

MARCH & APRIL | 2024

THE CLOVER CONNECTION

JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

Garden Camp 2024

Growing Healthy Roots Summer Camp

This camp is for youth entering grades 2-5

When: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Thursdays July 8th - July 12th

Where: Franklin Community High School,
2600 Cumberland Drive, Franklin, IN
46131

The cost will be: \$125 per camper.
(this includes T-shirt, snacks, & all supplies)

If interested contact for the form:

*Mattie Satter satterm@franklinschools.org
or Alicia Geesey at geeseya@franklinschools.org*

Enroll by May 13th to reserve your spot!
**Camp is limited to 30 participants on a
first - come, first - paid basis.**

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CAMP CENTRAL

2024 4-H Camp

Summer is right around the corner, and that means it's time for 4-H Camp Registration! Camp will be held on May 30 - June 1, 2024 at Shakamak State Park, in Jasonville, IN. Camp is available for members who are in grades 3rd-6th.

We attend camp with Hamilton, Hancock, and Shelby Counties.

Johnson County is limited to the first 40 campers that sign up.

Information was mailed home to all youth in grades 3-6. The first day we will start accepting registrations in the office is April 10th at 8:00AM.



2024 Mini 4-H Camp

Time to register for Mini 4-H Camp! This camp is open to youth in grades K-2nd. It will be held at Scott Hall, on the Johnson County Fairgrounds on June 25-26, 2024. This is a two-day event for the youth. The camp is limited to the first 50 youth that pay \$40 and register at the link below.

<https://bit.ly/3PE1oYS>

(registration is not official until payment has been received in the office.)

Mini 4-H Day Camp is an excellent chance to learn about real world ideas at an early age, and have fun at the same time! Each day camp is filled with sessions for small groups, along with recreation and activities involving the entire group, along with games and take-home crafts, your camper will get an experience they are sure to remember!!

4-H IQLC

Only 3 dates left to register. See below.

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Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

Cost - \$3.00 (payable at door - cash or check only)

Location - Johnson County Extension Office

YOU MUST PREREGISTER PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE CLASS

In-person classes only, there is no online option.

Maximum participants per session - 40

ALL youth who plan to exhibit cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and/or poultry at the county and/or state fair must have a valid Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care **OR** YQCA certificate.

Deadline to complete is July 1st, 2024.

YQCA is only offered at
<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

If you chose to complete the online YQCA you must email Heather at hdougher@purdue.edu showing proof of your YQCA certificate by July 1st.

Register for any of these dates through your 4-H Online account under the "Events" tab.

Johnson County Training Dates

- ~~WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - 6:00PM~~
- ~~THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH - 6:00PM~~
- ~~MONDAY, MARCH 25TH - 9:00AM~~
- ~~WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 27TH - 9:00AM~~
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH - 6:00PM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH - 6:00PM
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH - 6:00PM

Available for purchase at the Extension Office

Foam Poster Board- \$3.00
Poster Sleeve - \$1.00
Entomology Kits - prices vary
Mini 4-H Sleeve - \$1.00
Mini 4-H Poster - \$1.00

We can take cash or check
only.

Project Drop / Add Deadline

4-H members can drop/add projects until May 15th by logging into their 4-H online accounts. You will need to contact the office if you add a project to make sure you get the manual for the project.

If you drop a project and already have the manual please return that manual to the office, so we can reuse it.



Indiana 4-H License Plates

Show your pride for IN 4-H programs, create awareness and provide funding for 4-H! Just ask for a 4-H plate during your license plate renewal at the BMV.

GERANIUM
Pick-up

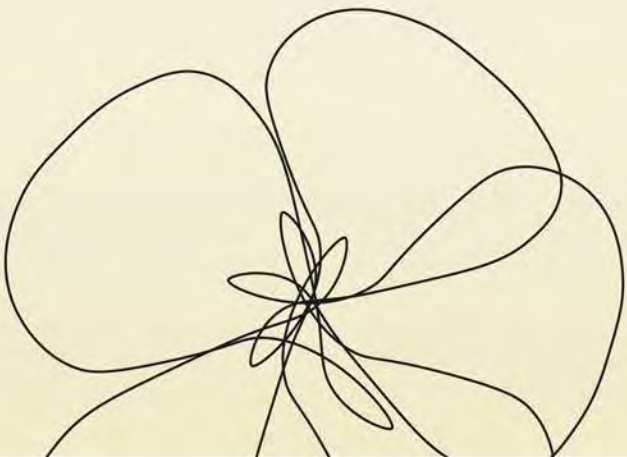
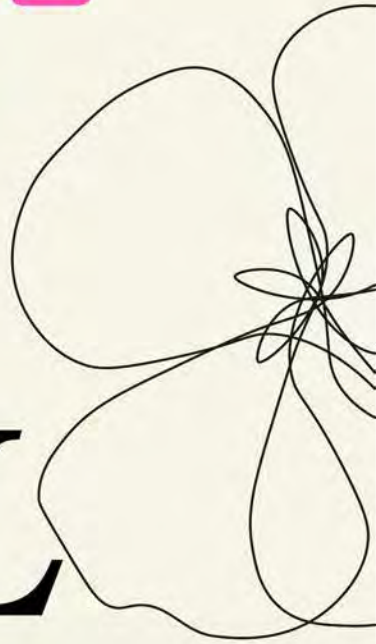
PICK UP DATE

APRIL
19TH

9:00AM-6:00PM

S & E PRODUCE, 320 GRIFFITH RD,
GREENWOOD, IN 46143

**+4-H families are responsible for picking up the
geraniums they sold**



JUNIOR LEADER ZONE

2024 Upcoming Meetings:

April 9th: 6:00 – 8:00pm

4-H Skate Night

May 14th: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Mulch & Water Color Fight

June 11th: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Officer Elections & Leadership Speaker - Scott Hall

July 3th: 5:30– 9:00pm

Fair Set-up, Fair Sign-ups - Scott Hall



Show Your Support to Johnson County 4-H!



DONATE \$100 TODAY

The Johnson County 4-H Program is celebrating 100 years in 2024! This is a unique, ONE-TIME, opportunity to give back and support this youth organization. The JoCo 100 Club is open to all current 4-H families, 4-H alumni, businesses, supporters, volunteers or anyone who loves 4-H! **More than one donation can be accepted per family!**

Why: The 4-H program develops life skills in over one thousand young people annually. It is the largest youth organization in the county with over 1,200 current members. It reaches youth from every corner of the county and from grades K-12.

Where: Make checks payable to Johnson County 4-H Council, *in the memo line of your check put 'The JoCo 100 Club'.*

Donations can be accepted at the Purdue Extension - Johnson County office or mailed to: 484 N Morton St. Franklin, IN 46131

Recognition: A list of JoCo 100 Club members will be permanently displayed on the fairgrounds. In addition, donors will be asked to join us in a special celebration commemorating 100 years throughout 2023 and 2024. Members will also receive a special 100 Club commemorative lapel pin in 2024 for their donation.

Donations: All donations raised will stay in our county and be used at the local level. A special Celebration Committee has been formed to develop events through the 2024 year to commemorate 100 years. These funds will go directly towards those celebration events.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Donor Name: _____

In Recognition of: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

(Please check all that apply)

___ 4-H Alumni (County/Year Completed?) _____

___ 4-H Parent ___ 4-H Volunteer ___ Other (_____)

Congratulations!

4-H Scholarship Winners

Elise Armstrong - Crystal Springs Grain LLC

Sarah Hoggatt - Crystal Springs Grain LLC

Josie Kelsay - Johnson County 4-H Council, Inc.

Eli Lengacher - Johnson County 4-H Council, Inc.

and Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship

Interview Finalist

Addie Morris - Johnson County Junior Leaders

Lauren Warner - Johnson County Junior Leaders

Abigaile Wolfe - Robert E. and Maureen K.

Anderson Scholarship Endowment



Fair Info

100 Year Celebration

Join us to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Johnson County with special guests, entertainment, and refreshments.

Sunday, July 14th
4 p.m.
Centennial Park - East of Magill Hall
(Rain Location: Indoor Arena)



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(Rain Location: Indoor Arena)**

Fair Parade:

The Fair parade this year is on Saturday, July 13th. To sign up and enter your float, follow the link provided:

<https://forms.gle/kTb1nA1oteRz9Khx8>



Barn Chatter

All youth who plan to exhibit cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and/or poultry at the county and/or state fair must have a valid Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care **OR** YQCA certificate.

Deadline to complete is July 1st, 2024

Failure to be certified by the deadline will result in not being able to exhibit.

If completing YQCA the certification needs to be emailed to Heather at hdougher@purdue.edu

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4-H Goat ID:

Saturday, May 4th

8:30am-10:00am

All 4-H goat wethers & wether dams must be identified with an official 5-digit Johnson County ear tag. All goat identification and enrollment must be completed online by May 15th, no exceptions!

Any Sheep and Goats that are state fair bound and that need the RFID (shearwell) tag will get those on the respective tagging days for those species. RFID (shearwell) tags for sheep/goats are \$3 per tag.

4-H Sheep ID:

Saturday, May 4th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

ALL 4-H Market lambs, commercial ewes and state fair bound breeding ewes must be tagged with an official 5-digit county tag.

Sheep identification and enrollment must be completed by May 15th, no exceptions! More information will be sent out in early March.

RFID tags are REQUIRED

for all swine and cattle.

There will be no cost for RFID tags for cattle this

year. If you need tags

for swine you will

receive 4 RFID tags for

free, but any additional

tags you may need will

be for purchase at the

extension office for the

cost of \$3 per tag.

4-H Dairy Feeder Steer ID:

Saturday, May 4th

11:30am - 1:00pm

ALL 4-H Dairy Feeder Steers must be identified with an RFID tag and official 5-digit county tag.

All Dairy Feeder Steers must be weighed on this date. All cattle identification and enrollment must be completed by May 15th, no exceptions! More information will be sent out in early March.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April:

- 8 - EO Closed - Solar Eclipse Day
- 9 - Junior Leader Meeting- 6:00pm, Skate Club

May:

- 4 - Goat/Dairy Feeder/Sheep Weigh-in
 - Goats:8:30am-10:00am, Indoor Arena(**East Side**)
 - Dairy Feeder: 11:30 am-1:00pm, Cattle Scales
 - Sheep: 1pm-3pm, Sheep Barn
- 7 - EO Closed - Primary Election Day
- 14 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:30pm, Scott Hall
- 15 - **ALL livestock ID must be entered on 4HOnline & Project Add/Drop Date**
- 20 - Volunteer Training, 6:00pm, Ext. Office
- 30 - 4-H Camp
- 31 - 4-H Camp

June:

- 1- 4-H Camp
- 11- Junior Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, Scott Hall
- 25-26 - Mini 4-H Day Camp, 9am-3pm Scott Hall

July:

- 1 - Fair Entry, Record Sheet & IQLC/YQCA Deadline
- 3- Fair Set-up, Junior Leader Meeting - 5:30pm
- 4- EO Closed - Independence Day
- 8-12 - Project Judging Week, All buildings (all week)
- 14-20 - Johnson County Fair Week

Last Year Member Spotlight

Cadence Ankney



Following high school, Cadence plans to attend Texas A&M University to study Ag Economics and Animal Science before moving onto Law School to study Agriculture Law. Her long term goals are to remain in Texas to practice law and hopes to have a ranch of her own day.

Volunteer Spotlight

Melinda Farmer



Melinda is a leader for the Johnson County Rabbiters Club. She has been involved in this club since her daughter started showing rabbits 6 years ago, and 2024 marks her 4th year as a leader. After moving out to the country in 2017, they were gifted their first three rabbits within a couple of months. In the beginning, she didn't know anything about rabbits, so she began networking with other rabbit breeders and joined the 4-H rabbit club immediately. She quickly realized shortly after that she loved rabbits and it didn't take long before she and her husband bought their first show rabbits and began adding more cages to their rabbit barn. She loves helping new families get started with rabbits and educating families about good care, breeding, and showing rabbits. They show Silver Fox rabbits at local, state, and national shows and my younger two children participate in youth contests. When I am not working with rabbits, she loves to garden both flowers and vegetables. She also has chickens and my children show goats with 4-H.

Last Year Member Spotlight

Josie Kelsay



Josie is a 10 year 4-H member who has enjoyed exhibiting dairy for all 10 years in Johnson County. She has also exhibited goats, sheep, swine, consumer clothing, fashion review, and photography. She has also shown dairy and dairy goats at the Indiana State Fair and attended the National Dairy 4-H Conference. After high school, Josie plans to attend Purdue University to study Ag Education and/or Agribusiness