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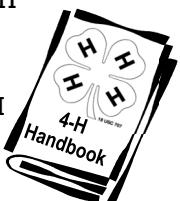
Warren County 4-H News



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.

2026 4-H Handbook will be available on our website 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 10** - 4-H Fair Board Meeting 6:30pm
- **MAR 5** - 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 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

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care trainings will be held in person on the dates listed below. 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. If you choose to do this online, you must show me a copy of your YQCA certificate or send me your YQCA certificate by June 1, 2026 so I can mark you as completed for this year.

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please go to 2026QLC.4honline.com or log in to your 4-H Online account, go to the Events tab & look for the event titled "Benton, Fountain, Tippecanoe, Warren - IN 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.

This year, we will be offering 8 training dates in collaboration with Benton, Fountain & Tippecanoe counties. **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training dates and locations are below. All trainings will run from 6-7pm.**

1. Tuesday, April 14th at Tippecanoe Co Ext Office.
2. Monday, April 20th at Benton Co Annex.
3. Monday, May 4th at Fountain Co Fairgrounds.
4. Tuesday, May 19th at Warren Co Ext Office.
5. Thursday, May 21st at Tippecanoe Co Ext Office.
6. Thursday, May 28th at Benton Co Annex.
7. Monday, June 1st at Warren Co Ext Office.
8. Thursday, June 4th at Fountain Co Fairgrounds.



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 Saturday, April 25th from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Fairgrounds. The Beef Newsletter will be sent closer to the date.



GOAT & SHEEP ID & WEIGH IN

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 25 from 9-11am at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed. More details will be sent closer to the date.



SWINE MEMBERS

There is a free virtual ShowPig Conference on February 28th. Join to help improve your show skills and learn about breeding and farrowing. Register at showpigconference.com

JUNIOR PORK DAY

Save the date—Saturday, March 7th 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.



POULTRY

The Poultry Club will have their first meeting on March 11th, time and location TBD. Watch your email for more information!



There will be a State 4-H Poultry Workshop on Saturday, March 7th from 10am-2pm at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN. Workshop topics include Breeding and Hatching Exhibition Poultry, Getting Started with Exhibition Poultry, Feeding and Nutrition for Poultry and a round table discussion for parents, leaders, and superintendents. Registration is due March 6th at 20264-HPoultryWksp.4honline.com. Please see the Feb 4-H Newsletter email for an attached flyer with more information.

IMPORTANT

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!

4-H CALL OUT & PROJECT FAIR

FOR NEW 4-H MEMBERS!

Join us for a 4-H Project Fair on **Thursday, February 26th from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Ura Seeger Auditorium lobby. Come see what 4-H is all about and learn about a few of the projects we have to offer through hands on activities and more! You will also be able to sign up to participate in 4-H while you're there.

JOIN 4-H NOW
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JR LEADER UPDATE

The Jr. Leaders met on Monday, February 2nd for a fun night putting together floral arrangements to donate to Hope Springs.

Upcoming Meetings & Activities:

Ice Skating - Mon. Feb 16, 3:30-5:30pm, Riverside Skating Center, West Lafayette. Sign up at IceSkating.4honline.com

Meeting - Mon. March 2, 7-8:15pm, Location & Activity yet to be finalized

Barn Dance - Sat. March 14, 7-10pm, Frankfort at Clinton Co. 4-H Fairgrounds. Sign up at ccjuniorleadersnarndance.4honline.com

Completion Trip - July 10-12, Mammoth Cave & Whitewater Rafting in Tennessee

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 skills while having fun, along with getting to go on great adventures like our completion trip each year.

4-H Enrollment - When enrolling, be sure to mark Jr. Leaders as a club and a project at 4HOnline.com. Also, please make sure to provide your (Jr. Leader) email and cell number, along with your parents, when enrolling so we may communicate more easily with everyone.

Questions - call or email your Leaders,

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President's Day—Office CLOSED
February 16

4-H Call Out and Project Fair
February 26

4-H Teen Leadership Weekend
March 27-29
Grades 7-12

Good Friday—Office CLOSED
April 3

Sheep & Goat Weigh in & ID
April 25 from 9-11am
@ Fairgrounds

Beef Weigh in & ID
April 25 from 11:30am-1:30pm
@ Fairgrounds

Primary Election—Office CLOSED
May 5

Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 15

Memorial Day—Office CLOSED
May 25

4-H Camp
June 8-10
Grades 3-6

*More info to come soon!

2026 Warren County
4-H Fair
June 15-20

2026 IN State Fair
August 7-23
Closed Mondays

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings

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

JR LEADER UPDATE: see page 3.

POULTRY CLUB: March 11th, time and location TBD.

SHOOTING SPORTS: Hunter Education Course @ PVFD: Course 1 on Feb 27 from 6-9 pm and Feb 28 from 8 am-4 pm. This course covers important safety practices for firearms, archery, hunting, and outdoor activities. Register on the DNR website: www.register-ed.com/events/view/240249

Must attend both days to receive credit, class size is limited. Please contact Steve Childress if you have any questions!

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 15-20. Meeting dates will be announced soon! The Mini 4-H Club usually meets at the Purdue Extension Office in Williamsport. Mini 4-H Day will be in early June at the Fairgrounds. We're excited to have all of you as new 4-H Members. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office, 765-762-3231.

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

We are excited to kickstart enrollment for the inaugural Teen Leadership Weekend! Teen Leadership Weekend will take place March 27-29 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. This weekend is for 4-H members in grades 7-12. The cost to attend this amazing experience is just \$50. Transportation will not be provided.

The weekend will develop the next generation of leaders in Indiana. There will be opportunities to network with other youth from around the state, discover more about yourself and your leadership style, and have fun. Youth will become familiar with Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H, and will also have the opportunity to share their voice with leaders in these areas.

If interested in signing up for this event, please call the Extension Office, 765-762-3231. We will have to initiate your registration in 4HOnline before you may register. **The deadline to register is February 13th!**

