



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

January/February 2025

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Hello everyone!

We look forward to all that 2025 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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 White County 4-H

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4-H Calendar

2025 White County 4-H
Fair: July 19th-24th
2025 IN State Fair:
August
1-17

January

- 1 New Year's Day – Extension Office Closed
- 7 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 8 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 13 Prairie 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., FES Elementary Cafeteria
- 13 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 14 Horse & Pony Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 15 Union Township Meeting@ Roosevelt School@ 6:30
- 20 MLK, Jr. Day- Extension Office Closed
- 21 Cat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 23 Mini 4-H Meeting, 6 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 27 Liberty Township Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse
- 27 Monon Club Meeting, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Monon Public Library

February

- 4 Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 4 Jr. Leaders Meeting, Roots, Wolcott, IN
- 5 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Prairie 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., FES Elementary Cafeteria
- 11 Horse & Pony Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 11 Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse, Indianapolis
- 18 Cat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 19 Union Township Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt MS Cafeteria
- 20 Mini 4-H Meeting, 6 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 21 Prairie Club Bake Sale, 6 p.m., FHS Commons
- 22 Liberty Club Soup Supper, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse
- 24 Liberty Township Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse
- 24 Monon Club Meeting, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Monon Public Library

4-H Enrollment- Don't Forget!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2024-2025 year! We are using the 4HOnline system again. 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 2023-2024 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.
- 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 2025 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 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.



Beyond Ready

White County 4-H Handbook

The 4-H handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have a specific project question, refer to your handbook first. If you cannot find the answer there, follow up with a club leader, project leader, or the extension office. Remember, the handbook is designed to help you make the most of your 4-H experience, so take the time to familiarize yourself with its contents. Additionally, participating in club meetings and events is a great way to stay informed and connected with fellow members and leaders. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need guidance or support; the 4-H community is here to help you succeed.

The 2025 White County 4-H Handbook is available online at <https://purdue.link/25handbook>
If you need a printed copy of the handbook call the Purdue Extension Office.

Happy learning and exploring with 4-H!

New Family Webpage

What is 4-H Anyway?

4-H is the largest youth development program in the U.S., established over 100 years ago. It focuses on preparing young people to become leaders through hands-on experiences with peers and adults. Supported by over 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, and 60 million alumni, 4-H offers research-based programming through 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service nationwide. For more information, visit the New Family Information page on our website.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/new-families.html>



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 WLFI 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.

Cat Club

Calling all young animal enthusiasts! Join us for a paws-itively fun workshop where you'll dive into the world of cats! Come learn all about cats from local experts. Meet and interact with friendly felines. Cat ownership is not required. Open to 3rd through 12th grade students.

Remaining meeting dates: **January 21st, February 18th, March 18th**
6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Reynolds
Free with 4-H membership



Mini 4-H

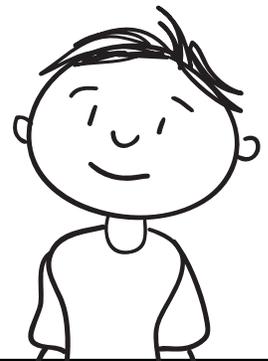
Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity to see what the 4-H program is all about. In White County, Mini 4-H members join and participate in a Township 4-H Club, but also will have the chance to participate in some fun Mini 4-H workshops throughout the year. 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: January 23rd, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Building in Reynolds

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.

Garden Workshop

Anyone with a budding interest in gardening is invited to join this informative garden workshop. This is available to all ages. 4-H Garden Project membership is not required

When: March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
Where: 4-H Building, Reynolds



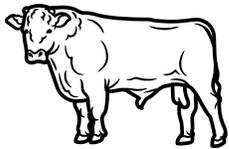
4-H Camp!



Camp Counselors: The 2025 Camp Counselor Applications have been posted online. The deadline for applications is **January 8th**. Camp is currently scheduled for June 4-6, 2025. Camp Counselors must be a 4-H member in grades 9 - 12. Please contact the White County Extension Office or visit <https://purdue.link/2025camp> for more information.

Campers - Stay Tuned! 4-H Camp plans are already underway for 2025. Camp is scheduled for June 4-6 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 1 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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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 and returning 4-H volunteers will need to enroll using the 4HOnline system. Returning 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.

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.

Dog Club Leader Needed!

Do you have a passion for working with kids and dogs? We are in need of someone to lead the White County 4-H Dog Club! A qualified volunteer applicant will have experience with dog obedience, agility, and showmanship, will be available evenings in February through July, must have excellent communication and time management skills. This person will need to complete the above mentioned volunteer enrollment process. If you or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity, contact Molly at the extension office (contact info on pg. 1).

Special Interest Leaders Wanted!

We are always looking for more great volunteers to help facilitate dozens of exciting new opportunities for local youth. If there is a project/subject that you are really passionate about, you can volunteer to lead 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*



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 13th. Transportation may be available from White County 4-H this year, contact Molly for information.

When: February 11th, 2025 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: \$25 (covers registration fee and lunch)

Registration can be done at

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>



Scan to Learn More

Life Lessons Virtual Club

Adulting is hard, let us help you make it easier! Join Indiana 4-H for a virtual Life Lessons series designed to help better prepare high school youth for adulthood's greatest adventures.

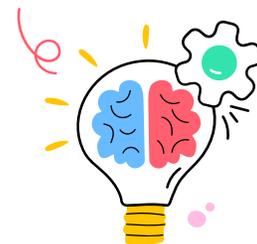
When: Tuesdays 1/14-3/4 from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. EST

Who: Youth in grades 9th-12th (no 4-H membership required)

Where: Zoom and Google Classroom

Cost: \$25

Register at <https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>



Bridges to Adventure- Indiana 4-H Club

Explore the outdoors, experience the thrill of flyfishing, learn essential wilderness skills and so much more in Indiana 4-H's Bridges to Adventure SPARK Club! This will be a wildly awesome adventure that you won't want to miss!

When: Wednesday 7-8:30 pm (virtually) and Saturday 10 am to 3 pm (in person)

February, March, April, and May

Who: All 4-H age youth grades 3-12.

Cost: \$35 participant.

Where: Each month will include a Wednesday education session via zoom and a Saturday in person adventure at varying locations around Indiana. Additionally, participants will receive supplies from each session to help them on their future adventures!

Register at: <https://bridgestoadventure.4honline.com>



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



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TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 28-30
Ages: Grades 7th-12th

Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to learn more and register!

CONFERENCE INFO

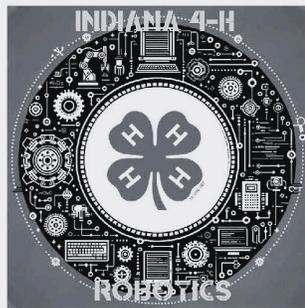
The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

March 8, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Indiana State Museum

Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition



Robotics teams and clubs are invited to the upcoming Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition. Teams can compete using any brand of robot and will face both known and unknown challenges. Whether your team is experienced or new to robotics, this competition is designed to foster teamwork, build creativity and technical skills, and connect with peers who share a passion for technology. Contact your local 4-H program if you are interested in volunteering to lead a team or joining a team.

Learn about 4-H STEM Programs

Even if they are not competing, 4-H members can bring their families and friends to the Indiana State Museum for the STEM Showcase to celebrate and explore 4-H STEM programs. Check out the Indiana 4-H Invention Convention and Robotics competitions in the Great Hall. Visit our hands-on STEM activity stations to learn about STEM topics and career pathways. Explore the Indiana State Museum galleries and exhibits.

Indiana 4-H Invention Convention Competition

Invention Convention is a global K-12 invention education program that activates STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship (STEMIE) learning to instill problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity skills for life. The Indiana 4-H Invention Convention State Competition is an exciting opportunity for K-12 students in Indiana to showcase their creativity and ingenuity. Student inventors will present their original inventions to a panel of expert judges and engage with fellow young inventors from across the state. Student inventors will win awards and recognition for exceptional projects. The most outstanding inventions will earn the prestigious opportunity to advance to the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.





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