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TOP NEWS FOR JANUARY

THE NEW YEAR BRINGS
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

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We here at Allen County Extension are happy to announce the position of 4-H administrative assistant has been filled. Please help us welcome

STEPHENIE WOOTEN

Stephenie has worked for Allen County for 9 years. In her spare time she: enjoys gardening, reading and home improvement projects. She is very excited to join the Extension team and to learn all about 4-H.

IN-PERSON 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING

▶▶▶ DO YOU NEED HELP COMPLETING THE
ONLINE VIDEOS TO RENEW YOUR
VOLUNTEER STATUS?

OUR LAST CLASS WILL BE HELD AT THE
EXTENSION OFFICE ON
JAN. 16 AT 6PM

PLEASE RSV IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND



CANVAS PAINTING

Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art!
Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting, and
make this undersea adventure. This is open to youth in
grades 3-12, but parents are welcome to dive in and
paint with their youth.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND
BUT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER

- **Location:** Allen County Extension Office
- **Date & Time:** February 14th 6-8 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$15 Cash/Check or Venmo
- **Registration Closes:** February 7th, 2024
- **Register:** <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>



← USE THE QR CODE

JR. LEADER MEETING

▶▶▶ JUNIOR LEADERS WILL MEET THE LAST
TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
FROM JAN-MAY.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, SNACKS AND
GAMES!!

1ST CALL OUT MEETING

WHEN: JAN. 30TH

TIME: 6:30-8PM

WHERE: EXTENSION OFFICE

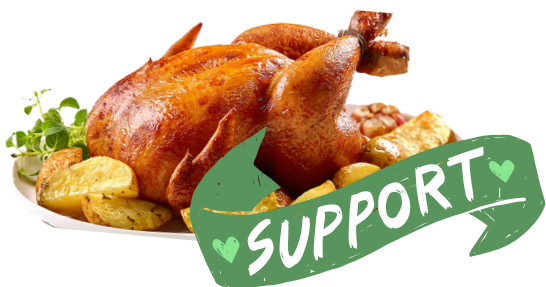


BIOLOGY IS A HOOT

TAKE FLIGHT AS WE EXPLORE THE BIOLOGY BEHIND
OWL INVESTIGATION AS WE DISCOVER WHAT MAKES
OWLS SO UNIQUE. PHYSICALLY INVESTIGATE
WHAT OWLS HAVE EATEN.
THIS HOOT OF AN ADVENTURE IS FOR
YOUTH 3RD-12TH GRADE!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND
BUT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER

- **Location:** Allen County Extension Office
- **Date & Time:** January 24, 2024 6-7:30p.m.
- **Cost:** \$10 Cash/Check or Venmo
- **Registration Closes:** January 18, 2024
- **Register:** <https://bit.ly/biologysteam>



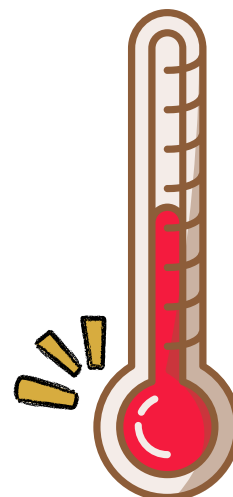
FLING PRE-SALE TICKETS

**PRESALE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE ALLEN COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE BEGINNING JANUARY 29TH
TICKETS ARE \$7 PRE-SALE AND \$10 AT THE DOOR (CASH OR CHECK)
AND INCLUDE A CHICKEN DINNER.**

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FLING FUNDRAISER ON
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH @ 5PM
AT THE FAMILY HOME AND ARTS BUILDING ON THE
ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION, PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA
AT RCCLAY@PURDUE.EDU. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

EACH CLUB IS BEING ASKED
TO HELP SUPPORT
THE FLING FUNDRAISER
BY EITHER
FINDING A DONOR
-OR-
**CREATING A GIFT BASKET
FOR THE AUCTION**



**LAST YEAR WE
RAISED OVER \$1300!
CAN WE BEAT THAT
IN 2024?**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO
TO THE FLING ORGANIZERS**

ANGIE REIDER: RWSHOWSTOCK01@GMAIL.COM

AMBER HOOPENGARDNER: AHOOPENG@PURDUE.EDU

Want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?



ARE YOU A STUDENT GRADES 9-12?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING, LEADING
AND MENTORING?
ARE YOU INTEREST IN WORKING WITH 4-H
YOUTH GRADES 3-6?



THEN SIGNING UP TO BE A 4-H CAMP
COUNSELOR
MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

2024 4-H CAMP WILL BE HELD AT
EPWORTH FOREST
ON LAKE WEBSTER

HOW TO SIGN UP

- 1 PLEASE SEE BACK OF NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR APPLICATION.
- 2 APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED NO LATER THEN **FEBRURARY 1ST**
- 3 CAN BE EMAILED TO REBECCA WEHN COMPLETE.

Indiana Farm Bureau Scholarship

INDIANA FARM BUREAU IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION WITH A MISSION TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND OUR COMMUNITIES. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE (WWW.JOIN.INFARMBUREAU.ORG).

OVER 260,000 MEMBER-FAMILIES SUPPORT INDIANA AGRICULTURE. MEMBERSHIP DUES ADVOCATE FOR AGRICULTURE BOTH ON THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND PUBLIC POLICY. ONE PROGRAM IS THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT. FARM BUREAU MEMBERS CHOOSE TO MAKE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS EACH YEAR. COUNTY AND DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE, STARTING IN JANUARY 2024, AND DUE BY MARCH 1ST, 2024.

DISCOVER THE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT OPTIONS AT

WWW.INFARMBUREAU.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

JANUARY SPOTLIGHT



PEGGY NICOLA

4-H Spotlight of Awesomeness!

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MEET PEGGY NICOLA OUR DOG CLUB LEADER AND 4-H VOLUNTEER. PEGGY HAS VOLUNTEERED WITH ALLEN COUNTY FOR 22 YEARS AND WAS PREVIOUSLY A 10 YEAR 4-H MEMBER! WHEN SHE STARTED VOLUNTEERING, SHE WAS WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY CLUB CALLED CRAFTY CUBS. SHE THEN STARTED WORKING WITH THE DOG CLUB ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO AND BECAME THE LEADER 7 YEARS AGO. SHE USED TO HAVE 3 DOGS BUT CURRENTLY HAS 1 HUSKY, LAB, SHEPHARD MIX NAMED ACE. PEGGY IS MARRIED AND HAS 3 CHILDREN. HER HUSBAND AND 2 OF HER KIDS ALSO VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H. DURING THE DAY SHE TEACHES PRE-SCHOOL, BUT DURING THE NIGHT YOU CAN FIND HER AND HER HUSBAND CRUISING AROUND TOWN IN THEIR MUSTANGS. THANK YOU PEGGY FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR ALLEN COUNTY 4-H. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Good
work!

New Member Orientation

Thursday, February 1st from 6-7pm

*1st & 2nd year members are welcome to join us here at the
Extension Office for **ORIENTATION NIGHT!***

-  Answering all your questions: (How 4-H Works?) (How to complete my projects?)
-  Meet other 4-Hers in the program and share interests
-  Pick up your project manuals, books and supplies.
-  Tips & Tricks for Success in 4-H

~Refreshments will be provided~

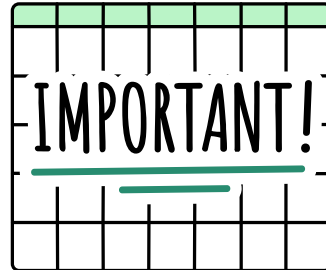
Allen County 4-H Rules Book

Look for the 2024 Rules book will be posted on the Purdue Website sometime mid January.



Printed copies will be available while supplies last at the Extension Office.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR



	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
	<u>JAN 30TH</u>	6:30-8PM	JUNIOR LEADER CALL OUT MEETING
	<u>FEB 1ST</u>	6PM-7PM	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION <i>(SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS)</i>
	<u>FEB 3RD</u>	10AM-NOON	BEEF/DAIRY BEEF WORKSHOP @ RANDY SCHAFER'S HOME <i>(EMAIL TO FOLLOW WITH FURTHER DETAILS)</i>
	<u>FEB 13TH</u>	6:00PM	RABBIT CALL OUT MEETING/PIZZA PARTY @ RAIMONDO'S <i>MUST RSVP # OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING</i> CMLHOPPERS@MSN.COM



4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Applications Are Due at Your County Extension Office by **February 1, 2024**

TO COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Read the requirements and behavioral expectations.
2. Note training and camp dates - check your schedule.
3. Fill out attached forms. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
4. Send application to your Extension Office in time to be received by February 1, 2024.

COUNSELOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must be in Grade 9—12 on January 1st to be considered for Camp Counselor.
If we do not receive enough high school counselor applications, 8th graders may be considered for "Counselors in Training".

2. **Must** attend the following Camp Counselor Trainings:

Tuesday, March 12	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Get to Know You
Friday, April 12	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Camp Planning
Thursday, May 9	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Camp Planning

Please Note: Meals will be provided at all above trainings.

3. Campers/Counselors report to 4-H Camp as follows:

Camp Counselors Arrival Tuesday, June 4, 2024 by 1PM
 4-H Camp Runs Wednesday, June 5 thru Friday, June 7

Counselors are expected to help check-out their campers and will not be permitted to leave until all campers have been picked up and we have been dismissed from duties at camp.

4. Camp Fees for Counselors are sponsored by your County 4-H, this is in investment in you!!
5. A limited number of Counselors will be selected from the Northeastern Indiana counties participating in 4-H Camp. You will be notified in mid-February 2024 as to whether or not you have been selected as a 2024 4-H Camp Counselor.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

County: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

4-H Member Contact Info: Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFO: Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Have you been a 4-H Camp Counselor before? NO: * YES: * If yes, # of years: _____

What years? _____

Favorite Grades to work with (mark all that apply): * 3rd * 4th * 5th * 6th * No Preference

Are you a Certified Lifeguard (this is not a requirement): * Yes * No

Special Needs or Accommodations:

Please list dietary restrictions, if any. _____

Please list accommodations necessary, to be a Camp Counselor, if any. _____

References:

Please list the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two people (not related to you) who can provide information about how you work with adults, peers and younger children, follow through on responsibilities, and conduct yourself in general. Examples – Teachers/Club Leaders/Employers etc.

1. _____

Name	Phone Number		
Address	City	State	Zip
Email	How do you know them?		

2. _____

Name	Phone Number		
Address	City	State	Zip
Email	How do you know them?		

1. Leadership Roles:

List experiences you have had in the last 3 years that you feel show your leadership training or abilities. They can be related to school, family, community, 4-H, or other clubs.

A. What activities are you involved in at school?

B. What activities are you involved in within your community?

C. What are your hobbies or interests outside of school?

2. What jobs have you held - paid or unpaid?

3. What are your favorite 4-H projects? (List 3 maximum)

4. What experience do you have working with younger children? Please explain:

5. Please list other activities not listed that you could do that could be appropriate for Camp, be creative as we are looking for new ideas:

6. Please list any Basic First Aid, CPR, Life-Saving, or Water Safety Certificate that you currently hold, if any. Please indicate the dates of certification.

7. IMPORTANT: In the space below and/or on back, write a brief biographical sketch. Include specialized training in camping, camping/outdoor skills, and experience or training in other activities which might have a bearing on your application.

Indiana 4-H Behavioral Criteria for all Youth Participants

Indiana 4-H has a set of behavioral criteria that we expect our participants to follow as outlined below. Youth and their parents/guardians review and agree to these expectations at the time of 4-H enrollment in 4-H Online.

When attending, participating in, or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, all persons are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H program to persons and the 4-H program.

As a participant in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program, I will:

- Respect, follow, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, including all laws related to child abuse and substance abuse.
- Conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and demonstrate reasonable conflict management skills. I will avoid any action that would obstruct or disrupt any 4-H activity, or that threatens or interferes with maintenance of appropriate order and discipline, and will also discourage others from any of those actions.
- Be truthful and forthright when representing the 4-H Youth Development Program. At no time, will I cheat or knowingly furnish false information.
- Present accurate, unaltered 4-H records.
- Follow the specific terms and conditions of a given project, contest, or activity. I will also encourage others to follow these terms and conditions.
- Under no circumstances possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products, electronic smoking devices (including, but not limited to, e-cigs, vapes, juuls), illegal drugs, or other dangerous substances at 4-H Youth Development Program events or activities.
- Under no circumstances distribute, misuse, or abuse over-the-counter, homeopathic (including supplements and vitamins), or prescription medications.
- Under no circumstances possess or use weapons, fire crackers, chemicals, or other materials that can be used to create an explosive mixture. Note: firearms and archery equipment utilized under the direct supervision of an approved and certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports activity are acceptable.
- Recognize that verbal, physical, or emotional abuse, or any conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person will not be tolerated. Avoid any reckless or inappropriate behavior.
- Respect physical property of others. Theft of, or malicious damage to, property is not tolerated, nor is any unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of any facility.
- Understand that failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts are not acceptable practices in 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Embrace diversity among all youth and adult participants, helping each person to feel welcome and included in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Accept my responsibility to represent 4-H Youth Development Programs with dignity and pride by being a positive role model for others.
- Avoid inappropriate interactions with, and inappropriate displays of affection toward, other persons. I will not have unapproved guests in sleeping quarters at overnight 4-H events, nor will I engage in sexual behavior.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for the event or activity.
- Avoid using any lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or language.
- Accept supervision and support from Extension staff or designated volunteers.
- Be mindful of and follow Purdue, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other state and local health authority safety guidelines and procedures related to any epidemic or pandemic illness.
- Participate in appropriate orientation and training, including youth protection standards, sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner.
- Not misuse fire equipment or sound a false fire alarm.
- Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants appropriate animal care and management.
- Use technology in an appropriate manner that reflects the best practices in youth development. During virtual 4-H activities, I will follow acceptable University practices being mindful of the virtual learning environment.
- Accept my responsibility to promote and support the 4-H Youth Development Program in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.

I have been given the opportunity to review these expectations and the opportunity to ask questions, and those questions have been answered to my satisfaction. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the behavioral expectations in this document. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action or termination of my participation in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program.

4-H Member Signature (required if 18 years of age or over)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date



4-H Camp Counselor Agreement

Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp



I, _____, agree to be a 4-H Camp Counselor at Epworth Forest Conference Center in North Webster, Indiana, from **June 5-7, 2024, including the preceding day (June 4) for camp preparations.**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the 4-H Camp Counselor Position, signed Indiana 4-H Youth Behavioral Expectations, and agree to abide by the responsibilities described in the Position Description.

I will be expected to:

- Attend the camp counselor training sessions.
 - March 12**, 5:30-8 PM ET at the Whitley County 4-H Center
 - May 9**, 5:30-8 PM ET at the Whitley County 4-H Center
 - April 12**, 5:30-8 PM ET at the Whitley County 4-H Center;
 - June 4** at 1 PM ET at the Epworth Forest Conference Center.
- Abide by the Camera/Cell Phone Policy (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension staff).
 - Educators will collect devices after breakfast Wednesday AM and all devices will be kept in a secured location throughout the duration of camp and returned at the completion of camp clean-up.
- Treat peers with respect by not bullying fellow counselors/campers or participating in roughhousing, horse-play, or hazing.
- Conduct myself as a positive role model and be responsible.
- Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes/stories.
- Leave my personal life at home if it is not appropriate to be heard by campers.
- Sign and follow 4-H –785Y; Youth Behavioral Expectations Form.
- Avoid inappropriate interactions with and displays of affection toward other persons.
- Wear appropriate attire during camp: school wear is a good rule of thumb (no tobacco or alcohol logos). Spaghetti-strapped tops, tube tops, halter tops, and bare midriffs are NOT acceptable. Shorts/pants belong at the waistline. Shorts need to be an appropriate length – middle of thigh. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes due to amount of activity and walking you will encounter.
- Not have possession of harmful objects without specific authorization from the Camp Chair, including but not limited to: knives of any kind (pocket, utility, etc.), lighters, matches, fireworks, explosives, firearms, weapons, etc.
- Be a responsible counselor and ensure campers are provided guidance towards a safe and fun week.
- Ensure that all campers are supervised by counselor staff at all times. Be sure that all campers know that they must remain on the camp grounds at all times and are responsible for their behavior at all times. Epworth Forest is an ungated camp near many residences, and the general public will sometimes walk through or enter the camp. Please make sure campers do not interact with strangers.
- Get to know each of the campers personally and by name.
- Have all campers give their medications to the nurse. Counselors will do the same.
- Make sure each camper uses personal hygiene, gets rest, and eats well. I will also take care of my own health by resting before coming to camp, eating healthy, and getting adequate sleep during camp.
- Make sure that all campers are familiar with camp facilities and camp rules.
- Go over the camp schedule every day to help campers know what to expect of the day.
- See that all campers are involved in all activities. Make sure no one is excluded.
- Check for illness or injury, but don't make a "fuss" about minor things. Escort hurt or sick campers to the nurse. Please make sure a fellow Counselor can "watch over" your other campers while you are travelling to and from the nurse.
- Follow guidelines for lights out and cabin supervision. Be in my cabin with my campers at all times between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine" (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension staff).
- Never discipline a camper by ridicule or physical punishment; patience and understanding works best.
- Urge safety at all times. Take time to explain how and why to do something safely.
- Work as a team to plan, organize, and conduct all camp activities.
- Be flexible with other counselors and adult staff. Plans do change, and rain does come.
- Participate in camp promotion.
- Follow the leadership of the camping program through adult advisors/volunteers/staff.
- Follow the camp rules as explained by the 4-H Camp Staff.
- Understand that if I am unable to fulfill these duties, Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp Staff may select an alternate counselor to take my place.

I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardian immediately to pick me up if I conduct myself in an irresponsible manner, which includes being out of my cabin after hours and/or the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or fireworks.

4-H Camp Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby approve of my child's selection as a 4-H Camp Counselor, and agree to help him or her to meet the guidelines listed above.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

**Parent or Legal Guardian's signature is required regardless of 4-H Camp Counselor's age for insurance purposes.*