



# Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

## January/February 2023

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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 2023 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 working with all of you in this new 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.

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,

Molly Childers  
Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development



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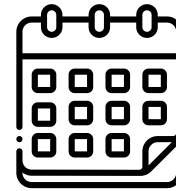


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# 4-H Calendar



## January

- 2 New Year’s Day – Extension Office Closed
- 3 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 4 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 9 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Horse and Pony Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 15 Monon Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monon Civic Center
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day- Extension Office Closed
- 18 Union Township Meeting@ Roosevelt School@ 6:30
- 23 Prairie Club Meeting at Frontier Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Honey Creek Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 31 Rabbit Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds

## February

- 1 Ag Association, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse
- 7 Goat Club Meeting, 4-H Building (North End) @ 6:30
- 12 Monon Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monon Civic Center
- 14 Horse and Pony Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 15 Union Club meeting @ Roosevelt School @ 6:30
- 20 Poultry Meeting, 4-H Building, Reynolds @ 6:30
- 20 President’s Day, Office Closed
- 22 Honey Creek Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 24 Prairie Club Fundraiser at Frontier High School, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Prairie Club Meeting at Frontier Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Rabbit Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds

*Save the Date*

2023 White  
County 4-H Fair:  
 July 15th-20th  
2023 IN State  
Fair: July 28th-  
 August 20th

# ❄️ 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.

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## 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 priority online enrollment period will end on January 15th, 2023. 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.



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



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## 2023 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 Enrollment- Don't Forget!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 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 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.



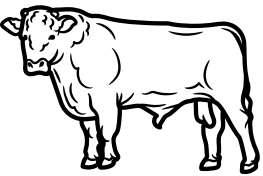
# 4-H Camp!



**Camp Counselors:** The 2023 Camp Counselor Applications have been posted online. The deadline for applications is **January 9th**. Camp is currently scheduled for June 7-9, 2023. 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 2023. Camp is scheduled for June 7-9 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 4 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 2023, 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.

## YQCA Updates

If you have shown livestock animals in the past, you know about the required YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) training. This year, there will be some changes to the training. While we are still working to learn more about these changes, here's what is known so far:

1. Purdue Extension is creating our own Livestock Quality Assurance program which will roll out in early 2023
2. This new program will be the **only** in person program offered to youth in Indiana
3. YQCA training will still be available online only
4. All youth planning to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine at the 2023 White County 4-H Fair must complete the in-person quality assurance program **OR** the online YQCA program by July 1st.
5. Some state or national livestock shows, not affiliated with 4-H, may still require a YQCA certificate, please check the requirements for any non 4-H shows that you may be attending.
6. Dates for the in-person program will be sent out via email, social media, and postal mail in February or March.

# 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.

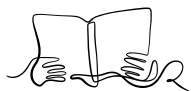


## Life Lessons Virtual Club

Adulting can be hard, but Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H are here to help! Session topics include: auto care, basics of budgeting, etiquette and people skills, food prep and safety, home care, online and social media safety, self-care and mental health, and will end with a session celebrating all that they have learned.

Visit <https://bit.ly/23lifelessons> to learn more, see step-by-step registration instructions, or to see more details about the subject areas

When: Tuesdays, 1/17 - 3/7 from 7-8 p.m. EST / 6-7 p.m. CT



Who: High school youth in 9th - 12th grade. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate in this workshop series.

Cost: \$30/participant. Financial assistance is available. Contact [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto:hendrces@purdue.edu) for details.

Where: Each session will take place via Zoom and using Google Classroom. Additionally, participants will receive a kit with supplemental materials for home-based activities.

## Difficult Conversations Virtual Club

How do we make sense of what's going on in the world? In this virtual SPARK Club, learn how to find legitimate sources of information, and separate fact from opinion. Youth will also learn how to have respectful, informed discussions while exploring different sides of current events. Enroll under the events tab of 4-H Online by January 18th. Contact Molly Childers at [childer9@purdue.edu](mailto:childer9@purdue.edu) if you have any questions.

When: Wednesdays, 1/25-3/1 from 7-8 p.m. EST/6-7 p.m. CST

Who: High School Youth in 9th-12th grade (at least 14 years old). No 4-H Membership Required

Cost: Free

Where: Each session will take place via Zoom with some materials shared via email.



## Cooking Around the World Virtual Club

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 own home. Register via the events tab in 4-H Online by January 6th. Email questions to Megan Hoffher at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu)



When: Saturdays, 1/21- 2/25 from 11a.m.-12 p.m. ET/10-11 a.m. CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12. No 4-H membership required

Where: Each session will take place via Zoom

## Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse

Travel to the Indiana Statehouse to learn more about state government. 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 Sunday, January 15th. Transportation may be available for a limited number of participants. If you need transportation to this event, please reach out to Molly ASAP to make arrangements. Lodging the night before is also available for \$25

When: February 7th, 2023 8 a.m.-4 p.m. EST (Approximately)

Who: Youth in grades 7-12

Where: 200 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Cost: \$15



## 4-H Grows Investors Virtual Club

Learn how the stock market works and how to make informed decisions about investments playing a stock market simulation game. Learn more and register via 4-H Online



When: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, January-June 7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Who: Youth in grades 7-12, 4-H membership not required

Cost: \$15 for 1st child, \$5 for each additional child in the same family

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

# 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. 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 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 Spotlights

White County 4-H would like to begin highlighting all of the awesome work that is being done by our 4-H volunteers. We hope to create "Volunteer Spotlights" to be included in these newsletters, on social media, and/or in the newspaper. To do this, we need nominations from you! Nominations can come from fellow volunteers, 4-H members, or 4-H families. To nominate someone for a volunteer spotlight, please send the following information to Molly at [childer9@purdue.edu](mailto:childer9@purdue.edu):

- Name of Volunteer
- What club or project they help with
- At least one example of something they've done to impact the youth in White County
- A photo of the volunteer (optional)

This does not have to be a long, detailed bio but the more information you can provide about the volunteer, the better. We would love to be able to shine a light on all of the hard work that our volunteers are doing to "Make the Best Better" in White County.

## 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.



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