

The LINK

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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!

Support the 4-H Achievement Banquet

Purchase an Ad for your
Business or 4-H Member

1/8 page \$25



1/2 page \$50



Full page \$100



2 Full pages
\$200
Center Fold



Ads/checks due 11/1/2024

Make checks payable to Vanderburgh Co 4-H Council

Ad donations help to offset award recipients' complimentary meals

For more information or questions, contact the
Extension Office at (812) 867-4935

Awards Selection

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped choose 4-H awards. We are so thankful for your time and expertise in helping to recognize all the great accomplishments of 4-H members. We can't wait to give out the awards at the Achievement Banquet!

4-H Achievement Banquet

Rooted in Success - 4-H Grows Here

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
4-H CENTER AUDITORIUM
REGISTRATION: 5:30 - 6:00 PM
DINNER: 6:00 PM, PROGRAM: 7:00 PM

All award winners have been notified via mail and email. All winners will receive a complimentary meal. Award winners are asked to make reservations at <https://24banquet.4honline.com> or by calling (812) 867-4935 by November 1. Families that would like to attend must purchase tickets at the Purdue Extension Office by November 1.

Meal is \$15/adult and \$8/child (9 & under). Includes fried chicken, garden salad, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, green beans, fried biscuits, and ice cream. Please let our office know if you have dietary restrictions by November 1.



4-H Handbook Design Contest

Design the cover of our handbook!

Designs can be hand drawn or designed on a computer. Design will be printed in black and white on the front of the 2025 handbook. Submit your design by

November 1 to Taylor at
tvannet@purdue.edu.





4-H 2024 HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS ARE HERE!

Celebrate the season with these Barnyard Buddies



Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$20 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 100,000 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential. 100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

Celebrate the Center 2025

(Annual Fund Raiser for the Vanderburgh 4-H Center)

The Celebrate the Center will take place on March 1, 2025. This event helps to financially support the 4-H Center and provides money for needed expenses. We are asking 4-H Clubs/Extension Homemakers 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 15, 2025. For question, please contact Co-Chair, Beth Schmitt at 812-550-3487 or Co-Chair, Rhonda Klueg-Slater at 812-459-4662.

Festival of Trees

The holidays are right around the corner! The Festival of Trees set-up will be Saturday, November 30th at 9am in the SIAM bldg. Tear down will be January 4th at 9am. Clubs are invited to set up a tree in the SIAM building during the Winter Carnival.



Livestock Fundraising Online Auction



Challenge to all 4-H Clubs and Livestock Species to donate items/baskets for an online auction

If you need a letter to supply to a business, please contact our office

Auction in December

Items/Baskets due to the Ext Office by November 20

For questions call: Susan/Taylor/Megan @ 812-867-4935



Head Leaders!

Head leaders! It's time to begin setting up the 2025 Calendar. We **MUST** have a list of your meeting dates (with times and locations) to the Extension Office once you have your year planned out. If your club doesn't begin meetings until after the first of the year, please let us know. Your events won't be included in the LINK calendar if you do not share your information. Thanks for your help!

America's favorite meal—PIZZA!

Order a large pizza, October 2nd through November 5th and

Casey's will donate \$1 to 4-H. Savor a slice and support a great cause!



Thank You!



4-H members did a great job representing 4-H at the Fall Festival parade!



Upcoming Opportunities

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp in Florida - Dec 27-31

4-H'ers become amateur zookeepers at Busch Gardens, Tampa & SeaWorld, Orlando. In this learn-by-doing environment, members explore careers in the animal field and learn about animal conservation all while having fun in the park! 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp is for youth ages 11-13 & 4-H Zoo Apprentice is for youth 14+! Click [here](#) for more info.

Invention Convention - Are you a teacher or club leader who has students who love to invent? Indiana 4-H will be hosting an annual Invention Convention in March. Find out more [here](#) and contact Megan at mkron@purdue.edu for upcoming workshops.

Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse is a civic engagement opportunity during which 7th-12th grade 4-H'ers learn about our state government. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. **Save the date for February 11!**



Special thank you to 4-H Promotion Liaison, Kellyann Walker and Audrie Walker! They promoted 4-H at the Fiesta Evansville festival and the Drugs are a Trick, not a Treat trick or treating event. Thank you for volunteering your time and sharing about 4-H!!

With Sympathy

With a heavy heart, we share the passing of 4-H volunteer, Charlie Wallis. Charlie impacted thousands of youth during his 45 years of volunteering with 4-H. He had a kind heart and a big, hearty laugh. Charlie will truly be missed. Please join us in sending love and thoughts to his family. You can find his obituary [here](#).



TREAT YOURSELF TO 4-H TRUNK OR TREAT



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!





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.

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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.

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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](#)

**VANDEBURGH
4-H CENTER
PRESENTS**

Winter CARNIVAL

NOV. 30TH – JAN. 1ST

Get in the holiday spirit at the 4-H center! See the dazzling display of Christmas lights, fully decorated Christmas trees & other beautiful holiday decorations.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC.
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**SANTA'S
WORKSHOP**
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
6 - 9 PM
SUNDAYS
6 - 8 PM

Supper with Santa

DECEMBER, 6TH | 5:30-8 PM

Vanderburgh 4-H Center Auditorium \$5 per person
(adults & children) Pay at the door upon entry.

MENU

**HAMBURGERS | HOT DOGS | CHIPS
APPLESAUCE | DRINK | HOMEMADE COOKIES**





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



CLUB NEWS



Scott Achievers club met on October 20, 2024. We introduced new officers for 2024-2025 and welcomed new members. Our meeting topic was 4-H 101. We divided into 5 groups to provide education and explanation of how 4-H works. Members rotated through each education station. The stations consisted of demonstrations, bylaws/motions, committees, projects and handbooks, recreation and completion requirements. Our next meeting is on November 17, 2024.

- Submitted by Breydon Curtis

Share what your club is doing in next month's newsletter by emailing news and/or photos to Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.

NOVEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 6pm Armstrong Hi-Lighters	4	5 Office Closed	6 7pm Dog	7 6:30 Jr. Leaders	8	9
10	11 6pm Centerrific 6pm Star Horse & Pony 7pm	12 Achievement Banquet	13 6:45 Perry M&M's	14 6pm German Gems	15	16
17 6pm Scott Achievers	18	19 6pm Livestock	20 6:00 Mini 4-H 6pm St Wendel	21 6:30 4-H Coun- cil	22	23
24	25	26 5:30pm Tech & Energetics	27	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30