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VIGO 4-H NEWS



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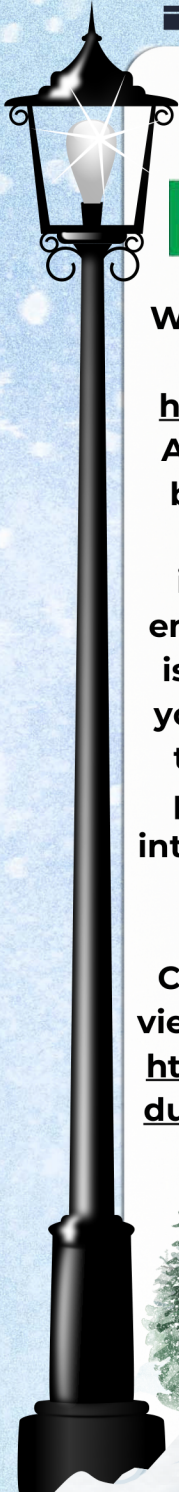
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Join Now!



We hope you enroll in 4-H as soon as possible at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Annual enrollment is the best time to review and update your contact information, the family email address you provide is our primary contact to you! It is also a great time to think about new 4-H projects or clubs you're interested in adding for the new 4-H year.

Check out our website to view details about projects. <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vigo/index.html>



4-H CLUB MEETINGS!

Some clubs have scheduled their 2024 date and more will be available soon. Watch for schedules emailed or check out the calendar at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vigo/vigo-4-h.html>

NEW EXHIBIT HALL PROJECTS

We are introducing some exciting new county-only exhibit hall projects for the 2024 fair!

READING

Share your favorite book, by creating a diorama about a book you've read this 4-H year.

MUSIC

Look into the history of music, how instruments are made or perform your favorite piece!

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Connect with other countries comparing culture, food, customs and more to life in Indiana.

* 4-H CLOVER ART

* Clover Art is eligible for state fair as an Any Other Crafts Project

Create art where the subject is a 4-H clover. The grand and reserve grand champion projects will be displayed in the Vigo County Extension Office for the year between the 2024 and 2025 fairs!

VIGO CO. FAIR DATES DATES ARE JULY 6-13, 2024

The 2024 Vigo County Fair theme is "4-H is a Blast from the Past!" We would love to honor the history of Vigo County 4-H! If you have family members or friends that were involved in 4-H send us your pictures! You may see them at the fair! You can email them to harmon79@purdue.edu

**4-H IS
A BLAST**
from the past!

HOLIDAY COOKIE TIME MACHINE SPARK CLUB

The Holiday Cookie Spark Club is back for it's 3rd year! This time we'll be using our 2024 theme: 4-H is a Blast from the Past to learn about popular cookie recipes and traditions through the different decades.

It will take place on Wednesday, December 20 (VSCS Winter Break) from 9am to 3pm at the Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is required by December 15th at <https://holidaycookie.4honline.com>. Space is limited to 20 members. The fee has been sponsored and covers supplies, ingredients, and lunch for each participant!



 Holiday Cookie
Time Machine
SPARK Club 

Wednesday, December 20 (VSCS Winter Break)
9am to 3pm at the Fairgrounds

Get in the holiday spirit baking cookies while learning about baking traditions from the past! The fee has been sponsored and covers supplies, ingredients, and lunch for each participant!

Registration is open at
<https://holidaycookie.4honline.com>
through **December 15** for youth in grades 3-12.
Space is limited to 20 members.
Contact shaag@purdue.edu or 812-462-3371

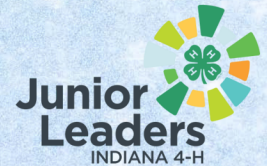
FORCES OF NATURE SPARK CLUB

Explore the natural wonders with 4-H Forces of Nature natural resources SPARK Club. Learn about wildlife, soil & water conservation, weather & climate science, and geology. This SPARK club will meet virtually one Wednesday a month, and in person one Saturday a month January through April. Registration is open. For more information the flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter!



JOIN JUNIOR LEADERS!

Junior Leaders is open to any youth currently in grades 7-12 enrolled in Vigo County 4-H. The club focuses on creating leadership opportunities through community service, mentoring, and fundraising. Members are able to travel for club trips, state 4-H trips at Purdue, and apply for local and state 4-H scholarships. Junior Leaders is a great way to build friendships across the county and state! The next meeting is December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at the fairgrounds. Contact either 4-H Educator for more details.



4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention 4-H members in grades 10-12 and recent graduates: It's time to start working on your scholarship applications! See the article on our website to video and application links.

- Vigo County 4-H Council Scholarships are open to Juniors and Seniors while the Trevor Scamihorn Memorial Scholarship is only open to seniors. Both scholarships will utilize the "Indiana 4-H Senior Year Scholarship" Application that is due on January 25th. Watch the Vigo County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities video to learn more.
- Indiana 4-H Foundation offers a variety of scholarships that are open to sophomores through college freshmen. All applications are due January 25th. For more information watch the Indiana 4-H Scholarship Opportunities video.
- Looking for additional scholarships to help fund your continued education? Watch the Keys to a Successful Application video.

Sara Haag, 4-H Educator, will have open office hours on Tuesday, January 9th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM at the Fairgrounds' Meeting Room to discuss any questions and provide feedback on applications. Please email shaag@purdue.edu to schedule a one-on-one session or to provide application feedback via email.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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!) Contact one of our 4-H Educators to learn more!

FORCES Of Nature



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January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

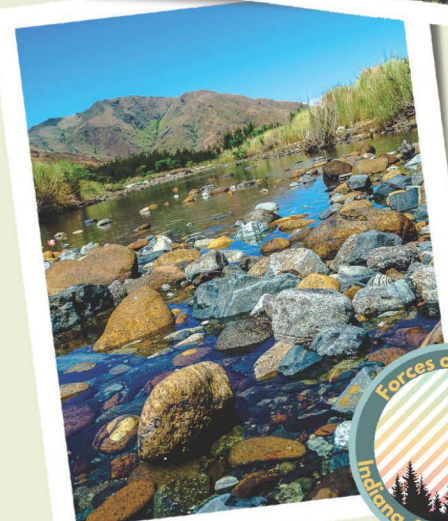
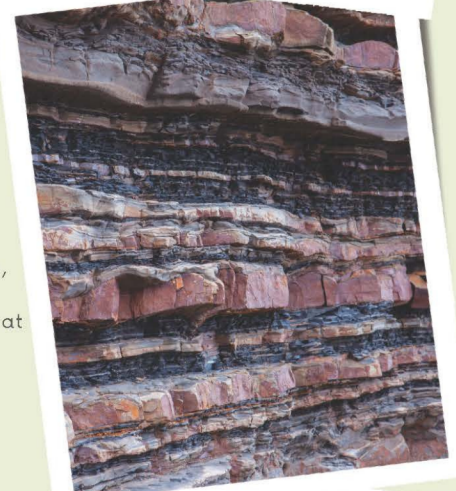
April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM



INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



BROADBAND
INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

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Checks your internet speed
pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



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Validates it on the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov

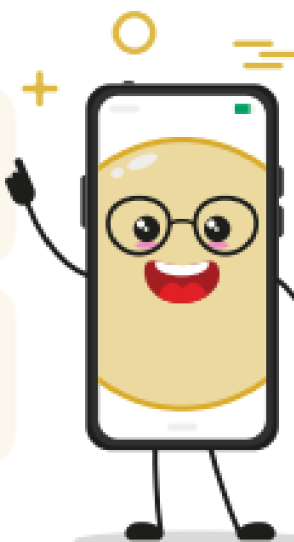


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Share what they've done with others

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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.

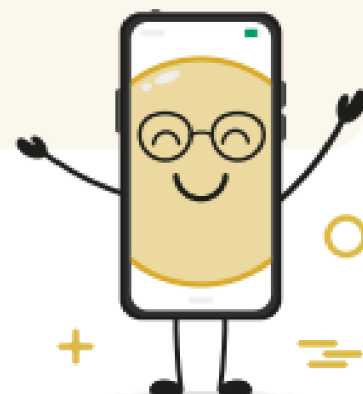
The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



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

state4hleader@purdue.edu



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



*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.