



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

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Hello everyone!

I hope you all are gearing up for the holiday season. Take some time over the next few months to reflect on this past year and set some new goals for 2024. Be sure to also take some time to spend with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for and should take the time to appreciate everything that has been done for us. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115, email childer9@purdue.edu, or stop by the office at 12 N 25 E, Reynolds. We are available to help with Enrollment!

Sincerely,

Molly Childers
Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development

BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
BE BLESSED

Happy Holidays

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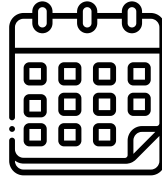


White County 4-H



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4-H Calendar



November

- 3 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 6 Junior Leader Meeting 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Veterans Day- Office Closed
- 23 Thanksgiving- Office Closed
- 24 Thanksgiving- Office Closed

December

- 5 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 13 Union Township Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
- 25 Christmas- Office Closed
- 26 Christmas- Office Closed

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.

Project Changes for



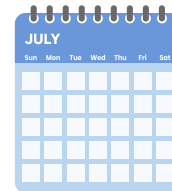
2024

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, which is currently in the process of being updated and will be available online soon at <https://purdue.link/whiteco4h>

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Indiana State Fair August 2nd-18th, 2024 (Closed Mondays)



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

It's time to enroll in 4-H!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2023-2024 year! We will be using the 4HOnline system, with the priority online enrollment window lasting from October 1st to January 15th. Youth are encouraged to enroll before January 15th in order to take advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. After January 15th, youth will still be able to enroll online but will need to check with the extension office to see what important information they may have missed. 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.

Enrollment instructions can be found on the White County Extension webpage and on the login page for 4HOnline.

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, please contact the Extension Office.
- If you already have a family profile, but need to enroll a new 4-H member, you will add them under the existing family profile (please do not create a new family account in this situation).
- 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.
- 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.
- Reminder - There are a few projects that require you to only select the general project category in 4-H Online (For example, Mini 4-H). Once FairEntry opens in June, that is where you will select exactly what you will be bringing to the fair. We hope this will help to eliminate some confusion during enrollment!
- Reminder - The Project Add/Drop deadline will be May 15th this year. Members must be enrolled in White County 4-H by May 15th in order to exhibit at the 2024 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. Earlier livestock enrollment may be required for certain animals requiring weigh ins, ear tagging, etc. - watch for more information about this! **THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

We encourage youth to enroll early to take full advantage of the 4-H program. 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. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity for youth who are too young to join 4-H to see what the 4-H program is all about and is designed to encourage positive development of children. In White County, Mini 4-H members join and participate in a 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. The Mini 4-H project options include: Animal Poster, Cake Decorating, Collections, Crafts, Creepy Crawlies, Flowers, Foods, Models, Nature, Sewing, and Space. Mini 4-H members can also participate in Animal Showmanship classes for Sheep, Swine (only for 2nd graders) Goats, Dairy, Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, and Horses during the 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, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The priority online enrollment period will be October 1st, 2022 – January 15th, 2023. After January 15th, you may still enroll in 4-H Online but be sure to contact the extension office for missed communications.

There is no cost to join Mini 4-H. Mini 4-H members will enroll using the same 4HOnline process as 4-H members. Enrollment instructions can be found on the White County Extension webpage and on the login page for 4HOnline.

Camp Counselor Applications

4-H Camp will be June 5-7, 2024 at Camp Tecumseh. There are also required trainings in February, April, and May. No experience is required to apply. This opportunity is available to any 4-H member in grades 9-12. Applications are due January 10th. To learn more and download the applications visit: [The 2023 Camp Counselor Applications are now available! In 2024, Camp will be June 5-7. Camp](#)

[Counselors must be a 4-H member in grades 9 - 12.](#)



You must be enrolled in 4-H to submit the application so don't forget to complete your enrollment in v2.4honline.com!



Extension Annual Meeting

Curious about what we do at the Extension Office? Please join us for our Annual Meeting on November 29th, 2023. Doors open at 6:15 pm, with light refreshments. Our keynote speaker, will be Randy Strasser, President of White County Economic Development who will be presenting on “White County organizations working for the betterment of our community and youth.”

4-H Yard Signs



Have you seen the 4-H yard signs around? Would you like to help promote 4-H? We have 4-H yard signs available here at the office to help publicize 4-H enrollment. If you would like to help promote 4-H by displaying one of these signs at your home or business, please stop by the office and get one!

4-H Scholarships

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.

There are several great scholarship opportunities available to White County 4-H youth in grades 10 and up. Anyone who is thinking about any type of continuing education after high school is strongly encourage to apply. Scholarship applications and requirements can be found on the Indiana 4-H webpage at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

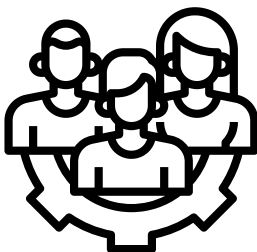
Scholarships are to be submitted in 4HOnline (instructions on State 4-H page).

More detailed information with deadlines will be announced soon.

Next Steps: Preparing for the Future Workshop

High School 4-H members are invited to a workshop to learn more about planning for the future. Workshop topics will include how to choose between college, trade school, workforce, etc., applying to schools, financial support, and more. This workshop will be offered 3 times in different locations. Virtual options will be available.

- December 4th: Tippecanoe County Extension Office 1950 S 18th St, Lafayette, IN 47905, 6:30-8:00 EST
- December 5th: Jasper County Community Building 2671 W Clark St, Rensselaer, IN 47978, 7:30-9:00 EST (6:30-8:00 CST)
- December 7th: Warren County Learning Center 26 E 2nd St, Williamsport, IN 47993 6:30-8:00 EST



Volunteer Information *We ♥ our Volunteers*

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.

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. In addition to 4-H club leaders, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with SPARK clubs. 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!

Congratulations Cindy Campbell

On October 21st, Cindy Campbell received the 2023 Volunteer Award of Excellence in 4-H Civic Engagement/Leadership Programming presented by the Indiana 4-H Foundation. This award is given to volunteers who have demonstrated excellence in the 4-H Civic Engagement/Leadership mission area, including topics such as personal and group leadership, teamwork, service to others, and/or civic engagement. Cindy has been a dedicated club leader for nearly 20 years in White County among many other leadership and volunteer roles. Cindy is an excellent advocate for 4-H you. Congratulations, Cindy!



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.



National 4-H Conference

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will host the 2024 National 4-H Conference April 19-24, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

NIFA has administered the National 4-H Conference on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, DC since 1927. Known as "the Secretary's Conference," this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future focused. The Conference brings together young people, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.



Join us for an Information Session about 2024 National 4-H Conference on November 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time. Register Online at <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/2024-national-4-h-conference-information-session>

If you are interested in attending National 4-H Conference, please reach out to Molly at the Extension Office to discuss registration. Some funding assistance is available if needed.

Stay up-to-date on state events by following Indiana 4-H and White County 4-H on social media or visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>

2024 Summer Assistant Position

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The White County 4-H Summer Assistant works with the White County 4-H Youth Extension Educator and Purdue Extension staff and assists in the organization and delivery of the White County 4-H Program. This position reports directly to the Purdue Extension White County Office Manager.

Qualifications

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed at least one year of college prior to employment and who have been associated with 4-H. Preference will also be given to those who have completed their 4-H tenure in White County.

Desirable skills include: Communication ability; organization; public relations; problem solving; diplomacy; program planning; computer; typing and other general office skills.

Job Responsibilities

This White County position will average 35 hours per week over the course of employment, with a pay rate of \$13.25/hour. Mileage to and from Extension-related activities will be paid at the current rate. Extension Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, the individual must be available for a flexible work schedule that includes some evenings and weekends. Some travel within the county, area, and state will be necessary. Reliable and suitable transportation is required along with a valid driver's license.

Some specific job responsibilities may include: assist with summer mailings; develop and present project workshops for township and county clubs; prepare for and attend Ag Association and Adult 4-H Club Leader meetings; attend/help throughout 4-H Pre-fair and Fair week in 4-H Building, with Livestock Shows and special events; manage the 4-H Fair Office; organize and transport 4-H projects to State Fair; assist with 4-H Record Book organization and grading; and other duties as needed.

Starting Dates

The preferred starting date is mid-May; exact date to be determined based on successful candidate's schedule and the office schedule. Length of employment is approximately 12 weeks, with the possibility for some additional work during fall and winter periods (school vacation periods).

The deadline for Application is December 15th, 2023 or until a suitable candidate is found. Application consists of a cover letter and resume detailing experiences and skills related to this position. In addition, please include names of references. Interviews will be granted to those who submit the top applications.



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