



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**March/April
2024**

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It's hard to believe that it's already March! 2024 is going fast and the Fair will be here before we know it! There are a lot of great workshops and opportunities available for 4-H members and volunteers. Be sure to read through this newsletter and keep an eye out for more information about these opportunities. If your contact info changes, let the Extension Office know so you are getting the most updated information.

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, and the White County 4-H Facebook page.

There are a lot of great area and state 4-H events to get involved in! Participating in events outside the county exposes you to new experiences and new people. These are great opportunities for personal development and can help youth bring back new and exciting ideas for White County. To learn more about these events visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/getinvolved/state-programs/index.html> If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.

Sincerely,



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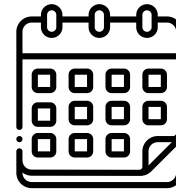
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4-H Calendar



March

- 2 **Beef ID, 9 a.m., Arena**
- 3 **Monon Club Meeting 6:30 p.m., Monon Civic Center**
- 4 **Optional Volunteer Training 10 a.m., 4-H Building**
- 5 **Shooting Sports Safety Class 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 5 **Goat Club Meeting 6:30, 4-H Building (North End)**
- 6 **Ag Association 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds**
- 6 **Honey Creek Club 6:30 pm., 4-H Building**
- 6 **Princeton Club 5:30 pm., Tri-County Intermediate, Wolcott**
- 6 **West Point Club 7:00 pm., Meadowlake Church, Wolcott**
- 7 **Shooting Sports, Safety Class 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds**
- 7 **Jr. Leaders Tip Night Fundraisor 5-9 p.m., Roots**
- 9 **Shooting Sports, Safety Class 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds**
- 12 **Making Strides Club 6 pm., Old Idaville Firehouse House**
- 16 **Fairgrounds Clean up 8am., 4-H Fairgrounds**
- 18 **Poultry Club, 6:30 pm., 4-H Building**
- 18 **Prairie Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Frontier Elementary**
- 19 **Rabbit Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 20 **Union Club, 6:30 pm., @ Roosevelt Middle**
- 21 **Mini 4-H 6:30 pm., 4-H Building Reynolds**
- 23 **IQLC In Person Training, 10-11a,4-HBuilding**
- 25 **Liberty Township Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Buffalo Firehouse**
- 27 **IQLC In Person Train, 1:30-2:30,4-H Building**
- 29 **Good Friday-Office Closed**

April

- 2 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 3 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 3 Honey Creek Club, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 3 Princeton Club, 5:30 pm., Tri County Intermediate
- 3 West Point Club, 7:00 pm., Meadowlake Church, Wolcott
- 9 Making Strides Club, 6 p.m., Old Idaville Firehouse
- 11 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- 11 Ag Day Set-Up, 1-4, 4-H Fairgrounds, Reynolds
- 11 IQLC Training, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 12 Ag Day, Fairgrounds
- 14 Monon Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monon Civic Center, Monon
- 15 Prairie Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Frontier Elementary
- 15 Poultry Meeting, 6:30, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 16 Rabbit Club, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 17 Union Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School Library
- 18 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- 19 Jr. Leaders Outing with Carroll County
- 25 Mini 4-H Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 25 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- 29 Liberty Township Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Buffalo Firehouse

2024 White
County 4-H Fair:
July 13th-18th

2024 IN State
Fair: August
2- 18th

4-H Enrollment Update!

There is still time to enroll in 4-H in 2024! The priority online enrollment window was from October 1st to January 15th, however youth can still enroll in White County 4-H using 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com> until May 15th. 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, you should be able to reset it.
- 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 if the parents cannot be reached.
- **REMINDER!** - For youth who enroll in the Arts & Crafts, Crops, Mini 4-H, and Photography projects: When you enroll in 4HOnline, you will sign up for the general project type. At a date closer to the Fair, you will decide which specific projects you will be exhibiting. We hope this will help to eliminate some confusion at enrollment!
- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H by **May 15th** in order to exhibit at the 2024 Fair.
- Make sure the email you have listed in 4-H Online is up-to-date and you are checking it regularly. Many important 4-H updates are sent via email.

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.

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2nd grade and is a great opportunity for youth who are too young to join 4-H 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.

Mini 4-H project options include: Animal Poster, Cake Decorating, Collections, Crafts, Creepy Crawlies, Flowers, Foods, Models, Nature/Forestry, Sewing, and Space. Mini 4-H members can also participate in Mini 4-H Animal Showmanship classes for Sheep, Goats, Dairy, Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, and Horses during the Fair (see extension.purdue.edu/white for more details).

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, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For those already enrolled in Mini 4-H: be on the look out for a special Mini 4-H newsletter to be sent out soon!



2024 White County 4-H Handbook and Manuals

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

Handbook: The White County 4-H Handbook is now available on our website at

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/4-h/2024-handbook-new1.pdf> Please read the 2024 requirements before starting any project. 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.

Manuals: 4-H manuals are no longer being produced and handed out unless it is a state requirement for the project to be completed. It is now only required, for most static projects, for the exhibitor to provide only 1 record sheet for all projects exhibited. The only exception is those projects which require skills sheets such as, Cake Decorating, Woodworking, Electric, Sewing, Foods, Arts and Craft. All animal projects still require activities. It is best to either check the handbook or check with your 4-H club leaders to find out the specific requirements for your projects. You can come pick them up at the extension office.

Important Deadlines

- ✓ **May 15th** - Last Day to Enroll in White County 4-H and be eligible to exhibit at the 2024 White County 4-H Fair (4HOnline or Extension Office)
- ✓ **May 15th** - Last Day to Add/Drop Projects in 4HOnline or by contacting Extension Office
- ✓ **May 15th** - Livestock Identification deadline in 4HOnline. All livestock must be identified in 4-H online to exhibit at the White County 4-H Fair AND Indiana State Fair.
- ✓ **July 1st** - All projects that you plan to bring to the 2024 4-H Fair due in online FairEntry program by midnight. This includes both static and livestock projects.
- ✓ **July TBD** - Live Animal (Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Animal, Swine) Educational Activities and record sheets (if applicable) due in the Extension Office by 4 PM
- ✓ **July TBD** - Livestock Quality Assurance certification must be completed to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits. More information on page 7 of the newsletter.

**Please note whether the item is due to the Extension Office or in 4HOnline or FairEntry. Items due to the Extension Office must be received in the Office by the close of business (4 p.m.) on all due dates. Due to the calendar, an alternate due date will be selected for educational activities. Keep an eye on communications for more details. 4HOnline & FairEntry deadlines are midnight on the date listed.*

4-H Camp!



4-H Camp is scheduled this year from June 5-7 at YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston. All 4-H members in grades 3-6 are eligible to attend. Information about 4-H Camp will be sent to all eligible 4-H members when the details have been finalized. We can only send a limited number of campers from White County and selection will be on a first come, first serve basis. 4-H Camp is a great way for youth to learn new things and make new friends from both White County and surrounding counties.



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>

White County Queen Contest

The White County Queen Contest will take place Saturday, July 13th. Applications will be available beginning in April. Contestants must be between 18 and 22 years old by June 1, 2024 and have at least 2 years of 4-H enrollment. Junior Miss contestants must be between 15 and 17 years old by June 1st. The application process can be found on the Miss White County 4-H Fair Queen Facebook page under the "About" section. The deadline for application submission will be announced on that Facebook page. Applications must be submitted online. If you have questions, message the [Facebook Page](#).



White County Ag Day



The 2024 Ag Day will be held April 12th. We are always looking for help creating new resources to share with local 4th grade students during Ag Day. We also need High School volunteers to help lead groups and activities. If you have any interest in assisting with Ag Day in 2024, please contact Hillary Hawkins (hmacy@purdue.edu) Ag Day is designed to teach students the importance of agriculture in their daily lives through demonstrations and hands-on displays. Stations include Ag Past, Present, and Future; Crops; Farm Technology (Drones); Soil and Gardening; Dairy; Goats; Swine; Beef; Sheep; and Poultry.

Fairgrounds Spring Cleaning Day

Spring cleaning at the fairgrounds is scheduled for March 16th at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come help clean up the fairgrounds for the spring. If able, please bring your own rake.



4-H Club Leader Information

A Few Reminders:

- Don't forget to turn in a list of upcoming Club Meetings and Events so that we can add it to the Extension Calendar and Extension webpage
- Be sure to file the e-Postcard and financial forms for your Club before May 15th! Send a copy of each to the Extension Office for our records. All information for turning in club financial info has been emailed out.
- If you have not yet completed the Minors Training in 4HOnline, this needs to be completed before your enrollment can be approved!
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to help!



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



Jr. Leader Fundraisers

The White County 4-H Jr. Leaders have an upcoming fundraiser and need your support! The profits from this fundraisers help sponsor group activities, scholarships, and community service events.



Dine with us at Roots (114 N Range St, Wolcott, IN 47995) on **March 7th!** Jr. Leaders will be holding a Tip Night at Roots Eatery. A portion of all sales that evening will go toward the Jr. Leaders group.

Join Jr. Leaders

It's not too late to join Junior Leaders! We are planning some fun things for this spring! If you are not receiving Jr. Leaders emails please reach out to Molly to be added to the email list. Some benefits of Jr. Leaders include:

- Making new friends
- First to hear about trips and scholarships
- Life skill Development
- Resume Builder
- Fun Trips
- Meet new people from across Indiana

4-H Beef and Dairy Beef Steer Identification

We will be using the 4HOnline system, <https://v2.4honline.com> again this year to identify Beef and Dairy Beef animals. Following weigh-in, youth will be responsible for completing the online Animal ID process for their animals. If you are unable to complete your Animal ID online or need help, please contact the Extension Office for assistance. Any animals that a member may want to exhibit at either the White County Fair or the Indiana State Fair must be identified in 4HOnline by the required deadlines.

- Beef Weigh-in will take place on Saturday, March 2th from 9-10 AM at the Fairgrounds.
- All Beef and Dairy Beef Fat Steers, Beef Heifers and Beef/Dairy Beef Feeder Calves must be identified in 4HOnline no later than May 15th.
- Beef and Dairy Beef animals not tagged at the 4-H Beef Weigh-in in March must contact the Extension Office prior to May 15th to schedule tagging of the animal(s). Tagging and verification by the Dairy Committee must be done by May 15th.
- If you are planning to show at the state fair, you must turn in your DNA hair sample to the Extension Office by May 15 for all Beef animals.
- There is an option in 4HOnline for a Cow-calf pair – please be sure to identify these animals by May 15th. If you plan to also show the calf as a prospect animal, it should be identified as part of the Cow-Calf pair and also in the individual steer or heifer class.
- Beef Steers and Heifers born and bred in White County are eligible for the County Born and Bred classes at the 2024 White County 4-H Beef Show. These animals must be identified by the deadlines and the County Born/Raised box must be checked while identifying the animal online.
- Beef and Dairy Beef members will complete the FairEntry process between June 1st and July 1st to identify the specific animals that will be brought to the White County 4-H Fair. Instructions on this process will be made available at a later date.

Volunteer Information

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 will be 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. Once completed, this certification will be good for 1 year. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TRAINING BEFORE YOUR ENROLLMENT CAN BE APPROVED.** The training can either be completed in 4HOnline 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.

Thank you for volunteering with the White County 4-H Program. Without all of you, our program would not be as successful as it is!

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program (Formerly YQCA)

Each year, livestock exhibitors are required to complete a quality assurance program in order to show their livestock at the White County and Indiana State Fairs. This program is designed to educate producers (exhibitors) on the care of their animals in order to provide a safe product for consumers. This training is for every 4-Her in grades 3 through 12 who is exhibiting beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, or poultry at the White County Fair and/or Indiana State Fair. **This is a mandatory program. You must be certified in order to exhibit.**

2024 Update: Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H have designed a new IQLC Program (quality assurance program specifically for Indiana 4-H members). This program will be offered in-person only. It is our hope that this new program will be more interactive and informative for 4-H livestock exhibitors. Thanks to a generous donation from the White County Ag Association, the \$3 in-person program fee has been waived for all White County 4-H Members. You will just need to sign up for the event. Once you get to the payment, we in the office, will enter the code and complete your enrollment. However, the option to complete the online YQCA training is still available for \$12 per exhibitor. One reason you may want to complete the online training may be that you are attending an open livestock show may still require the YQCA training. If you are attending any non-4-H livestock show, check the requirements before you go.

(In-Person) Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

1. Register for the event via 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com). Instructions are enclosed. You may only sign up for ONE training event. If you need to change your sign up, call the extension office.
2. Show up to the training, sign in, and stay for the entire length of the training.
3. Receive your training certificate from Marty or Molly. This will come within 2 weeks of completion. This certificate will be your proof of completion, more information on this will come during the training event. **Please make sure your email address in 4-H Online is correct.*
4. By July 1st, check your 4-H online profile under the "trainings" tab to make sure your training has been marked complete. If it is not marked complete, call the extension office.

The following in-person trainings will be available at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds.

- March 23th 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- March 27th 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- April 11th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Instructions for the online YQCA option were detailed in the letter sent to all livestock exhibitors via mail and email. If you missed this letter, it is available on the White County 4-H Website. <https://purdue.link/whiteco4h> This letter also included registration instructions for the in-person offering. Answers to frequently asked questions regarding this program can also be found on the website.



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