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**4-H Enrollment is
NOW OPEN!**

**Enroll at v2.4honline.com
to stay up to date with
all things 4-H!**



Vanderburgh County 4-H

**We are looking for current
college students to apply
to be a 4-H summer intern
with Purdue Extension–
Vanderburgh County!**

**Contact Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu
with questions or to obtain an
application!**

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THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations to the Livestock online silent auction. With your donations, we were able to raise **\$1,227!** Thank you also to everyone that bid on and purchased items! Your gifts will help fund needed projects for the Livestock Program as we work towards getting new pens!

Dairy Goats exhibitors	Pygmy Goat Exhibitors
Ace Hardware of Evansville	IGA
Family Notions	Jo Ellen Wassmer
Alive Duvall	Judy Schmitt's Cinnamon Rolls
Bernard Family Farms	Mary Brenner & Dairy Goats
Driftwood Creations by Tara	Dairy Goat Exhibitors
Paula Havens	Vanderburgh County 4-H Dog Club
Sheep Exhibitors	Wood & Cloth Hobby
Cohutta Candles	The Thirsty Mango
Vanderburgh County 4-H Livestock Club	Spitsville Acres
Holiday Foods	Meagan Salomon
West Side Honda	Qadco Napa Auto Parts
Pet Food Center on First Avenue	Donut Bank



Graduation is approaching, which means hundreds of outstanding 4-H'ers across the state are nearing the culmination of their 4-H experience! We want to hear what 4-H has meant to you. Seniors, please complete this survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.



CLUB NEWS

Scott Achievers Club met on Sunday, December 15. We finished our Jr. Officer elections and started collecting donations for our club baskets that will be donated to the 4-H Center Gala. This meeting's theme was focused on life skills at home. We made edible cookie dough and hand sewn Christmas craft ornaments. Our next meeting is on Monday January 20, 2025.

from Breydon Curtis

Scott Achievers 4-H Club

<http://scottachievers4-Hclub.weebly.com>



LEADERSHIP CIRCUS

Step Right Up to the Greatest Officer Training on Earth!

INVITING ALL CURRENT AND ASPIRING 4-H OFFICERS TO A FUN, HANDS-ON OFFICER TRAINING TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Including acts for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation, Health & Safety, and Historian

Pizza will be provided
RSVP By Feb 10
@ <http://tinyurl.com/52dzj2ku>

Clubs with representatives for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will earn a cash prize!

February 13, 2025
6:00-7:30pm
Vanderburgh County
4-H Center Expo
Hall

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Camp is
June 2-4 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!

Registration
will open
soon!

Applicants
will be
interviewed
in Feb/Mar



Camp is
June 2-4 in
Santa
Claus, IN

Apply to be a Camp Jr. Director!

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!

Achievement Banquet

Congratulations to all the 4-H members and volunteers recognized at the 4-H Achievement Banquet! It was a wonderful evening celebrating the accomplishments of our 4-H family! If you received an award and were unable to attend the banquet, you may pick up your award at the Extension Office.

Junior Achievement Winners



(L-R) Emerson VanMeter, Bryce Rexing,
Kenzie Keil, Riley Curtis

Senior Achievement Winners



(L-R) Charlie English & Isaac Pohl

Special County Award Winners



(L-R) Isaac Pohl & Charlie English

Not Pictured: Paul Folz & Sarah
Parker

Farm Bureau Achievement Winners



(L-R) Kade Welte, Audrie Walker, Dimi-
tri Straub, Lance Riggle, Brandt Coomes,
Abigail Bullington, Stephen Brenner,
Reba Bergman

Not Pictured: Allyson Johnson, Adeline
O'Connor, Veronica Orth, Abigail
Pfafflin, Caroline Schultheis, Ella
Stoneberger, Aeva Thomas, Joston
Woodall

Congratulations Volunteers!

We recognize the following volunteers for their volunteer milestones with the Vanderburgh County 4-H program!



Bronze Clover - 1 Year of Service

(L-R) Stacy Schmitt, Lori Keil, Mary Jackson, Ma-leah Jackson, Emily Herrmann, Karli Hape, Lois Curtis; Not Pictured: Matt Engelhardt, Emily English, Dirk Farney, Emma Farney, Nick Folz, Kristin Haire, Casey Hillenbrand, Ben Hoffherr, Susan Huber, Tequilla Jackson, Leah Mowrer, Rachel Pohl, Janet Remling, Elaine Spaetti, Cordale Straub, David Swartz, Sarah Swartz



Silver Clover - 5 Years of Service

Beth Kroft

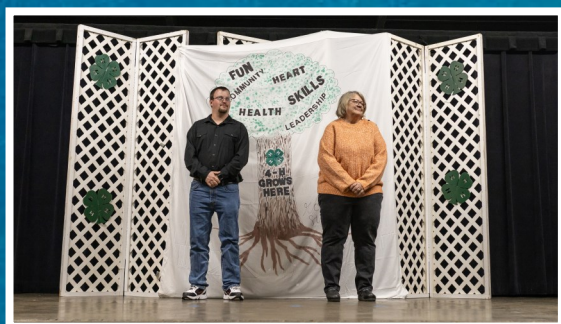
Not Pictured: Lindsay Eickhoff, Donald Montgomery, Jonathan Shell



Pearl Clover - 15 Years of Service

(L-R) Heather Lawson & Melissa Bippus

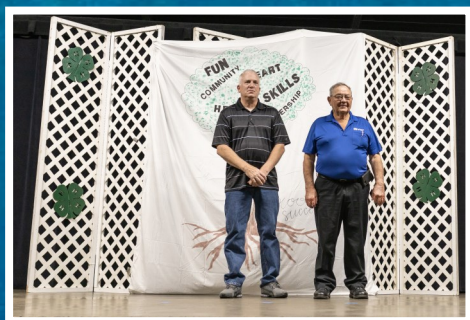
Not Pictured: Adam Bumb, Steve Dalp, Crystal Herke, Emily Roedel-Stotlar, Kathy Weinzapfel



Gold Clover - 10 Years of Service

(L-R) Tyler Odom & Alice Duvall

Not Pictured: Bonnie Brenner, Mallory Bumb, Angela Montgomery, Jill Seiler



Diamond Clover - 20 Years of Service

(L-R) Michael Woodard & David Brenner

Not Pictured: Katie Barnes, Michael Keil, Natalie Keil, Katherine Maurer, Amber Smith



Emerald Clover - 25 Years of Service

Margie Clutter

Thank you for your volunteer service!

Congratulations Volunteers! *

We recognize the following volunteers for their volunteer milestones with the Vanderburgh County 4-H program!



Ruby Clover - 30 Years of Service

(L-R) Amy Woodard, Lisa Uhde, Beth Moreland; Not Pictured: Bonnie Brenner



Sapphire Clover - 35 Years of Service

Angie Pohl



Diamond Clover - 40 Years of Service

(L-R) Glen Schlensker, Shannon Johnson, Linda Goebel
Not Pictured: Kim Salmon



Congratulations to Glen Schlensker and Steve & Becky Deustch! They were awarded the Rural Urban Award for their incredible service to the 4-H and Extension Community. We are so grateful for all that they do to support 4-H! Congratulations!





4-H TRIPS



4-H ROUND UP

Transportation: Included

Grades: 7th – 9th

Description: This 3-day conference of 4-H members from around the state is held at Purdue University. The program is developed for members in grades 7-9 to inspire them to continue in 4-H and to provide valuable career information. Participants have the opportunity to experience a large university campus and learn about career opportunities.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council

STATE 4-H BAND

Transportation: The 4-H member must provide For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: This trip is for youth who want to learn more about instrumental performance, techniques, meet new friends, and perform in Loeb Playhouse on Purdue campus. Youth will improve their instrumental skills as they prepare for a concert band performance during 4-H Round-Up. An additional state application form must be completed by the 4-H member in April.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council



STATE 4-H CHORUS

Transportation: The 4-H member must provide For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: Open to any student entering high school or currently in high school who wants to participate in an intensive, dynamic, challenging, and fun-filled singing, dancing and performance-orientated workshop. You will make new friends and work with some of the best music and performance teachers and staff in Indiana. An additional state application form must be completed by the 4-H member in April.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council



4-H ACADEMY

Transportation: Included

For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: 4-H Academy @ Purdue is a program held at Purdue University designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. You will choose a specific track to learn more about and may include animal science, civic engagement, food and nutrition, healthy living, natural resources, plant science, STEM, financial management, journalism, and health careers.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council, Extension Homemakers, Evansville Young Dairywomen



HOW DO I APPLY FOR TRIPS?

To be considered for full sponsorship to attend a 4-H trip, complete the County Trips & Activities Form by January 31. If chosen for the award, you will complete a registration in 4-H Online upon notification. If you'd like to attend at your own cost, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for details on registration.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

Visit the state 4-H website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs>.

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action university.

[Click here for the application](#)

[Click here for a video with more info about trips](#)



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 28-30

Ages: Grades 7th-12th

**Contact your local Purdue
Extension Office to learn
more and register!**

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



Local Funding is available!



4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



Tuesday February 11th 2025

Cost is \$25

Overnight Accommodations are available for an additional \$25

Space is limited

Register Now!

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>



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The 4-H Council set aside funding for youth to participate in this event on a first come, first serve basis! If you're interested, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for more information.



2025 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





4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All new and seasoned volunteers are invited to attend to learn more about the 4-H program and how to be successful in your role.

Thursday, January 30

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Purdue Extension – Vanderburgh Co.

13301 Darmstadt Rd, Evansville IN

RSVP to Megan Hoffherr at

mkron@purdue.edu

Snacks will be provided

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Bridges to Adventure

Survival Skills

An immersive outdoor survival experience to learn essential wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire starting, and foraging.

February 26th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 1st - Ransburg Scout Reservation 10am-3pm

Flyfishing

A hands-on fly fishing adventure! Learn not only the art of fly casting, but also how to build fly rods and create custom flies.

March 19th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 22nd - Fairfax State Rec Area 10am-3pm

Sportfishing

Experience the thrill of fishing, discover how to filet, fry, and savor the delicious results of your catch!

April 2nd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 5th - Raccoon Lake 10am-3pm

Outdoor Skills

Get a grip on nature, & learn skills to enjoy your time outside, from map and compass reading to knot tying and tracking.

May 14th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

May 17th - Shakamak State Park 10am-3pm

\$35

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

Go all in! Attend
all 4 virtual
sessions and all 4
in-person sessions

Attend whatever
sessions that fit
into your schedule!

Busy, but crave the
knowledge? Virtual
sessions will be
recorded to watch
at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
bridgestoadventure.4honline.com



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AREA II 4-H JUDGES, LEADERS, & COACHES CLINIC FEBRUARY 8, 2025

LOCATION



PYOCA
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

**886 E County Rd 100 S
Brownstown, IN 47220**

WHY ATTEND

- Sessions for Judges to improve their skills
- Sessions for Leaders to grow club attendance
- Sessions for CDE Coaches to learn more about events to coach in their county
- Q&A Panel of Judges, Leaders and Coaches

SCHEDULE

Registration 9:30am-10am
10am- Group Session
11am-11:45am- Breakout
11:45am-12:30pm- Lunch
12:30pm- 1:15pm- Breakout
1:15pm-2pm- Breakout
2pm-2:30pm-
Panel/ Special Session
2:30pm-3pm-
Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline January 23rd



COST: \$30



Extension

Join The Fun

2024 was the first year for this statewide 4-H event. For 2025 we are opening the competition to members as young as 5th grade. Due to the fact that the students in 8th grade did so well last year, we are moving 8th grade to the "Senior Division."

Participants who do not respond to emails will be removed from the event schedule. Make sure that you use an active email, that you read regularly, when registering.



March 15, 2025

Madison County Fairgrounds Alexandria, IN

Have fun while competing against 4-H members from all across that state of Indiana.

COMPETITION OPEN TO 2024-2025 4-H MEMBERS

The Junior Division is for members in grades 5-7.
The Senior Division is for members in grades 8-12.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Obstacle Course
- FAA/Trust Drone Knowledge Written Test
- Block Programming Challenge

WHAT ELSE WILL BE AT THE COMPETITION

- First-responders demonstrating how they utilize drones/UAVs.
- Educators, from Purdue Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources, showing how they are using drones/UAV's in digital agriculture.

ENROLL (AFTER NOV. 1, 2024)

- After enrolling in 4-H for the 2024/2025 year, go to <https://2025DroneUAVComp.4honline.com> and sign up for the "2025 4-H Drone/UAV Competition."

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The Tello drone/UAV is no longer being produced; however, it is still generally available through a number of on-line vendors. Due to what promised to be availability challenges, the competition will start to phase out the Tello over the next few years. Thus, this year, we will have a number of Tellos available at the competition along with at least one "CoDrone" UAV/drones. Thus, both drones will be used at the competition, based on the preference of the pilot.

Similar to last year, a few loanable Tello drones will be available to counties on a first-come-first-served basis.

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<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/uev-drone-contest.html>

Contact : Bill Decker, wdecker@purdue.edu



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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Jr. Leader Bowling	3	4
5	6	7	8 Dog Club 7	9	10	11
12	13 Centerrific 6 Star 6 Horse & Pony 6:30	14	15 St. Wendel All Stars 6	16 4-H Council 6:30	17	18
19	20 Scott Achievers 6	21 Livestock 6	22	23	24	25 4-H Scholarships Due
26	27	28 Tech & Energetics 5:30	29	30 4-H Volunteer Orientation 6:30	31 4-H Trip Applications Due	

2025 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 20: Holiday, Office Closed
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 13: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 20: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 12: Holiday, Office Closed
- 17: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 24-28: EVSC Spring Break

April

- 2-3: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 16: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, location TBD
- 3: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 14: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 23: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 26: Holiday, Office Closed
- 29: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 1: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 2-4: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 5: Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 11-13: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 9: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed

June cont.

- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 21-23: State 4-H Band
- 21-24: State 4-H Chorus
- 23-25: 4-H Round-Up
- 26: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28: Area Tractor Contest (tentative)

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 1: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 9-10: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 10: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 14: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 16-17: Fair Set-up
- 19-20: Enter 4-H Projects
- 21-26: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 27: Projects Released

August

- 7: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 1-17: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 21: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 27-28: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 2: Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 22: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building
- 23: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

November

- 5: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 11: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 27-28: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 3: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed

