

# The LINK

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

**Enroll at [v2.4honline.com](http://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](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu)  
with questions or to obtain an  
application!**

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If you have any special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for caring adults willing to serve as a project superintendent for the Soil & Water Science and Weather projects and an Assistant Superintendent(s) for Fire Safety, Government, Health, and Wildlife. These volunteers help with fair check-in and check-out and answer questions throughout the year. If you're interested in learning more, contact Megan Hoffherr at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu)



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](http://bit.ly/IN4Hgrad) by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.



**The 4-H Handbook is now available  
online! Click to access it. All 4-H  
families will receive a hard copy of  
the 4-H Handbook from their  
primary club leader.**

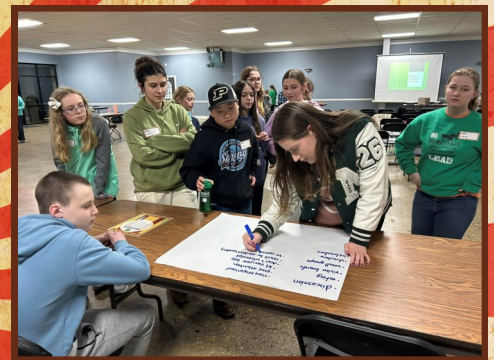


# 4-H Day at the Statehouse

Josie Nesbitt, Maddie Bedel, Ashley Kroft, and Jack Bossman represented Vanderburgh County 4-H at the Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse. They got to tour the statehouse, hear from elected officials, and learn about the government through a day full of civic engagement and leadership. What a cool experience! Thank you for representing Vanderburgh County 4-H so well!



51 4-H members stepped right up for the 4-H Leadership Circus Officer Training. What a fun night to learn how to be the best officer you can be! Congratulations to Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Centerrific, German Gems, Horse & Pony, and Star 4-H 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!





# 2025 Trip Winners

We would like to congratulate the following individuals who have been selected to receive sponsorship for 4-H Academy, Round-Up, Band, and Teen Leadership Weekend! Congratulations on your hard work and dedication to 4-H!

## 4-H Academy

Maddie Bedel  
Abigail Bullington  
Alyssa Coomes  
Brandt Coomes  
Emma Early  
Charlie English  
Austin Groeninger  
Ireland Guetling  
Heidi Jackson  
Kyle Jackson  
Elise Lousignont  
Josie Nesbitt  
Abigail Pfafflin  
Katherine Roemke  
Isaiah Schmitt  
Samantha Shrull  
Dimitri Straub  
Sean Walker  
Kylie Weiss  
Kade Welte  
Beau Wheeler  
Katie Wiederkehr

## 4-H Round-Up

Reagan Brenner  
Stephen Brenner  
Lydia Coomes  
Leo Guetling  
Sydney Hape  
Ty Jackson  
Isabel Key  
Ashley Kroft  
Silas Lawson  
Colton Likens  
Maxwell Ricketts  
Brianna Waters  
Braden Wheeler

## 4-H Band

Kylie Weiss



## 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

Abigail Bullington  
Alyssa Coomes  
Brandt Coomes  
Emma Early  
Charlie English  
Abigail Pfafflin  
Samantha Shrull  
Sean Walker  
Brianna Waters  
Braden Wheeler



# CLUB NEWS

## Scott Achievers

Scott Achievers Club met on Monday, January 20, 2025. In keeping with this month's club theme of bugs and animals we had a guest speaker Kevin Weiner from "All Bugs Go to Kevin". He spoke on different types of insects and how they help our planet. Afterwards we met with our club committees to discuss club projects for the year. Our club finished collecting donations for the 4-H Center Gala basket. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Scott Achievers Club met on Monday, February 17, 2025. This month's meeting theme was Demo Night. We broke into multiple groups to work on club demonstrations. Many interesting topics were demonstrated by club members. Members also received their completion pins for the number of years they completed in 4-H. Congratulations to all! Lastly, we kicked off our annual club fundraiser for the year. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Submitted by Breydon Curtis

## Tech/Energetics Club Meeting

Pledges: American led by: Emma Early; 4-H led by Kaela Huber

Secretary's Report: Given by: Tanner Wade

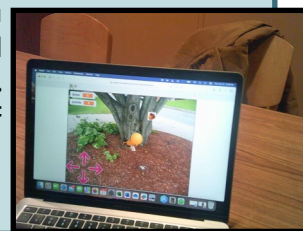
Treasurer's Report: Given by Seanan Walker and Ben Pfafflin

Recreation Activity: Our activity was robot programming. We programmed the head to turn.

Silent Auction: Our clubs agreed last meeting to put together an Easter basket to be in a silent auction fundraiser. Next meeting, we are going to bring in Easter items such as candy and peeps.

Demonstrations: Max gave a demonstration about Meta AI and how you can edit pictures with it. Kaela gave a demonstration of the game she made from scratch.

Submitted by Leo Adler



# Project Changes

In the [handbook](#), you will notice the following changes to project guidelines:

- "Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work." Added to Aerospace, Animal Education, ATV Safety & Operator Skills, Beekeeping, Bicycle, Child Development, Communication, Computer, Electric, Entomology, Floriculture, Foods, Forestry, Garden, Genealogy, Geology, Health, Home Environment, Lawn & Garden Operator Skills, Leadership, Photography, Shooting Sports, Small Engines, Soil & Water Science, Sportfishing, Tractor, Veterinary Science, Weather, Wildlife, Woodworking, Zero Turn
- State Fair entries added: 1 Beef poster per county, 1 Dairy cattle poster per county, 1 Goat poster per county, 1 Horse poster per county, 1 Sheep poster per county, 1 Swine poster per county
- Cake Decorating change: Cakes exhibited in the intermediate level are to be a single or double tier/layer, no more than 12" tall and may be any shape.
- Construction & Architectural Replicas: This exhibit will most likely be displayed on an 8' long table top with two or three exhibits per table. The exhibit can be no larger than a standard 8' long table. A county 4-H program may implement a smaller size limit if available facility space merits.
- Entomology: add: "Specimens may be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24"x 18"x 3", displayed horizontally" to Collection Exhibit Guidelines
- All Foods Projects: Contact info updated on required label, Foods Recipe Card updated
- Garden: Add "Tomato, 1" in Single Vegetable
- Geology: Specimens may also be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24"x 18"x 3" collection box, displayed horizontally.
- Sewing Skills & Techniques: Skills and Techniques and Exhibit Cards have been updated
- Beekeeping, Computer Science, Fashion Revue, Photography Changes: check out handbook for changes
- For animal projects, check out Horse & Pony, Llama, and Sheep for minor updates.



# LET'S GO TO 4-H CAMP!

Fun! Friends! 4-H!

When: June 2-4, 2025

Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground

Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6

(Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, Spencer, Pike & Knox)

Enroll now:

<https://camp25.4honline.com>

Applications are due

April 15th



VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H

## AG DAYS

APRIL 2ND & 3RD 2025  
@ THE VANDERBURGH  
4-H CENTER

We are looking for older 4-H members (7th - 12th grade) willing to speak and/or bring animals to Ag Days! This is a great opportunity to practice your public speaking skills and share your passion and knowledge of agriculture with 4th grade students! Sign up for one or both days at <https://tinyurl.com/agdays25>. Help is also needed with the Afternoon of Ag on April 2nd from 4-6 pm and with set-up and clean-up.

Questions? Contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) or Megan at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu).





**SAY YES  
TO SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY**

**YES GRANTS  
APPLICATION DEADLINE  
EXTENDED TO  
MARCH 15**



INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION Beyond Ready **IN4H.ORG/GRANTS**

### Youth in Action Program

Applications for the **2026 4-H Youth in Action Program** open on **January 27<sup>th</sup>**! This program celebrates outstanding 4-H youth aged 14-19 who make a difference in their communities. Selected winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, professional development, media training,

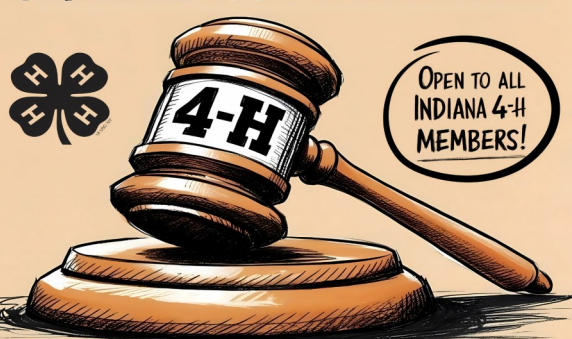
## Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting will take place on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Activities Center at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. The Scott Achievers 4-H Club will be leading the meeting and doing a lesson on endangered animals! We look forward to seeing all of our Mini 4-Hers as we missed February due to the weather!

## Livestock Pen Campaign

The Livestock Committee will be launching a livestock pen campaign to purchase new interchangeable pens for goats, sheep, and swine. If you know of any potential businesses, corporations, or individuals that may be willing to donate, please send their name and mailing address to Bonnie at [mommabb63077@gmail.com](mailto:mommabb63077@gmail.com) By March 7 and we will send them details on how to donate. Thank you!

**PURDUE COLLEGIATE 4-H**  
PRESENTS A VIRTUAL  
**4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**



OPEN TO ALL  
INDIANA 4-H  
MEMBERS!

**MARCH 11TH, 6:50 PM E** *Click here!*

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## Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

*Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?*

*Use your 4-H experience to receive  
credit for 1st year courses!*

### Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)  
EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)  
HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

Interested?  
Scan here!



Questions? [OCP@Purdue.edu](mailto:OCP@Purdue.edu) | (765)494-2345

### Special Thanks!

We want to thank Amy Woodard, 4-H volunteer, for leading the New Member Night in February. She did a great job helping new families learn about 4-H! Thanks, Amy! If you're a new member click [here](#) for a new member guide and video or reach out to the office with questions and we're glad to help!



# Animal Projects

## TAGGING DAY

Saturday, May 3

9:00 - 11:00 am

Vanderburgh 4-H Center Animal Barns

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors are required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for your animals.



Please complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/25Tagging> to help us plan for Tagging Day

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Extension - Indiana 4-H



## INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, PYGMY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS,**

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, 2025.

1. This certification must be done an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

### Training Dates

1. Tues, March 18 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)

2. Thurs, May 29- 3:00 pm

3. Mon, June 9 - 7:00 pm

4. Tues, June 17 - 3:00 pm

### Training Locations

4-H Center Banquet Hall

Purdue Extension Office

4-H Center Conference Rm

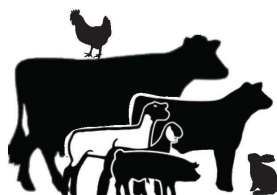
Purdue Extension Office

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC25.4honline.com>. Cost for the program is \$3.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Purdue Extension office at (812) 867-4935.

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Vanderburgh Co. 4-H presents

## DISCOVER THE FUN OF RABBITS!

Saturday, April 26

1:00-3:00 pm

4-H Center Show Barn

Curious about rabbits or just want to grow in your project? Learn about rabbit breeds, care and handling of your rabbit, and showmanship. Bring your rabbit if you have one, or we will have some available for handling to give you experience. Rabbit tattooing will be available.

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One lucky participant will win a new rabbit pen!



## Animal Identification

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

**May 15, 2025**

**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.**





A large, stylized treble clef is the central focus, rendered in black with a thick magenta outline. It is surrounded by several musical notes of various sizes, also in black with magenta or cyan outlines. Some notes have small black asterisks next to them. The background features several curved, grey lines that resemble musical staves.

# VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST

**TUESDAY APRIL 22ND  
VANDERBURGH 4-H CENTER  
AUDITORIUM  
6:30PM**

**For more information and to sign up, visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/25PerformingArts> by April 15.**

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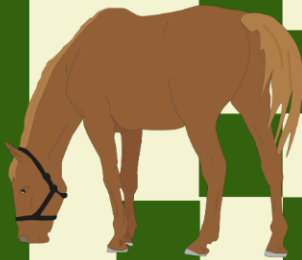
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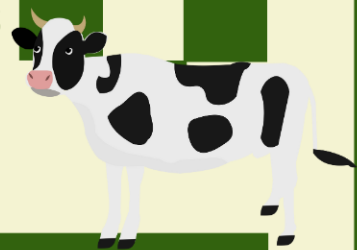
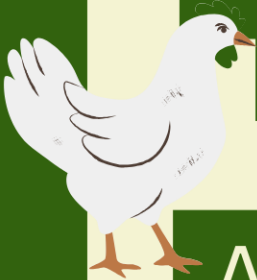
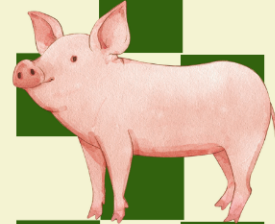
# **AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY**



*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!**

**WED. APRIL 2  
2025**

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

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

**7TH - 11TH GRADERS, JOIN US!**

# **4-H NEXT CHAPTER**

**MONDAYS  
@ 7:00 PM  
EST**

**VIRTUAL**

**MAR  
24**

## **MY PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS**

WHO do YOU want to be in your future?

**VISION  
BOARD**

## **DISCOVERING CAREERS FOR ME**

Check out hot careers including some you have never imagined!

**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

**MAR  
31**

**APR  
7**

## **NETWORKING SKILLS**

Like they say, it's who you know!

**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

## **SERVICE LEARNING**

Serving others and building employability skills.

**PLAN AN IN PERSON  
PROJECT**

**APR  
14**



**REGISTER:**

<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>



# Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

March 8, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Indiana State Museum

## Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition



Robotics teams and clubs are invited to the upcoming Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition. Teams can compete using any brand of robot and will face both known and unknown challenges. Whether your team is experienced or new to robotics, this competition is designed to foster teamwork, build creativity and technical skills, and connect with peers who share a passion for technology. Contact your local 4-H program if you are interested in volunteering to lead a team or joining a team.

## Learn about 4-H STEM Programs

Even if they are not competing, 4-H members can bring their families and friends to the Indiana State Museum for the STEM Showcase to celebrate and explore 4-H STEM programs. Check out the Indiana 4-H Invention Convention and Robotics competitions in the Great Hall. Visit our hands-on STEM activity stations to learn about STEM topics and career pathways. Explore the Indiana State Museum galleries and exhibits.

## Indiana 4-H Invention Convention Competition

Invention Convention is a global K-12 invention education program that activates STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship (STEMIE) learning to instill problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity skills for life. The Indiana 4-H Invention Convention State Competition is an exciting opportunity for K-12 students in Indiana to showcase their creativity and ingenuity. Student inventors will present their original inventions to a panel of expert judges and engage with fellow young inventors from across the state. Student inventors will win awards and recognition for exceptional projects. The most outstanding inventions will earn the prestigious opportunity to advance to the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.



INDIANA 4-H  
**INVENTION  
CONVENTION**



# 4-H Pottery



Looking for a creative activity that supports 4-H? Paint your own piece of pottery from the new 4-H Collection, available in studios starting March 2025. Contact your local studio for availability - and **5% of your purchase benefits 4-H!** Find out your studio [here](#).

## CHECK OUT VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H



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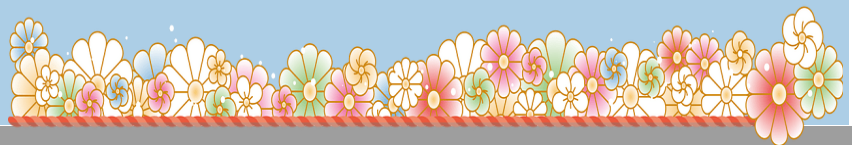
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## March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 6:00 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	5 7:00 Dog	6 7:00 Jr. Leaders	7	8
9 Time changes	10 6:00 Centerrific 6:00 Star 6:30 Horse & Pony	11	12	13 6:00 German Gems	14	15
16 6:00 Scott Achievers	17 HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY	18 6:00 Livestock 6:15 QLC 7:00 Shooting Sports	19 6:00 Mini 4-H 6:00 St Wendel	20 6:30 4-H Council	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Spring Break!				
						Hello spring

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# 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

- TBD: 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



# 4-H NEXT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Indiana 4-H

Issue 001

February 2025/Vol. 001

## Beyond Ready for 2025

Throughout the history of the 4-H program, Indiana youth have translated their 4-H experiences into bright futures. 4-H Next Chapter is set to focus youth intentionally on the transferable skills and competencies they learn through their 4-H projects, leadership roles, and community engagement. We're living our motto to Make the Best Better. Indiana 4-H youth are poised to be Beyond Ready for life after high school and beyond!

### What is 4-H Next Chapter?

4-H Next Chapter is a set of activities and experiences aligned to Indiana's Employability Skills Continuum. Activities like networking, campus and site tours, hands-on experiences, and skills practice all work together to make each Next Chapter youth Beyond Ready to discover their unique career path.

4-H Educators and Next Chapter Facilitators are bringing Next Chapter programs to communities across the state.



## Next Chapter Team Spotlight

Jennifer Abrell is the Indiana 4-H College and Career Readiness Educator. Jennifer stepped into this role one year ago and has been busy building state wide partnerships, developing curriculum, meeting with county educators and stakeholders, and helping youth and their families prepare for life after high school. Jennifer is working to build out the Next Chapter team, so if you are interested in making CCR a bigger part of your county program or you would like to volunteer in a local Chapter, reach out! [jabrell@purdue.edu](mailto:jabrell@purdue.edu)

### Virtual Programs

Don't have a 4-H Next Chapter program in your community or school yet? Join us for an engaging virtual option from anywhere in Indiana! Chapter 1 begins Monday, March 24 and runs for four consecutive Mondays at 7:00 pm. Topics covered in Chapter 1 are: My Personal and Career Goals, Discovering Careers For Me, Networking Skills, and Service Learning. For 7th through 12th grades. Register for free here: <https://Chapter1.4honline.com>



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# Next Chapter CALENDAR



## Next Chapter Summer Experience

Join us for the Next Chapter Summer Experience and see yourself as a college student. Explore academic options and campus life outside the classroom. Tour Purdue University and Vincennes University, sleep in a residence hall, eat meals in dining halls, check out the VU Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis, and explore careers you didn't even know existed. You'll even get to swim or bowl or just hang out with new friends. The July 23-24 overnight This experience is open to all youth currently in grades 7-11. Cost to the youth is \$200. Contact us if financial assistance is needed. Space is limited and priority is given to youth who have participated in one or more Next Chapter programs or activities. A wait list will be activated, if needed. Registration opens March 18.



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Experience into  
Purdue credit**

Are you a current high school senior who will be attending Purdue University (West Lafayette campus) in Fall 2025? You have the opportunity to earn college credit based on your 4-H experience and demonstrated skills. Credit opportunity exists for three college courses: EDCI 28500, Multiculturalism and Education; EDCI 207, Construction and Textile Lab Management; and HORT 10100, Fundamentals of Horticulture. Each is a 3 credit course. Scan the QR code to express your interest now!

### February 2025 Times EST

**All month:** Registration open for Virtual Next Chapter:  
<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

**February 23:** College Goal Sunday,  
<https://www.collegegoalsunday.org/locations/>

### March 2025

**All month:** Registration open for Virtual Next Chapter:  
<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

**March 18:** Registration opens for Next Chapter Summer Experience:

**March 18:** Final Career Discovery Mentor training for this school year, 1:00 pm

**March 24:** Virtual Chapter 1: Session 1, My Personal and Career Goals, 7:00 pm

**March 31:** Virtual Chapter 1: Session 2, Discovering Careers for Me, 7:00 pm

### April 2025

**All month:** Registration open for Next Chapter Summer Experience:

**April 7:** Virtual Chapter 1: Session 3, Networking Skills, 7:00 pm

**April 14:** Virtual Chapter 1: Session 4, Service Learning, 7:00 pm

**April 15:** Indiana FAFSA deadline

**April or May TBD:** In person Next Chapter Service Learning Day

### Summer 2025

**July 23-24:** Next Chapter Summer Experience