

Posey County 4-H 101 Guide





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The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

What is 4-H?

4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, empowering them to create positive change in their communities.



4-H HISTORY

Over 100 years ago, 4-H began and has since grown into the largest youth development program in the nation. It prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. Backed by a network of more than 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni, 4-H delivers research-based programming around positive youth development. Reaching every corner of our nation 4-H is delivered through America's 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through Purdue Extension. Community clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment, camps/workshops, and special programs are all ways youth across Indiana can be involved with the 4-H program.



4-H SLOGAN
Learn by Doing

4-H MOTTO
**To Make the Best
Better**

4-H COLORS
**Green
&
White**

HOW DO I JOIN?

4-H enrollment opens on October 1 every year. Enroll online at v2.4honline.com.

Interested individuals need to visit v2.4honline.com to create a profile, select a club, and sign up for projects. Returning members will log into their v2.4honline.com account, register for the upcoming year, and make any necessary changes.

The 4-H program is open to all youth in grades 3-12 and has a \$15 annual program fee. Mini 4-H is available to any youth in grades K-2 with no fee to enroll.

4-H EMBLEM

The National 4-H Emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter H in each leaf.

POSEY COUNTY 4-H

website

<https://extension.purdue.edu/posey>



4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them?
Why do we use them both?

4-H Online

FairEntry

Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Livestock Show Bills
- Organization of Fair Results

When?

From start to end of the program year: October through September.

When?

Fair Season: Typically May through August

Where?

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Where?

Direct link provided by county office
or
<https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair>

Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
- Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments



The Learning Experiences

4-H is about creating experiences that help youth, and adults, learn in new ways and gain new experiences. Below, you will find the general learning experiences while involved in the 4-H program:

4-H Meetings

are held for a variety of reasons. Most organized community clubs meet monthly to discuss general business, conduct recreation, and learn something new. Some groups may meet more often.

Want to be Up to Date?

Come to Meetings!



4-H Projects...

should fit individual member's interests and into the member's home and community life. By "project" we mean work done with articles made, crops grown, animals, or some other definite undertaking planned and carried out by the 4-H'er. The Extension Office will provide a list of projects available to members and leaders. Through project work, 4-H members can learn improved ways of doing things, which serve as examples for others and for the community. Members can also learn about subjects that interest them as possible career choices.



4-H Activities

such as demonstrations, public speaking, exhibiting, and tours that center on 4-H projects. They supplement the project and add greater depth to it. Various activities related to project areas are planned and conducted on county, state, and national levels. Singing at a nursing home, playing softball, and making dog toys/treats for a local humane society are all examples of these types of activities.



4-H Events

are most often thought of as once-a-year happenings, such as an annual recognition program for youth and adults, a music/drama festival, a family 4-H picnic, the fair, state level competitions or summer camp. During these types of events, 4-H members might present aspects of their 4-H projects and activity work. Career Development Events such as Skill-A-Thon are open to new members.



What Club is Right For Me?



Clubs provide the opportunity for face-to-face project review/questions, community service, program updates, and much more. Club meeting attendance is not required to be in 4-H, but we encourage members to attend their club meetings.

All 4-H Clubs will pass along important program updates. However, some clubs are dedicated to special interest areas and others are general community clubs.

Use the club locations and map on the next two pages to help you choose a club that meets your needs. For more details about each club, contact the Purdue Extension Posey County office at 812-838-1331.

I pledge:

My Head
to clearer thinking

My Heart
to greater loyalty

My Hands
to larger service

My Health
to better living

**For my club,
my community,
my country,
and my world.**



Posey County 4-H Club Information

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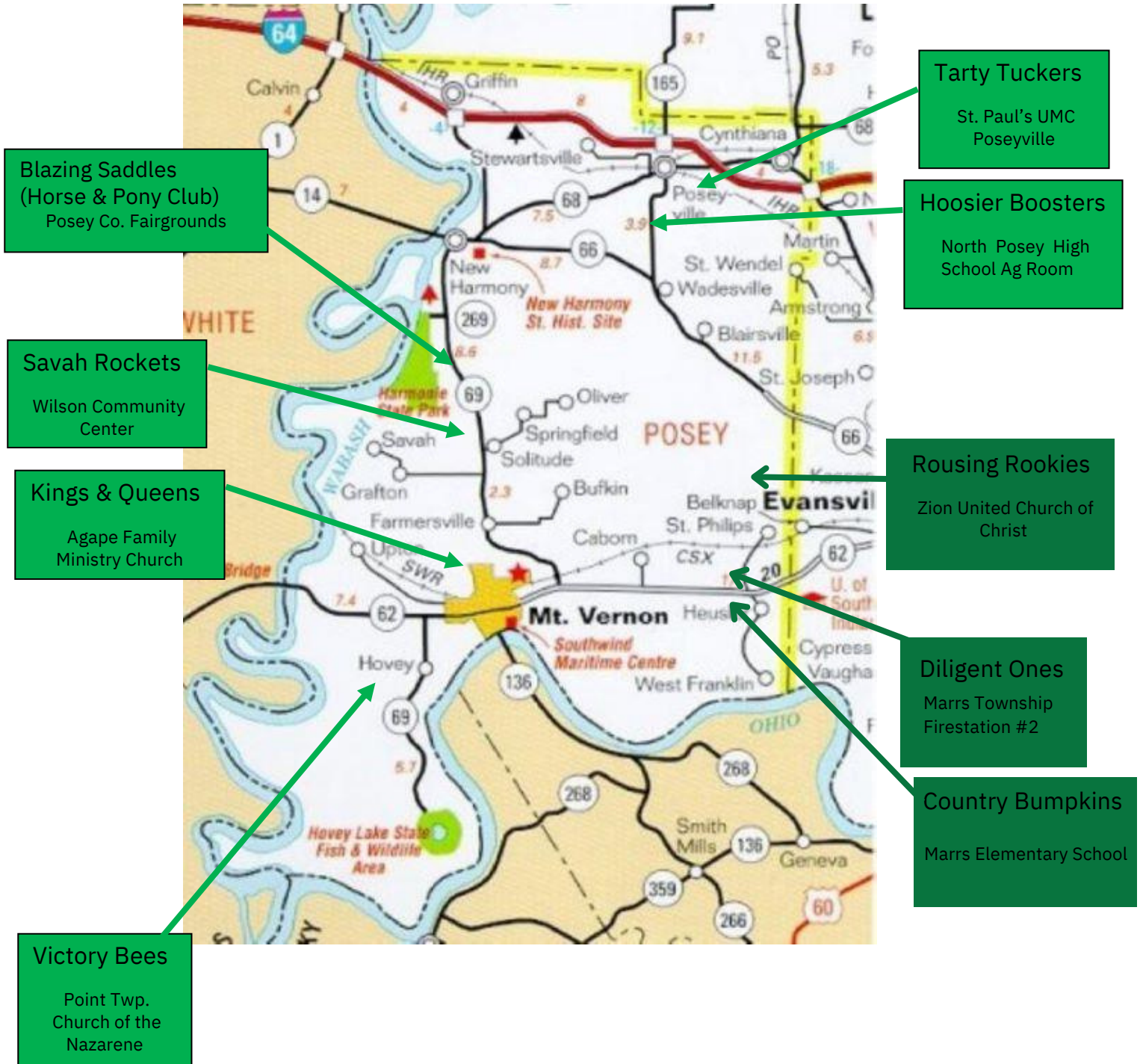
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Posey County 4-H Club Map



4-H Projects

Grades 3-12

Animal Sciences

Animal Education
Beef
Cat
Dairy
Horse & Pony
Meat Goats
Poultry
Rabbit
Sheep
Swine
Vet Science

Communication & Expressive Arts

Arts & Crafts General
Cake Decorating
Communications
Construction and Architectural Replica
Consumer Clothing
Fashion Revue
Fine Arts
Home Environment
Model Craft
Needle Craft
Performing Arts
Photography
Sewing

County Only Projects

Americana
Collections
Crops
Cupcake Decorating
Family Camping
Pet Pals
Scrapbooking
Sports
Travelogue
Egg

Engineering and Technological Science

Aerospace
Computer Science
Electric
Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety Operating Skills
Small Engine
Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
Woodworking
Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills

Healthy Living

Child Development
Foods
Health
Sportfishing

Leadership and Citizenship

Genealogy
Junior Leaders

Plant and Environmental Science

Beekeeping
Entomology
Floriculture
Forestry
Garden
Geology
Soil & Water Science
Weather and Climate Science
Wildlife

The Posey County 4-H Handbook is given out annually to each 4-H family. It contains guidelines for each project.

4-H Parents/Guardians

Parents are encouraged to share their different talents, means, and available time with the 4-H Program. Not all people do the same thing well. It takes some analysis to find who can and will do certain tasks. For example, the parent who will never appear in a public meeting may be willing to build a booth or float, etc.

The most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents or another caring adult. Often parents are willing to help, but are not sure how, when, or where they may get involved. Below are some suggestions for how parents can support 4-H members at home and in the community. We embrace learn by doing for all!

- 1. Learn about the 4-H Program** - what it stands for, how it operates, how it is funded.
- 2. Advise your child** in selecting 4-H projects. Help your child understand how many projects will be reasonable to complete in a given year.
- 3. Show your interest** in and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn in that project(s).
- 4. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.**
- 5. Be an example!** Help your 4-H member be a good sport and appreciate the successes of others.
- 6. Encourage your 4-H member** when they succeed and even more when they fail. Help them see progress achieved and knowledge gained, not just the end result.
- 7. Stay informed about 4-H** through information by reading Clover Connection Newsletters.
- 8. Make 4-H club work FAMILY work.** Encourage youth to do their work and carry their own tasks to completion. Be their guide only.
- 9. Provide transportation** to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. Or, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions.
- 10. Attend 4-H meetings** and other special events.
- 11. Help your 4-H member find a way to participate in special events** that interest them such as county contests, camps, fairs, displays, shows, etc.
- 12. Support your local 4-H volunteers.** Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
- 13. Offer your services** to assist the local volunteer. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
- 14. If the need arises, help find local volunteers for your 4-H club.** Several kinds of volunteers are needed: organizational, project, and more. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Applications are available in your local Extension Office.

4-H'ers are...

4X more likely to give back to their communities

2X more likely to make healthier choices

2X more likely to participate in STEM activities

4-H Opportunities

4-H members can take part in short-term specific interest workshops that focus on anything from robotics to food science! 4-H members also have access to numerous scholarships, educational opportunities, and can build life skills through community involvement. Most of all, 4-H is real life experience which is exemplified by our motto, "Learn by Doing."

4-H Activities

Trips: A variety of fun learning trip opportunities are available. They are often offered at low or no costs thanks to generous sponsors. Some popular trips are:

4-H Round-Up: students in grades 7-9 who explore a variety of careers at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and live in Purdue Residence Halls for two nights. Attendees meet new people across the state and have a blast!

4-H Academy: a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer high school students hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about science and related careers.

Citizenship Washington Focus: This is an exciting experience for high school 4-H members to go to the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring and touring combine to provide a deeper respect and understanding for our American heritage and the principles, processes and structures of the U.S. government.

Camp: Youth in grades 3-6 attend a three day 4-H Camp at Santa Claus, Indiana and participate in swimming, boating, crafts, and more. Older 4-H members have the opportunity to serve as camp counselors.

Scholarships: Several educational scholarships are available for 4-H youth.

Junior Leaders: Youth in grades 7-12 can participate in the Jr. Leader to develop leadership skills and expand their relationships. Members organize and conduct a variety of activities, participate in community service projects, and have fun.

Performing Arts Festival: Have talents? 4-H members may perform a skit, play a musical instrument, dance, or perform gymnastics.

Judging Contests: 4-H members compete in livestock skill-a-thon, dairy, soils, entomology, crops, and/or forestry judging contests.

Spark Clubs: Short-term educational experiences are based on a specific topic area in a presentation called Spark Clubs. Topics vary, such as Robotics, Agricultural, Journalism, Theater, Hiking, Babysitting, and Veterinary Basics.

Verbal Communication & Demonstration: Effective communication drives all aspects of day-to-day life. 4-H members learn about the process of communications, the different modes of communications and strengthen their own communications skills.

4-H Vocabulary

4-H

The youth development program of Extension designed for young people Kindergarten through twelfth grades; members participate in clubs, activities, and events and complete project work with a group or on their own.

4-H Council

Assists Extension staff to determine program priorities and policies for local 4-H and Extension Programs; the council is made up of local volunteers with a variety of backgrounds and expertise.

4-H Online

The 4-H database that manages 4-H enrollment of youth, animal identification, and trip participation, among other purposes.

Animal Identification

This is the process by which members ensure their animal has the correct identification (tag, tattoo, etc) and report this to the Extension Office. It is critical that you have it done by the deadlines, usually May 15th annually.

Club

A group of young people led by screened volunteers and administered by Extension who participate in 4-H learning experiences, educational activities, and events. Types of clubs include:

- Community Club- A general interest club that gives members a well-rounded experience
- Special Interest Club- A club with a focus on a specific project area such as Animals, Robotics, or
- SPARK Club- A short-term, special interest club that meets for at least six hours and focuses on one topic of interest to youth.

Open/Community Judging

The type of judging that often happens at county fair. 4-H members meet with a judge for project evaluation; the judge asks questions about what the 4-H member learned while working on the project and gives the member feedback.

County 4-H Fair

The county fair provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit and display the items that demonstrate what they have learned through their project meetings and experiences over the enrollment year. This is a major event where many people see what 4-H members accomplish.

County Extension Educators

An Extension Staff member with subject matter expertise; youth development or 4-H educators oversee the 4-H program.

Drop/Add Deadline

To be eligible to showcase an exhibit at the fair, a member must be enrolled in that project category through 4Honline.com by May 15.

Enrollment

A 4-H member enrollment must be completed at v2.4honline.com annually for each 4-H member. This is the process of updating information in 4HOnline and paying the enrollment fee. This must be completed by January 15 each year for the full program experience.

Exhibits

A completed project, including a trained animal or presentation prepared for evaluation or display at the county fair, contest, or competition. Some exhibits have multiple components, such as a recipe card for food projects, skill card for crafts, etc.

FairEntry

The 4-H database that manages exhibit entries for the county fair.

Green Record Book

A green folder where members store their record sheets to help them keep track of their 4-H involvement. The green record book encourages organization and is a good reference tool for when they complete trip and scholarship applications.

Handbook

The book that contains project guidelines, exhibit requirements, and 4-H policies. It is updated annually, is posted on the Purdue Extension Posey County website, and available in office.

Junior Leader

A 4-H member in grades 7-12 that participates in 4-H Junior Leader Activities to learn leadership skills. Junior Leaders participate in social activities, community service, and help their 4-H clubs and leaders.

Mini 4-H

A noncompetitive 4-H program for youth in grades K-2. Members can attend club meetings, complete projects, and create exhibits for the county fair.

Poster

Many exhibits involve creating a poster. Posters must follow the guidelines listed in the Posey County 4-H Handbook. The Extension Office sells the foam boards and clear sleeves that meet the requirements.

Projects

A 4-H project is an area that you want to learn more about during the year. There are projects on just about any topic you would like to study and explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from clothing to small engines.

Project Manual/Book

Projects have manuals/record sheets that provide educational material and/or learning activities for members. These are available from your club leader and/or the Extension Office.

Record Sheets

Each project has a record sheet for a 4-H member to summarize things they have learned through their project. It helps them keep track of what they have learned and encourages record keeping.

Ten Year Member

A member who has completed 10 years of regular 4-H, which is the longest amount of time a member can participate. Special recognition occurs for ten year members.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to do to be a member?

Get Up, Show Up, and Never Give Up!

To be an active 4-H member simply complete your online registration in the October 1st-January 15th window, pay the required fees, complete your online profile, and have a meaningful experience. You do not have to exhibit at the fair to be considered an active 4-H member. 4-H members can attend a one-time workshop, participate in trips, or simply join to make new friends!

Ask Club Leaders for guidance, but we suggest you start out small and exhibit a few projects your first year. It can be overwhelming if you decide to take too many projects.

How do I know what projects to choose?

What do I need to exhibit at the fair?

To exhibit at the fair 4-H members need to have completed their 4-H online profile within the October 1st - Jan 15th enrollment window. 4-H members will select the projects they are interested in 4-H online. In May, the Fair Entry program will open. Members will log into Fair Entry and register for the projects they are bringing to the fair.

Mini 4-H members can exhibit projects at the fair. Contact our office if you have any questions. Mini 4-H members are invited and encouraged to attend club meetings, mini 4-H meetings and other great activities!

What can Mini 4-H members do?

Where can I go for help?

If you have any questions you can call the Extension Office at 812-838-1331 or email bender14@purdue.edu. Every year the handbook is published online and contains all the project requirements as well as contact information for project superintendents and club leaders. We are all here to help!

**Important
Dates to
Know:**

**October 1st - Priority Enrollment
Begins (v2.4honline.com)**

**December - Scholarships Open:
due around mid January**



**January 15th - Priority Enrollment
Ends**

**May 15th - Project Drop & Add, and
Animal Identification Deadline**



**May 16th - Fair Entry Opens
(fairentry.com)**

June 19th - Fair Entry Closes



How can you increase Purdue Extension outreach? Simple!

1) Like and Follow on Facebook at:

Purdue Extension Posey County - Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/purdueextension.poseycounty>

2) Stay up-to-date on 4-H news

Keep your 4-H Online email address up-to-date.
Read the Clover Connection Newsletter sent via 4-H Online

3) Invite your friends to join us!



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