

2025/2026 White County 4-H Jr. Leaders Points System and Completion Requirements

Project Completion Information – 4-H Junior Leaders

Serving as a 4-H Junior Leader is an exciting opportunity for members in **7th grade and above** to build leadership skills, serve their community, and grow as role models within 4-H. As a Junior Leader, you will:

- Develop skills in leadership, civic engagement, and entrepreneurship.
- Serve as a mentor and role model for younger 4-H members.
- Represent White County 4-H locally and across Indiana.
- Work with the 4-H Youth Educator and Junior Leader adult advisors to plan and organize meetings, activities, and service projects.
- Strengthen qualities and characteristics that define great leaders while expanding your knowledge of the 4-H program beyond your club.
- Gain experiences that build your resume and open doors to 4-H awards and scholarships.

Along the way, you'll make new friends, have fun, and create memories that last a lifetime!

To complete the White County 4-H Junior Leader project, members must:

1. Be enrolled in 4-H for the current year.
2. Enroll in the Junior Leader project through 4-H Online.
3. Be in 7th grade or above as of January 1 of the current project year.
4. Participate in at least **5 regular county Junior Leader meetings** prior to the fair.
5. Participate in at least **2 Junior Leader community outreach service projects** prior to the fair.
6. Volunteer for **3 activities** prior to the fair to promote 4-H and represent Junior Leaders. Examples include: Mini 4-H meetings, Mini 4-H camp, White County Ag Day, or other approved activities.
7. Complete **2 work shifts** in support of the county fair (pre-fair set-up, building project judging assistance, project check-out, and/or auction).

Junior Leaders are encouraged—but not required—to represent White County at state-level events such as: 4-H Camp (as a camp counselor), 4-H Round-Up, 4-H Academy, 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse, Teen Leadership Weekend, Other state and National 4-H opportunities. These experiences provide excellent ways to grow, develop leadership, and represent White County at a broader level. Details about these events can be found at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>

Financial assistance for state and national trips may be available through the White County Ag Association and/or White County 4-H Jr. Leaders.

Important Notes: Details about what counts for each activity will be explained during county Junior Leader meetings. Be sure to watch for updates and calendars from the **Purdue Extension–White County Office**.



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2025 Points System- White County 4-H Jr. Leaders

The Junior Leader point system rewards members for their participation, leadership, and initiative throughout the year. Points are earned by attending meetings, participating in events, and taking on extra responsibilities.

How to Earn Points

- **Meetings & Activities** (regular county Junior Leader meetings, service projects, etc.) = **1 point each**
- **State-Level Activities** (such as 4-H Day at the Statehouse, Teen Leadership Weekend, serving as a camp counselor, 4-H Round-Up, State Band/Choir, etc.) = **5 points each**

Rewards

- **10 points by February 1** = \$10 credit toward a Junior Leader t-shirt or sweatshirt
 - *Note: This is “all or nothing”—no partial credits*
- **30 points + completion of all Junior Leader requirements by August 1st** = Free invitation to the Junior Leader Completion Trip (*usually occurs in September, details TBA*)

Extra Point Opportunities

Members can also earn bonus points by going above and beyond, such as:

- Serving as a club **officer**
- Bringing a **friend** to the kickoff meeting (*must be new to Junior Leaders*)
- Inviting a friend to **Enrollment Night** to learn about 4-H (*must introduce friend to Molly*)
- Volunteering to lead the **American and 4-H Pledges** at meetings (*sign-up available*)
- Leading an **icebreaker activity** at a meeting (*officers excluded*)
- Bringing **snacks** to a meeting (*sign-up available*)
- Serving as a **speaker** at Ag Day
- **“Shining Star Points”** – special bonus points awarded for going above and beyond expectations to be awarded at the discretion of the Jr. Leaders Advisors

