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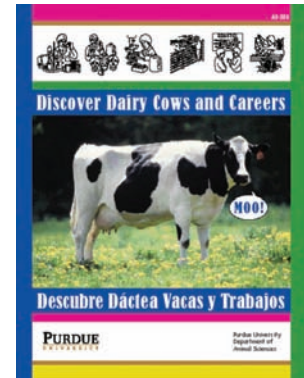
Purdue Extension, and in particular its 4-H program, has more than a century of experience helping young people develop into capable, caring, and responsible adults. Many of our educational materials are used in the traditional setting of a 4-H club. But they're also used by teachers for school enrichment and out-of-school programming, by home school families who seek hands-on learning experiences, and by parents and grandparents who are looking for fun activities to do with young people.

As they design these materials, Purdue Extension specialists draw on university research and emphasize hands-on learning, which is the hallmark of 4-H. The age-appropriate activities focus on developing life skills in leadership, citizenship, communication, and decision making. What follows is a brief description of some 4-H and Purdue Extension materials, arranged by age groups, from youngest to oldest.

Coloring books/storybooks (Preschool-Grade 4)

Children learn while they have fun with these coloring books/storybooks:

- *Buckaroo Says Be Money Wise* teaches about how to recognize the various denominations of coins and explains what money can be used for. (24 pages; \$1 each [item number 12-119]) or \$5 for a package of 10 [12-119A])
- *Careful Country Farm Safety Coloring and Activity Book* (S-89) includes a crossword puzzle and a word search about safety hazards to farm children. (24 pages; \$1)
- *Discover Dairy Cows and Careers* (AS-558) looks at the breeds of dairy cows, the products made from milk, and the people who create those products. The text is in English and Spanish. (16 pages; \$1.50)



Mini-4-H (K-2)

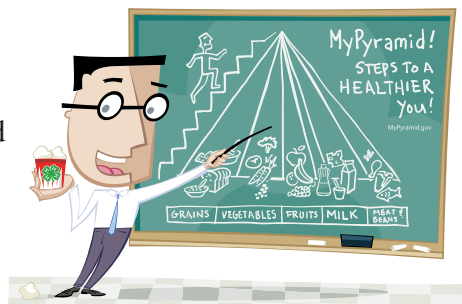
Each of the six curriculum guides has instructions for 7 to 11 activities and master copies of handouts. Mini 4-H activities are hands-on, user friendly, and fun. Units are flexible and can be used with one child or a group. *Collections* (4-H-911-1) explains how to start a collection of almost anything, from bottle caps, to coins, to rocks. *Trees* (4-H-911-2) examines the biology of trees, whereas *Forestry* (4-H-911-3) looks at the uses of trees and how they benefit mankind. *Bugs* (4-H-911-4) and *More Bugs* (4-H-911-5) take a look at the world of insects, while *Space* (4-H-911-6) delves into a topic that's out of this world. The manuals range from 24 to 32 pages, and each one costs \$3.

Exploring 4-H (Grades 1-4)

The 305-page curriculum guide (4-H-746) lists dozens of activities, with instructions. Topics include science and technology, life skills, animals around us, energy and conservation, foods and nutrition, and natural resources and ecology. The guide costs \$40.

Exploring MyPyramid with Professor Popcorn CD (Grades 1-6)

This CD is an extensive rewrite of a popular curriculum that takes into account the introduction of MyPyramid and the 2005 revisions in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The lessons provide nutrition and health information, so that young people in grades 1 through 6 will understand that good health is, in part, about the food and physical activity choices that they make daily. The curriculum focuses on MyPyramid, the 2005 dietary guidelines, the four Fight BAC!



Rules, and being physically active. The CD provides five lessons for each grade. Each lesson includes a lesson plan, an abundance of full-color, custom illustrations, handouts, recipes, and evaluation forms. Once the prep work is finished, the lessons can be conducted without any need for overheads, TV monitors, computers, or electricity. A sample lesson is at www.ces.purdue.edu/cfs/topics/EFNEP/professorpopcorn/index.shtml. Item CD-CFS-6 costs \$50, with a 50 percent discount for orders of 10 or more.

Project GROW (Grades 2-4)

Project GROW is hands-on citizenship education that teaches children about their role in society and aims to build self-esteem while teaching basic social studies. Children learn by doing, reflecting, and applying content. The 122-page Project GROW student manual (4-H-822) costs \$5, and the 188-page teacher's guide (4-H-822A) is \$7.

Junior Master Gardener (Grades 3-5)

Junior Master Gardener materials promote a love of gardening and an appreciation for the environment. *Health and Nutrition from the Garden* (4-H-B-6084, 230 pages, \$29), teaches young gardeners that growing and eating nutritious food can be fun. The 192-page *Junior Master Gardener Student Manual* (4-H-B-6082, \$16.50) covers plant growth and development, soil and water, and ecology and the environment. The companion 416-page *Teacher/Leader Guide* (4-H-B-6083, \$39) has 69 pages of worksheets, fun pages, songs, and resource materials.



Preventing Rural Childhood Injuries (Grades 3-6)

These three publications focus on health and safety risks to rural and farm children and provide practical guidelines to help parents, teachers, and volunteer leaders protect children from injury. Each publication includes a pull-out activity page. The titles are:

- *Farm Safety Camps* — also deals with machinery, livestock, and grain safety and drowning prevention. (6 pages; \$1 each [4-H-823]) or \$5 for a package of 10 [4-H-823A])
- *Kids, Sun, and Common Sense* — also deals with machinery, livestock and grain safety and preventing poisonings and head injuries. (6 pages; \$1 each [4-H-831]) or \$5 for a package of 10 [4-H-831A])
- *Hot Fire Facts* — deals with selecting the right fire extinguisher, fire-proofing the home, and how to install and maintain a smoke detector. (6 pages; \$1 each [4-H-839]) or \$5 for a package of 10 [4-H-839A])

Herschel's World of Economics DVD (Elementary grades)

Young kids will be charmed by Herschel, a feisty little puppet dog who thinks he knows a lot about economics, but still has a lot to learn. Dr. Day comes to the rescue and helps Herschel learn about important economic concepts identified in national and state standards. Welcome to Herschel's World of Economics©! Each Herschel DVD contains six, 10-minute video programs. The DVD (DVD-KEP-125, \$30) links to an easy-to-use Teacher's Guide.

- Program 1: Goods and Services
- Program 2: Producers and Consumers
- Program 3: Productive Resources
- Program 4: Scarcity
- Program 5: Trade and Money
- Program 6: Opportunity Cost

This product is also available as a combo set which contains both the Herschel's World of Economics DVD and the popular KidsEcon Posters Set A (11 posters covering economics concepts presented in the DVD). The combo set price is \$45. It is item KEP-200.



Meeting the Food Safety Needs of Bilingual and Low Literacy Youth (Grades 3-6)

This package is built around a 13-minute video, *The Mystery of the Poisoned Panther Picnic*. The video is about a baseball team that loses a tournament because the players come down with a foodborne illness, and how a reporter for the school paper tracks down the story. This package includes the video in English and a separate video with a Spanish voiceover, plus five lesson plans, an audiotape of a rap song about handwashing, and a pretest and post-test. All the materials are in English, except for the Spanish voiceover on the second videotape. CFS-653 costs \$50. You can order additional copies of the videotapes for \$20 each. The English videotape is V-CFS-29; the Spanish is V-CFS-29S.

Indiana Agricultural Literacy Curriculum CD (Grade 4)

This CD includes 40 lesson plans organized into eight units that present major segments of the agricultural industry (general agricultural science, animal science, plant science, horticultural science, agribusiness, environmental science, agricultural mechanics, and food science). The curriculum includes lesson plans, full-color handouts, and exercises to do in class. The CD (8-195) costs \$20.

Each lesson is matched with Indiana Academic Standards for the fourth grade.



Snakes of the Midwest CD (Grades 3-6)

This interactive CD (CD-FNR-3, \$14.95) will help you identify the snakes found in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. It contains information on identification, distribution and status, and ecology and behavior. The material contains lesson plans and lots of colorful photos, crossword puzzles, and other games. *The activities on this CD meet Indiana Academic Standards for science for grades 3, 5, and 6.*

Snakes of Indiana (Grades 5-12)

This 50-page book, *Snakes of Indiana* (FNR-173, \$6.50) is a guide to the snakes found in the Hoosier state. The four-color photos help the reader identify all 32 species. The book contains information about habitats, size, food sources, habits, common names, and endangered status. There are tips for managing snakes around homes and farmsteads, and information about three venomous snakes and their locations. (Also available as a book on a CD; order CD-DNR-173, which also costs \$6.50.)

Wildlife (Grades 3-12)

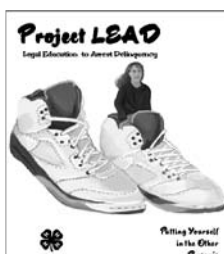
The *Indiana 4-H Wildlife* curriculum is intended to lay the groundwork for a lifetime of wildlife enjoyment and to teach youth where plants and animals fit in the earth's lifecycle.

Each manual costs \$3. They are:

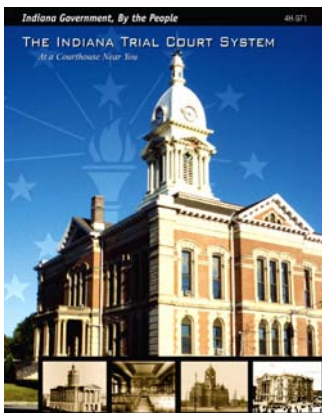
- Wildlife Level A* (4-H-903) for grades 3-4
- Wildlife Level B* (4-H-904) for grades 5-6
- Wildlife Level C* (4-H-905) for grades 7-8
- Wildlife Level D* (4-H-906) for grades 9-12

The *Wildlife Leader's Guide* (4-H-907), costs \$2.50.

Project LEAD (Grades 5-6)



Project LEAD (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) is designed to prevent juvenile delinquency by helping students in the upper elementary grades learn to make choices and be aware of the consequences of their choices. Learners explore how laws are made and why they are needed and learn about the justice system and law enforcement. The 48-page student manual (4-H-669) costs \$2.50. The 166-page leader's guide (4-H-669B) costs \$10.

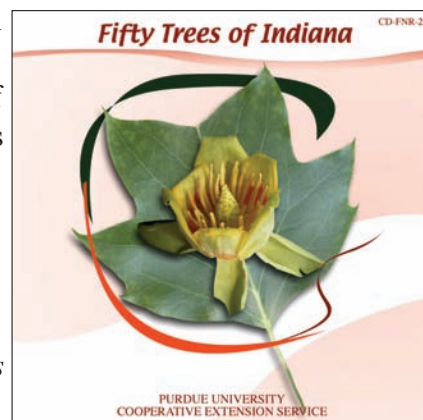


Indiana Government (Middle school students)

Each of the four manuals in the *Indiana Government, By the People* series contains activities and worksheets appropriate for upper elementary and middle school students. *Introducing the General Assembly* (4-H-896), explains how the Indiana Legislature works. *Boards That Run My World* (4-H-912), looks the local school board and the county library board. *The Indiana Trial Court System: At a Courthouse Near You* (4-H-971), is an overview of Indiana's local courts. *The Indiana Appellate Process: Courts of Last Resort* [4-H-972], is about state-level appeals courts. Each book costs \$4.50. For more information, go to www.ces.purdue.edu/government.

Fifty Trees of Indiana (Grades 4-12)

Fifty Trees of Indiana is available as a 64-page black and white booklet (4-H-15-80, \$3) or as a CD (CD-FNR-2, \$15) with an interactive tool to identify trees, plus lots of color photos, background information about tree families and communities, pop-up glossary definitions, and lesson plans. Both items deal with 50 important Indiana trees. They do not describe all Indiana trees or give descriptions of the trees' winter conditions. *The lesson plans on this CD match Indiana Academic Standards for reading, science and math for grade 4, science standards for grades 6-8, and standards for biology, environmental science, ecology and evolution for grades 9-12.*



Great Lakes CDs (Grades 9-12)

Purdue University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have developed three interactive CDs to provide information on the importance of the Great Lakes and the need to protect this valuable ecosystem. *Biodiversity around the Great Lakes* (CD-EPA-20) provides basic information about biodiversity and other environmental issues and information about the activities and groups who protect the lake environment. *Habitat Management and Monitoring* (CD-EPA-21) examines how habitats support the ecosystem, and the role that plants and animals play in their habitats. *Big River* (CD-EPA-22) offers a multimedia exploration of the Mississippi River and its environs. Starting in the forests of Lake Itaska in Minnesota, *Big River* tells the story of the 500 miles of the upper Mississippi until it joins the Ohio River at Cairo, Ill. Each CD costs \$8.50.



Plant Propagation CD (Grades 7-12)

Plant Propagation shows how to grow new plants from seeds or from established plants. The college-level course contains hundreds of photos, 52 videos of propagation techniques, and almost 50 detailed graphics and animations. In addition, there are 32 quizzes, many with interactive graphics that allow students to test their knowledge hands-on. CD-HO-3 costs \$40. See a Web preview of the course at www.hort.purdue.edu/plantprop/webversion/Intro.html. *The activities on this CD meet Indiana Academic Standards for science for grades 7 and 8 and high school standards for plants and soils.*



Biological Control of Purple Loosestrife (Grades 9-12)

Purple loosestrife, an invasive plant, is a widespread and serious problem in wetlands, lakes, and waterways throughout the United States. Control by conventional means has proven to be impractical. An alternative is biological control by introduction of natural enemies from its native range. *Biological Control of Purple Loosestrife* (4-H-917, 48 pages, \$2) shows students in grades 9-12 how to raise and release beetles that feed only on loosestrife. A leader's guide (4-H-918, 94 pages) also is available for \$8.

Indiana Farmland: Fight or Flight? Preserving Indiana's Agricultural Heritage DVD (Grades 9-12)

Indiana's heritage is deeply rooted in agriculture, and the state ranks second to Illinois in the percentage of land considered prime farmland. However, urban sprawl is fragmenting, farmland at an alarming rate. Every hour of every day, 10 acres of farmland are converted to other uses. In the last decade, more than a million acres of Indiana farmland have gone out of production. The goals of this DVD are to raise awareness of the issue, to explore the value of preserving farmland, and to present farmland protection program options. Activities include a worksheet students complete while watching the video and an assignment where students work alone and in small groups to decide where a company should build a new factory. DVD-ACS-1 costs \$9.95. *This curriculum meets Indiana Academic Standards for U.S. government.*



Indiana 4-H Mercury Recycling Activity (All ages)

This free leader's guide contains ideas for 10 activities that 4-H clubs, other youth organizations, or a school class can organize to help Indiana citizens understand the environmental and human health threats of mercury and to inventory, collect, and properly dispose of household items containing mercury. You'll find the 67-page, 2-megabyte PDF file at www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/4H/4H_949w_web.pdf.

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