

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.



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Those who are new to 4-H may be wondering how to get your 4-H Manuals and 4-H Handbook. Below are descriptions of each.

4-H Manuals will be distributed through your primary 4-H Club by the Club Leaders. Most of the clubs try to get manuals distributed at their February or March meetings. You will get last year's manuals and record sheets back at your 4-H Club Meetings as well.

2024 4-H Handbook is available on our website and printed copies will be available in the office very soon! The 4-H Handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have *specific* project questions you will want to refer to your 4-H Handbook before calling anyone. If you cannot find an answer there, feel free to follow up with the Superintendents or the Extension Office.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

FEB 8 - 4-H Fair Board Meeting 6pm

FEB 29 - 4-H Council Meeting 6pm

All above meetings will be held at the Purdue Extension Warren County office. 408 SR 28 E, Williamsport.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE PROGRAM

Purdue University Extension has created a new training to take the place of YQCA. This new training, Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care, will be held in person on the dates listed below. The extension office will no longer offer in-person YQCA classes. If you cannot make it to one of these dates AND/OR will be showing at a national show where YQCA is required, you may take the YQCA course ONLINE only. **You must show me a copy of your YQCA certificate or send me your YQCA certificate by June 3, 2024 so I can mark you as completed for this year.**

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please log in to your 4-H Online account, go to the Events tab & register for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. (Please do not add anything under the Trainings tab, we will delete it.) It will ask you which date you will be attending. The cost of this class is \$3 and must be paid via cash or check at the door on the day of your chosen training. You will not receive your certificate until this fee is paid. The online YQCA class is \$12. In order to show at county and state fair, you must have a certificate from either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. You will not be able to exhibit your animal(s) at the county and/or state fair without one of these certifications.

All Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care trainings will be held at the **Purdue Extension Warren County Office** in the meeting room. Dates are below:

Monday, April 8th @ 6 pm

Tuesday, April 30th @ 6 pm

Thursday, May 9th @ 6 pm

Thursday, May 23rd @ 6 pm

Thursday, May 30th @ 6 pm



INDIANA STATE FAIR

The 2024 Indiana State Fair Livestock Schedule has been released. Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/livestock-show-schedule>

ANIMAL NEWS

Please Note:

All animal members will be getting an important Animal Newsletter in the mail in April - be on the look out! Call the Project Superintendents or the office if you have any questions.

BEEF ID & WEIGH IN

Beef ID and weigh in is set for March 2nd at Greenwood's Vet Clinic from 9 to 11am. Snow date is March 9th, same time and place. More information will be sent out in the Beef Newsletter within the next few weeks.



GOAT & SHEEP ID & WEIGH IN

*New date!—Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27 from 9-11am at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed. More details will be sent closer to the date.



DAIRY GOATS

Indiana Dairy Goat Association Youth Rep Competition will be held at Hendricks County Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 7th at 2pm. Guidelines—15 minute demonstration or presentation on Dairy Goats, any topic. Live animals may be used. Send youth info and topic of presentation to warthanshane@gmail.com by 3/31/24.

SWINE MEMBERS

Please note the Swine Show start time will be pushed back one hour to **10am** at this year's 4-H Fair.

JUNIOR PORK DAY

Save the date for **March 2nd** for Junior Pork Day at Purdue University. The full schedule will be emailed to Swine members and available to others upon request.



Junior Pork Day is a special 1-day workshop held annually at Purdue University to provide 4-H swine members and their families with current information and hands-on learning to spark their interest in the swine industry. During this educational workshop, participants rotate individually through a series of stations that test their skills in the areas of swine evaluation, parts identification, and other areas of the swine industry.





Get to Know Your Leaders & Superintendents!

The Club Leaders and Project Superintendents are a vital group of Volunteers who can be a great help to you during your 4-H tenure.

Here is an explanation of some of the things they do.

4-H Club Leaders work to coordinate the activities and meetings for the club and can answer any questions specific to the club. You are welcome to participate in a township club and/or a project club. If you are a member of a project club, you are not required to be in a township club. However, if you are participating in a project that has a club, we will add you to that club as a secondary if you do not select it yourself. This is to ensure you receive all of the information that may be sent out for your project. Please do not select a project club if you do not wish to participate in that project. 4-H Manuals are distributed through each of the clubs.


4-H Superintendents work to assist and coordinate the activities for the projects. These great volunteers are available to answer your questions related to your 4-H projects.


All of the 4-H Volunteers are listed in the first few pages of the Warren County 4-H Handbook with their phone numbers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them with any questions!


NEW 4-H MEMBER INFO MEETING

FOR 1ST & 2ND YEAR MEMBERS & POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

Join us for a new 4-H member information meeting on **Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm** at the Purdue Extension Warren County Office. Topics will include what is 4-H?, important dates, 4HOnline & FairEntry, fun opportunities, being prepared for fair, and questions. Please RSVP by February 20th by scanning the QR code or using the following link: bit.ly/3Un02Fc

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ASTRONOMY! SPARK CLUB

Are you interested in the solar eclipse happening in April!? Join the Astronomy! 4-H Spark Club, starting March 30th through April 20th at the West Lafayette Observatory from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to study the moon, sun, and stars!! The solar eclipse will be one of these meetings! Sign up through 4HOnline under the Events Tab. The event is titled "Astronomy! 4-H Spark Club." Please take a look at the attached flyer in the 4-H Newsletter email for more information. If you have any questions on how to sign up or about what you will be doing, don't hesitate to reach out!!



JR LEADER UPDATE

We had a great meeting in February making wreaths for Valentines Day. Many thanks to Gretchen Kirkpatrick for her skillset and guidance. Final plans were made for the March 5 meeting at the Devon. Watch for more details through email. We are excited about our upcoming completion ski trip in Michigan. We have a full crew of 17 Jr. Leaders attending.

Upcoming Meetings & Activities:

Jr. Leader Ski Trip to Michigan - Feb 23-25 - see details below

Mon. Mar. 5, 7-8:15 - Movie Night at the Devon - Be on the watch for more info.

Ski Trip - We are excited to say we are full for the Ski Trip. There are 17 signed up for the adventure up to Michigan. For those signed up for the trip be on the watch for an email next week with more details. If you have any questions or concerns about the ski trip, please call or email Kelly. Hoping we can make this an annual or semi annual trip.

Jr. Leader Requirements - To complete Junior Leaders, you must complete 5 activities. The Jr. Leader Food Stand is our money-making project for our many fun activities. You can count attending 2 meetings towards your 5 activities. To help you complete your activities, we offer options throughout the year as well as during and after the fair. We ask every Jr. Leader to complete one shift in the Food Stand, although you can always do more shifts. Being involved in Jr. Leaders allows you to develop your leadership while having fun, along with getting to go on great adventures like our upcoming ski trip.

Interested in Jr. Leaders - 4-Hers in grades 7-12 can mark Jr. Leaders as a club and a project at 4HOnline.com. Also, please make sure to provide your (Jr. Leader) email in your profile, so we may communicate more easily with everyone.

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings

ALL CLUBS: Please contact your club leaders for more information.

JR LEADER UPDATE: see page 3.

SHOOTING SPORTS: Hunter Education Courses @ PVFD: **Course 1** on Feb 23 from 6-9 pm and Feb 24 from 8 am-4 pm. **Course 2** on March 1 from 6-9 pm and March 2 from 8 am-4 pm. Courses cover important safety practices for firearms, archery, hunting, and outdoor activities. Register on the DNR website: www.register-ed.com. **Must attend both days of a course to receive credit**, class sizes may be limited. Please contact Steve Childress if you have any questions!



President's Day—Office CLOSED

February 19

Beef Weigh in & ID

March 2 from 9-11 am

@ Greenwood's

Snow Date: March 9

Sheep & Goat Weigh in & ID

April 27 from 9-11 am

@ Fairgrounds

Animal Enrollment Deadline

May 15

Project Add/Drop Deadline

May 15

4-H Camp

June 12-14

Grades 3-6

*More info to come soon!

2024 Warren County

4-H Fair

June 17-22

2024 IN State Fair

August 2-18

Closed Mondays

MINI 4-H NEWS

Welcome to Warren County Mini 4-H! This is a great opportunity for you to see what 4-H is all about, meet some new friends, and participate in the Warren County 4-H Fair, June 17-22. Mini 4-Hers will be receiving their own special newsletter soon with many important details. Be on the lookout for it via mail and email. We're excited to have all of you as new 4-H Members. If you have any questions, please call your Mini 4-H Superintendents/Club Leaders, or the Extension Office, 765-762-3231.



VALENTINE'S DAY STEM ACTIVITIES

HEART LAUNCHER

Make a catapult and launch candy hearts! You'll need 10 jumbo craft sticks, 3 rubber bands, a bottle cap, glue, and candy hearts. Build your catapult by stacking 8 craft sticks on top of one another and secure each end with a rubber band. Wedge the 9th stick between the last and next to last stick perpendicularly. Then place the last stick on top of the stack also perpendicularly & secure the ends of those two sticks with a rubber band. Glue your bottle cap on the opposite end of the top stick. Now you are ready to launch your candy hearts! Place one in the bottle cap, hold down the catapult with one hand and push down the top part of the lever with the other, then launch!

Source: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/valentines-day-physics-activities-experiments/>



HEART CUP TOWER CHALLENGE

Can you build a heart shaped tower like this one? All you need are mini red cups and cardboard pieces. Try a larger version for an even bigger challenge! Start with one cup on the bottom, add a cardboard rectangle to hold the next layer of two cups. Continue this until you have a layer of 5 cups. Then shape the top of your heart with the next two layers of cups.

Source: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/valentines-day-stem-activities-challenges-kids/>

