

# Benton County 4-H Family Guide



PURDUE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
*Benton County*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Benton County 4-H! This booklet is designed with YOU in mind to help you learn more about 4-H, what we do and who we are. Regardless of whether you live on a farm or in a town, have one hobby or many, like doing things by yourself or with others, 4-H has something to offer.

The Benton County Extension Office is located at 410 S Adeway Suite A Fowler, Indiana. We offer informal, educational opportunities in agriculture, community development, health and human sciences, and youth development. As Extension Educators, we work to provide you with the latest scientific information in production of animals, management of resources, helping families make life livable, and developing individual talents through leadership training. Our office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on county holidays.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact us at our office. Our telephone number is (765) 884-0140. We welcome the opportunity to make your participation in our programs an enjoyable one.

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## Welcome to Benton County 4-H

We want to extend a warm welcome to you and congratulate your family for choosing to make 4-H a part of your life. 4-H is a youth development program that is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture and administered in Indiana by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Locally, the Benton County office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service administers the Benton County 4-H program, with input from the Benton County 4-H Council.

Included in this family guide is information we hope will be helpful and will provide the tools necessary for your family to have a positive start with your 4-H career. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this information after you have read it.

### Office Hours and Location

The local 4-H Youth Development Extension Educators manage the county 4-H program on a daily basis. Feel free to use any of the means listed below to contact us with any questions that may arise throughout the year.

The Purdue Extension - Benton County Office is located at 410 S Adeway, Suite A, Fowler, IN 47944

Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed County Government Holidays

Phone- 765-884-0140

Voice mail is available during non-business hours

Visit the Extension Office web site at [www.extension.purdue.edu/benton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/benton) for information.

The drop box is also available in the vestibule of the office at the Annex.

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## **Purpose of this Guide**

This guide is intended to help families new to Benton County 4-H become familiar with our program. It should serve as a valuable resource for members and parents to better understand the terms, structure and operations of the 4-H program. While some families new to Benton County 4-H may have transferred from another county, it is important to understand that each county in Indiana has its own way of doing things. Therefore, just because it happened one way in "xyz" county, does not mean it will be the same in Benton County. Please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at any time throughout the year. The Extension Office staff is here to serve your educational needs and wants your family to be successful in our local youth development program.

## **What is 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service?**

4-H is a non-formal educational program provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and is delivered through its Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service is administered in Indiana through its land grant university, Purdue University. CES offers educational programs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Health and Human Sciences, Community Development, and 4-H Youth Development. In Benton County, Extension Staff receive program direction and support from the Extension Board that is comprised of a cross-section of people throughout the county.

4-H provides youth in grades 3-12 educational programs through their participation in project and club related activities. Benton County 4-H offers programming through more than 70 different projects and has eight community 4-H clubs. 4-H project workshops provide members with technical training that each member needs to be successful not only in discipline, but also with life-long technical skills. 4-H club work provides members with life-long leadership and social skills that will be of benefit to every member in career preparation.

## **Purdue Extension's Mission**

We deliver practical, research-based information that transform lives and livelihoods.

## **4-H Mission and Vision**

**4-H Mission:** The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact their communities and world.

**4-H Vision:** Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

## **Indiana 4-H Program Philosophy**

The Indiana 4-H program serves the youth of Indiana by providing a strong educational youth development program. This program delivers educational experiences in a variety of settings. Caring, capable and contributing adults assist in the 4-H program as role models for youth. The rich heritage of the 4-H Program is one to be valued and passed along to future generations. The Indiana 4-H Youth Policies and Procedures Handbook includes certain standards and guidelines to assure that 4-H is a positive youth development program. County 4-H policy is guided by the county 4-H policy making or governing board (i.e., 4-H Council) as provided by the County Extension Board. Legal authority for the 4-H Program rests with the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University. No county 4-H policy may conflict with state 4-H policy or with federal guidelines and requirements. Deadlines for county and state participation should be carefully constructed to encourage rather than to discourage participation. Such deadlines should be well published. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied the opportunity to exhibit. It is the policy of 4-H to be an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from either membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H Youth Development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement.

## **Equal Opportunity/Equal Access**

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

## **Enrollment Eligibility/Membership/Residence**

Enrollment in Indiana 4-H is open to any youth enrolled in grades 3-12. Grade is defined as the school grade the child is enrolled on January 1 of the 4-H year. A child may enroll in only one 4-H program in Indiana, regardless of their place of residence. In other words, youth are not required to participate in their own county's program and may participate in a different county program provided they have properly enrolled. The only exception to this is if their county of primary 4-H enrollment does not offer a project or statewide activity they want to participate, then the child can enroll in a second county provided they meet Indiana 4-H policy requirements.

## **Annual 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment**

Enrollment is an annual process attained by completing the appropriate county 4-H enrollment process. 4-H Online enrollment is October 1 through January 15 at <https://in4honline.com>. After January 15, contact the Extension Office. 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3-12 for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. 4-H members may drop or add projects through 4-H Online, through May 15. There is a \$15 state 4-H program fee, payable at the time of enrollment.

## **Cancellation Reminder**

All Extension meetings, including 4-H meetings, are cancelled if school is dismissed or cancelled due to the weather. This applies if Benton Community School Corporation cancel classes due to the weather.

## **Transportation of 4-H Youth**

When there is a need for a 4-H member to have transportation to a 4-H event or activity and the parent is unable to provide that transportation, the following guidelines should be followed:

\*Parents are encouraged to arrange their own rides for their children.

\*Anyone under the age of 21 must not be asked to serve as a driver and transport other youth to or from events and activities.

\*Under no circumstances should personal vehicles carry more persons than the vehicle is designed for (a seat belt for each occupant).

## **What is 4-H?**

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program.

4-H is activities for boys and girls in grades 3 through 12.

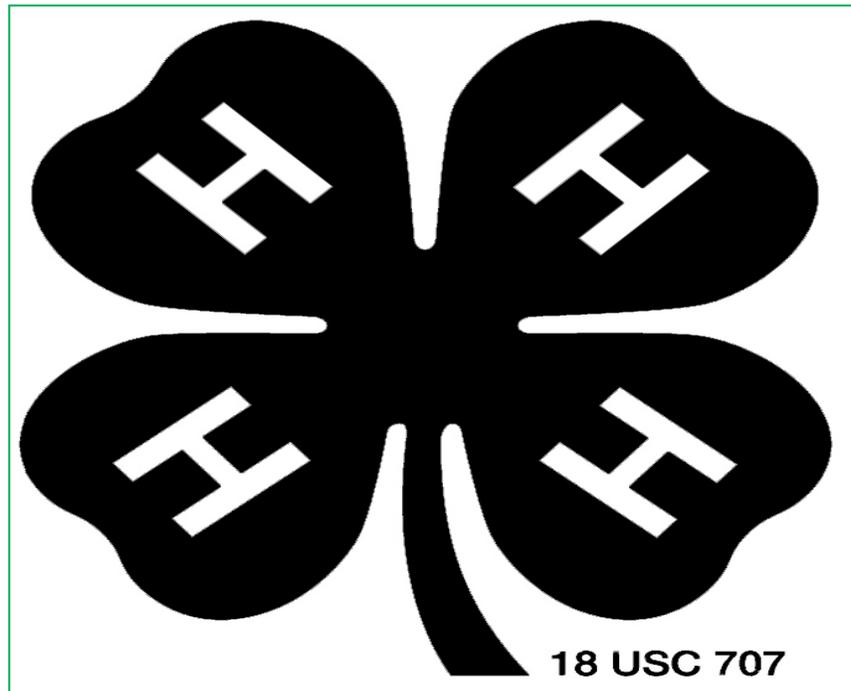
4-H is for urban as well as rural youth.

4-H helps young people develop life skills. A life skill is an ability that one can use in everyday life. The basic life skills are:

1. Building self-confidence.
2. Developing an inquiring mind and making decisions.
3. Setting and meeting goals.
4. Relating to other people.
5. Developing a concern for the community.
6. Developing leadership skills.

## EMBLEM

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf.  
The Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



## MOTTO

"To make the best better."  
This should be the objective of every member and volunteer.

## SLOGAN

"Learn by Doing."

## COLORS

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

## THE 4-H PLEDGE

4-H members should learn the national 4-H pledge.

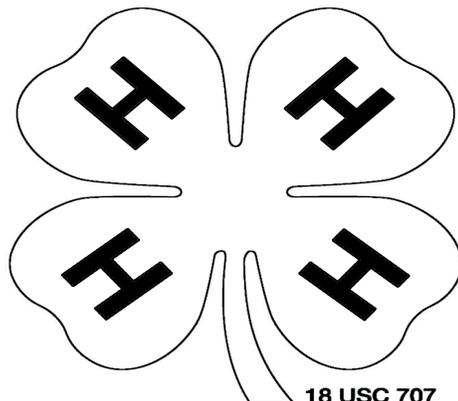
I pledge

My **head** to clearer thinking,  
My **heart** to greater loyalty,  
My **hands** to larger service, and  
My **health** to better living,  
For My club, my community,  
My country and my world.

## AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP

4-H membership is open to all boys and girls in Benton County who are currently in grades 3 through 12. Youth may participate a maximum of ten years in traditional 4-H.

All young persons in kindergarten, first and second grades may participate in the Mini 4-H program.



## 4-H PARENT (HOME HELPER)

**Purpose:** Provide support to your child in 4-H.

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Help your child enroll in the 4-H Club and meet the 4-H requirements (see "4-H Handbook" page 16).
2. Help your child select one or more suitable 4-H Projects to complete.
3. Make sure your child attends the 4-H Club meetings. Post and help your child use the club calendar. Provide or arrange for transportation. Club calendars are available from 4-H Club Leaders and are published in our newsletter, **Benton County Extension 4-H News**.
4. Help your child to complete any 4-H responsibilities he or she may have volunteered for, been elected to, or selected.
5. Attend at least three Club meetings (the first and two others).
6. Help with at least one 4-H club activity during the 4-H year. Volunteer; do not wait to be asked.
7. Support your child's 4-H project work.
  - A. Read the **Benton County Extension 4-H News** especially the calendar to be aware of dates important to your 4-Her. (See page 15).
  - B. 4-H Project manuals will be handed out at club meeting in February.
  - C. Make sure your child attends any project workshops. Provide or arrange for transportation.
  - D. Help your child gather any materials needed for their project.
  - E. Help your child complete one or more articles for exhibit and make sure he/she can exhibit them at the County 4-H Fair. Provide transportation and encouragement.
  - F. Help your child complete, and turn in on time, 4-H project records. This includes the Benton County Record Sheet, which includes each project exhibited, and the "My Record of Achievement", all kept in the *Green Record Book*. (See page 16).
8. See page 11 for other ways that you can help as a 4-H Parent.

### **Assistance Available:**

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. 4-H Club Organizational Leader | 5. 4-H Project Records                  |
| 2. 4-H Project Leader             | 6. Purdue University Cooperative        |
| 3. Experienced 4-H Parents        | Extension Service Office -Benton County |
| 4. 4-H Project Manuals            | 765-884-0140                            |

### **Time Commitment:**

One 4-H year includes about 1.5 hours per month for club meetings and time each week for 4-H project work. A total of 15-30 hours per year is required, more if livestock projects are involved.

### **Benefits:**

Help your child learn and grow, share experiences with your child, improve relationships with your child, contribute to youth in your community, and develop a sense of accomplishment.

### **Qualifications:**

- Interest in child's activities.
- Commitment of time and energy to 4-H members.
- Ability to assist, but still allow the member to do his/her own work.

## OTHER WAYS THAT 4-H PARENTS CAN HELP:

1. Learn about 4-H: what it stands for, how it operates, how it is funded.
2. Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects.
3. Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
4. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
5. Encourage your 4-Her when he/she succeeds and provide even more encouragement when he/she fails.
6. Be an example! Help your 4-Her to be a good sport, and appreciate the successes of others.
7. Keep informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family. Visit your profile in 4H online regularly and read the **Benton County Extension 4-H News** and other mailings your 4-Her will receive.
8. Be a 4-H booster in your community. Support 4-H by sponsoring awards for the 4-H Fair and Achievement program. Contact the Extension Office if you are willing to sponsor a 4-H Fair trophy or another award for 4-H.
9. Make 4-H Club work FAMILY work, but let the boys and girls do their work and carry their own jobs to completion. Be their guide only.
10. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. On the other hand, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Do not wait to be asked; just volunteer this help!
11. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
12. Help your 4-Her find a way to participate in special events that interest him/her such as county contests, camps, Fairs, displays, or shows.
13. Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
14. Offer your services to assist the local leaders. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
15. If the need arises, help find local leaders for your 4-H Club. Several kinds of leaders are needed: organization, project, and activity leaders. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Volunteer applications are available in the Extension Office.
16. Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop your sons and daughters into finer citizens. The way they work on projects, participate in meetings, and conduct themselves at competitive events, etc., will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.

## WHO'S WHO IN 4-H

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 4-H member             | Any child currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who is properly enrolled in 4-H annually and meets the club requirements.  |
| Club Leader            | An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the 4-H club.  |
| Project Superintendent | A volunteer who answers questions a 4-Her may have about a project. This person is often a 4-H parent with special expertise in a particular subject area. The Project Superintendent names and telephone numbers are found in the 4-H Handbook under each project area. |
| Junior Leader          | A 4-H member who is in grades 7 through 12. The Junior Leader year runs from September through August. The group has monthly meetings, performs community service projects, and sponsors various events.   |
| Parents                | Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as countywide events with their child.  |

## COUNTY LEVEL

**All 4-H volunteers go through a stringent screening process which includes a background check before being allowed to work with 4-H members.**

**4-H Council** 4-H Council is the short name for the Benton County 4-H Club Council. The 4-H Council meets monthly and is the policy-making organization for Benton County 4-H. There are thirty volunteers on this board, and five at large members. In addition, there are representatives from 4-H Club Leaders, Benton County Community School Corporation, Extension Board, Benton County Club, and 4-H Junior Leaders. Five at large members

**Extension Educators** They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and serve as a source of research-based information. Our county has two educators - a Health and Human Sciences and 4-H Youth Development Educator, and an Agriculture & Natural Resources and 4-H Youth Development Educator. Together they work with the county 4-H program. The Extension Office is located at 410 S Adeway Suite A Fowler, IN 47944. The phone number is 765-884-0140. Email addresses for staff are on page 2 and

are in each **Benton County 4-H News** newsletter. Office hours are 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The office is closed on county holidays.

**Fairboard**

The Fair board is a group of volunteers, their purpose is to care for the fairgrounds, building, and facilities and logistics related to the annual fair.

**STATE LEVEL**

**Purdue University**

Purdue is the land grant college in Indiana that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive in all 92 Indiana counties.

**State 4-H Program Leader**

The State 4-H Program Leader has the responsibility for 4-H programming at the State Level. The 4-H Program Leader is based at Purdue University.

**State Specialist**

State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.

**Indiana 4-H Foundation**

This nonprofit organization works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many 4-H trips offered on the state level. Forms for donation are available at the County Extension Office. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Contact the Extension Office for information about license plates for your vehicles.

**4-H CLUBS**

There are ten 4-H Clubs in Benton County. Each club has at least two leaders. Leaders are a great resource for information. The names of the clubs and the leaders are:

**DAN PATCH**

Anna Grace  
Jason Grace  
270-608-5491

**FOWLER'S FINEST**

Patrice Gerlach  
765-884-8007

**HELPING HANDS**

Nicole McGinnis  
219-474-3696  
Mackenzie Sondgerath  
219-474-5444

**HOMETOWN HUBSTER**

Lisa Dowell  
765-869-4434  
Megan Traylor  
765-299-4637

**HORSE AND PONY**

Courtney Waling  
217-697-9271

**JUNIOR FARMERS**

Kristie Kretzmeier  
765-583-4889

**LUCKY PINES**

Valerie Rogers  
765-583-4072  
Ashley Bice  
765-583-2558

**PARISH GROVE**

Carrie Buck  
765-884-0956  
Lynn Lucy  
765-884-1853

**JUNIOR LEADERS**

Carrie Buck  
765-884-0956

**Mini 4-H**

Kristine Muller  
765-299-6307

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

Andrew Wilkinson  
765-413-7178  
Amy Wilkinson  
765-427-7373

4-H clubs meet once or more each month, from January until the Fair. Some clubs will meet in the fall or winter as well.

4-Hers may belong to any 4-H Club in the county. Residence does not restrict club membership. However, most 4-Hers belong to the club closest to where they live or attend school. Many clubs have yearly dues of no more than \$5 per member. Dues vary by club.

4-Hers may change membership to another club if they wish. It is important to notify the Extension Office (765-884-0140) and the leaders of both clubs (the one you are leaving and the one you are joining).

Each club elects officers from the club membership. The officers conduct the business portion of the 4-H club meeting.

## **Benton County 4-H News**

This newsletter is sent to every 4-H home in Benton County. It is called **Benton County 4-H News**. Read your **Benton County 4-H News** to find out about 4-H Club meetings, project workshops, and other timely 4-H news! This newsletter is emailed to those households we have email addresses for, and is mailed through the US Postal Service bulk mailing system. It is also on the Extension Office web site at [www.extension.purdue.edu/benton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/benton) and can be found on the family profile in 4Honline. (<https://in.4honline.com>)

## **4-H MAILINGS**

The Extension Office tries to effectively communicate with 4-H families in several ways. The **Benton County 4-H Newsletter** is one way, but other information that needs to be delivered in a timely manner is mailed first class in an envelope with the **Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service** return address. Regardless of how you receive the information, please read the information immediately so that important deadlines and opportunities are not missed. Whenever you receive something in the mail with this return address, it is not junk mail and should be opened immediately.

## **WEB SITE**

The Extension Office maintains a web site at [www.extension.purdue.edu/benton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/benton). It is updated frequently. It is a way for the office to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 4-H newsletters and other useful information are available on the web site. There are also links that provide educational resources to the 4-H members and their families.

## **4-H PROJECTS**

4-H projects are learning experiences for the 4-H members. 4-H members must sign up for at least one project each year and complete the records for that project. A member is encouraged to exhibit at the Fair as part of their project completion.

Some projects are divided by grade, while others are divided by the number of years of participation in that project. Grade is determined by the grade the member was in at the time of enrollment, or the school year preceding the Fair.

4-H members may add or drop projects until May 15th. To add or drop a project, please manage through 4-H Online or call the Extension office.

## **4-H HANDBOOK**

The Handbook has the information members need to know about what their Fair exhibit should include. The 4-H Handbook is found on the Extension Office website at [www.extension.purdue.edu/benton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/benton). May request a print copy if needed.

Members may also ask the project advisor about the project as well as the completion and 4-H Fair exhibit requirements for that project. 4-H Project Advisor names and telephone numbers are included in the 4-H Handbook.

## **4-H PROJECT MANUALS, RECORD SHEETS**

Most 4-H projects have manuals that give in-depth information for that project. Benton County 4-Hers will complete a Benton County 4-H Record Sheet, including all 4-H projects on the same form. Project manuals and record sheets will be available to pick up when you pick up your projects or from your club leader. It is important for 4-Hers and parents to read the 4-H project manuals thoroughly. They are full of good information that will help your child learn to prepare an exhibit for the 4-H Fair.

## **PROJECT SELECTION**

In choosing a project, a member will consult with his or her parents and 4-H leader(s). After considering all the projects available and the requirements of each, he or she should select one based on:

1. Interest, needs, and capabilities
2. Family situation
3. Suitability of the area in which he or she lives

Members enrolling for the first time will take a minimum of one project. As a member gains knowledge and experience, the scope of the project may be increased and additional projects might be selected. A brief explanation of each project is included in this 4-H

Family Guide. Members may also ask the project advisor about the project and the requirements for that project.

Early in the 4-H career, a member should consider developing a tentative project plan to guide him or her through their 4-H experience. Some projects should be continued each year, with increases in the size of the project when possible. Members should also try to enroll in additional projects, which are related to his or her other project work. For example, an electric project member may want to enroll in home environment, woodworking, or automotive projects. If possible, an older member should consider expanding project work to develop a complete farm, ranch, business, or home management program.

The project work is the core of the 4-H member's experience. Successful project completion results in member satisfaction and expansion of future project work. The learning experiences one obtains through his or her project could even lead to career/vocation possibilities.

## **4-H FAIR JUDGING**

Projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be judged. Non-livestock exhibits will be checked in and judged before opening day of the Fair. They will be brought to the project building at the fairgrounds. Check-in and judging stations are placed throughout the Exhibit Building and 4-H Building.

Open judging means that your 4-H Fair exhibits will be judged in your presence, at a designated time after check-in. Here are some questions that you may be asked in an open judging setting.

- ✓ What new things did you learn?
- ✓ Have you taken this project before?
- ✓ How much time did you spend on this project?
- ✓ What were your goals for this project?
- ✓ What would you like to change about your exhibit?
- ✓ Tell me something about this exhibit that you want me to know.
- ✓ What did you like best (or least) about this project?
- ✓ Did you do this exhibit at school or was it in a workshop setting?
- ✓ Did you have any difficulty with this exhibit or do you have any questions that I may be able to answer?

## **RIBBONS**

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are defined as follows:

- Purple .....Champion
- Lavender ..... Reserve Champion
- Blue .....Above the average of the group
- Red.....Average
- White .....Below the average of the group

## 4-H FOOD STAND

Each year at the Benton County Fair the 4-H council has a food stand to raise money that helps to offset costs to our 4-H members. 4-H members and parents are expected to help by serving to work in the food stand during the fair, help with set-up and clean-up and/or tear down and clean-up at the end of the fair. The funds raised each year cover the cost of subsidizing camps, manuals and project books for all of our members.

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Each club will have special activities for their club members throughout the year. In addition, there are countywide events in which a 4-Her may participate.

Project Workshops - A variety of workshops in different project areas are offered each year. Be sure to read your **Benton County 4-H News** to know what workshops are offered.

4-H Round-Up- 3 day event at Purdue University for members grades 7, 8, or 9. Explore careers.

4-H Academy @Purdue- 3 day event at Purdue for High School students. Learn about science and careers related to animal sciences, nutrition, natural resources, plants, STEM, and more.

4-H Camp-This three day, two-night camp takes place each summer and is open to 4-H members in grades 3-6. The 4-H members participate in many outdoor activities as they learn by doing. We camp at Shakamak State Park with 4-Hers from Fountain, Jasper and Warren counties. 4-Hers in grades 9-12 may apply to be Counselors.

## SUMMARY OF COUNTY PROJECTS

The following is a listing of the projects which you may take if you enroll in a 4-H Club in Benton County. For additional information, contact one of the 4-H Club Leaders or the Benton County Extension Office.

Please note that the descriptions listed below are general descriptions of the beginning divisions and are not intended to serve as an overall description of the entire project.

- AEROSPACE ROCKETRY** – Construct and exhibit a model rocket. Participate in the Rocket Launch during the Fair.
- AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR** – Learn to care for and safely operate tractors and machinery. Participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.
- ARTS & CRAFTS** – Make and exhibit a craft item in one of these areas: Fine Arts, Needle Craft, Other Craft or Model Craft.
- ARTS AND CRAFTS: FARM TOY SCENE** – Build a model depicting a farm scene and exhibit it at the 4-H Fair.
- ARTS AND CRAFTS: MODELS** – Please see Arts and Crafts.
- BEEF** – Learn how to care for your beef animal and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.
- BEEKEEPING** – Explore more about bees and beekeeping.
- CAKE DECORATING** – Learn how to decorate cakes. You will exhibit a decorated cake at the 4-H Fair!
- CAT** – Learn how to care for your cat. You will show your cat at the Cat Show.
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT** – Learn how to care for children. Exhibit a poster or display at the 4-H Fair.
- COMPUTER** – Learn about computer operation and programming.
- CONSUMER CLOTHING** – Learn to make good decisions when you buy clothes. You will exhibit your purchase(s) and notebook, and participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.
- CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS: CREATIVE WRITING** – This project is designed to give 4-H members a fun opportunity to explore or refine their writing skills beyond school and to display their creativity.
- CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS: GIFT WRAPPING** – Find out how to wrap gifts in new and different ways!
- CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS: SCRAPBOOK** – Preserve your memories in an organized and creative way. Your memories might include family, school or 4-H.
- CROPS** – Raise one or more of the following: Alfalfa, Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat. Exhibit your crop(s) at the 4-H Fair.
- DAIRY** – Learn how to care for your dairy animal and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.
- DOG** – Feed, train and care for your Show your dog at the Dog Show.
- ELECTRIC** – Find out what electricity is and how to use it safely. You will exhibit something you have made.
- ENTOMOLOGY** – Collect different insects, learn their names, and exhibit them at the 4-H Fair.
- FLORICULTURE** – Learn all about growing indoor and outdoor flowers. Exhibit what you have grown, or designed at the 4-H Fair.
- FOODS** – Learn more about nutrition and how to make things your family will love to sample!
- FOODS: FOOD PRESERVATION** – Learn the most up-to-date methods of preserving food.
- FORESTRY** – Learn all about trees, wood and its uses, and much more.
- GARDEN** – Grow and exhibit vegetables from your garden.
- GENEALOGY** – Trace your family history and learn more about your ancestors.
- GEOLOGY** – Learn more about different rocks and minerals. Prepare a collection for the 4-H Fair.
- GOAT** – Learn how to care for your goat and to keep records. Bring your goat(s) to the 4-H Fair.
- HEALTH** – Explore health practices and careers and make a poster for the 4-H Fair showing what you have learned.
- HOME ENVIRONMENT** – Explore ways to make your living area more attractive through color and texture.
- HORSE & PONY** – Learn to care for your horse or pony and to keep records. Bring your horse or pony to the Fair.
- HORSE AND PONY: HORSEMEN WITHOUT HORSES** – Do you want to learn about horses but don't have a place to keep one? Join this project and be paired with a 4-H Horse & Pony Member!
- LAWN AND GARDEN: COMPACT TRACTOR** – Learn to operate and care for compact tractors. You will participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.
- MICROWAVE COOKING** – Learn how to prepare everything from simple snacks to complete meals. Exhibit a product you have made at the 4-H Fair.
- PHOTOGRAPHY** – Learn to take great pictures. Your exhibit will be a display of picture(s) you have taken.
- POULTRY** – Care for your chickens and learn to keep records. Bring your chicken(s) to the 4-H Fair.
- RABBIT** – Care for your rabbits and learn to keep records. Bring your rabbit(s) to the 4-H Fair.
- SEWING** – Learn to Sew! Make something to wear or something for your home. You may also participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.
- SHEEP** – Care for your sheep and learn to keep records. Bring your sheep to the 4-H Fair.
- SHOOTING SPORTS** – Participate in these disciplines: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery or Muzzle loading. Prepare an exhibit for the Fair!
- SOIL & WATER SCIENCE** – Learn about problems and conservation of our (soil & water) natural resources.

**SPORTS-** Learn about physical health.

**SWINE** – Care for your swine and learn to keep records. Bring your pig(s) to the 4-H Fair.

**VETERINARY SCIENCE** – Learn about animal health and disease. Your exhibit will be a poster.

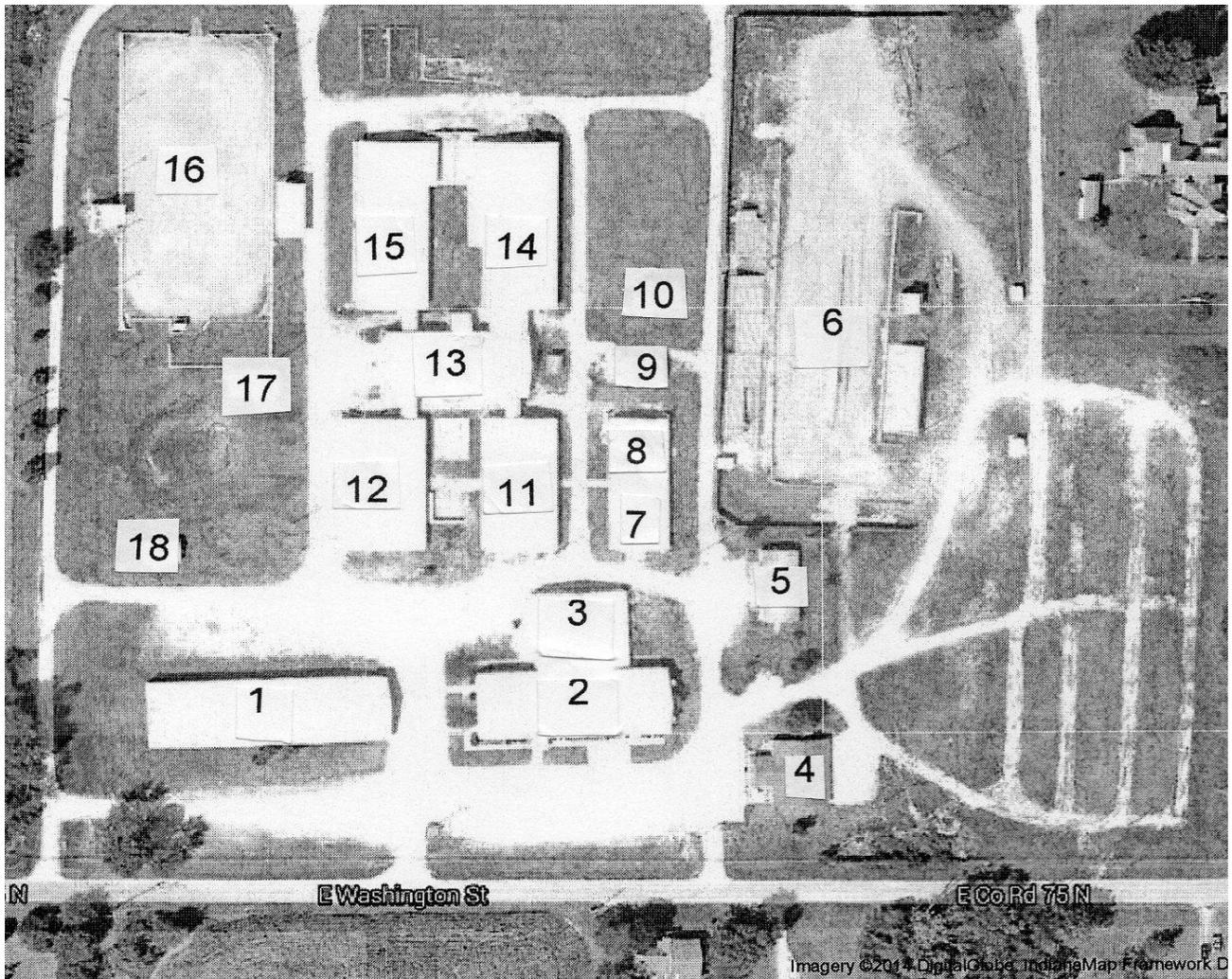
**WEATHER & CLIMATE SCIENCE** – Learn how to observe the weather and record what you observe. Your exhibit will be a poster.

**WILDLIFE** – Learn about animals, their habitat and diet. Exhibit a poster.

**WOOD SCIENCE** – Learn to build things with wood while using the tools safely. You will exhibit an item you have made (a birdhouse or toolbox, for example).







SULLIVAN COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhibit Building</li> <li>2. 4-H Building</li> <li>3. Annex</li> <li>4. Extension Office</li> <li>5. Extension Homemakers Foodstand</li> <li>6. Grandstand</li> <li>7. Small Animal Building</li> <li>8. Restrooms</li> <li>9. Pavilion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Curry Nomads 4-H Club Stand</li> <li>11. Sheep/Goat/ Llama &amp; Alpaca Barn</li> <li>12. Horse &amp; Pony Barn</li> <li>13. Livestock Show Arena</li> <li>14. Swine Barn</li> <li>15. Cattle Barn</li> <li>16. Horse &amp; Pony Arena</li> <li>17. Sullivan County Horsemen's Association Stand</li> <li>18. Restrooms</li> </ul> |
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