terre Haute

May 23 - Canoeing at Sugar Creek in Parke County

Choose your own adventure!

Go all in and attend all 4 virtual and in person sessions, participate in whatever fits your schedule, or watch the recorded sessions at your leisure.

Register Now!

wondersofthewabash.4honline.com



Important Meeting Dates '25-'26



4-H Council

7:00 p.m., Extension office conf. room
 September 11, 2025
 November 13, 2025
 January 8, 2026
 March 12, 2026
 May 14, 2026
 August 25, 2026, 7:30p (post fair evaluation)
 September 10, 2026
 November 12, 2026

**Selection of 4-H achievement,
 Friends of 4-H & 4-H Alumni Awards**
 (Includes council members and adult leaders)
 October 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

4-H Fair Board

7:30 p.m., 4-H Building
 September 30, 2025
 October 28, 2025
 November 25, 2025
 January 27, 2026
 February 24, 2026
 March 31, 2026
 April 28, 2026
 May 26, 2026
 June 30, 2026
 August 25, 2026 (post fair evaluation)
 September 29, 2026
 October 27, 2026
 November 24, 2026

4-H Club Adult Leaders

6:00 p.m., Extension office conf. room
 October 20, 2025
 February 21, 2026, 9:30a-1:30p (Retreat)
 April 20, 2026
 June 15, 2026
 August 25, 2026, 7:30p (post fair evaluation)
 October 8, 2026 achievement award selection
 October 19, 2026

Jr. Leaders

7:00-8:00 p.m., 4-H Building
 November 11, 2025 Kick off
 February 10, 2026
 March 10, 2026
 April 14, 2026
 May 12, 2026
 June 09, 2026
 July 7, 2026
 November 10, 2026 Kick off

Sullivan County 4-H Fair: July 11-18, 2026

**Indiana State Fair: Aug. 7-23, 2026
 (closed Mondays)**

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Sullivan County 4-H Clubs



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(click on "4-H Information" on home page)

2026 Sullivan County 10 Year 4-H Members

Ty Hamilton

Turman Township Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Son of Jeff & Rya Hamilton

What is the most unexpected thing you've learn in 4-H?

I think the most unexpected thing I have learned in 4-H is how many different breeds of rabbits there are.

What is your favorite 4-H tradition?

My favorite 4-H tradition is check-in for projects.

What is one thing you would tell a first year 4-Her?

One thing I would tell a first year 4-Her is to try lots of different projects.

What is your favorite thing to eat during Fair week?

My favorite thing to eat during fair week is pork burgers!

What is your go-to stress reliever after a busy project season?

My favorite go-to stress reliever is playing baseball.

Who is a person you will always remember from 4-H and why?

Someone I will always remember from 4-H is Shelley May. She was always encouraging and down to earth.

What was your biggest project blooper?

My biggest 4-H blooper is not having the right kind of carrier for my rabbits.

If you could start all over and do it all again, would you?

If I could start all over again, I definitely would.



Jaylynn Hobbs

Turman Township Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Daughter of Jay & Megan Hobbs

What is the most unexpected thing you've learn in 4-H?

The most unexpected thing I've learned is that you need time management skills, especially if you are doing multiple projects.

What is your favorite 4-H tradition?

My favorite 4-H tradition is washing animals with my friends the day before shows.

What is one thing you would tell a first year 4-Her?

One thing I would tell a first year member is to enjoy it because it will go by super fast!

What is your favorite thing to eat during Fair week?

My favorite thing to eat during Fair week are milkshakes.

If you could start all over and do it all again, would you?

I would definitely do it all over again!