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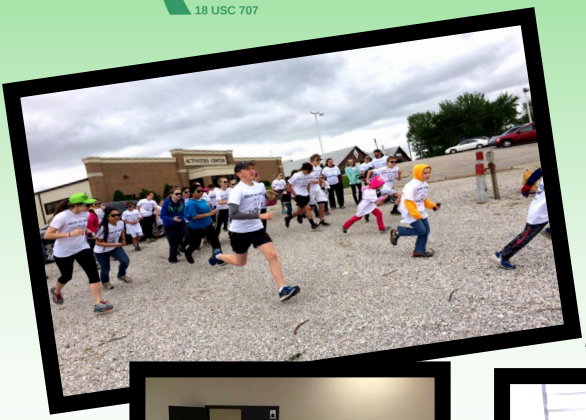


Vanderburgh County 4-H

1 Join 4-H

What is 4-H? 4-H is an educational positive youth development program. Indiana 4-H is part of Purdue Extension. The Vanderburgh County Purdue Extension Office manages Vanderburgh County 4-H programming.

Who can be in 4-H? 4-H is for youth in grades 3-12. Vanderburgh County also has a Mini 4-H program for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade.

When Can I join? We encourage you to enroll in the fall or early winter so that you can take advantage of all that 4-H has to offer!

How Do I Join? You can join online at http://v2.4honline.com.

Is There A Cost? The annual 4-H program fee is $20 for 4-H members and $5 for mini 4-H members. Most events are free.

INFO

Need more information?

Purdue Extension Vanderburgh County

13301 Darmstadt Rd. Evansville IN 47725

812-867-4935

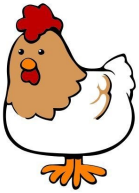
http://extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh

2 Pick Project Areas

Projects are subjects that interest you. You may complete as many projects as you like. You can choose your projects in 4HOnline.

ANIMALS

- Animal Posters
- Aquatic Science
- Beef
- Cat
- Dairy
- Dog
- Goats
- Horse & Pony
- Llama/Alpaca
- Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Beekeeping
- Crops
- Forestry
- Floriculture
- Garden
- Plant Science
- Strawberry
- Tractor
- Wildlife
- Woodworking

HOBBIES

- Collections
- Sports
- Shooting Sports
- Sport Fishing
- Americana
- Barbecue
- Bicycle
- Family Camping
- Fire Safety
- Government
- Recycling

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Computer
- Digital Craft
- Electric
- Entomology
- Geology
- Robotics
- Small Engines
- Soil and Water Science
- Weather and Climate Science

CREATIVE ARTS

- Cake Decorating
- Creative Writing
- Basic Crafts
- Needlecraft
- Fine Arts
- Model Craft
- Scrapbook
- Photography
- Gift Wrapping
- Woodworking

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

- Sewing
- Home Environment
- Child Development
- Consumer Clothing
- Consumer Education
- Creating with a Mix
- Foods
- Genealogy
- Health / Safety
- Microwave Cooking

TIP

4-H has resources for all project areas. Check out the Indiana 4-H website or visit the Extension Office for project manuals.

3 Choose a Club

Most 4-H Clubs meet once a month. PLEASE NOTE: Meetings are subject to change. You can choose a club or multiple clubs based on your project area interest, where you live, what club your 4-H friends are in, or who the club leaders are. You will choose your club in 4HOnline and your club leaders will give you information on when and where you club meetings will be and special events they have planned for the year. You can always visit a club to try it out first! Please contact club leader before attending your first club meeting to make sure the date/time is correct.

Armstrong Hi-Lighters Meets: 1st Tuesday @ 4-H Center Led by: Marva Caldemeyer marvacaldemeyer@ aol.com	**Centeriffic** Meets: 2nd Monday @ Old North United Methodist Church Led by: Kim Salmon kim.salmon@evsck12.com
German Gems Meets: 2nd Tuesday @ 4-H Center Led by: Tera Andrecht tandrecht@twc.com	**St. Wendel All–Star Clovers** Meets: 2nd Tuesday @ St. Wendel Led by: Amanda Hirsch amanda.hirsch@ henderson.kyschools.us
Happy Hoosiers Meets: 4th Thursday @ St. Paul's UCC- 8701 Big Cynthiana Rd. Led by: Amber Happe amberhappe@gmail.com	**Energetics** Meets: 3rd Tuesday @ Location TBD Led by: Dan Miller drmprosec2@gmail.com
Perry M&Ms Meets: 2nd Wednesday @ St. Mark's UCC– 7501 Hogue Rd. Led by: Tara Kolb Tara.kolb4@gmail.com	**Scott Achievers** Meets: 3rd Monday @ Blue Grass Church Led by: Amy Woodard scottachievers@gmail.com
Star Meets: 2nd Monday @ 4-H Center Led by: Laurie Thomas lctoothie@aol.com	**Green River Greenies** Meets: 1st Wednesday @ Good Shepherd Catholic School Led by: Janet Wagner jewag2ner@gmail.com
Mini 4-H Open to Kindergarten-2nd Grade Meets: 3rd Wednesday @ 4-H Center Led by: Taylor VanMeter tvanmet@purdue.edu	

Specialty Clubs

Dog Club Meets: Business– 1st Wednesday @ 4-H Center Dog Training starts in January Led by: Beth Moreland roblin8693@gmail.com	**Horse & Pony Club** Meets: 2nd Monday @ 4-H Center Led by: Desiree Dupre desrrad@gmail.com
Livestock Club Meets: 2nd Tuesday @ 4-H Center Led by: Jill Vieira Jill.vieira@sgibson.k12.in.us	**Shooting Sports** Meets: Vanderburgh 4-H Center Led by: Chris Odom odom@wowway.com
Tech Club Meets: 2nd Monday @ Central Library Led by: Mary Biever mary@biever.com	**Junior Leaders** Open to 8th-12th Graders Meets: 1st Thursday @ 4-H Center Led by: Megan Hoffherr mkron@purdue.edu
Tractor Club Meets: TBD Led by: Nick Deutsch nicholas.e.deutsch@gmail.com	FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT: 812-867-4935 or visit www.extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh

4 Important Dates

Contact the Extension Office with any questions on these dates.

***January 25, 2022**

Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications Due (10-12 grade)

***May 15, 2022**

Deadline for all other Livestock ID, Add/Drop Date for projects, 4-H Camp Applications Due

***June 30, 2022**

Fair Entry deadline

***July 1, 2022**

Deadline for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training (includes most livestock species)

***July 23 & 24, 2022**

4-H Project Entry and Judging

***July 25-30, 2022**

Vanderburgh County Fair

***July 31, 2022**

4-H Project Pick-Up

***September 19, 2022**

4-H Achievement Records and Trip Applications due to Extension Office

5 Trips

Check out the 4-H Handbook for detailed descriptions of 4-H trips and how to apply.

4-H Camp - Youth in grades 3-6 can participate in this fun -filled camp that includes crafts, sports, swimming, boating, nature, and more.

4-H Round-Up - Youth in grades 7-9 can attend this trip to Purdue University to learn more about careers, develop leadership abilities, and get a taste of the college life.

4–H Academy - youth in grades 9-12 learn about a specific subject matter through hands-on learning at Purdue University. Workshops include animal science, STEM, Food Science, Plant Science, Finance, Health Careers, Journalism, Citizenship, and Entrepreneurship.

Citizenship Washington Focus—2 youth in grades 9-12 can win a trip to Washington DC to learn about citizenship, community development, and government affairs.

State Jr. Leader Conference—Jr. Leaders can apply for this trip to develop leadership skills, learn group dynamics, and awareness of self and others.

4-H Band/Chorus - High schoolers can apply to be a member of the 4-H Band or 4-H Chorus. They attend a workshop and perform at 4-H Round-Up.

6 Activities

Check out the 4-H Handbook for detailed descriptions of 4-H activities and how to participate.

Performing Arts - Showcase your talent by singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, performing a skit, and more. Participate individually or as a group.

Robotics Contest– This contest is an opportunity for 4-H members to develop and refine their engineering and computer programming skills.

Career Development Events - Youth can participate in these competitive events to showcase their knowledge on a specific topic such as Crops, Milk Products, Dairy judging, Entomology, Forestry, Horse & Pony judging, Livestock judging, Livestock Skillathon, Soil judging, and/or Wildlife habitat. Participate individually or as a group.

Fashion Revue - Youth that participate in sewing and/or consumer clothing projects can showcase their garment at this contest.

Garden Contest - Youth that grow a garden can participate in this contest for small and large gardens.

Speech & Demonstration Contest - Youth can showcase and refine your public speaking skills at this contest.

Shooting Sports Contest - Youth can showcase their talents in a shooting sports discipline.

Tractor Contest- Youth can showcase their tractor and/or lawn mower driving skills as this event.

And more! Check out the handbook for additional activities!

7 Stay Up to Date

Stay up to date with 4-H happenings with these resources:

- County 4-H Handbook (given to each family early in the year or found online)
- Monthly newsletter, the 4-H LINK
- 4-H Project Manuals
- 4-H Club Leaders
- Purdue Extension Office - 13301 Darmstadt Rd., Evansville; (812) 867-4935
- Welcome to 4-H Guide
- Website: https://extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh

Don't hesitate to ask questions. We are all here to help you be successful in 4-H!

8 Have fun!

There's something for everyone in the 4-H program! We hope you take advantage of all that 4-H has to offer! Don't forget to enroll in 4-H at http://v2.4honline.com!

4-H PLEDGE

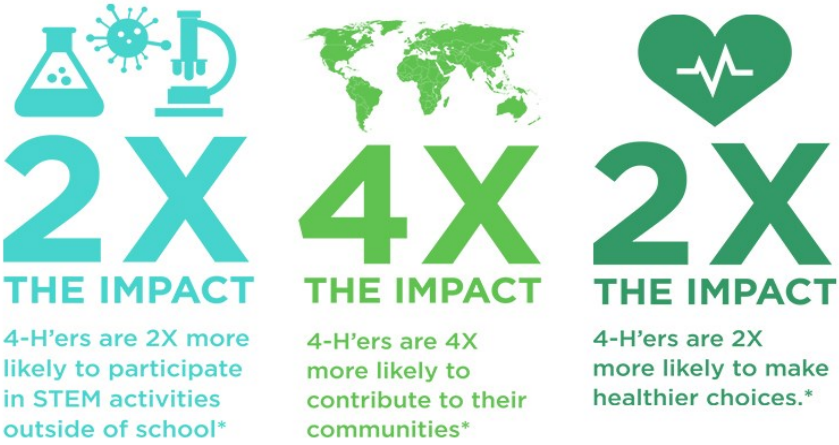
I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you an adult interested in volunteering with 4-H?
Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Club leaders:** advise and manage 4-H clubs, empower 4-H members to lead, answer 4-H questions, and be a positive role model!
- **Project Superintendents:** provides support and guidance for 4-H projects and helps with exhibit entry/ check-out at the fair.
- **Spark Club Leaders:** Lead a short-term educational experience on a specific topic such as marketing, welding, web design, etc. Share your expertise!
- **Other:** Serve on a committee, be a chaperone, help with 4-H promotion, and more!

Contact the Purdue Extension Office at (812) 867-4935 for information on volunteering. All 4-H volunteers complete a screening process prior to volunteering.



4-H GROWS HERE

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