

# The LINK

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## Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting will take place on Wednesday February 15th from 6-7pm in the Expo Hall. We are always looking for Junior Leaders and older 4-H members to come and help with games, crafts and activities. Please contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) if you can help! There is still time to enroll in Mini 4-H if you have not already! Come and join in the fun!



Bring On  
**SUMMER!**



We are looking for current college students to apply to be a 2023 Summer Intern with Purdue Extension- Vanderburgh County!



Contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) for an application or with any questions!



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## Click here for the 2023 4-H Handbook

Hard copies are being printed. We will let families/clubs know when they are available.



Camp is  
June 5-7 in  
Santa  
Claus, IN

### Be a Camp Counselor!

OPEN TO YOUTH IN  
GRADES 9-12

SIGN UP IN 4-H  
ONLINE BY FEB 15

*Build your leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for younger youth by being a 4-H Counselor!*



Applicants  
will be  
interviewed  
in Feb/Mar

Camp is  
June 5-7 in  
Santa  
Claus, IN

### Apply to be a Camp Jr. Director!

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR  
10-12 GRADERS

SIGN UP ON CAMP  
COUNSELOR APPLICATION  
IN 4-H ONLINE BY FEB 15

*Help plan and lead 4-H camp! You'll have camp counselor duties and additional planning and leadership duties to ensure a safe, educational, and fun camp!*

Looking for a fun way to build leadership skills next summer? Apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor! We also have new positions of Jr. Directors available. Jr. Directors will help plan and lead camp. It's a great opportunity! Find the role descriptions and instructions for applying [here](#).

# Day of Service

All 4-Hers and families, Leaders, SIAM, Extension Homemakers, Fair Association members are invited to participate in a Day of Service on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 8:30 am in the Auditorium and the event runs from 9 am - 1 pm. Those that participate will be helping with various projects at the 4-H Center. More information to come as we get closer. Be looking for signups to assist with organization.



## Adult Leader Meeting

Mark your calendars! Adult Leaders will be meeting on **Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** in the 4-H Center Conference Room. All 4-H leaders are invited to participate.



# Yes Grants

4-H provides opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant (Youth Engaged Service Grant) is intended to give youth-led projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference. In 2022, the Indiana 4-H Foundation approved 24 community service projects for YES Grant funding, totaling over \$22,000. [Read more about these projects on our YES Grants page.](#) For 2023 projects, the application deadline is **March 1**, and grants will be selected by April 1. Final reports are due by December 31. The application process for 2023 is now open through our new portal ([click here to access](#)).

## Celebration!

Isaac Pohl was chosen as a member of the Ag Innovators Team. In addition, of the 40 applicants, he was selected as 1 of 3 to serve on the State Leadership Team. Teens selected will be trained to deliver the AIE program in their county, with the end result being the AIE team of 20+ teens leading over 1000 youth in the activities statewide at 4-H Camps, after school activities, etc. Congratulations on this awesome accomplishment, Isaac!



## Volunteers Wanted!

We're looking for caring adults to serve as 4-H Superintendents for the following projects:

- Computer
- Entomology/Geology
- Model Crafts
- Construction & Architectural Replica

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these opportunities, contact Megan Hoffherr at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu) for details on how to apply.



# OFFICER TRAINING PIZZA PARTY!

JOIN US FOR A PIZZA THEMED  
OFFICER TRAINING! PIZZA INCLUDED!

Monday, February 27

6:00 - 7:30 pm

4-H Center Activities Building

Officer positions covered will include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation, Health & Safety, and Historian. You do not have to be an officer to participate.

RSVP by Feb 22 at  
<https://tinyurl.com/4hofficertraining2023>

**Clubs that have representatives for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will receive a cash prize given by Jr. Leaders!**



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# Vanderburgh County 4-H

# NEW MEMBER

# NIGHT

## ALL NEW 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a fun and informative evening! Youth will participate in activities with other Vanderburgh County 4-H youth and enjoy a pizza party! Parents will attend a Q&A session with 4-H Leader and Parent, Amy Woodard.

Please sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/vandconewmemberrnight>

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH**  
**6:00PM-7:00PM**  
**VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER**  
**ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

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# 2023 Spring at the Center

(Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction for the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center)

The Spring at the Center, will take place on **Saturday, March 4, 2023**. This event helps to financially support the 4-H Center and provides money for needed expenses.

We are asking 4-H Clubs and Extension Homemaker Clubs to consider supporting this event by donating an item, themed basket, gift certificate, etc. to the Silent Auction.

The items can be delivered to the 4-H Center Office, and are due by **February 13, 2023**. For questions, please contact Co-Chair, Beth Schmitt at 812-550-3487 or Co-Chair, Rhonda Klueg-Slater at 812-459-4662

## NEWS

### Centerrific

Savannah King gave a winter weather related Health & Safety report during the Centerrific 4-H Club on Jan. 9. The club also voted to have an upcoming Azzip Give-Back night (date TBA), played a game of charades, and made birdfeeders to keep our feathered friends fed during the winter. The next meeting, held on Feb. 13, will include a community service project.



### Tech Club & Energetics

The Tech Club met for the first time at the fourth meeting of the Energetics 4-H Club. Adeline O'Connor presided, Emma Early called roll and presented the minutes from the November meeting of Energetics. Abigail Pfafflin gave the treasurer's report, and Ben Pfafflin presented a health report. Returning Tech Club members, Leo Guetling and Emma Early were joined by new members Kayla Huber, Isaac Payne, Jack Bossman, and Sean Walker, as well as new Tech Club leaders Cleveland Huber and Nick Bullington.

Energetics had been unable to have a party during the holidays, so the meeting included a small meal during which the members of both clubs got to know each other. After a brief business meeting involving our participation in the 4-H Center fundraiser, the meeting adjourned to recreation and a never-ending Uno game that still has not ended.

The next joint meeting of the 2 clubs is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Central Library in the Browning Room. The clubs are accepting new members, both those who are interested in 4-H STEM and technology projects and those who are new to 4-H.

### Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees are down and put away until next December. A total of \$231.99 was collected for the 4-H Center to help with the electric from all the lights in December.

### 4-H Youth

1<sup>st</sup> Perry M&M's \$103.49

2<sup>nd</sup> Horse & Pony

3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Achievers

### Extension Homemakers Adult

1<sup>st</sup> Honey Bees \$13.43

2<sup>nd</sup> Creative Critters

3<sup>rd</sup> Highland

Thanks to all the clubs that participated to make the Winter Carnival a beautiful setting for Santa. 4-H: Livestock, Energetics, Dog, German Gems, Star and Armstrong Hi-Lighters; Extension Homemakers: Hornville...AGS

# Animal Projects

## YQCA Change

In 2023, Indiana 4-H is implementing a program called Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care that will be replacing the requirement for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program will be a \$3 in-person training that will be offered several times in 2023.

**To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program by July 1, 2023.**

Please note - Indiana 4-H will still accept YQCA certification for county and state fair. 4-H members may choose to continue to complete YQCA as it may be required for some livestock shows. Members who wish to complete YQCA will only be allowed to complete the online version. No in person meetings of YQCA will be held. Proof of YQCA completion is due to the Extension Office by July 1, 2023.

## Changes

New rule: 4-H exhibitors that will be exhibiting animals at the State Fair during the county fair may be allowed to remove all animals from the county fair. Animals that will be exhibited at the State Fair from the conclusion of the county fair through August 6 may be allowed to leave the county fair early. In order to leave early for either situation, youth must complete the 2023 Animal Early Release Form to Exhibit at the Indiana State Fair and show proof of State Fair entry at livestock check-in. It is up to your species superintendent and Extension Educator to consider this request.

- Meat Goats have minor changes
- Horse & Pony verbiage will be updated for clarity

Please carefully review the 4-H handbook to ensure you are aware of all guidelines.

## Tagging Day

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors will be required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for their animals. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at the 4-H Center from 9 - 11 am. If you cannot attend, work with your species superintendent for options. More details will be sent closer to the date.

**Vanderburgh County 4-H**



## Poultry Workshop

Join us as we learn tips for the poultry project from Poultry Judge, Matt McCammon.

**Saturday February 25th**  
**9:00am CST**  
**Vanderburgh 4-H Center**  
**Conference Room**



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## Animal Identification

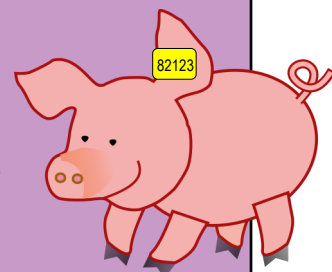
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

**May 15, 2023**

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

**Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.**



# 2023 AREA 3 LIVESTOCK CLINIC

February 25, 2023  
9:00-3:00 p.m.

Warrick County 4-H is hosting a Livestock Clinic for all Area 3 4-Hers. Join us to learn about 4-H livestock projects and how to improve your showmanship skills and husbandry practices.



## TOPICS

### NETWORKING

Meet fellow 4-Hers from across Area 3

### STOCK SELECTION

Learn what to look for in stock when selecting your show animals.

### NUTRITION/ANIMAL HEALTH

An industry expert will discuss the most important things to focus on when feeding livestock.

### SHOWMANSHIP TECHNIQUES

Everything you need to know to be successful in the show ring.

## RSVP

### CALL OR TEXT

Elizabeth Butcher at 812.202.5552

Jessie Hope at 812.686.5155

## LOCATION

### ALCOA BUILDING

Warrick County 4-H Center

## LUNCH

### FAZOLIS

Spaghetti, Fettuccini, and Breadsticks

## COST

### \$5 PER MEMBER

No cost for Warrick County 4-Hers

## Access to Animal Medications: Plan Ahead for Changes Coming this Summer

By Debbie Boyd, DVM; Indiana State Board of Animal Health

Changes are coming to the way certain antibiotics will be available to animal owners by June 11, 2023. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been taking steps to improve the judicious use of antibiotics in humans and animals. For animal owners, the next step is outlined in *Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263*. This document requires drug companies to change the labels on over-the-counter medically important antibiotics (MIA) to prescription status. The FDA has been working toward the goal of having all medically important antibiotics for animals fall under the oversight of veterinarians. In 2017, FDA required MIAs in feed to have a veterinary feed directive (VFD) and all antibiotics administered via water have prescription labels. Not all drugs and not even all antibiotics will be affected by this rule change—only MIAs. Medically important antibiotics are those classes of antibiotics that are important for treating human disease. However, the most common over-the-counter antibiotics such as penicillin, tetracyclines, and sulfas fall in the medically important category and will no longer be available without a prescription. GFI #263 affects MIAs for livestock, equine, and small animals. Dewormers, some coccidiostats, and some less common and non-MIA antibiotics will not have a label change. Antibiotics you have on-hand after they are no longer available to buy without a prescription may be used legally. However, stocking up on these products is not recommended they may expire before they can be used. The best idea is to work with your veterinarian and have a plan in place for when animals may need antibiotics. If you don't currently have a regular veterinarian, now is a good time to reach out to one before an emergency occurs. Veterinarians are not obligated to write prescriptions or see animals, particularly after hours, if they are not regular clients. A valid veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR) is required for veterinarians to write prescriptions. To establish a valid VCPR, be prepared to have an annual visit from the veterinarian in order to have access to emergency visits and prescriptions. This federal rule change does not mean a veterinarian needs to see every animal every time it is sick. However, how you and your veterinarian will handle sick animals, prescriptions, and emergency situations is a conversation that should be completed in advance.

# Junior Pork Day at Purdue Saturday, March 4, 2023



## Program Agenda

8:30 – 9:00	Registration – Fee \$5.00 – Land O’ Lakes, Inc. Center Lobby (New Animal Sciences Meats Lab), Purdue University, 720 Clinic Drive (off Harrison St.), West Lafayette, IN 47907		
9:00	Welcome – Dr. John Blanton, Animal Sciences Dept. Head – Purina Pavilion		
9:15	Group 1 <u>Live Animal Evaluation</u>	Group 2 <u>Carcass Evaluation</u>	Group 3 <u>Hands On Activities</u>
	How to judge prospect pigs, market hogs and gilts	Evaluating pork cuts & carcasses	Ear notching and animal ID
	Evaluate 3 classes of swine	Evaluate 3 meats classes	What’s in your Pig’s diet?
10:15	Groups Rotate		
11:15	Groups Rotate		
12:15	Lunch –Pork, chips, fruit, ice cream – Purina Pavilion		
1:00	Afternoon Rotations (35-minute sessions – 5 min to walk) – Group 1 – Making great Brats Group 2 – Pig Jeopardy Group 3 – Preparing for Show Day and Swine Showmanship		
1:40	Groups Rotate		
2:20	Groups Rotate		
3:00	Announcements followed by contest awards – Purina Pavilion		

This program is being supported by the Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers Assoc., NSR, NJSA, and the Purdue University Animal Sciences and 4-H Departments. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Brian Richert - Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837, [brichert@purdue.edu](mailto:brichert@purdue.edu) or Courtney Stierwalt - 4-H Extension Specialist at [dickerso@purdue.edu](mailto:dickerso@purdue.edu)

**\*\*Masks may be required – depending on current COVID status \*\***



You are invited to participate in the Young Ladies in Ag Forum on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 1:00 PM -8:00 PM EST, at the Terre Haute Convention Center, 800 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807. Young ladies in grades 8-12 or college are invited to participate in the conference. Join us to explore and engage with other young ladies while learning about financial strategies, marketing yourself, and building a strong resume. The cost to participate is **\$20.00** per person. Register here for the Young Ladies in Agriculture Forum: <https://bit.ly/YoungLadiesInAg2023>



# Cancellation Policy

It is the policy of the 4-H program that if school has been cancelled or released early, all 4-H events are also cancelled. Please note - virtual meetings/events can still be held. County-wide activity cancellations will be posted on the Vanderburgh County 4-H Program Facebook page.

# 2022-2023 4-H Enrollment



If you haven't re-enrolled for 2022-2023, now is the time!

Enroll at: <https://v2.4honline.com>

# FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7pm Jr. Leaders	3	4
5	6	7 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	8	9	10	11
12	13 6pm Star Club; 6pm Centerrific Club	14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> German Gems Club	15 6pm St. Wendel Club 6pm Tractor Club	16	17	18
19 	20 <b>Office Closed</b> 6:30pm Scott Achievers Club	21 6pm Live-stock Club 6:30pm Shooting Sports Club	22	23 Happy Hoosiers	24	25
26	27 6pm Officer Training 7pm Adult Leaders	28				

# 2023 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

## January

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting
- 11: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 16: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

## February

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: Holiday, Office Closed
- 27: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

## March

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Center Conference Rm
- 8: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 14: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting)
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 16: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-26: Buckeye Leadership Conference
- 27-31: EVSC Spring Break

## April

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 11-13: Ag Days
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 25: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

## May

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Small Animal Barn
- 6: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

## June

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 5-7: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 7-9: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 13-16: State Jr. Leader Conference
- 14: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall

## June cont.

- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: Area Tractor Contest, Warrick County
- 24-26: State 4-H Band
- 24-26: State 4-H Chorus
- 26-28: 4-H Round-Up
- 29: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 30: Fair Entry Deadline

## July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline
- 1-7: Citizenship Washington Focus
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 6: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 17: Fashion Revue, Expo Hall
- 19-20: Fair Set-up
- 22-23: Enter 4-H Projects
- 24-29: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28 - Aug 20: Indiana State Fair
- 30: Projects Released

## August

- 3: Jr. Leader Banquet

## September

- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 13: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 18: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23-24: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

## October

- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

## November

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 8: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 8: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 16: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23-24: Holiday, Office Closed

## December

- 6: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 22, 25, 29 - Holidays, Office Closed

