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Jan/Feb 2024

Posey County

Purdue Extension

Dear Posey County 4-H Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome to all new 4-H Families! Please be sure to read this newsletter to stay up-to-date on all 4-H happenings! If you have any questions, reach out to the Extension Office or your club leaders.

4-H enrollment started October 1, 2023. Enrollment can be found at https://v2.4honline.com Be sure to enroll by January 15, 2024 to ensure you receive project materials and emails sent from 4-H Online.

Handbooks will be distributed later this spring. In the meantime, please visit https://extension.purdue.edu/posey for the digital copy. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

The Posey County Extension Office will be moving locations in January. Our new location will still be in the Coliseum building but in Room 37. Many of our programs have been rescheduled to allow time for the move. If you need anything during this time, please email or leave a voicemail. We'll get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding!

In other news, I'm happy to announce that I recently got married! 😊

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoard

Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

Contact the office with any questions: 812-838-1331 or bender14@purdue.edu

Newsletter at a glance:

UPCOMING DATES

*Please note: **Dates are subject to change**. Junior Leader Meetings, 4-H Council Meetings, Mini 4-H and 4-H Livestock Care trainings are held at the Posey County Community Event Center on the Fairgrounds unless otherwise notified. The detailed Fair Schedule will be featured in upcoming Newsletters.*

January 2024		April 2024	
January 2024		**April 2024**	
Jan. 11: Club Leader and Adult Volunteer Training	6PM	Apr. 4: 4-H Council	7PM
		Apr. 10: IQLC training	6PM
Jan. 11: Jr. Leader Meeting (Keck Gonnerman Building)	7PM	Apr. 11: Jr. Leader Meeting	7PM
		Apr. 11: Camp Counselor Meeting	4:30-6:30PM
Jan. 15: 4-H Enrollment Deadline & Club Financials Deadline		Apr. 14: Farm Scene Spark Club (Keck Gonnerman)	2-4PM
Jan. 25: Scholarship Applications Due on 4-H Online		Apr. 15: 4-H Camp applications due on 4-H Online	
Jan. 28: Farm Scene Spark Club (Keck Gonnerman)	2-4PM	Apr. 19-24: National 4-H Conference	
		Apr 20: Livestock Tagging Day	8-10AM
		Apr. 26: Posey County Share the Fun @NP Auditorium	6PM
February 2024		**May 2024**	
Feb. 1: Trip Applications Deadline		May 2: 4-H Council	7PM
Feb. 1: 4-H Council Meeting	7PM	May 3: Area 3 Performing Arts Contest (Jasper Middle School)	
Feb. 3: Food Truck Challenge Spark Club	9AM-3PM	May 9: Jr. Leader Meeting	7PM
Feb. 13: Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse		May 9: Camp Counselor Meeting	4:30-6:30PM
Feb. 8: Jr. Leader Meeting	7PM		
Feb. 15: 4-H Camp Counselor applications due on 4-H Online		May 11: Mini 4-H Day Camp	10AM-2PM
Feb. 17: Mini 4-H Day Camp	9AM-12PM 1PM-3PM	May 13: IQLC	6PM
		May 15: Animal ID Deadline & Add/Drop Deadline	
Feb. 27: Officer's Training	6PM		
March 2024		**June 2024**	
Mar. 8-9: Homesteading Workshop	TBD	June 3-5: 4-H Camp	
Mar. 12: Club Leader and Adult Volunteer Training	6PM	June 6: 4-H Council	7PM
		June 9: Farm Scene Spark Club (Keck Gonnerman)	2-4PM
Mar. 14: 4-H Council Meeting	7PM	June 12: Speech & Demo Contest	7PM
Mar. 21: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training (IQLC)	6PM	June 12-14: 4-H Academy	
Mar. 25: Graduating 4-H Member Survey Deadline		June 13: Jr. Leader Meeting	6PM
		June 17: Mini 4-H Parent Meeting	6PM
		June (TBD): Posey County Tractor Operator's Contest	
		June 19: Fair Entry deadline	
		June 24-26: 4-H Round-Up	
		June 29: Area 3 Tractor Operator's Contest (Vanderburgh Co.)	
		July 2024	
		July 1: YQCA/IQLC deadline	
		July 2: 4-H Council	7PM
		July 10: Static Project Check-In	5-7PM
		July 14: Perishable Project Check-In	1-3PM
		July 14: Livestock Check-In	
		July 14-20: Posey County Fair	
		July 19: Project Check-out	12-1PM & 5-7PM
		August 2024	
		Aug. 2-18: Indiana State Fair	

As more events and important dates are scheduled, be sure to check:

- Email

- Extension website https://extension.purdue.edu/posey

- Purdue Extension-Posey County Facebook page

4-H Enrollment

Parents can go to 4H Online (https://v2.4honline.com)

Enroll/Re-Enroll youth in 4-H for 2024

Starts: October 1, 2023

Ends: January 15, 2024

Certificated adult volunteers need to go into 4-H Online to re-enroll as an adult volunteer and to sign your 2024 Adult Behavior Expectations by January 15.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office (812-838-1331) so we can help!

Scholarship Applications & Trip Dates

Scholarship applications are due **January 25**. Submit applications via 4-H Online. For scholarship information, visit: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html

Trip Applications due **February 1** to the Extension Office. Follow this link to view descriptions and application https://forms.gle/dowe4kwdymitc6HE7 This year's application will be online. If you need a paper copy, please stop by the Extension Office. Questions? Email Amanda at bender14@purdue.edu.

4-H Camp: June 3-5, 2024—application will be available later this spring on 4-H Online.
4-H Academy: June 12-13, 2024
4-H Round Up: June 24-26, 2024

4-H Camp

We are excited to announce that we will be holding 4-H Camp at the Historic Santa Claus Campground in Santa Claus, IN June 3-5. We will be joining Gibson, Vanderburgh, Spencer, Pike and Knox counties. 4-H Camp is open to youth in grades 3-6 and youth 9-12 can apply to be camp counselor. More information will be coming but mark your calendars for the following dates:

- February 15: Camp Counselor Application Due (Apply on 4-H Online) *New this year, Camp Jr. Director position.*
- April 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
    - Apply on 4-H Online. Send payment to Posey County Extension Office.
- June 3-5: 4-H Camp at the Historic Santa Claus Campground

Camp Counselor Training Dates at Vincennes University in Ft. Branch:
- April 11
- May 9
- June 2 (at 4-H Camp)

Join us to learn about cooking, healthy eating and more!

February 17, 2024

2 sessions available--pick one to attend
9AM-12PM or 1PM-3PM
Posey County Community Event Center
Register for the event on 4-H Online under "Events" tab

Mini 4-H is a free program for youth in grades K-2.
**Enroll in Mini 4-H:
v2.4honline.com**

Questions? Contact bender14@purdue.edu 812-838-1331.
Purdue University is an equal access/opportunity/affirmative action institution. If you need accommodations to attend the event, please notify us five business days in advance of the event.

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is a free program open to youth in grades K-2. Youth are encouraged to participate in activities during meetings, make new friends and have fun!

Sign up for Mini 4-H on 4-H Online https://v2.4honline.com

New in 2024: Mini 4-H will not have 4 meetings throughout the year. Instead, there will be day camps offered. Youth will have the chance to attend both camps if they would like. These camps will take place on Saturday, February 17 and Saturday, May 11. We are offering these events in order to have more time to do activities. **Mini 4-H Handbooks** will be available online and at the Day Camps. Be sure to get your copy!

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POSEY COUNTY 4-H
Farm Scene Spark Club

Join us to learn more about the Farm Scene Project!

Open to 4-H'ers in grades 3-12
January 28, April 14, June 9
Keck Gonnerman Building 2-4PM

Registration will be
available on 4-H
Online

Questions? Call Amanda Bender 812-838-1331. Purdue University is an equal access/opportunity/affirmative action institution. If you need accommodations to attend the event, please notify us five business days in advance of the event.

POSEY COUNTY 4-H

OFFICER TRAINING

FEBRUARY 27, 2024 PCCEC 6PM

Learn more about officer duties
You don't have to be an officer to come. All are welcome!
RSVP on 4-H Online
Purdue University is an equal access/opportunity institution. If you require special accommodations, please call prior to the event 812-838-1331

Graduating 4-H Member Survey

4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel. *Deadline is March 25!*

https://bit.ly/IN4Hgrad

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FOOD TRUCK CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

REGISTER USING 4-H ONLINE EVENTS
COST $30.00.
Grades 7-12
Questions please contact
kidwellc@purdue.edu

LOCATION

Ascension St. Vincent YMCA
516 Court Street Evansville, IN

DESIGN A FOOD TRUCK

▶ Build A Menu
▶ Draft A Budget
▶ Cook New Foods

Visit the State House

Tuesday, February 13th

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is $20 to attend

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation. .

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Deadline to apply for 4-H State House Day is **JANUARY 15.** Register on 4-H Online

Southwest Indiana Homestead Conference

Interested in learning more about gardening, beekeeping and flowers? Join us for a 4-H Spark Club being offered at the Southwest Indiana Homesteading Conference. Keep an eye on your emails for more details to come!

Date: Saturday, March 9

Location: Friedman Park, Newburgh

Animal Information

Animal ID tagging day

When: **April 20, 2024**
Time: 8AM-10AM
Where: Posey County Fairgrounds
Who: Beef, Sheep, Goat Exhibitors
What:

- All beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep and swine exhibitors are required to correctly enter animal tag ID's into 4-H Online. <u>You will not be allowed to enter 0's into the tag entry on 4-H Online.</u>

- Due to biosecurity concerns, **swine exhibitors are required to request tags on:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSyF141PKoSUsCzqOUwqhkW5a-bYAr9K5nzNhYAhavEJxRmw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- It will be the 4-H'ers responsibility to tag their hogs. If you need taggers or assistance, please reach out to the Extension Office. 4-H'ers can also come to the tagging day on April 20 to receive help with entering tags into 4-H Online. Do not bring your hogs to the fairgrounds for tagging on this day.

- The tagging day on April 20 will be where beef, sheep and meat goat exhibitors will have their animals tagged. There will be laptops and tablets available as well as assistance from the Extension Office on entering tags into 4-H Online.

- Tagging day is an educational opportunity for 4-H'ers. It will provide an opportunity for youth to ask questions to livestock superintendents about the care of their animals as well as provide assistance to families on 4-H Online.

Premise ID

Registering your premises is done online, at no charge, and takes only about 5 minutes. Visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) website: www.in.gov/boah and click on "Premises Registration".

BOAH staff will issue a premise identification number (also known as a "premID") within three to five business days after the online form is submitted. If registering by mail with a paper form, allow ten business days for a premID to be issued.

Do you need to verify your premises identification number? Contact BOAH at: 317-544-2400 or email animalhealth@boah.in.gov. Be sure to note the name and premises' physical address listed on the registration.

All Indiana premises associated with the purchase, sale and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and farmed cervids must be registered by state law. Registration allows BOAH to be more effective tracing animal movements in a major animal health emergency investigation.

4-H Online Animal ID Family Sharing

Please note that you are only allowed to list siblings' animals on your 4-H Online profile. You cannot list secondary family animals on your 4-H Online. This means you cannot list cousins' animals on your profile. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office 812-838-1331.

Official ID

An Official ID tag is imprinted with an "US shield"

Official ID tags include but not limited to Scrapie Tag, Flock ID, visual 840 Tags &/or 840 RFID Tags.

Official ID tags are permanent & tamper resistant.

It is a FELONY to remove an Official Identification!

If you have questions on which tags to remove, please contact the Extension Office at 812-838-1331.

Animal ID Deadline

All animal identification is to be submitted on 4-H Online by May 15. Animals not enrolled by this deadline cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.

For more information about animal identification and requirements, visit:

https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html

Mandatory for Most Animal Exhibitors:

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC)

To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through a quality livestock care program. This is an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members. Making this an exhibition requirement is how we are ensuring that 4-H members learn about quality assurance, but it really has nothing to do with animal exhibition. The reason we are requiring a quality livestock care program is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals.

Deadline to complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training or YQCA (online) is July 1.

In-person IQLC training dates:
- March 21
- April 10
- May 13

Trainings will be at the PCCEC on the Fairgrounds and start at 6PM.

Goat Project Update

The meat goat class at the Fair this year will include a class for Dairy Goat Wethers. Please see the handbook for more details. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office 812-838-1331.

2024 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2024 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Minimum Posey County Requirements	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 total	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag **and** Tattoo **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	840-RFID tag **and** Tattoo	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag **and** animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) **and DNA Hair Sample**	40 total	840-RFID tag **and** animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number)	May 15

Dairy Goat
     Females, Registered
 	
     Wethers
	Breed Registry Tattoo
	
	 5-digit County Tag **or** Tattoo
		40 dairy goats total	N/A
			
			 Official Scrapie tag, tattoo, or microchip matching registration papers **and** 5-digit County tag
				May 15

Meat Goat Wethers
 	
     Boer Goat Females, Registered
 	
     Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)
	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample
	
	 Breed Registry Tattoo **and** DNA Hair Sample
	
	 840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample
		40 meat goats total	Official Scrapie tag, tattoo, or microchip matching registration papers **and** 5-digit County tag
			
			 Breed Registry Tattoo
			
			 Official Scrapie tag, tattoo, or microchip matching registration papers. **and** 5-digit County tag
				May 15
				
				 May 15
				
				 May 15

Pygmy Goats
     Registered
 	
     Unregistered
	Breed Registry Tattoo **or** Microchip that Matches Registration Papers
	
	 Official USDA Scrapie Tag **or** Official Scrapie Tattoo
		40 total	N/A
			
			 N/A
				May 15

Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	Two Color Pictures	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	N/A	May 15

Sheep
     Market Lambs
 	
     Commercial Ewes
 	
     Registered Ewes
	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample
	
	 840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag **and** DNA Hair Sample
	
	 840-RFID Tag **and** ID that matches registration Papers **and** DNA Hair Sample
		30 sheep total	Scrapie Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag
			
			 Scrapie Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag
			
			 Scrapie Tag **and** ID that matches registration Papers
				May 15

Swine	840-RFID Tag **and** Ear Notch **and** DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	840-RFID Tag **and** Ear Notch	May 15

INDIANA 4-H
NEEDS YOU TO BE A

BROADBAND INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1 Checks your internet speed
pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest

2 Validates it on the FCC website
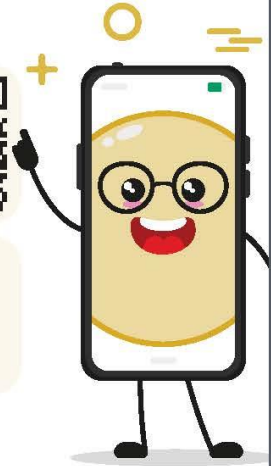broadbandmap.fcc.gov

3 Share what they've done with others

4 Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online

Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!

For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu

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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

YES Grant

4-H provides opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant is intended to give youth-led projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference. Interested in applying for the YES Grant to fund your community service project? Visit https://in4h.org/grants/ The deadline is **March 1.**

Gabi Boener has been awarded the YES Grant 3 years in a row to fund her Fashion Forward project. The project assists Mt. Vernon students in need with back-to-school clothes shopping. She's been awarded $1000 for the last 3 years from the Indiana 4-H Foundation. This year, she received additional funding from the Elks in Mt. Vernon to fund her project. Way to go Gabi!