



DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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It's the most wonderful time of the year! (Except for the week of the 4-H Fair which is basically Christmas in July.)

I had to break out my winter coat last week and let me tell you, I miss summer already! But even though the weather cools down doesn't mean 4-H does, because we have some great opportunities coming up for young people to participate in!

First, the 4-H Day at the Statehouse is a great opportunity for 7th - 12th grade students to explore the world of our state government, meet state officials, and learn new leadership skills. The deadline for that registration is January 15th.

A new trip/revived trip is coming up in March. Teen Leadership Weekend is a revamped experience of State Jr. Leader Conference. Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend one of the best leadership development opportunities offered to teens in Indiana. Students will gain invaluable new skills, as well as gain new knowledge they can bring back to their local 4-H clubs and program.

If you would like to attend either of these trips and finances are holding you back, please reach out to the extension office and we can explore different funding avenues.

Lastly, 4-H Scholarships are live and need to be applied for! A description of all 4-H Scholarships provided by the Indiana 4-H Foundation is in this newsletter.

Stay jolly and stay warm!

Wes Richardson, 4-H Youth Development Educator

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Important Dates

2024

Oct. 1 - Online Enrollment begins!

Dec. 10 - Volunteer Training and 4-H Board of Directors Meeting

2025

Jan. 15 - Registration due for 4-H Day at the State House

Jan. 15 - Registration opens for Teen Leadership Weekend

Jan. 25 - Scholarship Applications due

Feb. 11 - 4-H Day at the State House

March 28 - 30 - Teen Leadership Weekend

4-H PLEDGE -

I PLEDGE

MY HEAD to clearer thinking

MY HEART to greater loyalty

MY HANDS to larger service, and

MY HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



The start of a new year is a great time to refocus and refresh our healthy habits. The 4th H for Health Challenge can start you off right with activities related to physical activity, nutrition, hydration, and more!

One great way to incorporate more fruits and veggies is by making a smoothie! Find a step-by-step guide to host a smoothie challenge here:

<https://purdue.ag/4HSmoothie>



VOLUNTEER TRAINING



-FOR ANY ADULT THAT HAS BEEN
A VOLUNTEER IN THE PAST
-FOR ANY ADULT THAT WANTS TO
BE ONE NOW

**DECEMBER 10TH
6:00PM - 7:00PM
AT THE 4-H
FAIRGROUNDS**

Contact the Daviess
County Purdue
Extension office with
any questions.
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VOLUNTEER



4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



Tuesday February 11th 2025

Cost is \$25

Overnight Accommodations are available for an additional \$25

Space is limited

Register Now!

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>





TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 28-30

Ages: Grades 7th-12th

**Contact your local Purdue
Extension Office to learn
more and register!**

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!





2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



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