



# 4-H TODAY

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## 4-H Enrollment is Free thru January 15!

We are excited for another great year and are preparing to make our program better than ever. Thank you to Newton County Government for providing free 4-H enrollment through January 15, 2022. Some clubs have already started meeting and others will be hosting meetings soon. Remember, the more you put into anything, the more you get out of it. **Please enroll now if you haven't already.**

**To enroll online, simply go to <https://v2.4honline.com>.** Returning families will still use the same login information. New families will need to create a family profile in 4H Online. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our office at 219-285-8620 x 2800.

Newton County 4-H is open to all youth in grades K-12. New members are welcome to join at any time!

### Looking forward to 2022!

Dear 4-H Families,

Our volunteers and staff are working hard to provide educational opportunities for you through 4-H. The Youth Educator position is currently open, but we are hoping to have someone in this position by March/April. Clubs are beginning to meet, workshops will be arranged and camps will continue to be offered! So get involved in your club and explore the additional activities available to you.

As we look forward to 2022, 4-H Programming will continue with a combination of in-person, hybrid, and virtual options. We will be following the county and state health guidelines, along with Protect Purdue policies to help ensure the safety of our youth and adult participants. I can't say for certain what 2022 will look like, but I know with a community as strong as ours we will make it a great year!

Stay safe and be well,

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## 4-H Camp Counselor Application

Have you had a positive experience in 4-H and want to help younger members enjoy their involvement in the program? Consider being a 4-H Camp Counselor! Counselors must be enrolled in grades 9-12 and be willing to help 3rd through 6th graders have a fun and safe stay at 4-H Camp.

This year, camp counselor applications will be due in 4-H Online on January 7th. Contact the Extension Office at 219.285.8620 x 2800 for an application. Camp will be held June 8-10 at Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN.

## “4-H Grows Here” Yard Signs Available!

Yard signs are available for you to help recruit for 4-H. A few Spanish versions are also available. Please let us know if you would like one to display in your yard during our enrollment period.

## 4-H Scholarship Application due in 4HOnline by January 25th

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana’s 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences. Below, the different scholarships are listed with brief descriptions.

4-H Accomplishment Scholarships- Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member’s life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

4-H Club Scholarship- Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member’s overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue’s Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid).

4-H Senior Year Scholarship- Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member’s overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship- Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member’s overall 4-H achievement.

## 4-H Scholarships Continued.

Newton County 4-H Council Scholarships - Locally, **3 Newton County 4-H Council Scholarships** are also available: One to a North Newton-area 4-Her, one to a South Newton-area 4-Her, and one to a non-Newton County Schools 4-Her.

## How to apply

You can find applications for all Statewide 4-H scholarships as well as application instructions online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html> and can find the Newton County 4-H Council scholarship application by contacting the Newton County Extension Office. All applications are to be uploaded to your 4Honline profile by January 25, 2022, except the 4-H Council scholarship, which is due to the Extension Office by Feb 1.

## COVID-19 Safety Plans

All in-person 4-H events including but not limited to club meetings and activities, project workshops and activities, 4-H Council meetings, committee meetings, and any other 4-H related in-person gatherings still require a safety plan. The format is slightly different from last year. If you plan to hold a meeting or workshop, please provide Deb Arseneau (Arseneau@purdue.edu) with the following information:

- Location
- Date(s) of event
- Event time
- Number of anticipated attendees

You will need to take the following precautions at your meetings:

- Masks must be available to those that request one (contact our office if you need some)
- Have hand sanitizer available for attendees (Again, we have a generous supply at the office)
- Sanitize interactive elements (computers, equipment, etc)
- Encourage social distancing and remind people to follow federal, state, and local health guidelines
- Collect registration/attendance for the event
- Remind members and parents to stay home if displaying symptoms of COVID-19
- If you have snacks, use individually wrapped items or limit the sharing of utensils or have someone serve the snacks (wearing a face mask and disposable gloves).
- If transporting club members (other than your own family members) mask up and have hand sanitizer, wipes and tissues available in the vehicle.

For recurring meetings that don't change significantly (same location, same audience, same number of people, same activities, etc.) one plan can be submitted for multiple dates. The plans must be turned into the office at least 3 weeks before the event.

## Club Annual Reports and Financial Info Due Soon

In early January, the required annual Club Report and Financial Info forms will be mailed to one leader per club or project. The club secretary can complete the Club Report, basically a summary of the year's accomplishments. The treasurer can help complete the 2-page Financial Report. **All reports MUST be returned to the Extension Office by February 1.**

## Club & Project Leader Meeting

Be on the lookout for a postcard invitation for a leaders meeting to be held on February 8 at 6 p.m. at the Newton County Government Center.

## 2022 Periscope Changes:

The State 4-H Office made several changes to the State projects this year. You will notice more general guidelines have been implemented.

You may have to search for some of your favorite projects. For example, Drones can now be found within the Aerospace program.

The new project, Construction and Architectural Replica now includes Farm Toy Scenes and the Construction Toys projects. You can still exhibit both!

Entomology and Animal Education are new projects. Animal Education replaces Animal Livestock Poster and Horse & Pony Poster projects. The Small Animal project has also returned!

We have a few County-only projects including: Barbecue Grilling, Baskets, Ceramics, Collections, Do Your Own Thing, Exploring Through Books, Gift Wrapping, Music, Scrapbook, Small Animals and Sports & Fitness.

If you can't find something, give us a shout out and we will help you!

## YQCA Certification Requirement

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. An in-person YQCA workshop requires complete attendance.

All 4-H members in Newton County participating in Livestock projects will be required to attend an in-person training or an online course before exhibition at the fair. More information will be made available soon. Watch the March/April newsletter for in-person program offerings. To register for a course, go to <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>.

## Beef/Dairy Weigh-In and Tagging Workshop

The date and time of the beef/dairy weigh-in and tagging is TBD. Once that information is finalized, a postcard will be mailed to all registered members from these projects, so please be on the lookout for that in the mail. At the event, scales will be set up to help you get your cattle weighed and tagged and we will give you paperwork necessary to go online and enter the information. Please contact your Superintendents (Wade Berenda: 219-474-9406 for Beef, Mandi Vanderwall: 219-616-1521 for Dairy), if you have any questions prior to the tagging.

## 2022 Livestock ID Info

All livestock enrollment information will again be done through the <https://in.4honline.com> website (except Rabbits and Poultry). **Please note animal registration dates have changed. May 16 is the deadline for 2022 all livestock as May 15 is on a Sunday.** This is your responsibility as a member to get this information entered. For complete animal identification requirements see page 7 of the Periscope.

## Free Dairy Starter Steer Program

Any Dairy member wanting to participate in the free steer program should contact Mandi Vanderwall at 219.616.1521 to be added to the list. Check page 48 in the Periscope for details about this program.