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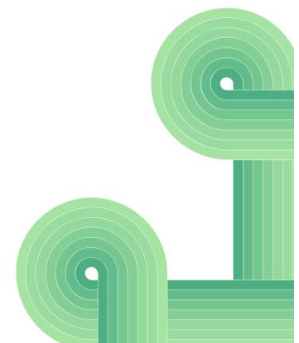
4-H FAMILY GUIDE



Your Guide to

4-H

in Tipton County



Tipton County 4-H Fair
July 10-14, 2024
Livestock Auction Dinner, July 15



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Tipton County 4-H! This booklet is designed with YOU in mind to help you learn more about 4-H, what we do, and who we are. Regardless of whether you live on a farm or in a town, have one hobby or many, like doing things by yourself or with others, 4-H has something to offer.

The Purdue Extension- Tipton County Office is located on the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Our address is 1200 S Main Street, Tipton, 46072. We offer informal, educational opportunities in agriculture, community development, health and human sciences, and youth development. As Extension Educators, we work to provide you with the latest scientific information in production of animals, management of resources, helping families make life more livable, and developing individual talents through leadership training. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on county holidays.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact us at our office. Our telephone number is (765) 675-177. We welcome the opportunity to make your participation in our programs an enjoyable one.

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Welcome to Tipton County 4-H

We want to extend a warm welcome to you and congratulate your family for choosing to make 4-H a part of your life. 4-H is a youth development program that is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture and administered in Indiana by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Locally, the Tipton County office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service administers the Tipton County 4-H program, with input from the Tipton County 4-H Council, County Extension Advisory Board, and an Expansion and Review board.

Included in this family guide is information we hope will be helpful and will provide the tools necessary for your family to have a positive start with your 4-H career. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this information after you have read it.

Office Hours and Location

The local 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, Brian Howell, manages the county 4-H program on a daily basis. Feel free to use any of the means listed below to contact him with any questions that may arise throughout the year.

The Purdue Extension - Tipton County Office
Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds
1200 S Main Street
Tipton, IN 46072

Office Hours are:

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Phone- (765) 675-1177

Voice mail is available during non-business hours

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Purpose of this Guide

This guide is intended to help families new to Tipton County 4-H become familiar with our program. It should serve as a valuable resource for members and parents to better understand the terms, structure and operations of the 4-H program. While some families new to Tipton County 4-H may have transferred from another county, it is important to understand that each county in Indiana has its own way of doing certain things. Therefore, just because it happened one way in “xyz” county, doesn’t mean it will always be the same in Tipton County. Please do not hesitate to contact the Purdue Extension- Tipton County Office at any time throughout the year. The Extension Office staff is here to serve your educational needs and wants your family to be successful in our local youth development program.

What is 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service?

4-H is a non-formal educational program provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and is delivered through its Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service (CES) is administered in Indiana through its land grant university, Purdue University. CES offers educational programs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Health and Human Sciences, Community Development, and 4-H Youth Development. In Tipton County, Extension Staff receive program direction and support from the Extension Board that is comprised of a cross-section of people throughout the county.

4-H provides youth in grades 3-12 educational programs through their participation in project and club related activities. Tipton County 4-H offers programming through more than 70 different projects and has 12 community and specialty 4-H clubs. 4-H project workshops provide members with technical training that each member needs to be successful not only in discipline, but also with life-long technical skills. 4-H club work provides members with life-long leadership and social skills that will be of benefit to every member in career preparation.

Purdue Extension's Mission

We deliver practical, research-based information that transforms lives and livelihoods.

4-H Mission and Vision

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact their communities and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Indiana 4-H Program Philosophy

The Indiana 4-H program serves the youth of Indiana by providing a strong educational youth development program. This program delivers educational experiences in a variety of settings. Caring, capable and contributing adults assist in the 4-H program as role models for youth. The rich heritage of the 4-H Program is one to be valued and passed along to future generations. The Indiana 4-H Youth Policies and Procedures Handbook includes certain standards and guidelines to assure that 4-H is a positive youth development program. County 4-H policy is guided by the county 4-H policy making or governing board (i.e., 4-H

Council) as provided by the County Extension Board. Legal authority for the 4-H Program rests with the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University. No county 4-H policy may conflict with state 4-H policy or with federal guidelines and requirements. Deadlines for county and state participation should be carefully constructed so as to encourage rather than to discourage participation. Such deadlines should be well published. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied the opportunity to exhibit. It is the policy of 4-H to be an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from either membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H Youth Development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement. Per state and federal guidelines, volunteers and Extension Educators can not require youth to attend club meetings to complete 4-H or exhibit their work.

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Enrollment Eligibility/Membership/Residence

Enrollment in Indiana 4-H is open to any youth enrolled in grades 3-12 for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. Grade is defined as the school grade the child is enrolled on January 1 of the 4-H year. A child may enroll in only one 4-H program in Indiana, regardless of their place of residence. In other words, youth are not required to participate in their own county's program and may participate in a different county program provided they have properly enrolled. The only exception to this is if their county of primary 4-H enrollment does not offer a project or statewide activity they want to participate, then the child can enroll in a second county provided they meet Indiana 4-H policy requirements.

Mini 4-H is an introductory organization for youth in kindergarten- 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is focused on youth developing motor skills, forming a positive relationship with an older mentor who is there to help them learn and develop, and exploring their world through unique experiences and learning about different topics. Mini 4-H projects are displayed at the 4-H Fair, but are not judged. Youth are **not** required to have been in Mini 4-H before enrolling in the 4-H program.

Annual 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

Enrollment must be done annually using our online enrollment system. 4-H Online enrollment begins October 1 at in.4honline.com; new members will create a profile while returning members will update their existing profile. Target enrollment date is January 15, but this is not a deadline and youth may enroll after that date. 4-H members may drop or add projects in 4-H Online through May 15. There is a \$15 state 4-H program fee, payable at the time of enrollment. Enrollment is when you will declare what club(s) you would like to be a member, the project areas you are interested in exploring, provide contact information so the Purdue Extension Office and club and project leaders can contact you, and sign liability forms.

Benefits of Becoming a 10-year Member

There is often a lot of talk about completing 10 years of membership in 4-H. If one starts their 4-H career as soon as possible, typically the year they are enrolled in 3rd grade, they are eligible to be in 4-H for ten years if they re-enroll annually and meet completion requirements. By completing 10 years in 4-H members are eligible for scholarships, awards, recognition, and the status of being a 10 Year 4-H member. There also countless opportunities that occur throughout a 4-H career- trips, workshops, the opportunity to make friends from across the state and nation, in addition to personal growth. Many employers indicate that they look for applicants who indicate they were a 4-H member because of the work ethic and values the program often instills in its members.

What happens if you don't start 4-H in 3rd grade, or aren't able to complete 10 years of membership? Being a 10-year member is not a requirement of ANY 4-H member. Hopefully you are able to take advantage of the opportunities and lessons made possible through 4-H for as long as you are a member. Many youth who begin their 4-H career late become dedicated members and are greatly impacted by the program.

What is 4-H?

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program.

4-H is activities for boys and girls in grades 3 through 12.

4-H is for urban as well as rural youth.

4-H helps young people develop life skills. A life skill is an ability that one can use in everyday life. The basic life skills are:

1. Building self-confidence.
2. Developing an inquiring mind and making decisions.
3. Setting and meeting goals.
4. Relating to other people.
5. Developing a concern for the community.
6. Developing leadership skills.

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf.
The Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Motto

“To make the best better.”
This should be the objective of every member and volunteer.

Slogan

“Learn by Doing.”

Colors

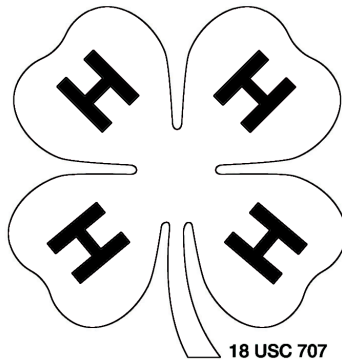
The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

The 4-H Pledge

4-H members should learn the national 4-H pledge.

I pledge

My **head** to clearer thinking,
My **heart** to greater loyalty,
My **hands** to larger service, and
My **health** to better living,
For My club, my community,
my country, and my world.



4-H Parent (Home Helper)

Purpose: Provide support to your child in 4-H.

Responsibilities:

1. Help your child enroll in the 4-H Club and meet the 4-H requirements.
2. Help your child select one or more suitable 4-H Projects to complete.
3. Make sure your child attends the 4-H Club meetings. Provide or arrange for transportation. Club leaders publicize club meeting dates through newsletters, e-mails, or facebook posts. Talk to your leader about club meeting dates. (meeting attendance is NOT required for 4-H completion or to exhibit work). Attend as many as possible with your child.
4. Help your child to complete any 4-H responsibilities he or she may have volunteered for, been elected to, or selected for.
5. Help with at least one 4-H club activity during the 4-H year. Volunteer, don't wait to be asked.
6. Support your child's 4-H project work.
 - A. Read the **Tipton County 4-H Clover Leaf Newsletter**, especially the calendar to be aware of dates important to your 4-Her. (See page 14).
 - B. Print out and become familiar with the **project guidelines** for your child's age division/level. Project guidelines can be found on the Purdue Extension- Tipton County website, www.extension.purdue.edu/tipton, or picked up at the Purdue Extension Office.
 - C. Pick up **4-H Project manuals** and record sheets from the Extension Office, if the project requires one. Most manuals cost \$5-\$10 and can be used for multiple years. Help your child complete activities and fill out their **record sheets**.
 - D. Encourage your child to attend any project **workshops** and **club meetings** when offered. Help your child gather any materials needed for their project.
 - E. Help your child complete one or more **articles for exhibit** and make sure he/she can exhibit them at the County 4-H Fair. Provide transportation and encouragement.
 - F. Help your child complete, and turn in on time, **4-H project records. This includes the Tipton County Record Sheet, which includes each project exhibited, and the "My Record of Achievement", all kept in the Green Record Book.** (See page 16).

Assistance Available:

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| 1. 4-H Club Organizational Leader | 5. 4-H Project Records |
| 2. 4-H Project Leader | 6. Purdue University |
| 3. Experienced 4-H Parents | Extension Service Office – |
| | Tipton County |
| 4. 4-H Project Manuals | (765) 675-1177 |

Time Commitment:

One 4-H year includes about 1.5 hours per month for club meetings and time each week for 4-H project work. A total of 15-30 hours per year is normal, more if livestock projects are involved. 4-H is a year-round program, not just a summer experience!

Benefits:

Help your child learn and grow, share experiences with your child, improve relationships with your child, contribute to youth in your community, and develop a sense of accomplishment.

Qualifications:

- Interest in child's activities.
- Commitment of time and energy to 4-H members.
- Ability to assist, but still allow the member to do his/her own work

Other Ways that 4-H Parents Can Help:

1. Learn about 4-H: what it stands for, how it operates, how it is funded.
2. Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects. Consider their interest, and also resources your family or friends might have available.
3. Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
4. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
5. Encourage your 4-Her when he/she succeeds and provide even more encouragement when he/she fails.
6. Be an example! Help your 4-Her to be a good sport, and appreciate the successes of others. ***Your attitude shapes your child's- make it a good one!***
7. Keep informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family. Visit your profile in 4H online regularly and read the **Tipton County 4-H Clover Leaf Newsletter**, and other mailings your 4-Her will receive.
8. Be a 4-H booster in your community. Support 4-H by sponsoring awards for the 4-H Fair, Achievement program, or the 4-H Scholarship Endowment. Contact the Extension Office if you are willing to sponsor something for 4-H.
9. Make 4-H Club work FAMILY work, but, let the boys and girls do their work and carry their own jobs to completion. Be their guide only.
10. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. Or, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Don't wait to be asked; just volunteer this help!
11. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events with your youth.
12. Help your 4-Her find a way to participate in special events that interest him/her such as county contests, camps, Fairs, displays, or shows.

13. Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
14. Offer your services to assist the local leaders. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
15. If the need arises, help find local leaders for your 4-H Club. Several kinds of leaders are needed: organization, project, and activity leaders. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Volunteer applications are available in the Extension Office.
16. Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop your sons and daughters into finer citizens; we just use livestock, posters, speeches, notebooks, etc. as the tools in their development. The way they work on projects, participate in meetings, and conduct themselves at competitive events, etc., will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.

Who's Who in 4-H

All 4-H volunteers go through a stringent screening process which includes a background check before being allowed to work with 4-H members.

4-H member	Any child currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who is properly enrolled in 4-H annually and meets the club requirements.
Club Leader	An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the 4-H club.
Project Superintendent	A volunteer who answers questions a 4-Her may have about a project. This person is often a 4-H parent with special expertise in a particular subject area. The Project Superintendent names and telephone numbers can be obtained by calling the Purdue Extension Office.
Junior Leader	A 4-H member who is in grades 7 through 12. The Junior Leader year runs from September through August. The group has monthly meetings, performs community service projects, and sponsors various events.
Parents	Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as county-wide events with their child.

County Level

- 4-H Council** 4-H Council is the short name for the Tipton County 4-H Club Council, Inc. The 4-H Council meets monthly and is the policy-making organization for Tipton County 4-H. There are fourteen volunteers on this board. There are twelve adults, elected to three-year terms by the 4-H families. In addition, there are two high school aged youth who serve a two-year term.
- Extension Educators** They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and serve as a source of research-based information. Our county has 3 educators – a 4-H Youth Development Educator, Health and Human Sciences Educator, and an Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator. Together they work with the county 4-H program. Contact information for Purdue Extension- Tipton County can be found in the first pages of this booklet.
- 4-H Fair Board** The 4-H Fair Board is a committee of and elected by the citizens of a township. The 4-H Fair Board is responsible for the fairgrounds facilities and non-4-H events that happen on the fairgrounds. 4-H Fair Board member terms are three years.

State Level

- Purdue University** Purdue is the land grant college in Indiana that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive in all 92 Indiana counties.
- State 4-H Program** The State 4-H Program Leader has the responsibility for 4-H Leader programming at the State Level. The 4-H Program Leader is based at Purdue University. Dr. Casey Mull has been the State 4-H Program Leader since April, 2020.
- State Specialist** State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.
- Indiana 4-H Foundation** This nonprofit organization works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many 4-H trips offered on the state level. Forms for donation are available at the County Extension Office. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Contact the Extension Office for information about license plates for your vehicles.

4-H Clubs

There are twelve 4-H Clubs in Tipton County. Each club has at least one leader. Leaders are a great resource for information. The names of the clubs and the leaders are:

Beech Grove 4-H Club: Jan Garrison (317) 385-7094 and Tiffany Lovell

- This club meets at the fairgrounds the first Monday of each month. They meet from October to June in Lilly Hall. Check out their facebook page- *Beech Grove 4-H Club of Tipton Co. Indiana*

Blue Ribbon Chasers: Jan Garrison and Stephanie Bales

- This club is open to any Tipton County 4-H members. Blue Ribbon Chasers will be meeting with Beech Grove in 2023-24 while maintaining their own club identity.

Champion Chasers: Emily Cheek, (309) 275-0535, and Melissa Clouser, (765) 432-6368

- This is a general 4-H club

Paw Prints Dog Club: Ava Newcom (showmanship), 765-210-9622; Lillian Sobczak (agility), 317-695-3959

- All members of this club are involved in the dog project, but may take any other projects they wish.
- Monthly club meetings began in the winter. Training meetings begin in March. The club meets every Thursday until June, when they start meeting every Monday and Thursday until the fair.

Feathered Friends: Lynn Calloway (765) 776-1825

- All members of this club are in the poultry project, but may take any other projects they wish. The club usually meets with the Hare Raisers rabbit club.
- Check out their facebook page- *Tipton County Feathered Friends and Hare Raisers*

First Year 4-H Club: Leader being confirmed. Hoping to have some events in the spring

- This club will be focused on helping families new to the 4-H system. Meet other parents, learn of opportunities, get help with projects, and have some fun!

Hare Raisers: Lynn Calloway (765) 945-7497 and Michelle Kincade (765) 620-0908

- All members of this club are in the rabbit project, but may take any other projects they wish.
- Check out their facebook page- *Tipton County Feathered Friends and Hare Raiser*

Junior Leaders: (Must be grade 7 or above) Brian Howell 675-1177, Heather Longfellow, and Amy Moats

Meet the first Tuesday of the month from October through July. Members must be currently enrolled in 7th grade or above and should have completed at least one year in 4-H. Focus will be on leadership and community service.

Kantering Kids: Sammy Ziegler (317) 385-7263, Karen Grimes (765) 994-0690

- All members of this club are in the horse and pony project, but may take any other projects they wish.
- They meet the first Monday of each month in the winter, and every Monday in June. No horse is required!
- Check out their facebook page- *Kantering Kids Tipton 4-H*

Liberty Leaders: Shara Tragesser (765) 480-0289, and Jennifer Maruszewski (812) 798-5049

- This club meets after school in Ms. Tragesser's classroom at Tri-Central Elementary.
- Contact club leaders for meeting dates. Check out their facebook page, *Liberty Leaders 4-H Group*

Livestock Club: Stacey Hartley (765) 557-0415, Heather Schulenburg (765) 438-9723

- All members of this club are in the beef, sheep, goat, or swine projects, but may take any other projects they wish. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports: Travis and Melissa Shuck, (317) 402-3422, plus discipline leaders

- Disciplines include hunter's education, rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzle loading, pistol, and outdoor skills. Call leaders for more information

4-Hers may belong to any, and as many, 4-H Clubs in the county. Residence does not restrict club membership. Many clubs have yearly dues of no more than \$5 per member. Dues vary by club.

4-Hers may change membership to another club if they wish; simply log into your 4-H Online profile and change the club. It is important to notify the Extension Office (675-1177) and the leaders of both clubs (the one you are leaving and the one you are joining).

Each club elects officers from the club membership. The officers conduct the business portion of the 4-H club meeting

Tipton County 4-H Clover Leaf Newsletter

The 4-H newsletter, the **Tipton County Clover Leaf** has all of the general information you should need to find out about 4-H Club meetings, project workshops, and other timely 4-H news! This newsletter link and attachment is emailed to everyone, as well as posted to the county facebook page. It is also always on the Extension Office web site at www.extension.purdue.edu/Tipton in the 4-H Youth Development section. Hard copies are also sent through the USPS a few times throughout the year.

4-H Mailings

The Extension Office tries to effectively communicate with 4-H families in several ways. The **Tipton County Clover Leaf** is one way, but other information (timely, detailed, or to a target audience) that needs to be delivered in a timely manner is mailed first class in an envelope with the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service return address. Regardless of how you receive the information, please read the information immediately so that important deadlines and opportunities are not missed. Whenever you receive something in the mail with this return address, it is not junk mail and should be opened immediately. Letters are also often sent as e-mail attachments to the intended audience to guarantee it is received.

E-Mails and Text Messages

E-mails are often the fastest and easiest way to send communication in a timely and convenient manner. **Please make sure you use an active, frequently checked e-mail when creating your 4-H Online family profile.** E-mails will either come from an office staff member, your club leader, project superintendent, or the 4-H Online system. **Please check your junk folder and make sure the e-mail coming from any of these addresses is marked as safe; quite often they are sent in mass and might be flagged by your e-mail provider.**

You also have the option to receive e-mail reminders through text. Please check the appropriate box and provide a correct phone number in your family profile. E-mail addresses and phone numbers are never shared or sold to any outside groups or companies. The only people who have access to your information are the state and county 4-H Extension offices and the appropriate county volunteer, who has been screened and approved to have your information by the county Extension Educator.

Web Site

The Extension Office maintains a web site at www.extension.purdue.edu/Tipton. It is updated frequently. It is a way for the office to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 4-H newsletters and other useful information, including project guidelines and record sheets, are available on the web site. There are also links that provide educational resources to the 4-H members and their families.

4-H Projects

4-H projects are learning experiences for the 4-H members. 4-H members must sign up for at least one project each year and complete the records for that project. A member is encouraged to exhibit at the Fair as part of their project completion. Exhibition is not required for completion; completion is achieved by turning in completed record sheets.

Some projects are divided by grade, while others are divided by the number of years of participation in that project. Grade is determined by the grade the member was in at the time of enrollment, or the school year preceding the Fair. 4-H members declare the project areas they want to explore when they enroll in 4-H for the year after October 1. Members may add or drop projects until May 15th. To add or drop a project, please manage through 4-H Online. In June 4-H members will be asked to pre-register projects in a system called FairEntry and declare what projects they have completed. See page 18

4-H Project Guideline Sheets

The Project Sheets have the information members need to know about what their Fair exhibit should include. The 4-H Project Sheets can be found online at extension.purdue.edu/tipton, are available in the Purdue Extension Office, or will be included in the 4-H Handbook that will be distributed this spring. Members may also ask the project superintendent about the project as well as the completion and 4-H Fair exhibit guidelines for that project. 4-H Project Superintendent names and telephone numbers can be obtained by calling the Extension Office.

4-H Project Manuals, Record Sheets, and Green Record Books

Most 4-H projects have manuals that give in-depth information and activities for that project. The 4-H member will complete activities in the manual and record which ones they did every year on the appropriate record sheet. Projects that do not have activity manuals will have a general record sheet. Project manuals and record sheets are available to pick up from the Extension office. Record sheets

are required to verify completion in a project and should be kept in the green folder or other notebook. It is commonly referred to as the “Green Record Book”. It is important for 4-Hers and parents to read the 4-H project manuals thoroughly. They are full of good information that will help your child learn to prepare an exhibit for the 4-H Fair.

My Record of 4-H Achievement

White forms labeled “My Record of 4-H Achievement” (4-H 620-W) should be filled out completely each year. These are available online and from the Purdue Extension Office. It is important that these be filled out accurately in order to remember what you have done in 4-H and to apply for trips, awards and scholarships throughout your 4-H career. The “My Record of 4-H Achievement” is to be kept in the front of your Green Record Book, with your project record sheets. Be sure to update your information every year.

4-H records should be filled out as completely and accurately as possible. Parents may oversee the child’s work, but the child to do his or her own writing.

4-H Achievement Points

During your year as a 4-H member in Tipton County, you receive Achievement Points for all 4-H activities in which you participate. Members are responsible for keeping track of their points to make sure they receive point for all of the activities in which they participate. An Achievement Points form is updated each year and available in the Purdue Extension Office or online. Points for the current program year are due by September 1, or after the Indiana State Fair of that program year. So, the points you acquire during the 2023-2024 school year and following summer are due by September 1, 2024. Keep this form in your 4-H Record folder, but it must be turned in separately for points to be counted.

Achievement Points are used to determine the amount of scholarship money you will receive if you apply for the 4-H Council Scholarship through the Tipton County Foundation during your senior year of high school. It also comes in handy when completing other record books.

Project Selection

In choosing a project, a member will consult with his or her parents and 4-H leader(s). After considering all the projects available and the requirements of each, he or she should select one based on:

1. Interest, needs, and capabilities
2. Family situation
3. Suitability of the area in which he or she lives

Members enrolling for the first time will take a minimum of one project. As a member gains knowledge and experience, the scope of the project may be increased and additional projects might be selected. A brief explanation of each project is included in this 4-H Family Guide. Members may also ask the project superintendent about the project and the requirements for that project.

Early in the 4-H career, a member should consider developing a tentative project plan to guide him or her through their 4-H experience. Some projects might be started early and be continued each year, with increases in the size of the project when possible as skills build upon themselves; Sewing, Scrapbook, Woodworking, Electricity, Cake Decorating, and Genealogy are examples of projects that require skills based on age. Members should also try to enroll in additional projects which are related to his or her other project work. For example, an electric project member may want to enroll in home environment, woodworking, or automotive projects. If possible, an older member should consider expanding project work to develop a complete farm, ranch, business, or home management program.

The project work is the core of the 4-H member's experience. Successful project completion results in member satisfaction and expansion of future project work. The learning experiences one obtains through his or her project could even lead to career/vocation possibilities.

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Pre-Fair Project Entry

In June you will receive a reminder to “pre-enter” your 4-H projects by July 1 using a program called FairEntry. You will log into FairEntry using your 4-H Online profile log in information. This is a time when you will declare what projects the 4-Her will be exhibiting at the fair. You will ONLY be able to pre-enter projects for which you enrolled or added/dropped before May 15, so please make sure your list is accurate. At this time you will declare what projects you plan to exhibit and provide a brief description. Instructions for pre-entry will be sent or can be found on the FairEntry or 4-H Online website. This is a very important step to the 4-H project check-in and judging process. Fair Entry is scheduled to be open from June 10-27, 2024.

4-H Fair Judging

Projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be judged. Non-livestock exhibits will be checked in on Monday, July 8 from 4-8 pm (ONLY garden, aquaculture, and flower projects can be checked in on Tuesday, July 9 from 8-9 am). Photography, Arts and Crafts, Fine Arts, Garden, Crops, Weeds, Ag Education, Small Engine, and Electric projects will begin judging at 10 am on Tuesday, July 9, *all other building projects will begin judging at 1 pm that day. We use the open judging method, which means 4-H members are able to converse with the judges and receive immediate feedback and suggestions.

*Cats, Pocket Pets, Consumer Clothing, and Fashion Revue have alternate judging times. *Baked Foods, Food Preservation, Dairy Foods, and Food Preservation will be checked in and judged on a day different than Monday, July 8.

**Dates subject to change. A complete 4-H fair schedule will be published by January, 2024.*

Here are some questions that you may be asked in an open judging setting:

- ✓ What new things did you learn?
- ✓ Have you taken this project before?
- ✓ How much time did you spend on this project?
- ✓ What were your goals for this project?
- ✓ What would you like to change about your exhibit?
- ✓ Tell me something about this exhibit that you want me to know.
- ✓ What did you like best (or least) about this project?
- ✓ Did you do this exhibit at school or was it in a workshop setting?
- ✓ Did you have any difficulty with this exhibit or do you have any questions that I may be able to answer?

Ribbons

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are defined as follows:

Purple.....	Outstanding work (Champion)
Pink.....	Reserve Champion
Honor Group (yellow)	Very good work
Blue.....	Above the average of the group
Red.....	Average
White.....	Below the average of the group

Premium Money

4-H members receive cash based on the ribbons they are awarded at the 4-H Fair if they do not participate in the foods or livestock auction. The money is distributed during project check out on Sunday evening of the fair, and can be picked up from the 4-H Council Treasurer at project check out after the 4-H Fair, or during Achievement Night.

Awards & Trips

Some 4-H members are eligible to attend camps, trips, and workshops during the summer. Most of the trips take place during June and July. Youth in grades 3-6 may attend 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park. Youth in grades 7-12 may attend a variety of trips that include, but is not limited to, 4-H Round Up, 4-H Academy @ Purdue, Junior Leader Conference, 4-H Band and Chorus, and Citizenship Washington Focus. Information about these trips will be available in newsletters beginning in the Winter, with letters being sent to those eligible in March.

Activities and Events

Each club will have special activities for their club members throughout the year. In addition, there are county-wide events in which a 4-Her may participate.

Project Workshops - A variety of workshops in different project areas are offered each year. Be sure to read your **4-H Clover Leaf** to know what workshops are offered.

Achievement Night/Community 4-H Celebration - The 4-H Achievement Program is held on the Monday before Thanksgiving and is a time to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members and volunteers and promote 4-H for the coming year.

Performing Arts - This annual talent show is an event of fun and learning for 4-H Clubs as well as individual 4-H members. The event will be held in the Spring.

4-H Camp- This three-day, two-night camp takes place each summer and is open to 4-H members in grades 3-6. The 4-H members participate in many outdoor activities as they learn by doing. We camp at Shakamak State Park with 4-Hers from Boone, Hendricks, and Montgomery counties. 4-Hers in grades 9 and above may apply to be Camp Counselors if they can attend counselor trainings. This year's camp will take place June 6-8, 2024.

Summary of County Projects

The following is a listing of the projects which you may take if you enroll in a 4-H Club in Tipton County. For additional information contact one of the 4-H Club Leaders or the Tipton County Extension Office.

Please note that the descriptions listed below are general descriptions of the beginning divisions and are not intended to serve as an overall description of the entire project.

ACTION DEMONSTRATION- prepare a speech to show spectators a skill or craft you have learned about.

AEROSPACE: ROCKETRY – Construct and exhibit a model rocket.

AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR – Learn to care for and safely operate tractors and machinery. Participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.

ANIMALS: ANIMAL POSTER- learn about a species of animal and create a poster display to highlight something you learned.

AQUATIC SCIENCE – Learn to care for and raise tropical fish. Bring your fish to the 4-H Fair!

ARTS & CRAFTS – Make and exhibit a craft item in the areas of Fine Arts, Needle Craft, Model Craft, or Any Other Craft (candle making, ceramics, construction and architecture replica, holiday project, latch hook, leather craft, macramé, metal craft, misc. craft, pottery, reed craft, wearable art)

BEEF – Learn how to care for your beef animal and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.

BEEKEEPING – Explore more about bees and beekeeping.

CAKE DECORATING – Learn how to decorate cakes. You will exhibit a decorated cake at the 4-H Fair!

CAT – Learn how to care for your cat. You will show your cat at the Cat Show.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT – Learn how to care for children. Exhibit a poster or display at the 4-H Fair.

COLLECTIONS- display a collection or notebook for something you collect as a hobby.

COMPUTER & COMPUTER ARTS – Learn about computer operation and programming. Learn graphic design and display what you have created.

CONSUMER CLOTHING – Learn to make good decisions when you buy clothes. You will exhibit your purchase(s) and notebook, and participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

CROPS – Raise one or more of the following: Alfalfa, Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat. Exhibit your crop(s) at the 4-H Fair.

DAIRY – Learn how to care for your dairy animal and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.

DOG – Feed, train and care for your companion animal. Show your dog at the Dog Show.

ELECTRIC – Find out what electricity is and how to use it safely. You will exhibit something you have made.

ENTOMOLOGY – Collect different insects, learn their names, and exhibit them at the 4-H Fair.

FASHION REVUE- model clothing items. Must be in SEWING, WEARABLE ARTS, or CONSUMER CLOTHING.

FLORICULTURE – Learn all about growing indoor and outdoor flowers. Exhibit what you have grown or designed at the 4-H Fair.

FOODS: BAKED – Learn more about nutrition and how to make things your family will love to sample!

FOODS: DAIRY FOODS- create a specialty food item with dairy products as an ingredient.

FOODS: FOOD PRESERVATION – Learn the most up-to-date methods of preserving food.

FOODS: MICROWAVE COOKING – Learn how to prepare everything from simple snacks to complete meals. Exhibit a product you have made at the 4-H Fair.

FOODS: OUTDOOR CHEF- create a food item or meal using a gas or charcoal grill. Participate in the Outdoor Chef contest during the 4-H Fair.

FORESTRY – Learn all about trees, wood and its uses, and much more.

GARDEN – Grow and exhibit vegetables from your garden.

GENEALOGY – Trace your family history and learn more about your ancestors.

GEOLOGY – Learn more about different rocks and minerals. Prepare a collection for the 4-H Fair.

GIFT WRAPPING – Find out how to wrap gifts in new and different ways!

GOAT – Learn how to care for your goat and to keep records. Bring your goat(s) to the 4-H Fair.

HEALTH – Explore health practices and careers and make a poster for the 4-H Fair showing what you have learned.

HOME ENVIRONMENT – Explore ways to make your living area more attractive through color and texture.

HORSE & PONY – Learn to care for your horse or pony and to keep records. Bring your horse or pony to the Fair.

LAWN AND GARDEN: COMPACT TRACTOR – Learn to operate and care for compact tractors. You will participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.

MICRO MINI TRACTORS- build a miniature tractor and motor. Participate in the Micro Mini Tractor Pull during the 4-H Fair.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Learn to take great pictures. Your exhibit will be a display of picture(s) you have taken.

POULTRY – Care for your chickens or birds and learn to keep records. Bring your animals to the 4-H Fair and/or create an educational poster.

RABBIT – Care for your rabbits and learn to keep records. Bring your rabbit(s) to the 4-H Fair and/or create an educational poster.

SCRAPBOOK – Preserve your 4-H memories in an organized and creative way.

SEWING – Learn to Sew! Make something to wear or something for your home. You may also participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

SHEEP – Care for your sheep and learn to keep records. Bring your sheep to the 4-H Fair.

SHOOTING SPORTS- learn about firearm safety, survival skills, and be Hunter's Safety certified. Disciplines include archery, Hunter Education, muzzle loader, outdoor pursuit, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Prepare an exhibit for the Fair!

SMALL ENGINES – Learn how to care for and repair 2-, and 4-cycle engines.

SMALL ANIMAL: POCKET PETS- learn about your pet! Does not include cats, dogs, or fish as they have their own projects. Participate in the Pocket Pet show during the 4-H Fair.

SOIL & WATER SCIENCE – Learn about problems and conservation of our (soil & water) natural resources.

SPECIAL INTEREST- for any topic or interest that does not fit into another 4-H project area. Your project will be a display and interview with the project judge.

SPORTS- learn about a sport. Your project will be a notebook.

STRAWBERRY – Grow and exhibit berries from your strawberry patch.

SWINE – Care for your swine and learn to keep records. Bring your pig(s) to the 4-H Fair.

TRAVELOGUE- create a scrapbook of a trip or vacation your family took

VETERINARY SCIENCE – Learn about animal health and disease. Your exhibit will be a poster.

WEATHER & CLIMATE SCIENCE – Learn how to observe the weather and record what you observe. Your exhibit will be a poster.

WILDLIFE – Learn about animals, their habitat and diet. Exhibit a poster.

WOODWORKING – Learn to build things with wood while using the tools safely. You will exhibit an item you have made (a birdhouse or tool box, for example).

Additional Livestock Information

Livestock projects require significant investment in time, money, and resources but can teach youth valuable lessons in responsibility, time management, money management, and many other life skills. Livestock projects require a few extra steps and have important, non-flexible deadlines that must be met.

- In addition to enrolling in the livestock project in the winter, beef, sheep, goat, swine, and horse and pony exhibitors must also declare your animals and enter them into your family's 4-H Online profile by **May 15** to be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair; animals must meet certain identification requirements, that information will be distributed throughout the winter and spring. You **MUST** be enrolled in the project to receive the information.
- Rabbit and pocket pet exhibitors have paper forms that must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15**; poultry enrollment forms are due to the Extension Office by **June 1**.
- Livestock Exhibitors will also be asked to declare how many pens or stalls they will need for the fair when they pre-register projects in FairEntry in June.
- If you are interested in exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair, you must check the appropriate box when you identify the animals in your 4-H Online profile. This does NOT register you for the Indiana State Fair. That process occurs independent from the Indiana 4-H program and can be done through www.indianastatefair.com.
- All livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair must meet State Fair identification guidelines. This sheet is available in late fall and winter.
- All youth who exhibit a food animal (beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbit, poultry) will complete a Quality Assurance program in the spring. You may complete *YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)* online, or attend an in-person session of the *Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care* in the spring or summer. Exhibitors only need to complete one of these programs each year.
- Animal barns will be set up the Saturday before the 4-H fair begins. This is also when livestock members will turn in completed record sheets.
- Beef, sheep, goats, and swine exhibitors are able to sell one animal in the livestock auction at the end of the 4-H Fair and earn a premium. Youth will need to declare an animal and sign up for the sale prior to the auction- an e-mail will be sent prior to the 4-H Fair asking this information. Animals can also be put on an 'out' truck and sold at market price.

Checklists

4-H Enrollment:

- _____ Create profile and enroll on in.4honline.com After Oct. 1. The sooner the better, so you receive information and mailings
- _____ Pay \$15/child program fee (\$45 maximum/family). Can be done online (preferred method) or send in check ASAP for enrollment to become active. Mini 4-H members do not have to pay a program fee.
- _____ Declare at least one club and one project. Can be added, dropped, and changed at any time before **May 15**; log into your account at any time to do so.

Projects: Every exhibitor should have a folder in which they keep their updated Record of 4-H Achievement sheet, plus the necessary record sheets for the current year

- _____ Obtain a copy of the project guidelines and suggestions (online, in the office, in 4-H Handbook distributed in the spring)
- _____ Obtain a copy of the proper record sheet for that project (online, in the office)
- _____ Purchase Project Manuals in the Extension Office (not all projects have manuals. You can see if your project has a manual in the top box of the Project Requirement Sheet.) Complete the appropriate number of activities each year and record those on your project record sheet.
- _____ Obtain any other forms your project may require (skills cards, Arts and Crafts cards, animal vaccination forms, etc. Found on your project requirement sheet)
- _____ Purchase any poster boards*, poster sleeves*, or kits needed to complete the project at the Purdue Extension Office.

**available at the Extension Office at cost. Meets poster project requirements. You are not required to purchase these items from the Purdue Extension Office, but all poster displays need to meet general poster requirements.*

- _____ Register projects being exhibited at the fair in FairEntry by **June 27, 2024**.
- _____ Check in your projects for judging/exhibition at the proper time (most building projects will be checked in on the Monday afternoon before the 4-H Fair. Exceptions include fashion revue, consumer clothing, foods, pocket pets, and cats. *Be aware of when your project needs to be checked in.*)
- _____ Attend the judging of your project to get feedback from the judge.
- _____ Pick up your project at the end of the fair.

Livestock Projects (beef, sheep, goat, swine, horse and pony, rabbit, poultry): See the checklist above- these are additional steps required for Livestock Projects

_____ Be familiar with identification requirements for the species and gender you are exhibiting. This includes 4-H requirements; registered animals will also need to have appropriate papers or certificates available.

_____ Beef, sheep, and goats: Attend Animal ID/tagging nights in the spring
Beef ID Night- TBD. Prior to May 15
Sheep and meat goat ID Night- TBD. Prior to May 15

_____ Swine Exhibitors: Obtain RFID tags at the Purdue Extension Office before **May 15** if you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair.

_____ Enroll animals in 4-H Online profiles by **May 15*** with ID information
rabbits, poultry, and pocket pets submit paper forms. Rabbits and pocket pets are due **May 15, poultry due **June 1**. Cats and dogs must submit vaccination forms before exhibition.*

_____ Horse and Pony exhibitors: return lease and/or safety forms by **May 15**

_____ Submit yellow Animal Location Forms to the Extension Office by **May 15**

_____ Beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbit, poultry; Complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) online, or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care in-person before the 4-H fair.

_____ Enter for the Indiana State Fair at the appropriate time. Premium books and entry information can be found at www.indianastatefair.com

_____ Declare pen and stall requests in FairEntry by **June 27, 2024**

_____ Attend penning and stalling day the Saturday before the 4-H Fair. Turn in record sheets and pay pen fees

_____ Be aware of check-in and weigh-in times during the 4-H Fair

_____ Sign up for the Livestock Auction prior to the auction.

_____ Clean your pens before leaving the 4-H Fair