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## 4-H Newsletter



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## Welcome

Welcome to another year of Vigo County 4-H! As we saw in 2020 4-H ended up looking a lot different. We are working hard to provide fun, educational opportunities in a variety of in-person and virtual options. Safety of our members and volunteers are our first priority following state, county, and Purdue guidelines. Stay up to date on events by checking emails from 4HOnline, Facebook, and our newsletters!

-Sara Haag, 4-H Youth Development Educator



## Extension Office Update

Tabby Flinn (Carroll) has moved to the Ag & Natural Resource Educator position. Look forward to Tabby providing education for Master Gardeners, farmers, homeowners, and specialty youth programs in her new role. The open 4-H Educator position should be posted soon.

The 4-H Office in Vigo County will be closed on for President's Day  
February 15, 2021

The Extension Office is open weekdays 8am-4:30pm by appointment only following Vigo County Government guidance and holidays. Please call 812-462-3371 for an appointment or any questions you have.

# 4-H Club Meetings



Most 4-H Clubs have meeting dates posted at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Vigo/label/8>. Other clubs will be finalizing schedules and will be posted soon.

Check out our new calendar featuring all club meetings, events, and deadlines!  
<http://bit.ly/Vigo4HCalendar>

# Join the Jr. Leaders!

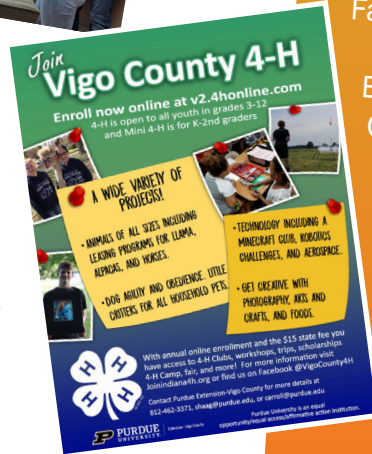
Grades 7-12. Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

\*Next meeting February 9th. Email Sara to get all meeting updates.



# 4-H Enrollment

4-H enrollment on 4HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com/> is open year round. Thank you that enrolled by our target of January 15th. If you have not enrolled you will not receive any further newsletters via email until reenrolling.



# I Enrolled in 4-H, Now What?

Join 4-H Educator, Sara Haag, as she covers answers any 4-H questions you may have including: Which club is right for me? What are the project options? Where do I find information? All questions welcome! Any mini or traditional 4-H members and their parents are invited to attend on Wednesday, February 10th at 6pm. You can join via Zoom (link will be emailed out to all enrolled members through 4HOnline) or the Purdue Extension Vigo County 4-H Facebook page.

Beginner's Guide to Vigo County 4-H is available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/Vigo/article/35955>



## SAVE THE DATE!



The Vigo County 2021 Fair will be July 10-17, 2021

# 2021 4-H Fair

Indiana 4-H intends to hold face-to-face 4-H exhibitions/county fairs in 2021 in all 92 counties. We demonstrated we can successfully and safely conduct in-person fairs with appropriate modifications. There will be virtual option for those who cannot or do not wish to participate in person. State and local health guidance will guide what our county fairs will look like.

2021 Fair Book is in progress.

# 4-H Grows Knowledge

An educational opportunity for Club Leaders, Adult Volunteers, Jr. Leaders, and Club Officers to enhance your meetings and events!

**February 22-25 from 7-8pm on Zoom**

**Registration is free at <http://bit.ly/4HGrows>**



## 4-H GROWS KNOWLEDGE

An Online Training Opportunity for Adult Club Leaders, Other Adult Volunteers and Junior Leaders

FEBRUARY 22 - 25  
7:00-8:00 PM

Registration is free at  
<http://bit.ly/4HGrows>



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# Teens as Teachers

Teams of 3-5 youth (grades 8-11) learn how to be teachers and subject matter experts of a topic of their choice. Teens will be equipped to deliver programs in the community.

3 virtual, one-hour sessions will be held on February 9, 16, and 23, each from 7-8 p.m. (ET) - these are designed to give youth the basics of how to be an effective teen teacher. The final session will be held on February 27, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Youth will join together with their team for an in-person training facilitated by presenters joining virtually. This session will focus on the subject matter.

Subject matter options: Ag Innovators Experience: "Curbing Our Carbon Appetite Challenge," Animal Biosecurity, Computer Science, Healthy Living, Teen Leadership, and Fluid Power.



**Registration deadline is February 2, 2021.**

**Contact Sara if you're interested.**

# YQCA

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Food Safety - Animal Well Being - Character

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members MUST be certified through by July 9, 2021 (Mini 4-H exempt). This is an annual education program that can be completed via online modules (\$12) or in-person training programs(\$3). In-person trainings held in Vigo County will be free to Vigo County 4-H members that enrolled by January 15th. Thank you to Rural King and The Equity for sponsoring.

More detailed information about YQCA is available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Vigo>

In-person trainings in Vigo County will be held:

- Thursday, April 1 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Community Center (Sheep Meeting)
- Thursday, April 22 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Community Center (Goat Meeting)
- Friday, May 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Community Center (Poultry Meeting)
- Monday, May 17 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Community Center (Swine Meeting)

More dates will be added in June. Please look for 4HOnline email updates.

*We're searching for volunteers!*



Do you know an adult that has an interest in teaching youth a new skill or serving as a club leader? We currently have Community 4-H Clubs in need of leaders. We are looking to add more SPARK Clubs also. A SPARK club consists of 6 or more hours on a special topic. (ex. Yoga, golfing, sewing, wildlife, almost anything!)