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4-H families, plans are underway for in-person 4-H exhibition this summer. We are planning to have all projects displayed in person. We will have a virtual option for those unable to participate in person. Depending on the stage we are in, project drop off times may be extended up to a few days earlier to accommodate all 4-H families. The updated schedule of animal shows has been sent to all livestock exhibitors. We want to ensure we are thinking through the process fully to ensure the best possible experience. Be on the lookout for more details as they become available and know the 4-H Council in conjunction with the Livestock Committee and Fair Association are diligently working to ensure a positive, safe experience for all of our 4-H families. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work through the many challenges we are facing. We are 100% committed to our 4-H families and will be doing all that we can to provide you with a safe, positive experience. We can't wait to see you at the fair!



Handbook & Supplies

The 2021 4-H Handbook is available online [here](#). Paper copies are available at the office. You can sign up on [this form](#) if you'd like to pick up manuals, project supplies (poster backings/sleeves, electric kits, etc.) and the printed handbook. You may also call the office and request materials for pick up. Our office will let you know when the order is ready to minimize contact.

Mini 4-H

Our next Mini 4-H meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 21st. We are planning to meet in-person at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. More information to come soon!

4-H Road Show

4-H is going on the road this summer! Day-long events focused on specific topics, such as Animal Science, STEM, Healthy Living, Engineering, Aviation, EMS, Robotics, Career Readiness, and more will be held across our area from June 14 - July 9. Events are open to youth in grades 7-12. Be on the lookout for more details soon!



Summer Staff

We are now taking applications for 2021 Summer Staff. Summer Staff members help with 4-H events and programming throughout the summer. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity. **Email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu if interested.**



2020-2021 4-H Enrollment

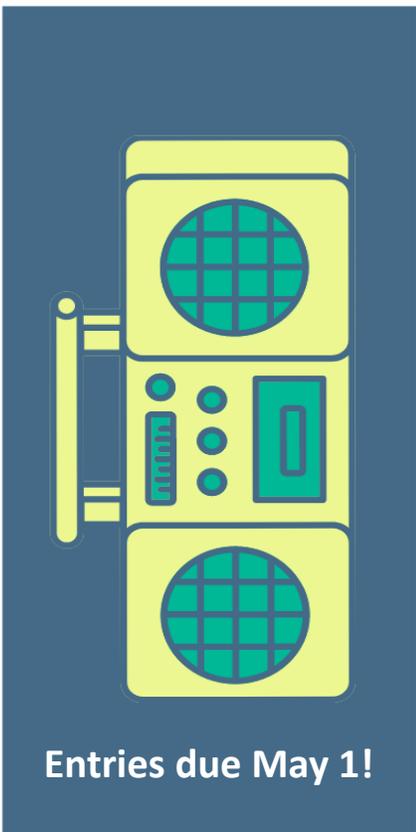
We don't want you to miss out on anything 4-H has to offer so be sure to be sure to re-enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com> if you haven't already. Tell your friends it's not too late to take part in 4-H!





Vanderburgh County 4-H
**VIRTUAL
PERFORMING
ARTS
CONTEST**

First prize winners in each category are eligible to participate in the Virtual Area Performing Arts Contest. Top participants from the Area may have the opportunity to perform at the Indiana State Fair!



Entries due May 1!



**TO ENTER
PLEASE FILL
OUT THE
GOOGLE FORM
[HTTPS://TINY
URL.COM/1R8
SZNNP](https://tinyurl.com/1R8SZNNP)**

CATEGORIES:

Group Act: 5 or more performers, maximum 8 minutes.

Curtain Act Non-Musical: 1-4 performers, maximum 5 minutes

Curtain Act Musical: (instrumental, vocal, bands), 1-4 performers, maximum 5 minutes



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 4-H MEMBERS, EXCEPT ACCOMPANIST.
MINI 4-HERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP ACT, BUT NOT AS A
SOLO ACT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TAYLOR AT
TVANMET@PURDUE.EDU

4-H Camp

4-H Camp is open to youth in grades 3-6 in Vanderburgh & Posey Counties. Join us for a 2-day DAY camp (no overnight)! New, exciting activities are planned for this year! Drop off will be from 8:30 - 9:00 am and pick-up will be from 4:30 - 5:00 pm both days. The cost is \$35. Applications are due May 15 and can be found at tinyurl.com/V4HCamp21.

Questions? Email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.

June 3 & 4
Vanderburgh 4-H
Center



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With Sympathy



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of 4-H volunteer, Brenda Brenner. Brenda was a kind-hearted woman who was always willing to help. We will miss her positive attitude and joyful laugh.

Brenda served as the Gift Wrapping superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Poultry. Please keep her family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE FOR APRIL

Each month through May 2021, we will be offering a community service challenge that can be done individually or with a group. 4-H members are true leaders in service, and we look forward to seeing what you accomplish each month.



BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY BY
PICKING UP TRASH, PULLING WEEDS,
PLANTING FLOWERS, PAINTING, ETC.

Share your contribution on social media using
#SWIN4Hserves. Youth that complete every monthly
challenge will receive a special prize!

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Reagan Koester, Kylie Bedel, Emily English, Amanda Deutsch, Abbey Duvall, Katherine Shell, and Sydney Woodard for being selected for interviews for the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships. We can't wait to hear the results! Way to go, 4-H members!

VOLUNTEER



Each year, thousands of volunteers in Indiana donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. We are SO grateful for the nearly 200 adults who volunteer with Vanderburgh County 4-H. National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2021 and we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all our 4-H volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to help young people in the 4-H program. THANK YOU!! Be sure to thank a volunteer for their service!



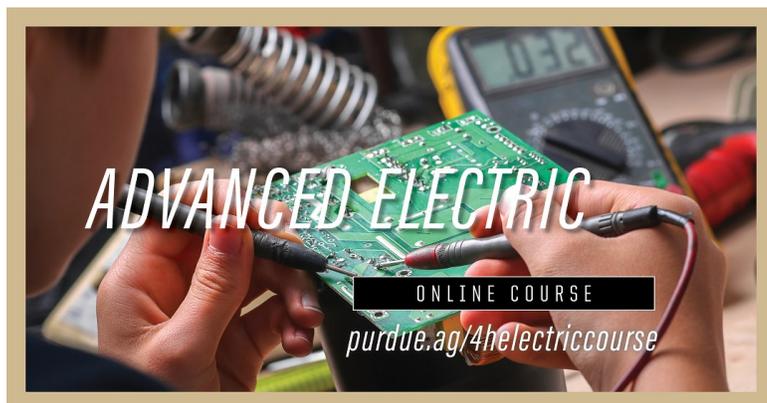
YES Grants



Indiana 4-H youth who are interested in creating a community service project in their hometown may apply for funding through our new **YES Grant** (Youth Engaged Service Grant). The grant program was designed and implemented by our student board members (see more information about them below).

Our goal is to create opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant is intended to give these projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference.

The application period for 2021 is **March 15 through May 15**, and projects must be completed by December 31. Download the PDF application and other materials at in4h.org/grants.



Youth in grades 7-12 can participate in the *Advanced Electric Online* course geared specifically to teach youth advanced electric skills in an interactive, virtual format. 4-H members in Level 5 Electric are also *highly* encouraged to enroll! This course opens the door to various electrical career avenues and job outlooks, electrical safety and equipment, 3 phase and 208 voltage, balancing loads on circuits, and much more!! By participating, youth will get a taste of advanced-level electrical applications and be encouraged to learn more about electricity! Both 4-H and non- 4-H members are encouraged to enroll. Youth will have 6 months from the time of enrollment to complete the modules. At that time, they may re-enroll in the course. Modules will continue to be developed and added to the course.

Even better, the first 100 participants to complete one module of the online 4-H electric course at purdue.ag/4helectriccourse will receive a special 4-H surprise in the mail! For a limited time, those who complete the entire course will receive an AC circuit tester and will be entered in a drawing to receive a Smart Science IoT kit with 13 sensors and a Micro:bit! Don't be afraid to share this with colleagues in schools and youth organizations, as this curriculum is made for any youth in 7-12 grade.

Youth can register today at purdue.ag/4helectriccourse! Indiana youth can enroll for a special \$15 rate!

4-H World Changers Hackathon

We are excited to announce the 2021 Indiana 4-H World Changers Online Hackathon is approaching! This is an opportunity for youth to create solutions to real-life challenges. This event is for kids in Indiana ages 13 and up. Youth may work individually or in teams. The use cases will be released at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 5th. Youth may start to brainstorm or even code with their team after this! Opening ceremonies will be Friday, April 9th at 7:00 PM. Workshops and mentors will be available on Saturday, April 10th. Projects are due on Sunday, April 11th at noon, with an awards ceremony on April 11th at 5:00 PM. Winners will receive a certificate in the mail as well as bragging rights. We look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with! Check out <https://purdue.ag/4hhackathon21> to learn more and sign up!



JOANN  

JOANN & 4-H are creating an opportunity for all kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online now through April 30. Learn more [here](#).



Tractor Supply proudly began a partnership with 4-H in 2010 and has since helped raise over \$14 million through the Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 69,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement. Stop by Tractor Supply from April 28 – May 10 to support the Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress is the premier leadership development conference. Indiana will be represented by up to ten delegates in Atlanta, GA November 26-30, 2021. National 4-H Congress is currently being planned as an in-person event and celebrating its 100th anniversary. Educators should share this opportunity with eligible high school youth. Applications are due May 1st and can be found on the State 4-H web site. Applications must be submitted through 4-H Online.

ANIMAL PROJECTS

YQCA Program

To exhibit beef cattle, meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program by July 1, 2021.

This training can be completed online or in person. The cost for in-person training is \$3 per person and the online training is \$12 per person. In-person trainings will be held on June 14 and 23. To complete the online version, go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and sign in with your 4-H Online account.

Animal ID letters have been sent to all exhibitors that includes information on YQCA and how to sign up for a training. Letters can be found [here](#).



Animal ID Letters

Animal ID letters have been sent to all 4-H exhibitors signed up for Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llama, Meat Goats, Poultry, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. These letters explain how to identify your animals, requirements for each species, and YQCA for applicable species. The letter also includes the 2021 exhibition schedule for 4-H animals during the fair. Be sure to review the letter and enclosures very carefully. Electronic copies of the letter and enclosures can be found [here](#). You can find instructional videos for how to enroll each species in 4-H Online 2.0 along with instructional videos on how to collect DNA hair samples for applicable species [here](#). Be sure to reach out to your species superintendent or the Extension Office if you have questions or need help identifying your animals.

Animal Identification

Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

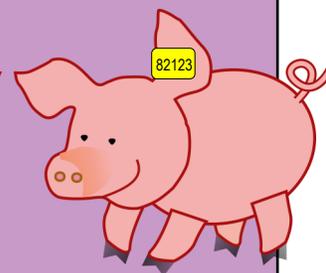
May 15, 2021

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Check out page 95 of the handbook [here](#) for animal ID requirements by species.

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.



Animal Supplies

The following tags/bands can be purchased at our office. DNA envelopes can be picked up at no charge. We also have a few taggers that can be borrowed. Please request tags/bands/envelopes in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/2021LivestockTags> or call our office at (812) 867-4935. If you will be purchasing RFID tags, please have your premise ID available.

Beef or Dairy RFID tag: \$2 each

Beef county tag: \$1.50

Poultry leg band: \$0.50 each

Swine RFID/county tag set: \$3 each

Sheep or Goat county tag: \$1 each

Sheep or Goat RFID tag: \$1.25 each



RESOURCE VIDEOS

- 4-H Horse and Pony Vaccination Webinar recording found [here](#). Dr. Amanda Farr, Purdue University over-viewed the required 4-H vaccinations and defined the purpose for each.
- Disease Prevention and Biosecurity for show rabbits found [here](#). Dr. Melissa Justice, Indiana Board of Animal Health shares the how to keep rabbits healthy and the signs and symptoms youth should know before they show.
- The Junior Pork Day Recordings can be found [here](#).

Clover Career Connection

Check out our new segment, Clover Career Connection on YouTube! We will interview individuals in a variety of careers. You will learn what a typical day is like in each position, the education and training required, and much more! Visit the websites listed on each picture below to learn more!

CLOVER CAREER CONNECTION
Vanderburgh County 4-H
Connecting you with potential career choices through informative interviews



Jennifer Deutsch
Dietetics Manager

<https://youtu.be/jm4LezF3mnM>



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Robert Moreland
First Grade Teacher

https://youtu.be/NaqUILd55_4



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Matthew Kron
Senior Project Architect

<https://youtu.be/aFXFNMPehVg>



Attention 4-H alumni and parents! We are going to create an online library that help youth learn about career opportunities and we need your help! Megan will be interviewing alumni and parents via Zoom to learn what you do in your career and what it takes to get there (education, skills, etc.). If you are interested in sharing your story, please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu for more details. Thank you for your help in teaching youth about career opportunities!

Coast into



Youth grades 6-12, join us for a fun filled day of exploring STEM at Holiday World including a behind the scenes tour!

Friday, June 18th
8:45 AM - 4:00 PM CT
\$20/youth

Contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for registration details or be on the lookout in your email soon!

Registration begins at 8:00 AM at the Shelter House located in the Raven Lot (left of main entrance). Registration on reverse side and payment due by May 15th. Spaces are limited, so register early to reserve your space!

If needing overnight accommodations, please visit [Spencer County Visitors Bureau](#) for accommodations.

Contact Jennifer Mayo at allen393@purdue.edu for more information. Registration forms and payment to 1101 E. County Road 800 N. Chrisney, IN 47611



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VOLUNTEER INFO



VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

All workshops will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 pm CT
Click [here](#) to register.

**Monday,
December 7**

**Virtual Club Meeting
Ideas & 4-H Online
2.0 Tools**

Workshop links will be emailed
to participants 1 week
prior to each event

**Tuesday,
March 9**

**Incorporating
Social Emotional
Learning**

**Thursday,
January 21**

**Creating a Welcoming
Environment**

**Tuesday,
May 11**

**Civic Engagement
Resources**

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As a reminder, in-person events can happen if safety criteria is met and a safety plan has been approved by campus if Vanderburgh County is NOT in red status. Safety plans must be submitted to Megan Hoffherr at least 3 weeks prior to the event and approved by campus. Please DO NOT send directly to campus. Please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu prior to completing the form to get the most updated template. The safety protocol must be communicated to 4-H members and utilized at the event. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep 4-H members safe and provide them with a quality, educational experience.

Don't forget! Clubs must file their tax e-postcards by May 15. More information was mailed to head leaders. If you need help with this process, please reach out to Megan.

2021 Spring/Summer 4-H Dates

Dates & Program Delivery Subject to Change

May 15 - Animal ID Deadline

June 3 & 4: 4-H Camp

June 14 - YQCA Training

June 14 - July 9: 4-H Road Show

June 23 - YQCA Training

June 24 - Speech & Demo Contest

June 27 - Tractor Contest

July 1- YQCA Deadline

July 19 - Fashion Revue judging

