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STUCK ON 4-H!



Have you enrolled in 4-H? Each week from now until January 15th we will be drawing two names from those enrolled to win one of these awesome 4-H sticker sheets!



These stickers are great for laptops, water bottles and so much more!

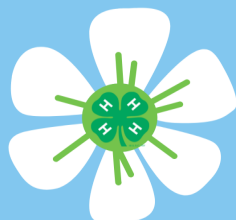
Enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com>

2024 4-H Enrollment

Be sure to re-enroll so that you stay up-to-date with all things 4-H!

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

Need help re-enrolling? Check out the instructions found [here](#) or reach out to our office at (812) 867-4935.



Apply for 4-H Trips by January 31!

Youth in grades 7-12, click [here](#) and click on Trips for the application and trip descriptions



Visit the State House

Tuesday, February 13th

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is \$20 to attend

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation.



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Check out this awesome opportunity to visit the Indiana State House on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 8:30am - 2:30pm EST (7:30 am - 1:30 pm CT). There is an opportunity to stay the night before at the Indiana State Fairgrounds for an extra \$20 (space is limited). Register in 4-H Online before January 15!

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



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Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov

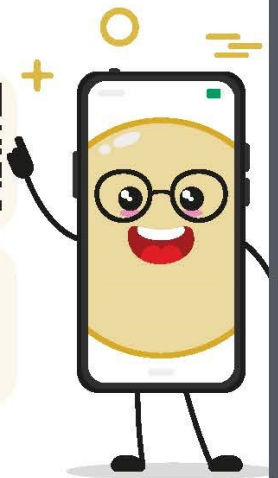


3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very fast*, and some of them are *very slow*. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by
Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in
case you miss one.

Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr
at mkron@purdue.edu

PACK YOUR BAGS!

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News & Celebrations



During the monthly meeting for Centerrific 4-H Club on Dec. 11, we played a Santa Scavenger Hunt with recycled magazines, elected new officers for several new positions, put together a Christmas cake mix craft, and collected over 35 toys for Toy Town and the Salvation Army. The Jan. 8 meeting will be held from 6-7:30 at Old North UMC. -Submitted by Elizabeth Temple

Vanderburgh Mini 4-H'ers completed service projects in the month of November. Check out all their hard work on this [video](#). Way to go, Mini 4-H'ers!



Camp is
June 3-5 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!

We are now hiring college students to serve as
Vanderburgh County 4-H

Summer Interns

For more information or to obtain an application; send an email to Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15TH!

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



Click [here](#) to view a 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship Workshop for help on your scholarship application. Megan Hoffherr would be glad to provide feedback on your application - send it to her at mkron@purdue.edu.

Volunteer Updates!

Adult Volunteers need to re-enroll each year as a 4-H volunteer at <https://v2.4honline.com>. After you have updated your profile, you will have the opportunity to complete the following trainings:



- Welcome Video
- Orientation to Indiana 4-H Youth Development
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and response and Guidelines for Youth Safety and Working with Minors

These video trainings may be completed all at one time or at different times. **ALL trainings must be completed PRIOR to working with youth in the 4-H program.** If you'd prefer an in-person training, please let Megan know. As we begin a new 4-H program year, we ask you to join us in embracing values we all hold true in 4-H - those of integrity, respect, honor, inclusion, innovation, and growth. Be on the lookout for a letter and email with more details.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers that can share their skills during a short-term program during the school day or in an afterschool setting. Help us teach youth and encourage more youth to be a part of 4-H! If you are knowledgeable about a specific 4-H project area and have availability during the school day or afterschool, reach out to Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for more details. Thank you!

Fair Association Youth Rep

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is looking to add a second youth representative to the association. The Association meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday evening. This is a great leadership opportunity to share your voice and represent the 4-H program. If you'd like to be considered for this role, please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.

Thank You!

to the following donors for the livestock online auction:

- Rural King, Morgan Ave
- Perry M & M's 4-H Club
- Vanderburgh Co. Livestock Club
- Dairy Goats
- West Side Honda
- Pet Food Center, St. Joe Ave
- Pet Food Center, Green River Rd.
- Donut Bank
- Ace Hardware, Darmstadt
- Hornville...Another Generation Strong Extension Homemakers Club
- Pygmy Goats
- Vanderburgh County Fair Association
- Armstrong Hi-Lighters 4-H Club
- Donna Sparks

And thank you to everyone that placed a bid! Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$1,462 for livestock improvements!



FORCES *Of Nature*



\$35

January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

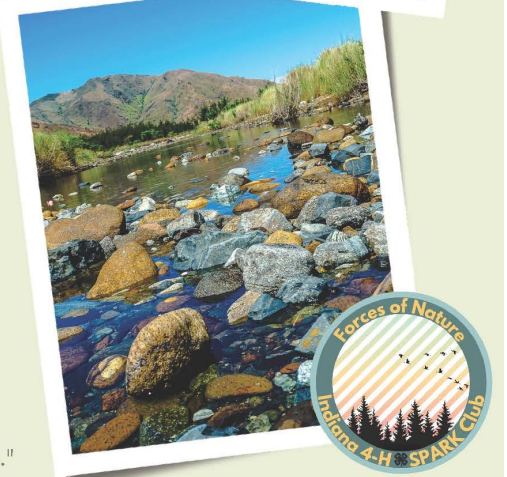
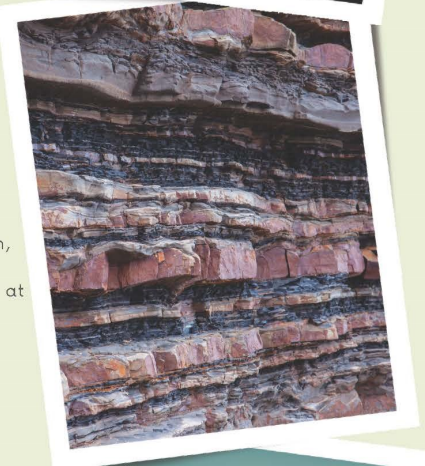
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

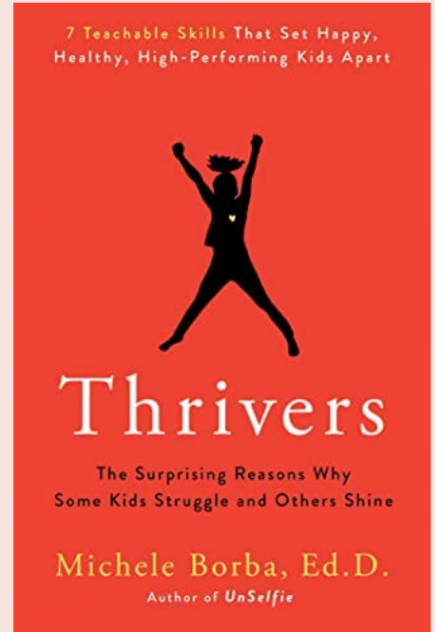
- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM

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THRIVERS LUNCH & LEARN



Join us for a lunch time virtual book club as we explore the book "Thrivers" by Michele Borba

Wednesdays - February 7, 14, 21, 28
11:00 am - 12:00 pm CT / 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET
Sessions will be held on Zoom

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Thrivers2024>
by February 7

Questions?

Contact Carla Kidwell at
kidwellc@purdue.edu or Megan
Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu



Open House

February 20, 2024

4 pm to 6 pm



Refreshments will be served



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Come and explore the Programming Opportunities that Extension has to offer. Meet the staff and discuss what Extension can do for you.



4-H & Youth



Health & Human Sciences



AG & Natural Resources

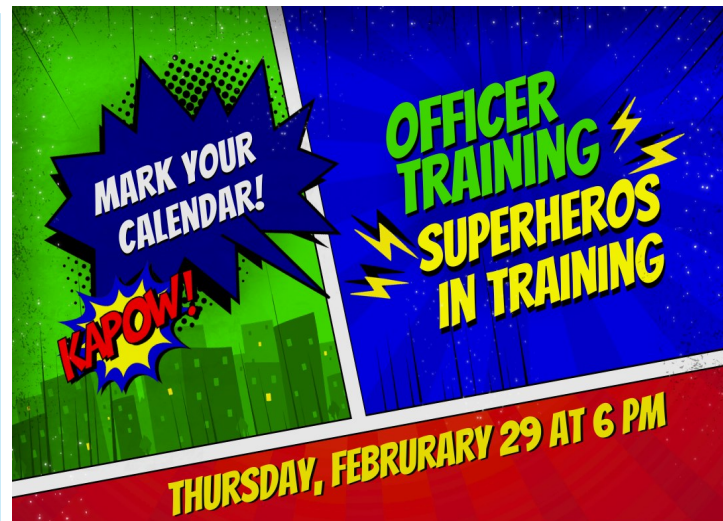
Nutrition Education Program

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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.



JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dog Club 7pm	4 Jr. Leaders 7pm	5	6
7	8 Centerrific 6pm Horse & Pony 7pm	9	10 Perry M & M's 6:45pm	11 German Gems 6pm	12	13
14 Shooting Sports 4pm—Family Night	15 Scott Achievers 6:30pm	16 Energetics & Tech Club 5:30 / Livestock Club 5PM Prime Foods	17 St Wendel 6pm	18 4-H Council 6:30 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hoosiers 4-H Scholarships Due	26	27
28	29	30	31 4-H Trip Applications Due			

2024 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Holiday, Office Closed
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 29: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25-29: EVSC Spring Break
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

April

- 2-4: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 6: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 27: Holiday, Office Closed
- 30: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 2: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 3-5: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- 12-14: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 17: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 18: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

June cont.

- 20: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-24: State 4-H Band
- 22-25: State 4-H Chorus
- 24-26: 4-H Round-Up
- 27: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 27: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 29: Area Tractor Contest, Vanderburgh County

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 10-11: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 11: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 11: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 17-18: Fair Set-up
- 20-21: Enter 4-H Projects
- 22-27: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28: Projects Released

August

- 1: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 2-18: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 16: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building

November

- 5: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 4: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed

