



Suggested Letter to Parents

Dear 4-H Parent,

As your 4-H member begins to prepare for a 4-H Academy @ Purdue at Purdue University (June 11-13, 2025), please consider the following information:

What is a 4-H Academy @ Purdue?

It is a three-day conference conducted for approximately 200 4-H members from Indiana's 92 counties. 4-H Academy @ Purdue provides important learning experiences and is an opportunity for 4-H members to:

- Meet and make new friends with youth from across the state of Indiana, as well as a select group of students from other states.
- Live on the Purdue University campus and experience life in a residence hall.
- Learn that a land-grant university, like Purdue, is dedicated to the development of people through Teaching, Research and Extension.
- Participate in a conference planned and prepared by faculty and staff at Purdue University.
- Learn more about the 4-H program as a participant in one of Purdue's many educational activities.
- Develop a feeling that the 4-H program makes an important contribution to both youth and adults on a state-wide basis.

Who Sponsors This Trip?

It is different in each county; however, it is a good idea to ask me for any specifics prior to our departure. A thank you note mailed by your son or daughter from campus is most appreciated - you may wish to remind them of this.

How Much Money Is Needed?

Some meals are a part of the conference fee and some meals are on-your-own. In addition to some extra food money (late-night pizza), souvenirs are available near campus (maybe \$50 - \$75).

What Is The Expected Behavior On A College Campus?

4-H has specific Behavioral Expectations for State and National 4-H Events. Please discuss these with your son/daughter to avoid any misunderstanding relative to conduct. Respect for others' well-being and their property is important (please do not hesitate to ask me for an extra copy of the behavioral expectations, if you do not already have one).

We will abide by closing hours and a lights-out policy. Residence rooms are locked and keys are issued to each delegate. There is no key deposit, but a lost key costs \$100.00. Also, any property damage will be assessed to the persons living in the room, during the time the damage occurred.



Parents please do not drive to the Purdue campus when your teen calls and says they are bored or their tummy hurts without contacting your local 4-H Youth Educator or the State 4-H Office first to clarify the situation. Personal safety and health of young people are our upmost concern, but they also need to learn independence and how to adjust to new surroundings.

What Is The Address?

The 4-H members are in residence such a short time that mail would not reach them. In the event of an emergency, contact: **Purdue University Police at (765) 494-8221.**

If you have additional questions, please let me know. We want all of our 4-H delegates to have a fun and educational experience during the 2025 4-H Academy @ Purdue.

Sincerely,

Extension Educator