

LaPorte County Notable



Educator Notes



I hope that you are as excited as I am to start the New Year with you! Many of you may remember me from when I was serving as the interim 4-H Youth Development Educator. If you do not, my name is Kelsey Guadarrama and I am from Lake County. I own and show horses, have two dogs (we just added a black lab), and have been married for 3 years (it will be 4 in May)! I am really excited to be back here and hope that you will share in my excitement! If you are, make sure you get on 4HOnline, enroll, and pay your enrollment fee!

I want to make sure we get off to the right start and continue to strive to make LaPorte County 4-H a program that everyone is proud of. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Thanks again to the entire LaPorte County community and 4-H Council for their support of and belief in the county 4-H program. Your continued dedication to the kids in our program is appreciated and so important to the future of a thriving county 4-H program. When you see those in the community or volunteers, be sure to thank them for all they do to keep our program moving forward!

I will also continue to share a picture with what I am doing and a quote or something relevant to each picture. This one is of a friend and I at a horse show in December. "Never, ever underestimate the importance of having fun" - Randy Pausch. The picture will usually be from the previous month but I hope that you enjoy them!

Kelsey Guadarrama

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4-H Online Enrollment

4-H enrollment opened on October 1st! Visit v2.4honline.com (or click the enroll now button) and use the log-in information from last year. If you are a returning member do not make a new account. If you forget that info, just call the office and the staff will be more than happy to help you out. If you need step by step instructions please [click here](#).

Don't forget that you can now pay online (even Mini 4-Hers).



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care will launch in January of 2023 and will be an in-person program only for 2023. More information will be forthcoming. For this year only, YQCA certification (online only) will be accepted. In order to exhibit/show at the LaPorte County or Indiana State Fair, one of the Quality Assurance programs need to be completed by May 15 of the current year.

Project Highlights

The new Project Information & Exhibit Guideline will be available in late January. There have been some updates and a lot of new information so make sure you get a copy!

The 4-H Council voted in November to offer a new county project, Do Your Own Thing. This project was introduced so that 4-H members could be given the opportunity to select an area that is of interest to you and also a chance to participate in a project that is no longer is supported by our county or Indiana 4-H.

Did you know that 4-H offers competitive events that allow youths to showcase their knowledge on a specific topic. Most CDEs offer individual and team entries. Here are a list of CDEs that are offered:

- Consumer Decision Making
- Crops
- Milk Quality and Products
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Hippology
- Horse Judging
- Horticulture
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skillathon
- Meat Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Soil Judging
- Wildlife Habitat

For more information visit:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/career-development-events/index.html>

Scholarship Opportunities

INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION 2023 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship, and a silver tray, will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Additional scholarships may be awarded depending on sponsorship availability. The number of scholarships awarded in each category may be adjusted to meet special criteria of a particular sponsor.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications. Applications are due to County 4-H Educator by January 25. Contact Purdue Extension LaPorte County at 219-324-9407 to learn more.



Extension

Promotions



Hosted by
Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

Open to all students
in Grades 9-12!



1

Online Safety/Social Media

Jan 17

This session will focus on the Social Media Dos and Don'ts. Participate in an activity as if interacting with a real live hacker!

2

Budgeting

Jan 24

Money, Money, Money! Learn how to manage taxes and credit, make smart investments and start thinking about financial decisions for your future.

3

Self Care & Mental Health

Jan 31

Learn how to manage stress, stay motivated, and the importance of goal setting in our everyday busy lives!

4

Food Preparation & Safety

Feb 7

This topic will focus on food preparation basics (measuring, abbreviations, substitutions, etc.), meal planning and grocery shopping, food and kitchen safety, and recipe preparation. Learn how to prepare a simple recipe and receive items that will be helpful in recipe preparation!

5

Home Care

Feb 14

Learn how to organize and manage a household! Discover tips and tricks on how to maintain everyday activities such as laundry and cleaning, while also learning how to handle emergency situations.

6

Etiquette & People Skills

Feb 21

Join this session to learn how to navigate people skills! Discover how to handle awkward situations, how to properly eat at the dinner table, and the importance of communication.

7

Auto Care

Feb 28

As a driver, there is lots to know besides just the rules of the road! Learn all about car maintenance, what to do in an accident, and different insurance options.

8

Celebration!

March 7

Registration Information

All sessions will be held via Zoom and start at 6pm central/7pm eastern and will last for an hour. To register go to v2.4honline.com and after creating (or signing in) to your profile you will find the Life Lessons program in the events tab. Select the program and continue through the registration process.

The registration deadline is January 6th so sign up today!

This program has a \$30 registration fee that covers the cost of all provided material, content, and supplies that will be sent to registrants. Scholarships/Financial Assistance is available. Contact Purdue Extension – Hendricks County at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu for details on how to register with Financial Assistance.



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Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



We will explore the book
"Thrivers" by Michele Borba

Questions?
Contact kidwellc@purdue.edu or
mkron@purdue.edu

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Tuesdays: January 24, 31
and February 7,14

6:00 Central/7:00 Eastern
time via Zoom

REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4H
THRIVERS](https://tinyurl.com/4hthrivers)



To better serve our families and volunteers,
the office will now have extended office hours
on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Hours of Operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to
6:00 p.m.



State & National 4-H Opportunities 2022-2023



<p>4-H Scholarships - applications due January 25 to County Extension Office. bit.ly/4hscholarship</p>	<p>Day at the Statehouse - date TBA, Indianapolis, grades 7-12; participants tour the state house, meet representatives, and serve as student pages. purdue.ag/4hstatehouse</p>
<p>National 4-H Conference - April 14-19, Washington, D.C.; grades 9-12 completed; application due December 1. purdue.ag/national4hconference</p>	<p>Career Development Events - competitive events throughout the year that allow youth to showcase their knowledge on 15 different subject areas. purdue.ag/4hcde</p>
<p>4-H Academy @ Purdue - Wed, June 7 - Fri, June 9, Purdue University, grades 9-12 completed; 15 career exploration workshops available. Registration deadline May 15. bit.ly/in4hacademy</p>	<p>State 4-H Junior Leader Conference - Tues, June 13 - Fri, June 16, DePauw University, grades 9-12 completed; registration due May 15. Facebook: @4HSJLC purdue.ag/4hsjlc</p>
<p>State 4-H Band & Chorus - Sat, June 24 - Mon, June 26, Purdue University; perform during 4-H Round-Up; grades 9-12 completed, registration deadline May 1. http://bit.ly/inband4h http://bit.ly/in4hchorus</p>	<p>Citizenship Washington Focus - dates TBA, Washington, D.C.; grades 9-12 completed, registration deadline March 15. purdue.ag/4hcwf</p>
<p>4-H Round-Up - Mon, June 26 - Wed, June 28, Purdue University, grades 7-9 completed, registration deadline June 1. http://bit.ly/in4hroundup</p>	<p>Communications Events at the Indiana State Fair - demonstration, informative 4-H presentation, professional persuasive presentation, public speaking. http://purdue.ag/4hcommunications</p>
<p>State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers - end of July through completion of IN State Fair; workers must be at least 14 years old at time of work, college students are welcome to apply; application due April 15. http://purdue.ag/in4hehw</p>	<p>National 4-H Dairy Conference - Sun, October 1 - Thurs, October 5. University of Wisconsin-Madison; grades 9-12 completed. http://purdue.ag/national4hdairy</p>
<p>Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit 2023 - Saturday, October 21; youth grades 8-12 & adult volunteers; educational breakout sessions & scholarship & volunteer award recognition. purdue.ag/in4hsummit</p>	<p>Please contact your local Extension Office for county-specific application, selection, & registration information.</p> <p>In addition to the opportunities listed here, Indiana 4-H offers one-day programs focused on specific subject areas, additional programs related to the Indiana State Fair, opportunities for trained Teen Teachers, and more throughout the year. Learn more at http://bit.ly/in4hstateprograms</p>
<p>National 4-H Youth Congress 2023 - Fri, Nov 24 - Tues, Nov 28, Atlanta, Georgia; grades 9+, application due May 1. purdue.ag/national4hcongress</p>	<p>Check out photos of past events at bit.ly/photosin4h</p>

COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 21 - Feb 25

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online by Jan 6
Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr
at mkron@purdue.edu



PACK YOUR BAGS!

Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.
If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.

Volunteer Corner

Enrollment

All Adult Volunteers participating in 4-H activities MUST BE in approved status in 4HOnline prior to having interaction with youth. You will only be approved IF all of the trainings have been completed. If you have any questions about your status, do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at 219-324-9407.

Building reservations

If you are needing workshop or meeting space at the fairgrounds, please contact Kathy or Kelly at the Extension Office to coordinate those buildings, dates and times. You can also find a reservation form to complete and turn in by visiting:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/laporte/meetingreservationform2022.pdf>

Starting in 2023, the FEMC will be charging \$300 for all fundraising events held at the fairgrounds. While the Purdue Extension-LaPorte County office will still need to be informed of such fundraising events, reservations will need to be made directly with Sarah at FEMC. If you have any questions or to make a reservation please call 219-362-2647.

Open Volunteer positions

Project Superintendents: Provide leadership and organization to a project group/area. Volunteers should have basic knowledge and enthusiasm of the project area. Below is a list of project areas that are in need of a Superintendent at this time. If you are interested, please feel free to call the office 219-324-9407 for further information.

American Heritage	Beef Education	Fine Arts	Leadership	Rabbit Education
Arts & Crafts Ceramics	Bicycle	Forestry	Llama Craft	Soil & Water Science
Arts & Crafts Misc.	Child Development	Genealogy	Llama Education	Veterinary Science
Arts & Crafts Recycling	Computer Science	Geology	Mini 4-H	Wildlife
Arts & Crafts Wearable Art	Entomology	Horse & Pony Education	Needlecraft	Woodworking

Financial Reports

Just a reminder that the annual LaPorte County 4-H Club/Committee Financial Reports will need to be submitted to Kathy Ulman at the Extension Office in February. Forms will be sent out late January or early February.

Policy & Procedures

As Indiana 4-H tries to be more transparent and provide opportunities for more consistency statewide, they have placed the 2022 - 2023 4-H Program Policies & Procedures on the State 4-H Website (<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/index.html>) - select "Policies and Procedures" from the drop-down menu under the "About" tab (<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/about/policies-and-procedures/index.html>).

The Website will allow volunteers, members, families, and the general public to read, and hopefully better understand 4-H policies.

Newsletter: Printed Copy Subscription

All newsletters are e-mailed and posted on the [La Porte County 4-H website](#) in the "The Notable" accordion. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please fill out this form and send it or drop off to the Extension Office. The subscription year runs through August 31, 2023.

Mail form to:

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LaPorte, IN 46350

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