



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**March/
April 2022**

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Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe that it's already March! 2022 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/get-involved/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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4-H Calendar

This schedule is subject to change, keep an eye on your email and/or our social media pages for updates.

March

- 1 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 1 4-H Statehouse Trip, Indianapolis
- 2 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 5 Beef & Dairy Beef Weigh-In, 8 am, Arena, Reynolds
- 7 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginners/7:30-8:15 Advanced
- 8 Horse & Pony, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 8 Shooting Sports Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 9 Princeton Cavaliers, 5:30 p.m., Tri-County Intermediate School Gym
- 10 Shooting Sports Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 12 Leaf & Fairgrounds Cleanup Day 4-H Fairgrounds @ 8:00am
- 12 Shooting Sports Club Meeting, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 14 West Point 4-H Club Meetings, Meadowlake Church, Wolcott, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Dog Club, Arena- 6:30-7:15-Beginners/7:30-8:15
- 15 YQCA Training, 5:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 16 Bottle Calf Club Meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 16 Honey Creek Township 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 18 Jr. Leaders Completion Trip, TBD, Rugged Xscape, Lafayette
- 21 Poultry Club Meeting, Extension Building
- 21 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginner/7:30-8:15 Advanced
- 22 YQCA Training, 6:15, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds
- 25 YQCA Training, 1:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Fairgrounds
- 28 Prairie Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Frontier Elementary
- 28 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginners/7:30-8:15
- 28 Liberty Township 4-H Club Meeting, Buffalo Firehouse, 7 p.m.
- 29 Rabbit Club Meeting, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.

April

- 2 YQCA Training, 9:30 a.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 4 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 4 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginner/7:30-8:15
- 5 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 8 Ag Day, Fairgrounds
- 11 West Point 4-H Club Meetings, Meadowlake Church, Wolcott, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginning/7:30-8:30 Advanced
- 12 Horse & Pony, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 13 Princeton Cavaliers, 5:30 p.m., Tri-County Intermediate School Gym
- 14 Shooting Sports Meeting 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- 14 YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 15 **Good Friday – Extension Office Closed**
- 18 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginner/7:30-8:15 Advanced
- 18 Prairie Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Frontier Elementary
- 20 Bottle Calf Club Meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 22 Jr. Leaders Game Night, 6 p.m., Carroll County 4-H Building, Flora
- 25 Dog Club, Arena 6:30-7:15 Beginner/7:30-8:15 Advanced
- 25 Liberty Township 4-H Club Meeting, Buffalo Firehouse, 7 p.m.
- 26 Rabbit Club Meeting, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Honey Creek Township 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 28 Shooting Sports Meeting 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo

4-H Enrollment - Update!

There is still time to enroll in 4-H in 2022! 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. Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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, 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 2022 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any **live animal project 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.

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!

2022 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 will be available soon on the Purdue Extension - White County website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/white-4-h-info/white-4-h-main.html> Please read the 2022 requirements before starting any project. The 2021 Handbook is still available on our website if you need assistance before we release this year's 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.

Manuals: 4-H manuals will be distributed through your primary 4-H club by the club leaders. The leaders have their club lists. Most of the clubs try to get manuals distributed at their February or March meetings. Manual requirements are different for each project and 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.

White County 4-H Important Deadline Checklist

- ☑ **May 15th** - Last Day to Enroll in White County 4-H and be eligible to exhibit at the 2022 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**
- ☑ **July 1st** - Live Animal (Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Animal, Swine), Exhibit Hall, and Fair Event Entries due in **online FairEntry** program by midnight
- ☑ **July 1st** - Live Animal (Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Animal, Swine) Educational Activities and record sheets (if applicable) due in the **Extension Office by 4 PM**
- ☑ **July 1st** - Youth Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA) certification must be completed to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits. More information on YQCA is 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, with the exception of weekends. Due dates falling on a weekend, will be accepted until 4 p.m. the next business day. 4HOnline deadlines are midnight on the date listed.*



The 2022 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>



Website Update!

The 4-H section of our White County website is up and running! Visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/white-4-h-info/white-4-h-main.html> to see all the newest updates. We are constantly adding new information so if there is anything you would like to see on the website, please let us know!



White County Queen Contest

The White County Queen Contest will take place Saturday, July 16th. Applications will be available beginning **April 11th**. Contestants must be between 18 and 22 years old by June 1, 2022 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 is **May 9th**. Applications must be submitted online. If you have questions, please email Taylor Lehe at taylorlehe@gmail.com or message the Facebook Page.

White County Ag Day

The 2022 Ag Day will be held April 8th. 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 2022, please contact Molly Childers (childer9@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 Safety; Soil and Gardening; Dairy; Goats; Swine; Beef; Sheep; Poultry; and Horses.

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 for your Club before May 15th! Send a copy of the e-filing receipt to the Extension Office for our records. All information for turning in club financial info can be found in your mailboxes at the extension office.
- 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!

4-H Junior Leader Information

Next Meetings: March 7 and April 4!

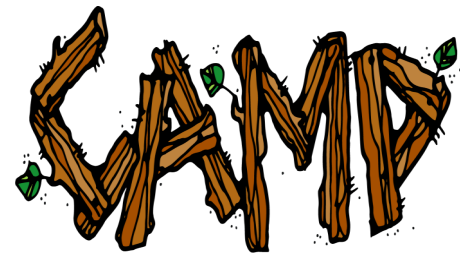
It's not too late to join Junior Leaders! We are planning some fun things for this spring! If you are not receiving Jr. Leaders emails please reach out to Molly to be added to the email list.

NEW THIS YEAR: sign up for Remind for Jr. Leaders updates sent straight to your phone! Text @whiteco22 to the phone number 81010

*****Don't forget to sign-up for the Junior Leader Project in 4HOnline before May 15th!!! You have to enroll in the project in order to get credit for completing Junior Leaders!*****

4-H Camp!!!

4-H Camp is scheduled this year from June 8-10 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2022 White County Fair: July 15-21

2022 Indiana State Fair: July 29-August 21

Fairgrounds Spring Cleaning Day

Spring cleaning at the fairgrounds is scheduled for March 12th at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come help clean up the fairgrounds for the spring.

The alternate weather date is scheduled for March 19th.

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 20 minutes to complete. For anyone who needs assistance or does not have access to 4HOnline, 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!

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are always looking for great volunteers to work with the White County 4-H Program. If you would be interested in helping, or know someone who would be interested, please let the Extension Office know. If there are any other projects that you would be interested in helping with, we would be glad to have you!

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 5th from 8-10 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.
- Dairy Beef Feeder Steers 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 2022 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.

If you have any questions about the Animal Identification process, please contact the White County Extension Office at 219-984-5115.

YQCA and Coupon Codes

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a 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 YQCA certified by July 1st in order to exhibit. There is an option to complete this program either online or in person. The YQCA website will be changing slightly starting March 23rd. I am not sure yet how this will effect the log in and registration process so please keep an eye on your email for updates regarding this change. To be safe, once you have completed your training, **print out or take a screenshot of your certification** and bring that with you to all livestock check-in events.

For an in-person training, register at yqca.org using your 4-H Online credentials. The cost of an in-person training is \$3. If you would like to attend the in-person training **FREE** call the Extension Office at 219-984-5115. There are a limited number of coupon codes, so they will be distributed on a first call first serve basis. Be sure to call early if you would like a coupon. **No walk-ins are allowed, all participants MUST be pre-registered.**

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

March 15th 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22nd 6:15-7:15 p.m.

March 25th 1:30-2:30 p.m.

April 2nd 9:30-10:30 a.m.

April 14th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 18th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

To complete the training online, visit the website <http://yqca.org> logging in using your 4HOnline email and password. The cost of the online training is \$12.

If you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact the Extension Office at 219-984-5115. You can also email Molly at childer9@purdue.edu



YQCA FAQ's:

- **Do Mini 4-H Members need a YQCA Certification?:** No, this is for 4-H members in grades 3-12.
- **What if I show multiple animal species?:** You only need to complete the certification once per year, and that will apply to each of your animals.
- **Can I attend a YQCA In-Person Training in another county?:** Yes, if our schedule does not work for you, you can attend a class in any other county. You can find all classes listed at yqca.org when signing up.
- **How is my certification valid?:** In most instances, your certification is valid for one year.
- **What if I am not selling my animal in the Auction?:** This is not an auction requirement, it is an exhibit requirement, so to show your animal, you must complete the certification.



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