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Thoughts from the Educator



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The Holiday Season is upon us and it always seems things get hectic this time of year. It is important to pause occasionally and take care of yourself. Fortunately this is a slow time of year for the 4-H program but there are still some important things to consider as we head into 2026.

Now is a great time to complete your 4-H member and/or volunteer enrollment for the new program year. Early enrollment ensures we have you on the appropriate lists for project updates and workshops that begin in the spring. For volunteers, the annual enrollment process is also a requirement from Purdue for those working with youth.

We are in the process of updating the 4-H Rulebook for 2026. We have hit a couple snags this year and there may be a delay in getting things published. Our goal is to have as much as we can done by early January. So far we do not have major changes to the exhibit project rules. We are currently reviewing livestock rules to make sure all information is updated correctly.

If you have questions about 4-H or need help, please don't hesitate to call 260-481-6826, email allences@purdue.edu, or stop by during office hours.

Our office wishes you all Happy Holidays!

* Volunteer Opportunities *

There are many ways you can contribute to the 4-H program and help give our youth a positive educational experience.

Do you have a special talent or hobby? We are always looking for volunteers to help lead educational programs with youth. Special interest lessons, or SPARK Clubs, are a way for youth to learn new skills or complete projects. Reach out if you are interested in leading a program for youth.

Looking to add leadership to your resume? In addition to 4-H Board, our office is in need of volunteers on Extension Board and Purdue Council for Agriculture Research, Extension, and Teaching who want to help support and shape Purdue Extension. Extension Board members have a 3-year term, meet once every other month, provide guidance to the Extension office, and advocate for Extension with local government. Purdue CARET members meet twice per year in the area, once at the Purdue, and once at a legislative event in Indianapolis. They help advocate with elected officials and promote Extension statewide. Terms are served as you are willing. Contact James Wolff for information at jmwolff@purdue.edu or 260-481-6434.

4-H INFORMATION

Enroll Today!

Open enrollment for youth and volunteers is officially open! As a reminder, there is an annual \$15 state program fee for youth in grades 3-12. Mini 4-Hers are free to enroll. If you are going to pay by check, please make sure to make **checks payable to Purdue University**.

For returning volunteers, you will have 1 training video to watch. These videos rotate every year. If you are enrolling as a new volunteer, please ensure to select "New Volunteer." When you enroll, you will have to select a volunteer type. There will be a diagram when you get to this step. Please select the type that most describes you.

Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com>



Junior Leader Upcoming Events:

Dec. 9: Caroling and delivering hand-made holiday cards to senior living facility followed by skating party.

4-H Junior Leaders serve in their communities and act as mentors and role models to youngers 4-H members. To learn more visit puext.in/allen4H

Chick Embryology

Learn about chick development, watch chicks hatch, and have a hands-on science experience you won't forget!

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 5:30-6:30pm

Johnnie Mae Farm: 2519 Winter St Fort Wayne IN 46803

FREE but pre-registration is encouraged (Deadline 1/5)

Register [HERE](#)

Plant, Pick, Plate Gardening Classes

Discover the joy of gardening and learn the basics of caring for flowers and vegetables through hands on activities. Enjoy fun games, crafts, and nature inspired lessons. This class encourages creativity, curiosity, and a love for the outdoors, all while learning valuable skills about the environment and healthy living.

Dec. 9, and Dec. 23

5:30-7 p.m.

Johnnie Mae Farm, 2518 Winter St, Fort Wayne 46803

To register, visit <https://Plantpickplateallen.4honline.com>

Annual Volunteer In-Person Training

If you are unable to complete your volunteer training online, we are offering an in-person training on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Extension Office. **RSVP to Stephenie Wooten at 260-481-6826 or wooten6@purdue.edu**

4-H SPARK CLUB

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

.22 RIFLE SIGN UP & AIR RIFLE DATES!

SPACE IS LIMITED AND YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND SESSIONS!

.22 Rifle Club

Jan. 14, 21, 28

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Mar. 4, 11, 18

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran High School
1601 St Joe River Dr,
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Air Rifle Club

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Mar. 3, 10

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Jan. 6 - Orientation 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Hoagland Community Center,
11320 Hoagland Rd,
Hoagland, IN 46745



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Dec. 2 6:30-9pm	4-H Board Annual Meeting @ Allen County Fairgrounds
Dec. 3 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop @ Concordia Lutheran High Shooting Range
Dec. 5 5:00-7:00pm	Johnnie Mae Farm Holiday Open House @ Johnnie Mae Farm
Dec. 9 6:30pm	Junior Leaders Meeting @ Senior Community Facility
Dec. 10 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop @ Concordia Lutheran High Shooting Range
Dec. 17 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop @ Concordia Lutheran High Shooting Range
Dec. 24, 25, 26,	CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
Jan. 1	CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
Jan. 5 6:30-7pm	Sewing Service @ Johnnie Mae Farm (Register Here: https://forms.gle/yvLcJ8fizZ3rpxjC8)
Jan. 6 6pm	Volunteer in person annual training @ Allen County Extension Office (RSVP to 260-481-6826 or wooten6@purdue.edu)
Jan. 6 6:30-7:30pm	Air Rifle Orientation @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 6 7pm	4-H Board meeting @ Allen County Extension Office
Jan. 8 6:30-7pm	Sewing Service @ Johnnie Mae Farm (Register Here: https://forms.gle/yvLcJ8fizZ3rpxjC8)
Jan. 8 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology @ Johnnie Mae Farm (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 13 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 13 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 14 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 17 10am	Nature Navigators @ Pokagon State Park
Jan. 19 7-9pm	Swine Committee Meeting @ Allen County Fairgrounds
Jan. 20 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 21 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 22 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 27 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 28 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 29 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)

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FG's = Fairgrounds
All dates subject to change