



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**January/
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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 2022 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. I am looking forward to meeting all of the wonderful 4-H members and volunteers throughout this year. Feel free to reach out to me at the office if you have any questions or if you just want to say hi!

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.

As you read through this newsletter please take note of several important pieces of information. A couple of the highlights include:

- **4-H Enrollment**
- **Scholarships**
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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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4-H Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Scholarship Workshop, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 8 Ag Association Training Day, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 4-H Online Enrollment Help Night 3:30-6:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Jr. Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 West Point 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Meadow Lake Church, Wolcott
- 15 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline
- 17 MLK, Jr. Day- Extension Office Closed
- 17 Prairie Township Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Frontier Elementary School
- 17 Poultry Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 19 Honey Creek Township 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds

February

- 1 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse
- 1 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 2 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 West Point 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Meadow Lake Church, Wolcott
- 16 Honey Creek Township 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 16 Bottle Calf Club, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 18 Prairie Club Bake Sale, 6-9 p.m., Frontier High School
- 21 President's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 28 Prairie Township Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Frontier Elementary School

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.

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. The online enrollment period will end on January 15th, 2021. After January 15th, youth can enroll in Mini 4-H by contacting the Extension Office. There is no cost to enroll in White County Mini 4-H.



Website Updates Coming Soon

If you have tried to visit our webpage recently, you may have noticed that much of the usual information you are used to seeing is missing. There has been an update in the software used to create our Purdue Extension webpage and we are working diligently to learn this new process. We hope to have the website up to date with all the latest White County 4-H information soon. In the meantime, follow us on social media to see all the latest information about White County 4-H. If you need access to the 4-H handbook or other articles that have been removed from the webpage, please call the extension office. extension.purdue.edu/4-H is also a good resource for all the latest state 4-H information.

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are always looking for great volunteers to work with the White County 4-H Program. In addition to general 4-H volunteers, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with SPARK (Special Interest Activities Programs) clubs. If you would be interested in helping, or know someone who would be interested, please let the Extension Office know.

Mark Your Calendars!

2022 White County 4-H Fair: July 15-21, 2022
2022 Indiana State Fair: July 29– August 21, 2022



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.

4-H Enrollment - Don't Forget!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 year! We will be using the 4HOnline system again, with the online enrollment window lasting from October 1st to January 15th. After January 15th, youth will need to contact the Extension Office to enroll. 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.

Instructions can be found on the Purdue Extension webpage (purdue.ag/enroll4h).

A few notes about enrollment:

- For youth who were enrolled in 4-H for the 2020-2021 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** - 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!
- **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 2022 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any **live animal projects** must do so **by May 15th** to meet state deadlines and county requirements.

We will be holding a 4-H Online enrollment help night on Monday, January 10th at the 4-H building in Reynolds from 3:30– 6:00p.m. for anyone who may need some extra help with the process.

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.



4-H Club Leader Information

A Few Reminders:

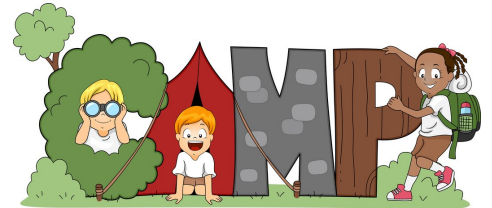
- Don't forget to re-enroll as a volunteer in 4HOnline! Please also remind your members and any volunteers you know to re-enroll
- Submit your Club Financial Reports and/or Financial Audit Information ASAP
- Don't forget to turn in a list of upcoming Club Meetings and Events so that we can add it to the Extension Calendar and Extension webpage. No meetings will be advertised unless there is an approved Safety Plan on record.

2022 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 soon at <https://extension.purdue.edu/white>.

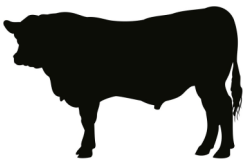
4-H Camp!!!

Camp Counselors: The 2022 Camp Counselor Applications have been sent out via 4-H Online. **The deadline for applications is January 7th.** Camp is currently scheduled for June 8-10, 2022. Camp Counselors must be a 4-H member in grades 9 - 12. Please contact the White County Extension Office or check out the Facebook page for more information.



Campers - Stay Tuned! 4-H Camp plans are already underway for 2021. Camp is scheduled for June 8-10 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 5** from 8-10 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.** In 2022, this event is optional.

There is a cost of \$5 per animal tagged, with payment due at the weigh-in. 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.

4-H Junior Leader Information

All 4-H members in grades 7-12 are invited to attend White County 4-H Junior Leaders meetings and activities. There are several fun and exciting meetings and activities planned throughout the year. We hope you will come and be part of our exciting Junior Leader group! Junior Leaders is an excellent opportunity to be more active in 4-H, promote community service, and develop leadership skills! To be included in Jr. Leaders communications, enroll in the project on 4-H Online or contact the extension office.

Our next meeting is January 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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 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. Once completed, this certification will be good for 2 years. The training can either be completed online or by coming into the Extension Office, and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

For anyone who needs assistance or does not have access to the internet, this training can be completed at the White County 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.



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!

4-H Scholarships

The Indiana 4-H Foundation and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to Indiana 4-H members!

The scholarships available are:

- 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships: Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 and the year immediately following high school. Categories include: Animal Science, Citizenship, Communications, Engineering & Technological Science, Healthy Living, Food & Nutrition, Leadership Development, Plant & Environmental Science, Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership
- 4-H Club Scholarship: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Science.
- 4-H Senior Year Scholarship: Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school.
- Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue with a major in Horticulture, Turf Management & Science, Sustainable Food & Farming Systems, or Landscape Architecture. Must have studied at least 4 years of 4-H horticulture or plant science

Scholarship applications and requirements can be found on the Indiana 4-H webpage at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

Scholarships are to be submitted in 4HOnline (instructions on State 4-H page) by **January 25th**. If you'd like Molly to take a look at your application before submission, email it to her by January 15th. Molly will also be hosting a **scholarship workshop January 6th** which is open to any high school member who is interested in learning more about 4-H scholarships.

4-H Trips

There are several great trips available to 4-H members in 2022 (tentatively). Some trip fees may be sponsored in part by the White County Agricultural Association and White County 4-H Booster Club. **To be eligible for a possible sponsorship, White County 4-H members will need to complete the White County 4-H Trips Application at a later time.** The White County 4-H Trips Application will be available on the White County Extension webpage and from the White County Extension Office. More information about these specific trips can be found on the Indiana 4-H webpage at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs>

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