

4-H LINK Newsletter

November 2025



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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 2026
handbook. Submit your design by
December 1 to Taylor at
tvanmet@purdue.edu.



STUCK ON 4-H!

Have you enrolled in 4-H?

Each week from now until January 15th we will be drawing two names from those enrolled to win one of these awesome 4-H sticker sheets!



These stickers are great
for laptops, water bottles
and so much more!

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

Casey's × 



IN STORE **OCT 1-10**
& ONLINE **OCT 1 - NOV 4**

October 1–November 4: Add a donation to any order made online or in the Casey's app. Every donation benefits local 4-H programs! Casey's will match all consumer donations, up to \$150,000, online or through Casey's mobile app from October 1–November 4. Learn more about the partnership at 4-h.org/caseyspizza.

4-H Enrollment is now open!

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

4-H Program Fee: \$25
Mini 4-H Program Fee: \$5





CLOVER CARNIVAL

Step right up and experience the excitement of 4-H!
Enjoy hands-on activities, fun games, and
interactive stations that showcase what 4-H is all
about. Join us for learning, laughter, and prizes—all
while discovering the opportunities 4-H has to offer!

**WED, NOV 12 FROM 6-7 PM
EVPL NORTH PARK MEETING ROOM
OR
MON, DEC 8 FROM 6-7 PM
EVPL RED BANK HOWARD ROOM**

Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations or an interpreter or translator to attend this program, please contact Megan Hoffherr prior to the meeting at (812) 867-4935 or mkron@purdue.edu by Nov 1

Scan to register!
Can't come?
Scan to get
more info



We would love for youth or adults from your club to help with a station and share more information about 4-H and your club. You can sign up to help at one or both libraries at <https://tinyurl.com/CloverCarnivalSignUp>.



Big news! 4-H is teaming up with [NBCUniversal](#) and [Wicked Movie](#) to celebrate youth who lead with heart and hands. As an official nonprofit partner of Wicked: For Good—in theaters Nov. 21—4-H is shining a spotlight on young changemakers who prove that everyday acts of good can be powerful. Stay tuned for the [#4HForGood](#) Challenge launching Oct. 9 during National 4-H Week! <https://bit.ly/3IOSqHZ>

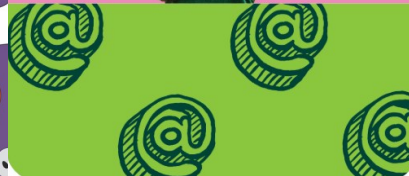
How to Join the #4HForGood Challenge:



- 1 Do Something Good**
Big or small, every act counts! Help out, give back, or simply show someone you care.



- 2 Share Your Heart Hands and Post Online**
👉❤️👉 Share your heart hands, write a short post about your good deed and share on social media using hashtag #4HForGood and tag @4H.



- 3 Challenge Your Crew**
Tag 4 friends and invite them to do something wickedly too!



Nearly 80 Mini 4-H members brought Halloween cheer to North River Health Campus! Dressed in costumes, they paraded through the halls, passed out treats, and filled the facility with smiles. Afterwards, the kids celebrated with games and goodies of their own. What a fun way to celebrate Halloween by bringing joy to others!



4-H members sharing their 4-H pride at the WSNC Fall Festival Parade



Oczaveon Williams became a 4-H member as part of the inaugural Dexter Class to Clover afterschool program. He was honored at a school assembly for his Weather poster that received Champion at the county fair and a blue ribbon at the State Fair. Way to go, Oczaveon!

TWO 4-H DRONE/UAV CONTESTS

SAVE THE DATES

02/21/2026: BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
*REGIONAL COMPETITION

03/14/2026: MADISON COUNTY
*STATEWIDE COMPETITION

MORE DETAILS SOON

SOUTHERN REGIONAL, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
STATEWIDE CONTEST, MADISON COUNTY

COMPETE IN ONE
OR BOTH EVENTS



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❁ 2025 Fall ❁

National 4-H AI Challenge AI in Agriculture

Opens October 1st - Closes November 15th



From improving crop yields and reducing food waste to supporting sustainability and innovation, the possibilities are endless, and we want to hear YOUR ideas! This fall's prompt is: "How can AI help

solve problems in agriculture? Open to youth ages 13-18. It's free to enter and you can win national recognition, prizes, and opportunities to showcase work. It closes November 15. Learn more and register at <https://events.projectboard.world/4HAIinAg>

4-H 2025 Holiday Ornaments are Here!



Collect all 3!

TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.
TractorSupply.com



Busch
Gardens

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

Become an amateur zookeeper and discover firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. Assist zoo staff behind the scenes and observe animal care sessions.



4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)
4-H Jr. Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11-13)
Busch Gardens, Tampa, FL & SeaWorld, Orlando, FL
December 27 – 31, 2025 (Registration Deadline: Dec 8). [Click here for info.](#)

Presidential AI Challenge



The Presidential AI Challenge is here! 4-H'ers, educators, and mentors are invited to design AI-based solutions to real-world challenges—with the chance to showcase their work on a national stage. Submissions are due January 20, 2026. State Champions announced March 2026, followed by a summer 2026 National Championship. Learn more & get involved: purdue.ag/PresidentialAIChallenge4H

Proceeds go to
4-H Horse &
Pony



SUPPER WITH SANTA

Friday December 5th 2025

Location - Auditorium top of the hill

Doors open at 5pm supper starts at 6pm
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Homemade cookies
\$5.00 Per Person Donation

*Vanderburgh 4-H center 201 e. Boonville
New Harmony Rd. Evansville Indiana*



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>.

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Trip application will be available soon!

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



2026 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.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



Training Opportunity

INDIANA 4-H BEYOND READY VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming volunteer workshop! Learn about the Beyond Ready initiative and how YOU can be a part of preparing Indiana youth to be Ready for Work, Ready for Life!

DETAILS



Beyond Ready

Workshop is in conjunction with the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

Workshop participants earn FREE Luncheon admittance! Luncheon immediately follows workshop.



Volunteer Ready!

Complete the workshop and you, too, are Beyond Ready! You walk away with skills to help Indiana youth in their career exploration journey.

RSVP

Complete this short survey to let us know you are coming. We will have a variety of resources ready for you!

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SCeMA00EfKMJIY or QR code



Contact Us

jlabbrell@purdue.edu



More Information

<https://in4h.org/luncheon-RSVP/>

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Volunteer Corner

4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Jr. Leaders would like to invite all 4-H volunteers to a night of fun!

Wednesday, December 3
Cambridge Activity Center
6:00 pm: 4-H Council/Adult Leader Meeting
6:30 pm: Dinner
RSVP to Ext Office by Nov 25

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

University of Kentucky



FEB 26-28
2026

Head Leaders

It's time to begin setting up the 2026 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. We need to have the list of 4-H meetings on file for insurance purposes. We will share your club meetings in our LINK newsletter once received. If you need help in planning your club meetings, don't hesitate to contact Megan at mkron@purdue.edu. Thank you!

Be the Difference:

MOTIVATE. EDUCATE. CELEBRATE!

The Premiere Experience

WORKSHOPS - NETWORKING - VENDORS
SEMINARS ON WHEELS - OPENING EVENT
VOLUNTEER ACCREDITATION - AWARDS
LUNCHEON - HALL OF FAME BANQUET

CALL FOR PROPOSALS SUBMIT IN THE LINK BELOW

https://uky.a21.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_BG5LQV4GKWD86AS

Central Bank Convention Center

Hyatt Regency Lexington

401 High Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

REGISTRATION OPENS

OCTOBER 1, 2025

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/core-program-areas/kentucky-volunteer-forum>

Cooperative Extension Service
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development

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LEXINGTON, KY 40546



Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Jr. Leaders will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations at the Achievement Banquet or items can be dropped off at the Purdue Extension Office through Dec 1.

We have been challenged by other county 4-H programs to see who can collect the most donations!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry and even more so during the government shut down.



CLOVER CONNECTORS



We're looking for 4-H members to join a new Digital Media Team! This group will help tell the 4-H story by creating fun content, running contests, and sharing the excitement of 4-H in an online space. If you enjoy being creative, working with technology, or coming up with new ideas, this team is for you!

The team will meet about 4 times a year and work to develop content in between.

APPLY TO BE A PART OF THE INAUGURAL CLOVER CONNECTORS TEAM BY NOVEMBER 3 AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CLOVERCONNECTORS](https://tinyurl.com/cloverconnectors) OR SCAN THE QR CODE



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Achievement Bqt	6 6:30 Jr. Leaders	7	8
9 4:00 Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6:30 Horse &	10 6:00 Centerrific 6:00 Star	11 Office Closed 7 Shooting Sports 	12 Clover Carnival	13 6:00 German Gems	14	15
16 6:00 Scott Achievers	17	18 6:00 Livestock	19 6:00 Mini 4-H 6:00 St Wendel	20 6:30 4-H Council	21	22
23 5:00 Green River Clover Crew	24	25 5:30 Tech Club/ Energetics	26	27 Office Closed 	28 Office Closed	29
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