



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

September / October 2023

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Hello Everyone! I'd like to start by saying congratulations to all of the White County 4-H youth, who did a great job at the 75th Annual White County 4-H Fair and at the Indiana State Fair! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make the 2023 White County 4-H Fair a success! Thanks to everyone's hard work we had a very successful week, and words cannot express how grateful we are. We hope that everyone enjoyed their week at the Fair and we can't wait to see what the next year brings!

Now that Fair is over, it's almost time to start a new 4-H year! The 2023- 2024 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2023. Be sure to read the enrollment information in this newsletter and watch for additional information to come in September.

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

- 4-H Enrollment
- 4-H Open House
- National 4-H Week
- County Medal Awards

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 or send me an email at childer9@purdue.edu.

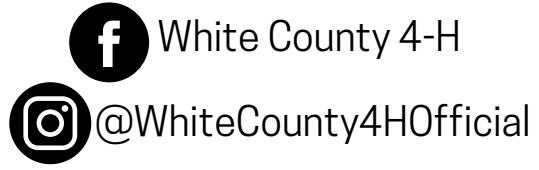
Sincerely,
Molly Childers

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Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development

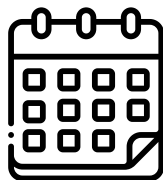


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4-H Calendar



September

October

- Sept. 4 Labor Day- Extension Office Closed
- Sept. 6 Fair Committees Meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Sept. 6 Ag Association Meeting, 8 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Sept. 7 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- Sept. 11 West Point Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Meadowlake Church
- Sept. 16 Horse and Pony Show, Horse Arena
- Sept. 18 2024 Rule Changes due to Extension Office
- Sept. 21 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Oct. 1 4-H Enrollment Opens
- Oct. 1-7 National 4-H Week
- Oct. 2 4-H Open House, 6-8 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Oct. 5 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Oct. 9 Federal Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- Oct. 16 Prairie 4-H Club Meeting
- Oct. 18 Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Oct. 19 Shooting Sports, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Oct. 24 Poultry Meeting, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Oct. 30 Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds



Scan with your phone's camera to access the White County 4-H Website!

If you have any 4-H events or activities that you would like to add to the White County Extension calendar, please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.

Mark Your Calendars!

2024 White County 4-H Fair will be July 13th-18th, 2024



All Committees Meeting Reminder

All White County 4-H Committees will meet on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Reynolds. Each committee will need to work on finalizing their plans for the 2023-2024 4-H year. All committees will have to have their changes submitted by September 18th. Committee members are encouraged to look over all of the project rules and have suggestions and ideas ready to discuss. Committees should also come prepared with suggestions for judges for the 2024 Fair.

Individuals who have changes or additions to suggest are encouraged to submit them in writing to the Extension Office or the respective committee prior to the meeting.

4-H Enrollment Begins October 1st!

It is almost time to start thinking about enrolling in 4-H for the 2023-2024 year! Beginning October 1st, youth (4-H and Mini 4-H) and volunteers can enroll in White County 4-H using the 4Honline system at <https://in.v2.4honline.com>. We hope you will all join us for another fantastic year in White County 4-H! Please don't hesitate to contact the Purdue Extension - White County Office with any questions you may have. You can reach us by calling (219) 984-5115.

Remember to Say "Thank You!"

Attention 4-H members!

Did you receive a trophy, trip, or special award this year, or did you sell an animal in the 4-H Livestock Auction? Did someone help you with your 4-H project this year? This may include parents, siblings, 4-H Leaders, auction buyers, Ag Association members, other 4-Hers, or 4-H Volunteers. If so, please remember to write your sponsor, donor, buyer, or helper a thank you - even if you thanked them at the time you received the award. Individuals and businesses donate to the 4-H program because they believe in you and in what 4-H offers. Without this support, our program would not be as successful. Let's show White County 4-H Supporters that we really do care about all of the things they do for us in the White County 4-H Program!

Jr. Leader Info

What: Jr. Leader Callout Meeting

Date and location coming soon, keep an eye on social media and email!

All White County 4-H members in grades 7-12 are invited to join the White County 4-H Junior Leaders for an evening of fun, while they find out what the White County 4-H Junior Leaders is all about! If you have questions about Junior Leaders, this is a great time to get some answers!

What is Junior Leaders?

Junior Leaders is a group of White County 4-H members currently enrolled in grades 7-12 that meet once a month and have lots of fun! Past activities have included: Game Nights, Community Service, Indiana Beach/Madam Carroll day, Leadership training with other counties, and much more!

We focus on community service and building relationships with other 4-H members, while providing opportunities to develop leadership skills. This is a great chance to make new friends and become a leader in White County 4-H.



Follow the Jr. Leaders on Instagram! @jrleaders_whiteco

Volunteer Information

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program needs to be an approved and enrolled White County 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. **Beginning October 1st, volunteers should log into 4HOnline using the login email and password that was used when enrolled in 4HOnline last year @ v2.4honline.com.**

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

Please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 with any questions or concerns.

Volunteer Training

4-H Volunteers are invited to attend a volunteer training session either **October 18th or October 30th** at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building in Reynolds. This training will be focused toward 4-H Club Leaders but anyone wishing to work directly with youth is encouraged to attend. At this training we will cover topics related to member engagement, creating fun club meetings, using 4-H Online, and additional resources for the future.

Indiana Leadership Summit

All White County 4-H members (grades 7-12) and volunteers are invited to join other Indiana 4-H members and volunteers from around the state at the annual Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit. Please save the date of Saturday, October 21st for this event. More details to come!

This event will focus on 4-H leadership education and resources and will energize participants to pursue excellence in their local communities.

Looking for SPARK Club Volunteers!

Do you have a passion, skill, or special interest that you would like to share with the youth in White County? We are currently looking for volunteers to start a few Spark Clubs! Spark Clubs are special interest 4-H Clubs that match your skills and talents with youth who are interested in the same topics. Spark Clubs are open to both current 4-H youth and youth who are not involved in 4-H. Spark Clubs meet on a schedule that is convenient for the volunteers, but must meet for at least six (6) hours. We would like to see more new Spark Clubs in 2023-2024! If you are interested in starting a Spark Club or have ideas that you would like to share, please let us know! We would be more than happy to help you in any way we can. Please help us to encourage our youth to learn by doing and share your skills, talents, and interests!

4-H Recruitment and Enrollment Open House

When: October 2nd 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Where: White County 4-H Building, Reynolds

This event will be open to youth and families who are interested in learning more about 4-H as well as returning families who want to complete their enrollment for 2023-2024. We will have tables set up with examples of projects and club leaders and members available to talk about the program. We will also be enrolling new and returning 4-H members on the spot! Invite anyone you think might benefit from this event! Stay tuned for incentives for attending and enrolling.

Are you a local business interested in supporting this event? Please reach out ASAP!

If you are interested in volunteering or donating old projects to use as examples, please contact Molly at childer9@purdue.edu or 219-984-5115.

4-H Project Pickup

There are a few projects left for pickup at the White County Extension Office. Please make arrangements to pick up your projects as soon as possible. The office is open Monday -Friday from 8 am - 4 pm. State Fair projects are also available for pick-up at the extension office. Projects not picked up will be disposed of in October.



State Fair Results



Congratulations to all of the White County 4-H members who participated in the 2023 Indiana State Fair. Everyone did a fantastic job and represented White County well! Check out the Indiana State Fair 4-H results online at the Indiana State 4-H webpage at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results.html>

White County 4-H Webpage

Looking for instructions for 4-H Online Enrollment? Interested in learning more about a specific project? Want to take a look at past newsletters? Check out our website! We are constantly adding new items to the webpage to make your life easier. If there is anything you don't see on the website that you think would help White County families, let us know! You can also always call us if you have questions, we're here to help!

Here is the link: <https://purdue.link/whiteco4h>

Need Help Registering for 4-H?

Our office is here to help! Call or stop by with any questions relating to the 4-H program or enrollment issues!

Phone number: 219-984-5115

Address: 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN 47980



National 4-H Week

This year we will be celebrating National 4-H Week on
October 1st-7th, 2023!

2023 National 4-H Week Theme:



To celebrate, White County 4-H would like to create a video series of 4-H members sharing why they love 4-H! These videos would be used on White County 4-H social media to promote the program to new audiences and encourage returning members to check out new experiences.

Instructions:

- Submit a video answering the questions below
- Optional but encouraged: submit some "b-roll" doing project tasks (working with your animal, constructing a project, doing research, etc.) Photos or videos are fine. This extra footage is often more natural than simply staring into the camera. I can edit your voice from the video answering the questions over the b-roll.
- This can be completed wherever is most comfortable, please be aware of lighting and background. We can also set up a time to do it at the extension office.
- This can all be done with a phone camera, landscape mode please.
- We are looking to create a playlist of 2-3 minute long videos.
- We would love to have some videos ready to go by October 1st but this will be an rolling submission through the winter

Questions to Answer:

- Name
- 4-H Club
- 4-H Projects Participated in (*or favorites if there are many*)
- *Optional- What events have you participated in? (I.e. camp, 4-H round-up/academy, Ag Day, Etc.)*
- *Why do you love 4-H? (What is/are your favorite thing(s) about 4-H? Examples may include learning new things, making friends, teaching others, etc.)*
- Any additional information that you feel is important or interesting

Scan the QR code to easily upload photos and videos
from your phone

Contact Molly (childer9@purdue.edu) with Questions!



Upcoming 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.



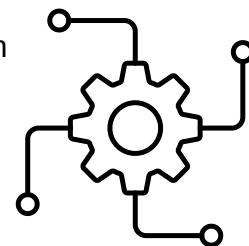
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4-H Robotics Competition

Sign up for the inaugural Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition is now open in 4-H Online. The competition takes place on Sept 9th at 9:00 am at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Cost to sign up is \$40 for a team of four and each teammate must be a member of 4-H. There are Junior and Senior levels. Your team's group will be determined by the grade of the oldest member. The [4-H Robotics website](#) has all the rules and expectations. Contact Rachel Haselby at rhaselby@purdue.edu with questions.



Link to Robotics Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/state-fair-programs/robotics.html>

Purdue ASEC Preview Day

We are excited to see you and your students at Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication's (ASEC) Preview Day on Thursday **September 21st**.

Registration will be from 8:30-9:00am in Krach Leadership Center Rm 230, on Purdue's campus. A. Here are some opportunities for students:

- Information about the College of Agriculture from one of their representatives. Including scholarships, admissions and multicultural programs.
- Student experience room – Similar to a college/career fair. There will be groups set up to discuss extracurricular activities, study abroad opportunities, organizations and clubs, as well as Greek life.
- Two keynote speakers (alumni of our department) to discuss how they are using their degrees to accomplish their goals.
- Undergraduate student panel to answer all student related questions

The Preview Day program will conclude at 2:15pm with opportunities afterward to connect with Purdue students in class activities.

Contact Molly for the link to register. Transportation may also be available, contact Molly for details.

2023 County Medal Recipients

Congratulations to all of the 2023 White County Medal Winners! These individuals were selected based on their accomplishments in specific project areas over the course of their 4-H careers. These medals are available for pick up at the White County Extension Office.

Achievement

Campbell Pekny
Abigail Arvin

Shooting Sports

Jacqui Hoover

Poultry

Lane Andrews

Agriculture

Tyler Vandever
Ella Mattox

Engines/Tractor

Rhett Deckard

Rabbits

Kylee Kleist

Citizenship

McKenna Wilson
Kevin Dahlenburg

Beef

Cohl VanMeter

Sheep

Campbell Pekny

Community

Service

Hunter Musall
Campbell Pekny

Cats

Murphy Misch

Swine

Madysen op den Kelder

Leadership

Eli Stearns
Cohl VanMeter

Dairy

Chelsea Rater

Dogs

Murphy Misch

Goats

Tyler Vandever

Fashion Revue

Campbell Pekny

Shooting Safety

Cameron Landis

Small Animals

Brody Andrews





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