

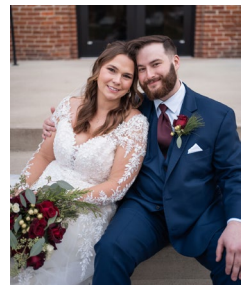
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Franklin County 4-H Members, Volunteers, and Families-

Welcome

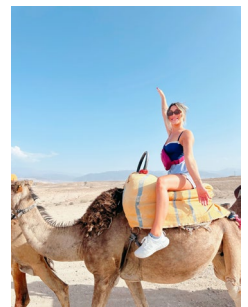
Welcome to the Franklin County 4-H Program! My name is Elizabeth and I am your Franklin County 4-H Youth Development Educator. Throughout the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you have. I know 4-H can be overwhelming with so many different opportunities, deadlines, livestock requirements, etc., but I promise there are so many volunteers and tenured 4-H members that will be happy to serve as mentors.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. I grew up in Franklin County and graduated from FCHS in 2016. I was a proud 10-year 4-H member, with my favorite projects being Dog Obedience, Poultry, and Floriculture. After high school, I pursued my passion for animals by studying Animal Sciences at Purdue University, where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in 2020 and my Master's Degree in 2022. While in college, I had the opportunity to work for the Indiana State Poultry Association on campus and spent many summers here in the Franklin County office as the summer assistant. In my free time, I enjoy tackling DIY projects and traveling. I am also excited to share that this past December, I got married! As a result, you may notice my name has changed from Elizabeth Simmermeyer to Elizabeth Boyd. We had a beautiful winter wedding and are excited to begin this new chapter of our lives together.



Purdue Extension Franklin County Office

Hello, I'm Sara Bowling, the Office Manager here at the Extension Office. I've been part of the team for three years and have loved being apart of 4-H. Some of my favorite projects are Fashion Revue, Talent Show, and the Beef Show. I'm a Franklin County native and a 2024 graduate of Indiana University East with a Bachelor of Science in Communications. Outside of work, I enjoy traveling—I've visited Italy twice, Spain, France, and Africa, with plans to explore even more countries coming May. I also love staying active, spending time with family and friends, and taking on new adventures. I'm excited to announce that I'll be leading the Highland Mini 4-H Club this year and look forward to introducing our members to the world of 4-H! Let's have a great year together. To the right, you will see me on a camel in the desert in Morocco, Africa!



Hello everyone! I'm Gwendolyn Durham, the Administrative Assistant here at the Extension Office. I'm relatively new to the team, having been here just shy of two years, but I've quickly grown to love being a part of this incredible team. As a Franklin County native and former 4-H member, I've experienced firsthand the many ways that 4-H can shape and inspire youth, with my favorite projects being Poultry, Crafts, and Cake Decorating. I also recently graduated IU with my Bachelor's degree in Administration and Marketing, which has helped me bring a unique perspective to my role at the Extension Office. It's exciting to apply my skills to a job that allows me to be involved with a community that I love. Outside of work, I enjoy expressing my creativity through art, hitting the gym, and traveling. I'm always eager to explore new places and spend quality time with my friends. I'm really looking forward to what this year holds and am here to assist however I can. Whether you're a long-time member or new to 4-H, I'm happy to help answer questions and offer support. Don't hesitate to reach out, and let's make this a fantastic year together!

Purdue Extension/4-H Relationship

Purdue University is Indiana's land grant institution and delivers 4-H through the Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service is supported through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and "provides non-formal education and learning activities to people throughout the country- to farmers and other residents of rural communities as well as to people living in urban areas. It emphasizes taking knowledge gained through research and education and bringing it directly to the people to create positive changes" (nifa.usda.gov). 4-H is offered across the nation but may look a little different from state-to-state. I encourage you to participate in state and national 4-H opportunities, as these connections you make will last a lifetime.

4-H Volunteers

Our program has over 500 youth members, which is very exciting for our community! We also have over 100 adult volunteers who work hard and dedicate their time to ensure that our program is successful. Our volunteers go through annual training each year and are committed to making the Franklin County 4-H program a safe and fun place. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact me. Volunteers can do a variety of things- lead a workshop, host a SPARK club, be a club leader, help at fair, serve on a committee, provide fairgrounds upkeep, etc. I am always open to new ideas, as our youth can benefit and learn from our volunteers' interests and talents. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your dedication and commitment!

Communication

The majority of our information that we send out will be communicated through email. Most emails will come from myself, Sara, Gwen, or 4HOnline-Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H. If you are not receiving emails, let me know as soon as possible. If you are not able to access email, let me know so we can be sure to send information to you in a different way (i.e., USPS).

4-H Online

You are receiving this because you signed up for 4-H in 4-H Online. However, please be sure that your status has been "approved." You are not an approved 4-H member until your enrollment fee is paid. Volunteers are not approved until they complete enrollment and youth protection trainings. We will utilize 4-H Online as our information database. Make sure to keep your profile updated- if you have an address, phone number, or email change, update it in the system, both under your individual profile AND your family profile. Contact the office if you need help with this.

Fair Entry

Fair Entry is a system that organizes all exhibits for the fair. Results and placings will be kept track of using this system, so it is important for all 4-Hers to enter their exhibit information before the deadline. This includes both animal and static project exhibits. For animal exhibits, 4-Hers must enter each class they plan to exhibit in at the fair. Failure to enter exhibits on Fair Entry could result in failure to participate at the fair. Any 4-H exhibitor arriving at the fair to check-in an animal or non-animal exhibit and has not completed the Fair Entry process will not be permitted to advance through the fair's check-in process until entry has been completed in Fair Entry. 4-H educators have the discretion to change or update entries at the request of the 4-Her's family. Be on the lookout for Fair Entry directions in late May/early June. Right now, you can mark your calendar that Fair Entry will be open beginning on June 9th. Static projects and mini 4-H projects must be entered by June 20th. Animal entries must be completed by July 3rd.

2025 Franklin County 4-H Fair

Franklin County 4-H Fair events begin for 4-Hers on Wednesday, July 9th. There is a schedule included for your convenience. It is also available in the handbook.

Franklin County 4-H Handbook

The handbook is a great resource for all 4-H members, volunteers, and families. It is a rather long document but you can utilize the table of contents to find what is applicable to you. All of the changes are in **red font** and the new book is updated on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/franklin/franklin-4h.html>. Let the office know if you have any questions or if you would like to request a printed copy. As a reminder, it is YOUR responsibility to understand any rule changes, dates, etc. If you are unsure of something, please ask. The handbook is subject to change and any changes will be communicated accordingly.

Green Folders

Each 4-H member will receive a Green Folder with a Franklin County Points Sheet, My Record of Achievement, Project Record Sheet, and record sheets/skill sheets and project manuals (if applicable). Mini 4-H members don't necessarily have a Green Folder, but they do have a packet with their project manuals and other important information. The Green Folders/Mini 4-H Packets are ready for pick up at the Extension Office now until March 1. After March 1, your 4-H club leader will have them to give out at 4-H meetings.

Project Manuals

Several 4-H projects have manuals that may be used for additional information or guidance in completing the project. These manuals are available at Shop4-H.org or can be requested from the Extension Office until our inventory runs out. If the

manual is required for project completion, it will be provided at no cost with your Green Folder. These projects include Achievement, Child Development, Consumer Clothing, and Electric. All animal project exhibitors will receive a resource book that they will keep for their entire 4-H career (1 per family). Mini 4-H members will receive manuals for static projects.

Extended Office Hours

We will have extended office hours on the following days from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm: February 24th, February 27th, June 18th, July 1st. Please utilize this time to pick up Green Folders/Mini 4-H Packets, enter animal ID data, complete Fair Entry, ask questions, etc. If there is ever a time you are not able to make it to our office during normal business hours, please let me know. I would be happy to work something out.

Mini 4-H Information

Mini 4-H is a fun way to get youth involved in the program before “regular” 4-H begins. Mini 4-H is exhibition only, meaning youth do not actually compete for awards. Youth signed up for Mini 4-H Horse and Pony should contact a leader of the Mustangers to let them know their intentions to either 1) bring their own animal or 2) borrow a regular 4-H member’s animal. Youth signed up for Mini 4-H Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Swine, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, or Sheep need to have a mentor. Their mentor is a regular 4-H member who loans them their animal during the show. Please contact the office if you need a mentor. Review the handbook for all guidelines regarding Mini 4-H animal exhibits.

Static Project Information

Static projects are also known as non-walking or building projects. There are a few static project changes to note. See below for major changes. However, review the updated handbook for ALL of the guidelines. Changes will be in **red font**.

- **Arts and Crafts:** All Lego projects should be entered in “Construction and Architecture Replica.”
- **Livestock Poster:** This is changed to “Animal Education” in the handbook. The project guidelines are similar to previous years, but it is now eligible for the Indiana State Fair. See project rules for more information.
- **Beekeeping:** See project rules for more information.
- **Collections:** There is a collections record sheet that is required to be submitted with the project.
- **Computer:** See project rules for more information.
- **Construction and Architecture Replica:** The exhibit can be no larger than at standard 8’ long table.
- **Consumer Clothing:** See project rules for more information.
- **Entomology:** Specimens may be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24” x 18” x 3”, displayed horizontally.
- **Fashion Revue:** This is now split into two projects “Fashion Revue Consumer Clothing” and “Fashion Revue Sewing.” There are also new narrative sheets to complete.
- **Geology:** Specimens may be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24” x 18” x 3”, displayed horizontally.
- **Photography:** See project rules for more information.
- **Sewing:** There is a new skills card and Sewing Skills and Techniques sheet.
- **Shooting Sports:** Youth also have the opportunity to participate in muzzleloader and pistol.
- **Woodworking:** This will now be turned in and judged on FRIDAY of pre-fair week. See the schedule for more information.

Animal Information

Livestock ID and weigh in will take place at the fairgrounds on Friday, May 9 from 5 pm to 8 pm. 4-H market animals and commercial animals - including market lambs and commercial ewes, dairy goat wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, ALL beef cattle including starter calves, meat goat wethers, market goat does - must attend Weigh-In/ID Day each year.

Animals, including rabbits, horse and pony, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, beef, and dairy, must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15. Failure to do so will result in losing the opportunity to exhibit at both county and Indiana State Fair. If a 4-Her is still unsure of which animal(s) they plan to exhibit at the fair, it is advised they enter all eligible animals on 4-H Online by May 15. Even if the animal is not born and does not have ID data yet, you must still enter the animal with a pending ID. Please see the handbook for specific identification requirements.

There are a few changes regarding animal guidelines. Review the handbook for all of the guidelines. Changes are in **red font**.

Franklin County 4-H Programs

4-H is more than just the fair- there are so many learning opportunities that help youth to develop lifelong skills and friendships. I challenge you to step outside of your comfort zone this year and try something new. Included with this letter, you will find several flyers for upcoming events. Registration can be completed in 4-H Online under the events tab.

4-H Camp

In years past, Franklin County has been a part of Area 7 4-H Camp. However, as of January 1, Franklin County has been removed from Area 7 and placed in Area 1. Therefore, we will be camping with Area 1 counties – Franklin, Decatur, Bartholomew, Brown, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, and Jefferson. Camp will remain at Higher Ground in West Harrison. However, there are a few changes from what we are used to. Camp is for grades 3-12.

Youth in grades 8-12 will serve as Junior Staff. Applications for Junior Staff are now open until February 10th on 4-H Online. Please see the application for more information and the dates for Junior Staff trainings. Cost for Junior Staff will be covered by the 4-H Association. For Junior Staff, camp runs from Monday, June 2nd until Friday, June 6th. For campers in grades 3-7, registration has not been released yet. Stay tuned! The cost will be \$230. For campers grades 3-7, camp runs from Tuesday, June 3rd until Friday, June 6th.

State and National 4-H Programs

There are so many opportunities for 4-H members to develop skills, create relationships, and discover their passions across the state and even the country. Visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html> to learn more about these programs and opportunities. Hint- partake in these opportunities! They were my favorite part of 4-H growing up and you will not regret stepping out of your comfort zone to try something new or experience a different place. They also look great on scholarship applications and job resumes down the road. 😊

Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook at *Purdue Extension Franklin County* and *Franklin County Indiana 4-H* to stay up-to-date on events and programs. I also encourage you to utilize our website for event flyers and our handbook. It can be accessed at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/franklin/franklin-4h.html>.

Now What?

1. Make sure you are an approved 4-H member/adult volunteer in 4-H Online.
2. Review the handbook.
3. Sign up for events in 4-H Online.
4. Mark your calendars for program dates, animal ID, animal weigh in, Fair Entry, project turn in/judging, etc.
5. Be on the lookout for information from your club leader about when meetings take place.
6. Check your emails for updates from the Extension Office.
7. Get involved as much as you can!

I hope everyone has a great new year and takes full advantage of all of the opportunities we have to offer in Franklin County 4-H, as the ten years goes by fast! Please let me know how I can help you succeed.

Thank you,

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Boyd

Purdue Extension, Franklin County

4-H Youth Development

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2025 Franklin County 4-H Fair Schedule

	What:	When:	Where:
Monday, June 30	Extension Office moves to Fairgrounds Office	All day	Fairgrounds
Tuesday, July 1	Exhibit Hall Clean Up	5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall
Thursday, July 3	Livestock Barn Clean Up, Goat and Sheep Pen Set Up	5:00 pm	Livestock barns
Monday, July 7	Static Project Drop Off: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Writing 	By 4:00 pm	Extension Office
Monday, July 7	Tractor Driving Practice	TBD	Fairgrounds
Tuesday, July 8	Tractor Driving Practice	TBD	Fairgrounds
Tuesday, July 8	Top Trainer Contest Written Test	6:00 pm	Show arena
Wednesday, July 9	Tractor, Zero-Turn, and Lawn and Garden Safety and Operator Skills Parts ID and Driving Contest (Parts ID first, then driving)	9:00 am	Exhibit Hall, Parking Area
Wednesday, July 9	Sewing Fashion Revue- Sewing (Jr Sewing and Sr Sewing Fashion Revue will be judged first at the same time and then Sr Sewing and Jr Sewing Fashion Revue will be judged afterwards at the same time)	Check in: 8:00-9:00 am Judging: 9:30 am	Exhibit Hall and Activity Tent
Wednesday, July 9	Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue- Consumer Clothing (Those entered in both Consumer Clothing and Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue will be judged first, simultaneously. Then those only entered in Consumer Clothing will be judged.)	Check in: 12:00-1:00 pm Judging: 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall and Activity Tent
Wednesday, July 9	Static Project Judging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Crafts • Construction and Architecture Replica • Fine Arts • Model Craft • Needle Craft 	Check in: 5:00-6:00 pm Judging: 6:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
Thursday, July 10	Static Project Judging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Achievement • Aerospace • Animal Education • ATV Safety • Cake Decorating • Child Development • Collections 	Check in: 8:00-9:00 am Judging: 9:30 am	Exhibit Hall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computers • Electric • Entomology • Forestry • Genealogy • Geology • Health • History • Home Environment • International Studies • Photography • Shooting Sports • Small Engines • Soil and Water Science • Sportfishing • Sports • Veterinary Science • Weather and Climate Science • Wildlife 		
Thursday, July 10	Dog Poster	4:00 pm	Show arena
Thursday, July 10	Dog Show (followed by Mini 4-H Dog Obedience show)	4:30 pm	Show arena
Friday, July 11	Static Project Judging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beekeeping • Crops • Floriculture • Foods • Garden • Herbs • Potatoes • Woodworking 	Check in: 8:00-9:00 am Judging: 9:30 am	Exhibit Hall
Friday, July 11	Mini 4-H Static Project Judging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini 4-H Bicycle • Mini 4-H Collections • Mini 4-H Crafts • Mini 4-H Dinosaurs • Mini 4-H Exploring Farm Animals • Mini 4-H Foods • Mini 4-H Forestry • Mini 4-H Gardening • Mini 4-H Models • Mini 4-H Pets • Mini 4-H Plants & Flowers • Mini 4-H Reading • Mini 4-H Sewing • Mini 4-H Sun, Stars & Space • Mini 4-H Whales & Dolphins • Mini 4-H Wildlife Adventure • Mini 4-H Woodworking 	Check in: 8:00 am Judging: 8:00 am	Exhibit Hall

Friday, July 11	Public Speaking	Check in: 1:00-1:30 pm Judging: 1:30 pm	Activity tent
Friday, July 11	Horse and Pony Tack Set Up	3:00-8:00 pm	Livestock Barns
Friday, July 11	Rabbit and Poultry Pen Set Up	6:00 pm	Livestock barns
Saturday, July 12	Horse and Pony Show and Mini 4-H Horse and Pony Show	Check in: 7:30 am Judging: 8:00 am	Horse arena
Saturday, July 12	Swine Tack Set Up	8:00-10:00 pm	Swine Barn
Sunday, July 13	Horse and Pony Ranch and Contesting	Check in: 7:30 am Judging: 8:00 am	Horse arena
Sunday, July 13	Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat Tack Set Up	2:30 pm (or after the horse show is complete)	Livestock Barns
Sunday, July 13	Swine, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat Vet Check and Penning/Stalling	3:00-7:00 pm	Livestock Barns
Sunday, July 13	Swine, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat Weigh In and Check In	TBD by species committee	Livestock Barns
Sunday, July 13	Poultry and Rabbit Check In	3:00-7:00 pm	Poultry and rabbit barn
Monday, July 14	Poultry Show (followed by Mini 4-H Poultry Show)	9:00 am	Poultry and rabbit barn
Monday, July 14	Sheep Show (followed by Mini 4-H Sheep Show)	9:00 am	Show arena
Monday, July 14	Meat Goat Show (followed by Mini 4-H Meat Goat Show)	2:00 pm	Show arena
Monday, July 14	Awards Presentation - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Public Speaking Speeches, 10 Year 4-H Member Recognition, Farm Bureau Tenure Award Presentation, Grand Champion Static Project Award Presentation	8:00 pm	Activity tent

Tuesday, July 15	Beef and Starter Calf Show	9:30 am	Show arena
Tuesday, July 15	Rabbit Ambassador and Rabbit Showmanship (followed by Mini 4-H Rabbit Show)	9:00 am	Poultry and rabbit barn
Tuesday, July 15	Rabbit Show	5:00 pm	Show arena
Tuesday, July 15	Talent Show	5:00 pm	Activity tent
Wednesday, July 16	Swine Show (followed by Mini 4-H Swine Show)	9:00 am	Show arena
Wednesday, July 16	Pet Show	5:00 pm	Activity tent
Wednesday, July 16	Horse and Pony Versatility Class and Awards	6:00 pm	Horse arena
Wednesday, July 16	Fashion Revue Awards	7:00 pm	Activity tent
Wednesday, July 16	4-H Fun Night	8:00 pm	Show arena
Thursday, July 17	Dairy Goat Show (followed by Mini 4-H Dairy Goat Show)	8:00 am	Show arena
Thursday, July 17	Dairy Cattle Show	1:00 pm	Show arena
Thursday, July 17	Showman of Showmen Contest	7:00 pm	Show arena
Thursday, July 17	Livestock Check Out (Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Swine, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry) Option 1 and Barn Clean Up	9:00 pm -midnight	Livestock barns
Friday, July 18	Livestock Check Out (Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Swine, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry) Option 2 and Barn Clean Up	7:00-9:00 am	Livestock barns
Friday, July 18	Livestock Auction	6:00 pm	Show arena
Saturday, July 19	Static Project Check Out	9:00-11:00 am	Exhibit Hall
Saturday, July 19	Fairgrounds Clean Up	9:00 am	Exhibit Hall and livestock barns



2025 FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK DATES



Livestock Care Training

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training is a certification that each Indiana 4-H livestock (rabbit, poultry, dairy, beef, swine, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep) exhibitor must obtain prior to checking in at the Franklin County 4-H Fair. This certification can be completed at an in-person training provided by the 4-H Youth Development Educator. The training must be completed yearly. One alternative is YQCA training completed online. If a 4-H member chooses the YQCA option, they must provide proof of certification. Trainings in Franklin County take place on 2/10, 3/11, 4/17, 5/3, 6/19, 7/3. Sign up in 4-H Online.

Weigh In/ID Day

4-H market animals and commercial animals - including market lambs and commercial ewes, dairy goat wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, ALL beef cattle including starter calves, meat goat wethers, market goat does - must attend Weigh-In/ID Day each year. Weigh-In/ID Day will take place on Friday, May 9 from 5-8 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Elizabeth will be there with swine tags for sale and will be collecting DNA samples for ISF. You do not need to sign up in advance.

Animal Identification in 4-H Online

All animals (excluding poultry and dogs) must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. Refer to the handbook for ID requirements for each species. As stated in the handbook, the office has livestock ID tags available for purchase.

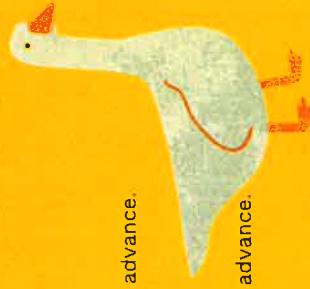
DNA for ISF Exhibitors

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the Indiana State Fair, you may need to submit a DNA hair sample. DNA envelopes are available to be picked up at the Extension Office. These MUST be returned to the office by May 15, 2025.



Rabbit Tattoo Day

Rabbit Tattoo Day will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 10 am. It will be at the Whitcomb Shelter at the fairgrounds. You do not need to sign up in advance.



Poultry Blood Testing Day

Poultry Blood Testing will take place on June 7 from 10:30-12:00 and a workshop from 12:00-1:00 at the fairgrounds. You do not need to sign up in advance.

Fair Entry

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If you are in need of accommodations, please contact Elizabeth prior to the meeting at
(765) 647-3511 three weeks prior to the event.

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Youth must sign up for the training they plan to attend in 4-H Online.

Monday, February 10 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM @ Brookville Library

Tuesday, March 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM @ Brookville Library

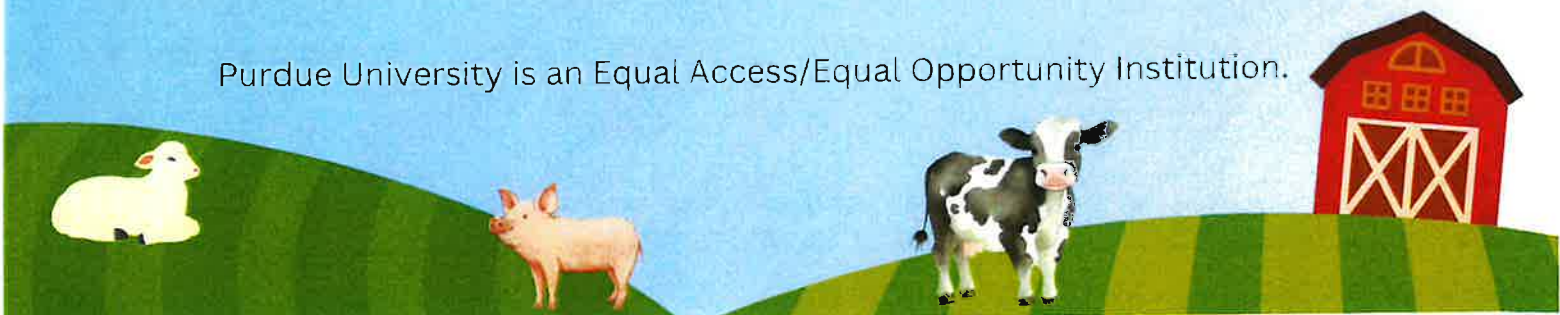
Thursday, April 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM @ Brookville Library

Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ FC 4-H Fairgrounds
(Livestock Day)

Thursday, June 19 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM @ Brookville Library

Thursday, July 3 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM @ FC 4-H Fairgrounds

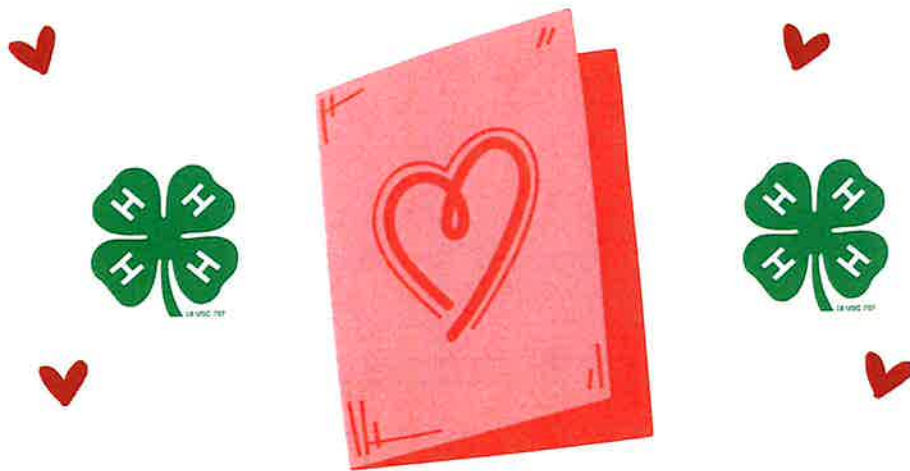
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Valentine's Day
CARD MAKING



**SPREAD LOVE THIS VALENTINE'S SEASON! JOIN US
FOR A FUN EVENING OF CRAFTING HEARTFELT CARDS
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NURSING HOME.**

FEBRUARY 12 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Brookville Health Care Center: 11049 IN-
101, Brookville, IN 47012**

**RSVP via 4-H Online by
Friday, February 7**

ENHANCE YOUR 4-H CLUB



OFFICER TRAINING

Are you a 4-H club officer? Are you interested
in running for an officer position?

Thursday, February 20th from 6-8 pm
Franklin County Farmers Mutual 4-H Expo Hall

- learn about club officer positions and responsibilities
- practice Robert's Rules of Order
- discover ways to enhance your 4-H club meetings

Open to all 4-H youth in grades 3-12 and adult 4-H volunteer

Sign up in 4-H Online by February 17th



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Franklin County

4-H INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, February 25 6-8 pm
Franklin County 4-H Farmers
Mutual Expo Hall

- meet Franklin County Purdue Extension Office staff, Franklin County 4-H Association Board of Directors, and 4-H volunteers
- learn about 4-H requirements, upcoming dates and deadlines, and how to prepare for the fair
- all youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian



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FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H ROBOTICS SPARK CLUB



Who: youth grades 5-12

When: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Franklin County 4-H Farmers Mutual Expo Hall

Why: learn about STEM and practice hands-on robotics

How: sign up on 4-H Online under the "events" tab



Questions? contact Elizabeth
at esimmer@purdue.edu or
(765) 647-3511



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Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

4-H Volunteer Conference



March 8, 2025 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am Thrive Session

11 am First Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.

12 noon Catered Lunch

1 pm Second Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.



Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 28th v2.4honline.com

First Session Options

4-H Camps & State Fair

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level.

Engaging 4-H Club Meetings

Play games, learn Parli and get ideas you can bring back to your club meetings.

Area Fair Board Roundtable

Collaborate with area board members to publicize events and share best practices.

Second Session Options

A Year of Club Meetings

Use a template provided in this workshop to schedule your year of club meetings with suggestions for learning, guest speakers, community service and fun.

Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

4-H Judges Panel

Talk with frequently hired 4-H judges about what they are looking for in the exhibit hall and how standards compare to state fair.

This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers Call (812) 265-8919 or email copelanb@purdue.edu with questions



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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!



Area 1 4-H



Beyond Ready to Show Livestock

March 29, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm

Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds 3767 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

Want to perfect your showmanship skills with advice from Livestock Judges? Need to get your Quality Care training done for fair? If so, we invite you out for a day long Animal Science and Showmanship Workshop! The event will be separated into 2 age-appropriate traveling groups.

\$10 Registration Includes

- Catered Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Registration
- Educational Resources

Agenda

	Junior 4-H Members	Senior & Int. 4-H Members
10:00	Animal Nutrition Learning Laboratory	
10:40	Beef Showmanship	Swine Showmanship
11:20	Swine Showmanship	Beef Showmanship
Noon	Lunch	
12:40	Goat Showmanship	Sheep Showmanship
1:20	Sheep Showmanship	Goat Showmanship
2:00	Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Training	

- Presenters will include **Livestock Judges**, 4-H Volunteers and Extension Educators.
- Demonstration animals on sight for each species.
- Opportunity to complete required **IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care** Training at no extra cost.

Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by March 21st

Register at: <https://beyondreadytoshowlivestock.4honline.com>

Event costs \$10. Families encourage to stay on fairgrounds with members, hospitality room will be available.

Contact Purdue Extension Jefferson County with questions at (812) 265-8919





4-H EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15th 6-7 pm



**HOP INTO SPRING WITH OUR EGG-CITING EASTER EVENT! JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF EGG HUNTING AND CREATIVE EGG DYEING.
A FUN TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**OPEN TO 4-H FAMILIES
ALL YOUTH UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.**



PLEASE RSVP ON 4HONLINE!



**FRANKLIN COUNTY 4H
FAIRGROUNDS**



QUESTIONS?

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Franklin County

DISCOVER 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

5:00 - 8:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H FARMERS MUTUAL EXPO HALL

Open to all families who are interested in learning more about Franklin County 4-H and 4-H opportunities. Projects will be on display for you to get ideas for your own projects. 4-H members and volunteers will be available to answer questions you may have. This is an open-house event, so feel free to come by anytime between 5-8.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact the Purdue Extension Office at (765) 647-3511!

**** All youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. ****



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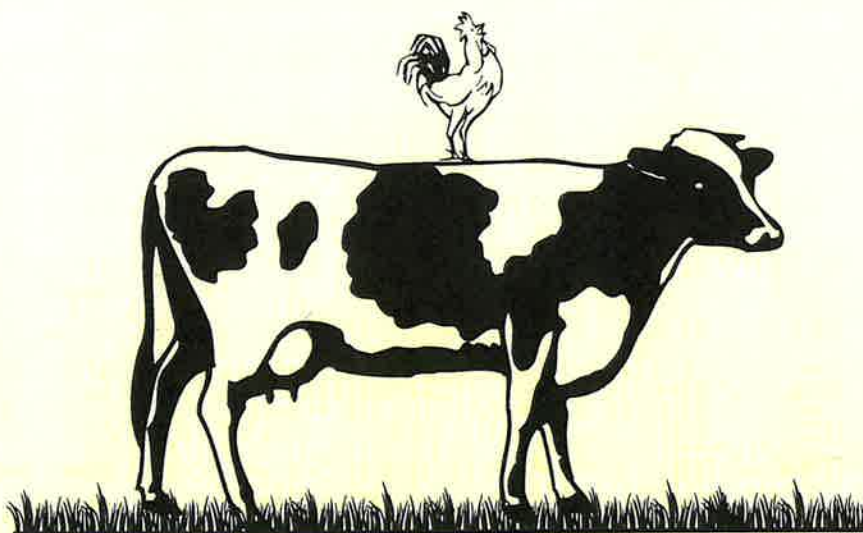
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FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK DAY SAVE-THE-DATE

Franklin County Fairgrounds
Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open to all Franklin County 4-H youth grades 3-12

more details will be shared at a later date





Discover Franklin County Adventure SPARK Club

Save-the-Date

JUNE 9-14, 2025

2 SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

9-1 OR 12-4

(LUNCH FOR BOTH SESSIONS 12-1)

LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION
GRADES 7 - 12

MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED AT A LATER DATE



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4-H

CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Friday, June 13, 10-12 pm



FRANKLIN COUNTY FARMERS MUTUAL 4-H EXPO HALL

Don't miss out on this delightful opportunity to have fun,
make new friends, and sharpen your cake decorating skills!

See you there!

Bring your decorating supplies!!

Sign up on 4-H Online by June 6th



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FRANKLIN COUNTY

Mini 4-H Fun Fest

June 16

June 17

June 18

10-12 each day

join us for three sessions of games, crafts, and learning about 4-H!

Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds

open to 4-H member grades K-2

register via 4-H Online under the "events" tab

questions? contact Elizabeth at esimmer@purdue.edu or (765) 647-3511



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