

# PERSONAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES: ADULTS

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## *Self-Care Saturday: Succulent Planter*

Saturday, May 7 - 9 am-12 noon  
Beaver Twp. Community Center,  
Morocco  
\$35

Kathryn Weiss, ANR Educator, will teach us about caring for, growing and propagating succulents. Each participant will plant a container garden to take home. Share the importance of making connections with others and the benefits of connecting with nature. Fee includes supplies & lunch. Registration required.

## *Strengthening Families Program for Parents & Youth 10-14*

Wednesday evenings, May 18-June  
29 - 5:15-7:30 pm  
Jasper County Fairgrounds,  
Rensselaer  
\$25/family

This program is a 7-week series focusing on family skills taught in group sessions to increase family strengths. The program builds on improving family relationships, parenting skills and improving youth's social and life skills. Registration required. Space limited.



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## *Preserve it Now...Enjoy it Later*

Thursday, May 19 - 10 am-3 pm  
Lake County Extension Office,  
Crown Point  
\$50

Are you looking for a "hands-on" food preservation class? Join Linda Curley, HHS Educator in Lake County, for a full day of lecture and hands-on practice. Online registration details are at <https://cvent.me/kagOyz>.



## *Preserving Food at Home*

Saturday, June 25 - 9-10 am  
Trumpet Vine, Morocco  
\$Free

Join Deb Arseneau, HHS Educator, to discuss safe food preservation methods and techniques. Deb will share accredited resources with you so you can process your food safely. Please RSVP at 219-285-8620 x 2800.

## *Food Preservation Resources*

You did the work, now preserve your produce safely. Explore the resources below for reliable information on food preservation:

- **National Center for Home Food Preservation:**  
<https://nchfp.uga.edu/>
- **USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 revision**  
[https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications\\_usda.html](https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html)
- **So Easy to Preserve, 6th Edition** –  
<https://setp.uga.edu/>

Check back with the Extension Office in June for information on testing the dial gauge on your canner. Our tester has been sent off to be checked for accuracy, we hope to have it back soon.

## *What Can I Grow in a Container Garden?*

Thursday, July 14 - 5:30 pm  
Domestic Arts Building, Newton  
County Fairgrounds  
\$Free

What plants grow well in a container? What type of soil should I use? Do I need to fertilize it? Join Kathryn Weiss, ANR Educator, as she demonstrates how to plan and maintain a container garden. The first 10 participants will receive a goody bag.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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## **Mini 4-H Workshop- Kindergarten & 1st Grade**

May 4 - 6-7 pm  
Newton County Govt. Center,  
Morocco  
\$Free

The Junior Leaders are hosting a Mini Workshop May 4 about Bugs & Trees. RSVP requested by the Friday prior to the event.

## **Junior Master Gardeners (JMG)**

Wednesdays, June 8-August 3  
9-11:30 am  
United Methodist Church, Morocco  
\$Free

The JMG program is open to youth in 3rd-6th grade. Young gardeners will meet weekly throughout the summer to plant and tend to the garden, enjoy fun activities and sample recipes from the garden. This program is limited to the first 15 children to register. Call 219-285-8620x 2800 to join.

## **4-H Camp**

June 8-10  
Camp Tecumseh, Brookston  
\$120

4-H Camp is for youth in grades 3-6. Campers will stay in cabins with counselors and other 4-Hers. Some activities include swimming, indoor/outdoor recreation, crafts, sports, canoeing and archery. Newton County has space for 33 campers.

## **4-H Academy @ Purdue**

June 8-10  
Purdue University  
\$TBD

This program offers hands-on opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. Participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other field experts. Open to youth who have completed grades 9-12. Registration deadline May 15.

## **Student Leadership Academy**

June 13-17- 9 am-3 pm daily  
Newton County Govt. Center,  
Morocco  
Funded by a grant from the Jasper  
Newton Foundation

Applications to participate in the Student Leadership Academy are available at the Extension Office. Selected participants will participate in a week-long program and will learn about leadership styles, develop a resume, write college essays, participate in mock interviews and other leadership sessions. Applications due May 2. Open to incoming High School Seniors.

## **Showmanship 101**

Tuesday, June 28 - 6-7:30 pm  
Sheep Arena, Newton County  
Fairgrounds  
\$Free

Join our new 4-H Educator, Mercedes Brunton, for a basic workshop on showmanship. Learn about the basics including body parts, animal husbandry knowledge and showmanship tips for multiple species. Please RSVP at 219-285-8620 x 2800 by June 24.

## **Story Time**

Tuesday, July 12 - 5-6 pm  
Domestic Arts Building, Newton  
County Fairgrounds  
\$Free

We will feature a Story Book Walk again at the Pun'kin Vine Fair. Join us on Tuesday evening for stories, games and activities. Stories and activities are intended for parents and their young children 2-6 years old. Stop by and join in the fun!

