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The Purdue Extension Martin County weekly column is provided to help all learn about programs & opportunities. We highlight events from Purdue University & Extension where we hope you will choose to be part of Extension.... where there is Opportunity4All!

All youth and volunteers must be enrolled on 4honline for the program year prior to participating. Questions or need help? Text 812-653-2089, call 812-295-2412, or email heldd@purdue.edu. We are happy to help!

SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING REGISTRATION IS OPEN: MARTIN COUNTY 4-H SEEKING NEW SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS

Registration is now open for the fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor and Coordinator Training scheduled for September 11-13, 2026, at Ross Camp!

This training is available to all. If you are interested and wish to learn more about your county 4-H Shooting Sports Program, contact your local Extension Office.

This training is required for anyone who wishes to become a

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor

4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

4-H Associate Shooting Sports Instructor

This training is required for any 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor returning to the role after a Lapse in Service.

This training is available to all current instructors & coordinators interested in adding a discipline certification.

All 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must be approved 4-H Volunteers, which requires enrollment in 4-H Online and approved from the county 4-H Professional prior to working with youth including offering shooting sports opportunities. Volunteer Enrollment is managed in: <http://v2.4honline.com/>

New 4-H Volunteers

must also complete the volunteer onboarding process which includes: 4-H Volunteer

- Application (select the New Applicant volunteer role in 4-H Online)
- Reference check
- State and National Registry Checks
- Completion of required trainings in 4-H Online
- 4-H Volunteer Orientation
- Youth Protection Program Staff Training
- Youth Protection Program Director Training
- Conversation/interview with the county 4-H Extension Educator

Individual's age 18-20 who are no longer 4-H members are also invited to register if they are interested in becoming a 4-H Associate Shooting Sports Instructor. Associate 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors must be approved as a 4-H Volunteer and serve under the direct supervision of an approved and certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in the same discipline. This is a great way to grow the program for the future!

The following disciplines will be offered during the September 11-13 training:

- Archery
- Muzzleloading
- Pistol
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Coordinator
- Outdoor Skills

Registration is managed through the Indiana Hunter Education Association (IHEA) and is accessible on [their website](#)

Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports resources and information including a link to their IHEA website is available on the [Indiana 4-H website](#).

This is a weekend training and costs \$175 for Coordinators and \$250 for all other disciplines. Individual may take only one discipline at a time. For Martin County 4-H, you will pay the registration fee and once successfully completed and confirmed as a 4-H volunteer, the fee will be reimbursed.

IHEA Registration Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made by phone or email to either Tim Beck (317-694-7531 tbeck@dnr.in.gov) or Chris Clark (317-605-1028 chclark@dnr.in.gov).

Any cancellation made a minimum of 10 days in advance of the workshop start date (Friday, 6 PM) receives a full refund. Any cancellation after the 10-day advance period, but before 24 hours prior to the start of the workshop

(Friday, 6 PM) will receive a 50% refund or be billed for 50 % of the registration fee payable upon receipt of the invoice. Any cancellation within 24 hours of the workshop start date (Friday, 6 PM) will get no refund, and, if not already paid, will be billed for the full amount of the workshop due upon receipt of the invoice. All invoices (if necessary) will be sent to the participant, the Extension Educator and Jamie Morris/David Osborne.

Thank you for considering this opportunity and for helping to Make the Best Better! Question may be asked to Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordination/Leader Mark Sims at 812-296-0458 or Regional Educator Dena Held at 812-295-2412.

INDIANA HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER

Safe Firearm Use • Hunter Ethics • Conservation Management Game Identification • Archery • Tree Stand Safety • And Much More

Classes are offered by knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer instructors and Indiana Conservation Officers. Most classes offered are 1 to 3 sessions. In order to be certified, students must attend the entire class including all sessions.

Anyone born after December 31, 1986 is required to be certified in Hunter Education before, they can purchase a hunting license.

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Building

Dates & Times:

Friday, 9/18/26

6:00pm-9:30pm

Saturday, 9/19/26

8:00am-4:30pm

For more information and online registration, visit: IndianaHunterEducation.com

Kendrick Fuhrman & Tony Mann 812-837-9536

MARTIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of Mental Health and Substance Use challenges among adults. This FREE, evidence-base course, offered in partnership with Deaconess Wellness Solutions - Jasper, the Dubois County Community Foundation, and the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, will equip you with practical tools to support adults in need - whether at work, at home, or in your community.

Cost: Free

When: Monday, September 21 at 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Martin County Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Building, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN

Pre-Registration is required. Pre-Register online at www.deaconess.com Click on "Classes & Events" at the top, then filter to Jasper offerings. Registration is first-come, first-served.

The class is limited to 30 participants.

A light lunch will be provided.

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Interested in having a training hosted for your business or organizational leaders? Email communityeducation@deaconess.com.



MARTIN COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADERS COOKIES & CANVAS EVENT FOR ALL

When: Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 PM EST

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building 2668 US-50, Loogootee. IN 47553

\$10 Donation - includes all painting items and refreshments, exact change or check made payable to Martin County 4-H Jr. Leaders provided at the door. The lead painter will be Eva Ringwald, a 7 year 4-H Member.

RSVP by calling the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 or by texting 812-653-2089 by Friday, October 2 by 4:00 PM, along with any accommodation requests and special dietary needs requests.

Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the event as long as supplies are available. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



MARTIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday, September 10

Thursday, October 8

Thursday, November 12

Thursday, December 10 *dates/times subject to change

All meetings begin at 6 pm at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center. Please contact Dena at the Extension Office at 812-295-2412/voice, 812-653-2089/text, heldd@purdue.edu/email to confirm date, time & building location.

2027 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR:

Thursday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 20, 2027

Lily Phillips is pictured with her dog Izzy at the Great Indiana State Fair! As a team, they placed 10th in Agility Beginner A on the last weekend of the State Fair.



2026 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H INDIANA STATE FAIR EXHIBIT RESULTS

Aerospace: Beginner

Grayson Wagler: White

Aerospace: Intermediate

Mason McShane: Red

Aerospace: Advanced

Isaac Johnson: Blue

Animal Education: Beef

Harrison Richer: Blue

Animal Education: Dairy

Carter Walton: Blue

Animal Education: Horse

Phoebe Jones: Blue

Animal Education: Sheep

Lily Phillips: Red

Animal Education: Swine

Ivy Phillips: Blue

Animal Education: Cat Beginner

Lily Phillips: Blue

Animal Education: Cat Intermediate

Eyan Hovis: Red

Animal Education: Cat Advanced

Elizabeth Boswell: Blue

Animal Education: Dog Intermediate

Eyan Hovis: Blue

Animal Education: Dog Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Animal Education: Llama Beginner

Finnick Edwards: Blue

Animal Education: Poultry Intermediate

Eva Ringwald: Orange, Blue

Animal Education: Poultry Advanced

Jacelyn Sexton: Red

Animal Education: Rabbit Beginner

Nevaeh Casebieir-Simmerman: Blue

Arts and Crafts, General: Beginner

Natalie Clark: Blue

Arts and Crafts, General: Beginner

Makinley Clark: Blue

Arts and Crafts, General: Intermediate

Bailey Esch: Blue

Arts and Crafts, General: Advanced

Makenzie Mauder: Red

Arts and Crafts, General: Advanced

Michael Sexton: Blue

ATV Safety Education: Beginner

Maverick Rollins: Blue

ATV Safety Education: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Beekeeping: Poster or Display

Carter Walton: Blue

Cake Decoration: Beginner

Ellington Hert: Blue

Cake Decoration: Intermediate

Adeline Richer: Red

Child Development: Level A

Nevaeh Casebier-Simmerman: Blue

Child Development: Level B

Hunter Hilderbrand: Blue

Child Development: Level C

Elin Wade: Blue

Construction and Architectural Replica: Advanced

Carter Rice: White

Consumer Clothing: Beginner

Ellington Hert: White

Consumer Clothing: Intermediate

Brinley Bauer: Blue

Creative Writing: Intermediate

Eva Ringwald: Blue

Creative Writing: Advanced

William Lyon: Red

Electric: Level 2

Hunter Hilderbrand: Red

Electric: Level 3

Lucas Neideffer: Blue

Electric: Level 4

Michael Sexton: Red

Entomology: Advanced Poster or Display

Phoebe Jones: Blue

Fine Arts: Intermediate

Bailey Esch: Blue

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Joslyn Julian: Blue

Floriculture: Level A, Floral Display

Ellington Hert: Blue

Floriculture: Level B, Floral Display

Lily Phillips: Blue

Floriculture: Level B, Floral Display

Anniston Taylor: Red

Floriculture: Level C, Floral Display

Phoebe Jones: Red

Floriculture: Level C, Floral Display

Ivy Phillips: White

Floriculture: Level C, Poster or Educational Display

Jacelyn Sexton: Blue

Floriculture: Level D, Floral Display

Olivia Abel: Blue

Floriculture: Level D, Poster or Educational Display

Makenzie Mauder: Red

Foods, Baked: Level B

Lily Phillips: White

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Harper Tinkle: Red

Foods, Preserved: Level C

Jacelyn Sexton: Blue

Forestry: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Garden: Education Level D

Carter Walton: Blue

Garden Potato: Red

Caleb Overton: Blue

Garden Single Vegetable: Squash, Zucchini or cocozelle

Braeden Dages: Orange, Blue

Genealogy: Division 4

Robert Dages: Red

Geology: Intermediate

Eli Boswell: Red

Geology: Advance

Carter Walton: Red

Geology: Advance

Jaxon Smith: Red

Health: Beginner

Lily Phillips: Blue

Health: Intermediate

Eva Ringwald: Blue

Health: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Barrels

Kimber Padgett, Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Flags

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Horse and Pony: Intermediate Keyhole

Kimber Padgett, Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Poles

Kimber Padgett, Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Speed & Action

Kimber Padgett, Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Barrels

Ivy Phillips: 3rd Place

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Flags

Ivy Phillips: 6th Place

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Keyhole

Ivy Phillips: Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Poles

Ivy Phillips: Participant

Horse and Pony: Intermediate Speed & Action

Ivy Phillips: 1st Place

Horse and Pony: Junior Barrels

Lily Phillips: 6th Place

Horse and Pony: Junior Flags

Lily Phillips: 3rd Place

Horse and Pony: Junior Keyhole

Lily Phillips: 2nd Place

Horse and Pony: Junior Poles

Lily Phillips: 4th Place

Horse and Pony: Junior Speed & Action

Lily Phillips: 2nd Place

Lawn and Garden Tractor Operator Skills

Jax VanMeter: Red

Model Craft: Beginner

Owen Keller: Red

Model Craft: Intermediate

Blake Stoll: Red

Needle Craft: Beginner

Emmerson Smith: Blue

Photography: Beginner, Black & White Salon Print

Ava Wade: Orange, Blue

Photography: Beginner, Color Salon Print

Riley Andis: Blue

Photography: Intermediate, Black & White Salon Print

Hadley Tinkle: Red

Photography: Intermediate, Black & White Salon Print

Blake Stoll: Blue

Photography: Advanced, Black & White Salon Print

Phoebe Jones: Red

Photography: Advanced, Color Salon Print

Olivia Abel: Orange, Blue

Photography: Advanced, Color Salon Print

Lucas Andis: Blue

Public Speaking: Junior

Hunter Hilderbrand: Red

Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable: Grade 4

Sophia Neideffer: Orange, Blue

Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable: Grade 5

Elizabeth Jones: Blue

Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable: Grade 8-12

Phoebe Jones: Red

Sewing Construction, Wearable: Grade 5

Adeline Richer: Red

Sewing Construction, Wearable: Dress Up

Makenzie Mauder: Blue

Shooting Sports Education: Intermediate

Harper Tinkle: Blue

Small Engines: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Soil and Water Science: Advanced

Carter Walton: Red

Sport Fishing: Beginner

Lily Phillips: Blue

Sport Fishing: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Tractor Safety Education: Level D

Carter Walton: Red

Veterinary Science: Intermediate

Audrey Clark: Red

Veterinary Science: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Veterinary Science: Advanced

Phoebe Jones: Red

Weather and Climate Science: Beginner

Meadow Edwards: Blue

Weather and Climate Science: Beginner

Lily Phillips: Blue

Weather and Climate Science: Beginner

Ryder Simmerman: Blue

Weather and Climate Science: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Wildlife: Beginner

Ava Wade: Blue

Wildlife: Intermediate

Audrey Clark: Blue

Wildlife: Advanced

Carter Walton: Blue

Woodworking: Level A

Eli Boswell: Red

Woodworking: Level B

Ava Wade: Blue

Woodworking: Level C

Bentley Smith: White

Woodworking: Level D

Chase Miller: White

Zero-Turn Operator Skills

Blake Stoll: Red

Zero-Turn Radius Mower Safety Education: Level D

Carter Walton: Red

Ribbons are awarded using the following criteria:

- Green – participation
- White – poorly constructed or barely meets exhibit requirements
- Red – adequately constructed or does not fully meet exhibit requirements
- Blue – very complete exhibit, meets exhibit requirements, and is well constructed
- Orange – exceptional blue ribbon exhibit (Merit)

Sweepstakes is awarded to the best overall exhibit in that 4-H project subject matter area.