

# The LINK

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## Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting will take place on Wednesday March 15th from 6-7pm in the Expo Hall. The Scott Achievers 4-H Club will be hosting our meeting and the topic is: FOOD! They always have great activities and it is sure to be a fun and educational meeting. Please join us! There is still time to enroll in Mini 4-H. Contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) with questions!

## Yes Grant

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](#)).



## Click here for the 2023 4-H Handbook

Hard copies have been printed. Club leaders will be picking up copies for their club members.

## 4-H CAMP 2023

When: June 5-7, 2023  
Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground  
Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6 (Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh)

Cost: \$105 - includes all activities, food, and bus transportation to/from camp

Register in 4-H Online under the Events Tab by April 15!



## OFFICER TRAINING

Congratulations to Centeriffic, Star, and Horse & Pony Clubs! They had all 4 main officers present at Officer's Training. A cash prize donated by Jr. Leaders will be given to these clubs. Way to go!

# Congratulations 2023 Trip Winners

## Round-Up

Alexa Adler  
Ridge Compton  
Brandt Coomes  
Evan Hillenbrand  
Heidi Jackson  
Kyle Jackson  
Joseph Knea  
Elise Lousignont  
Cale Melton  
Caroline Schultheis  
Dimitri Straub  
Aeva Thomas  
Sean Walker

## Citizenship

### Washington Focus

Sydney Woodard  
Reagan Koester

## Jr Leader Conference

Mesa Compton  
Paul Folz  
Reagan Koester  
Isaac Pohl  
Brooklyn Rogers

## Awarded thru Putzner

### Award to Jr Ldr Conf

Aubree Beyer  
Aly Jones

## 4-H Academy: New for 2023! Investigating

### Forensic Science: Wildlife, Entomology & Food Fraud

If you are interested in this trip, please let Megan know to discuss options

(mkron@purdue.edu)

## 4-H Academy @ Purdue

### Animal Science: Food Animal

Audrie Walker

### Animal Science: Animal Health

Josie Nesbitt  
Brooklyn Rogers

### Animal Science: Animal Bio-science

Alyssa Coomes  
Ireland Guetling

Ella Thomas

### Civic Engagement

Ridge Compton  
Reagan Koester

### Exploring Health Careers

Rachel Pohl  
Kiley Standing

### Food Science & Nutrition

Katherine Roemke  
Kylie Weiss

### Natural Resources

Mesa Compton  
Anna Thomas

### Plant Sciences

Matthew Caldemeyer  
Kyle Jackson

### Show Me the Money

Katie Wiederkehr

### Computer Science

Charlie English

### Engineering Our Environment

William Melton

Tate Farney

### The Science of Flight

Sydney Woodard  
Evan Hillenbrand



“In America we have only one title to nobility and that is ACHIEVEMENT. You 4-H’ers have won that title.”

President Woodrow Wilson



# 4-H Happenings

## Jr. Leader Volunteer Blitz



In January, Junior Leaders volunteered at the Tri-State Food Bank and packed 700 senior food boxes in two hours! Way to go Junior Leaders!

Reagan Koester (left) joined 166 Indiana 4-H members at 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse. Reagan participated in her role as 4-H ambassador. Vanderburgh 4-H'ers, Kiley Standring and Hannah Freitag also participated to learn about state leadership and legislation. What a fun visit!

## 4-H Day at Statehouse



Isaac Pohl and two other Indiana 4-H members were chosen to serve on the state leadership team for the Ag Innovators Experience and recently traveled to Ohio for training (photos of training). This is an annual event that helps develop critical workforce skills in youth through applying critical thinking and STEM skills to address a real-world agriculture challenge. This year's Ag Innovators Experience theme focuses on how precision agricultural practices applied with drones are helping farmers enhance crop yields, sustain world



## Ag Innovators Experience

food systems, and be better environmental stewards; how data science and technology tools help producers make real-time decisions to change field conditions with precision crop health scripts; and how careers and advancements in agricultural technology and innovation are critical to finding long term solutions for climate change, world hunger, and viable diverse ecosystems. The Indiana team plan to deliver the Ag Innovator's experience to 1000 4-H youth this spring and summer. We can't wait to see all they'll accomplish!

## Officer Training & New Member Night



4-H Officer's Training and New Member Night was a huge success with 63 returning 4-H members and 17 new 4-H members in attendance. Activities included: Teamwork- Youth worked in teams to toss their pizza dough (rope) while spinning and clapping; Role Positions- A few of our wonderful volunteers (huge thanks to Jenny Deutsch, Tim Pohl, Kendra Groeninger, Melissa Bippus, Sara Coomes, and Rhonda Klueg-Slater) gave presentations on the various club offices; Listening and Communication- Youth learned that not all communication is verbal! We did an activity where one youth was blindfolded, one youth couldn't see the activity and the other couldn't talk; Parliamentary Pizza- Youth worked in their teams to decide how to make a dessert pizza and what toppings to add using Parliamentary Procedure. Goal Setting- Youth used the 4-H Pledge to come up with goals for themselves as well as for their clubs. It was a great night with the awesome young leaders of Vanderburgh County 4-H!





**VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H**



# **4-H CENTER DAY OF SERVICE**

*Join Junior Leaders in celebrating their 75th anniversary by supporting the Vanderburgh 4-H Center!*



**All 4-Hers and families, Leaders, SIAM, Extension Homemakers, Fair Association members are invited to participate in a Day of Service at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Registration will begin at 8:30am with work starting at 9am. The job will wrap up around 2pm.**



**Lunch will be served!**

**APRIL 15  
2023**

**SIGN UP HERE:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4hcleanupday2023>

# Genealogy Spark Club

## Climbing Your Family Tree

Every 4th Thursday

March 23rd  
7-8:30pm EST  
April 27th  
7-8:30pm EST  
May 25th  
7-8:30pm EST



### Session Titles

1. Discovering Your Family Tree
2. Leaves of Your Tree
3. Life Cycles of Your Tree

All active 4-H members in grades 3-12 can register for **FREE** in the Events tab of their 4Honline profile.



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# 4-H Manuals, Tags, & Supplies

Did you know that each 4-H member can get a manual for most 4-H projects for free? These manuals help provide supplemental learning for the project area and are a great resource for helping to create your exhibit. Please note - not all projects have manuals.

4-H members can pick up 4-H manuals, handbooks, and livestock tags from the Purdue Extension Office. You're welcome to drop in to pick up the items or you can order in advance so they're ready when you stop by. We can also put the items in the drop box if you can't come during business hours. Sign up for manuals and project supplies [here](#) and livestock tags [here](#). Club leaders may order manuals for their members.

# Project Supplies

- Poster Backing: \$0.50
- Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50
- Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$15
- Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20
- Electric Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50
- Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50
- Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$22.50
- Entomology Pins: \$6
- Insect Boxes \$40



INDIANA 4-H

# JUNIOR LEADER AND ADVISOR WEBINAR

### TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H TRIP OPPORTUNITIES
- PLAN FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR THE JUNIOR LEADER PROGRAM

All Junior Leaders and Advisors are welcome to attend



### Save the Date!

MONDAY  
MARCH 13TH  
AT  
7:00 P.M. EST

JOIN US:

<http://bit.ly/41gUfSu>

SCAN TO JOIN



# Volunteers Wanted!

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

- Computer
- Entomology/Geology
- Model Crafts

And club leader(s) for German Gems

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.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H  
**PERFORMING  
ARTS  
CONTEST**



**TUESDAY APRIL 25TH  
VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER  
AUDITORIUM  
6:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP; VISIT:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HPERFORMINGARTS2023](https://tinyurl.com/4Hperformingarts2023)**



# Animal Projects

## Quality Livestock Care Training

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. You should have received a letter in late February with more information and training dates ([you can also find it here](#)). The first training is March 14. Registration for the trainings can be completed in the Event section of 4-H Online.

**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 training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1.**

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.

## 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 was updated for clarity

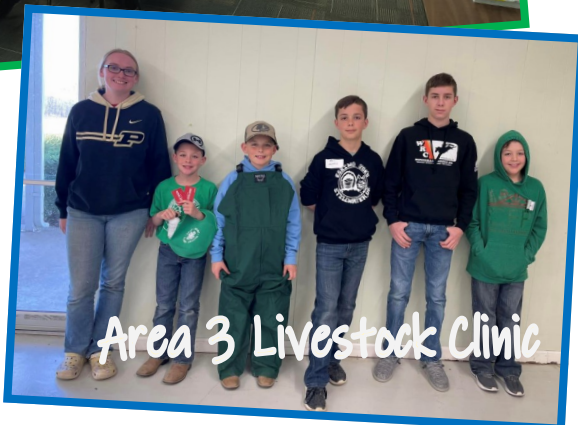
Please carefully review the 4-H handbook to ensure you are aware of all guidelines.

## 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.



Poultry Workshop



Area 3 Livestock Clinic

## Animal Identification

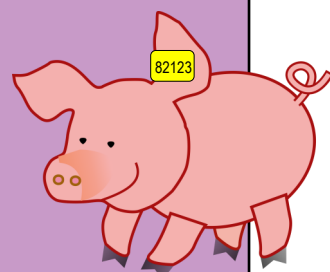
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

**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.**



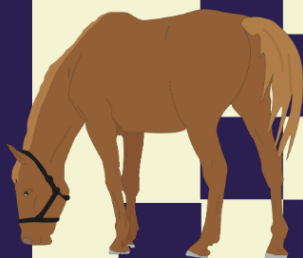
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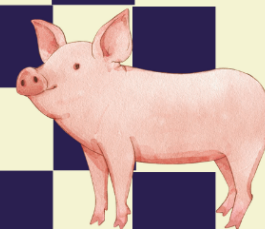
# AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



*Join our Vanderburgh County 4-H members for an informative and exciting afternoon of all things ag!*



Vanderburgh County 4-H is hosting an After-School Ag Day! Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will be on site and presenters will be around to answer your questions! Please join us!



**Agriculture is awesome!**

**APRIL 12  
2023**

**4:00PM-6:00PM**  
**Vanderburgh 4-H Center**  
**Livestock Barns**

*If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu).*





Vanderburgh County  
Extension

# Open House



## 4-H & YOUTH HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES AG & NATURAL RESOURCES NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM



**March 13, 2023**

**11am-1pm CST**

**Welborn Community Room**

**20 NW 3rd St, Evansville IN 47708**

*Grab a bite, meet our fantastic educators and chat about what we do and how we can partner with you and/or your organization. Stop in anytime from 11-1.*

Two hour street parking. Garage parking on 2nd floor. Park in Customer Parking Only spots. Enter the building from the front doors or the parking garage. Take elevator to 15th floor.

questions: 812-435-5287 [www.extension.purdue.edu/county/vanderburgh](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/county/vanderburgh)

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**VANDERBURGH  
COUNTY 4-H  
T-SHIRT DESIGN  
CONTEST**

**We are looking for an  
artist for our 4-H  
Spirit Wear!**

THE RULES::

1. YOUR DESIGN SHOULD INCLUDE THE WORDS "VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H"
2. ARTIST MUST BE A VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H MEMBER.
3. DESIGNS MAY BE HAND-DRAWN OR COMPUTER GENERATED.
4. DESIGNS WILL BE VOTED ON. WINNING DESIGN WILL RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT!

EMAIL A PICTURE OF YOUR ENTRY TO TAYLOR @  
TVANMET@PURDUE.EDU OR DROP IT OFF AT THE  
EXTENSION OFFICE!

**ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN  
APRIL 1ST!**

**HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL TAYLOR AT  
TVANMET@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.

# 2022-2023 4-H Enrollment



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

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

# MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00 Jr. Leaders	3	4 Celebrate the Center
5	6	7 6:00 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	8 6:30 4-H Council	9	10	11
12	13 Star 6pm; Centerrific 6pm	14 6:00 Livestock Club 6:30 Quality Livestock Care Training German Gems 6pm	15 St. Wendel Tractor Club 6pm Mini 4-H	16	17	18
19	20 Scott Achievers 6:30pm	21 Shooting Sports 6:30pm	22 Buckeye Leadership Conference (22-26)	23 Happy Hoosiers	24 	25
26	27 <b>EVSC</b> Spring Break ---->	28 ----->	29 ----->	30 ----->	31 ----->	



# 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

