



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

January/February 2024

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Hello everyone!

We hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and that you are all ready for the start of a new year! We look forward to all that 2024 has to offer. There are a lot of great trips, workshops, and opportunities available for 4-H members and volunteers. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information about these opportunities.

For those of you who are new to the White County 4-H program, we are so glad that you are joining us and we hope you enjoy your White County 4-H experience! Information about 4-H activities and events are included in the bimonthly "Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters" White County 4-H newsletter, as well as on the Purdue Extension - White County webpage.

If you have not yet enrolled now is the time! Our target date for enrollment is January 15! Make sure you are inviting your classmates and neighbors to join 4-H. We know that a personal invitation to join is more powerful than any press release or social media blast we can send out from Purdue Extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115. Our goal is to provide you with the best 4-H experience possible, so please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make this happen!

Sincerely,

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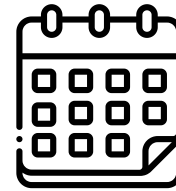
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White County 4-H

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Maternity Leave Notice:
Molly will be on Maternity Leave from January-March. Please contact the extension office directly with your questions during this time!

4-H Calendar



January

- 1 New Year's Day – Extension Office Closed
- 2 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 3 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Riverside Skating Rink, W. Lafayette
- 15 MLK, Jr. Day- Extension Office Closed
- 16 Union Township Meeting@ Roosevelt School@ 6:30
- 22 Prairie Club Meeting at Frontier Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Honey Creek Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds

February

- 5 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Goat Club Meeting, 4-H Building (North End) @ 6:30
- 7 Ag Association, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 13 Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse
- 19 President's Day, Office Closed
- 21 Union Club meeting @ Roosevelt School @ 6:30
- 22 Shooting Sports Call Out Meeting 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 24 Liberty Club Soup Supper, 4-8 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse
- 26 Liberty Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse
- 26 Prairie Club Meeting at Frontier Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Mini 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds

*Save
THE
Date*

2024 White County 4-H
Fair: July 13th-18th
2024 IN State Fair:
August
2-18



Changes to Static/Building Project Requirements



Due to the intensive and cumbersome nature of the paperwork requirements for building project exhibitors and their families, the Building Exhibits Committee has made a change to the requirements for **ALL Building/Static Projects**.

All current requirements for record sheets and/or manual activities have been **REPLACED** with a single general record sheet for regular 4-H and a separate single general record sheet for mini 4-H. Each exhibitor would complete and submit only one (1) of these record sheets per year regardless of how many static or mini projects they complete.

The only projects requiring additional paperwork are those that require skills sheets and/or recipe cards at the state level. These projects will include: Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Electric, Foods, Sewing, and Woodworking

Record Sheets are due at the time of check-in for static projects.

Reference pages 57-59 and the specific project page(s) of the White County 4-H Handbook for a full list of project requirements.

Project manuals are still a great resource for 4-H members as they research and design their projects and will still be available, free of charge, at the White County Purdue Extension Office.

This change also comes with a change to required signatures from club leaders. You will no longer need a signature from your 4-H club leader on these new record sheets.

Once you receive your green folder from your club leaders this year, you will no longer turn it back in to anyone, it will stay in your possession. Members are still HIGHLY encouraged to continue recording their information in their green folders and on their achievement records, as this will help with future applications for college, scholarships, and even jobs.

Please note, this information does not apply to live animal exhibitors.

4-H Enrollment- Don't Forget!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2023-2024 year! We are using the 4HOnline system again, with the online enrollment window lasting from October 1st to January 15th. After January 15th, youth can still enroll but will need to contact the Extension Office to receive their materials. Everyone is encouraged to enroll in 4-H using 4HOnline, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Anyone who needs assistance or does not have access to 4HOnline should contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 or stop by our office, which is located at 12 N. 25 E. in Reynolds.

A few notes about enrollment:

- For youth who were enrolled in 4-H for the 2022-2023 year, you will use the same family profile that was created last year. If you have forgotten your email or password, please contact the Extension Office.
- There is a \$25 enrollment fee per member, with a maximum of \$75 per family. This fee includes the State 4-H program fee and helps to pay for the educational materials provided and events throughout the year. There is no fee for Mini 4-H (grades K-2)
- When completing online enrollment, be sure that the Emergency Contact listed is someone outside of the home that we can contact when the parents cannot be reached.
- Members who are enrolled by January 15th, will receive their project materials at their February Club meeting.
- Reminder - The Project Add/Drop deadline is May 15th. Members may add or drop projects until May 15th using their 4HOnline profile. Please let the Extension Office know when you add a project, so that we can be sure to get you the correct manuals and educational Activities.
- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H by May 15th in order to exhibit at the 2024 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any live animal projects must identify their animals in 4-H Online by May 15th to meet state deadlines and county requirements.
- FairEntry.com will open on June 1st and this is where members will declare exactly which projects and animals they are will be bringing to the White County Fair.

We hope you'll think about joining us for all that 4-H has to offer!
Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.





Winter Weather Policy



During winter months, postponements or cancellations of 4-H activities may occur because of bad weather. In most cases, if school is canceled, 4-H activities will not be held. Information about cancelled 4-H activities may be heard on WMRS or WKOA radio stations or seen on WFLI television station and website, as well as on the White County Extension webpage and the Purdue Extension - White County & White County 4-H Facebook page.

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity to see what the 4-H program is all about. In

White County, Mini 4-H members join and participate in a Township 4-H Club, but also will have the chance to participate in some fun Mini 4-H workshops throughout the year. Mini 4-H members can also choose to exhibit projects at the White County 4-H Fair.

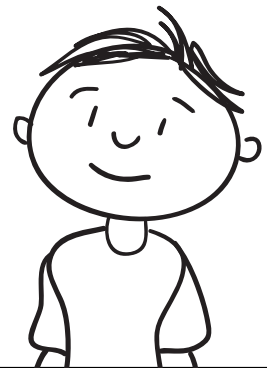


Scan with your phone's camera to learn more about Mini 4-H!

First Mini Workshop: February 29th, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building

Youth in grades K - 2 may enroll in White County Mini 4-H online at <https://v2.4honline.com> or by visiting the White County Extension Office, at 12 N 25 E, Reynolds, during normal operating hours.

There is no cost to enroll in White County Mini 4-H.



2024 White County 4-H Handbook

Each year there are changes that occur in the 4-H program. Please read the requirements before starting any project. All requirements can be found in

the White County 4-H Handbook and will be available online at

<https://purdue.link/whiteco4h>



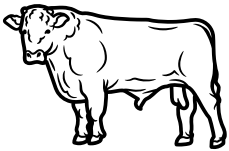
4-H Camp!

Camp Counselors: The 2024 Camp Counselor Applications have been posted online. The deadline for applications is **January 10th**. Camp is currently scheduled for June 5-7, 2024. Camp Counselors must be a 4-H member in grades 9 - 12. Please contact the White County Extension Office or visit <https://purdue.link/20234-HCamp> for more information.



Campers - Stay Tuned! 4-H Camp plans are already underway for 2024. Camp is scheduled for June 5-7 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston. 4-H members in grades 3-6 are eligible to attend camp. All eligible members will be sent Camp Registration Information at the beginning of April. A limited number of White County 4-H members can attend and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to watch for more information!

Attention Beef and Dairy Beef Members



Beef and Dairy Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 9-10 a.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Reynolds. This is the day for 4-H Beef animals and Dairy Beef Steers to be ear tagged, weighed and RFID tagged. **ALL cattle must have an 840-RFID tag.** This event is optional.

There is a cost of \$5 per animal tagged, with payment due at the weigh-in (cash or check only). Beef and Dairy Beef members will receive additional information regarding the weigh-in in mid-January. If you do not receive this information, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Those members who will be new to the beef or dairy projects this year should contact the Extension Office to receive the weigh-in information.

Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested in the Beef and Dairy Beef projects.

IQLC/YQCA Updates

Exhibitors of Beef, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Poultry and Rabbits are expected to complete a quality livestock care training every year. In-person Indiana Quality Livestock Care training sessions will be available again this year at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds. An online option will also be available at yqcaprogram.org.

Livestock exhibitors should keep an eye out for more information to come soon via Email, Mail, and Social Media.



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Upcoming State & National Opportunities



State and National 4-H experiences help 4-H members build connections outside of White County. These are great opportunities to break out of your comfort zone and build new life skills. New opportunities are always being added, so be sure to follow our social media pages for more information.



Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse

Travel to the Indiana Statehouse to learn more about state government. Youth in grades 7-12 will learn about their state government through a day full of civic engagement and leadership. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. Register via 4-H Online before January 15th. Transportation will not be available from White County 4-H this year but members are free to work out a carpool to this event. Registration can be done at <https://2024statehouse.4honline.com>



Scan to Learn More

When: February 13th, 2024 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. EST (Approximately)

Who: Youth in grades 7-12

Where: 200 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Cost: \$20 (covers registration fee and lunch)



Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteers Workshop

Join us for the Annual 4-H Dog Volunteer Workshop! We are excited to present a new list of classes and speakers this year to provide an enriching experience for both new and seasoned 4-H Dog Project Volunteers, Judges, and Trainers. If you are a 4-H youth member in grade 8 or above with a passion for volunteerism or judging, you are welcome to attend! However, you must be accompanied by an adult. Register now and enjoy a day of fun, including a pizza lunch, a resource folder, and much more. Pitch in desserts are welcome! Registration due: February 23rd

When: March 2, 2024

Where: Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds & Conference Complex

Who: anyone interested in learning more about volunteering with the dog project

Registration Due: February 23

Cost: \$15 cash or check due at workshop

Register: 24DogVolWS.4honline.com or 4-H Online in the Events Tab at v2.4honline.com



For additional questions or help registering contact Purdue Extension-Jefferson County at (812) 265 8919.

Cooking Around the World

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H Virtual Experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your home.

When: Saturdays from Jan. 20th-Feb.24th

Time: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (CT)

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by January 5th

Send questions to Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu



A full listing of state and national events can be found on the Indiana 4-H Website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/>

Scholarship Applications

There are a variety of 4-H Scholarship Opportunities available to 4-H members in grades 10-12.

All state 4-H scholarship applications are due **January 25th**.

Applications **MUST** be submitted via 4-H Online which means the member **MUST** be fully enrolled before they are able to submit their application.



Applications and instructions can be found at this website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

Don't wait until the last minute to complete this!

Volunteer Information

Enrollment

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program needs to be an approved 4-H Volunteer. All new volunteers will need to contact the White County Extension Office for information on how to complete the volunteer approval process.

All returning 4-H volunteers will need to re-enroll annually using the 4HOnline system. Volunteers should log into 4HOnline using the login email and password that was used when enrolled in 4HOnline last year. If you have forgotten your email or password or enrolled using a paper form last year, please contact the Extension Office.

REMINDER: All volunteers are required to complete an online Youth Safety and Reporting Child Abuse training course called Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors. This is a policy developed by Purdue to ensure that programs involving minors are planned carefully and include safety as the highest priority. As part of this policy, all Purdue Extension Staff and Volunteers will complete this training course. The training can either be completed online or by coming into the Extension Office, and takes approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Please be sure to enroll as a 4-H Volunteer before you begin working with 4-H youth. This is for the safety of the youth and volunteers alike, and is required. Please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 with any questions or concerns.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for more great volunteers to help facilitate dozens of exciting new opportunities for local youth. If there is a project that you are really passionate about, you can volunteer to be a project leader! Project leaders typically create workshops to help 4-H members learn more about the subject area. Project leaders also serve as a point of contact for anyone who may have questions about the project. Many of our building projects do not currently have leaders, so reach out to see how you can help! In addition to 4-H project volunteers, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with SPARK (Special Interest Activities Programs) clubs. A SPARK club can be about any topic that is relevant to White County youth. If there is a topic you are interested in creating a SPARK club for, Molly can help you create it!

If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who is, please reach out to the White County Extension office.



Scan with your phone's camera to learn more about becoming a 4-H Volunteer





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