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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 2025

February is here, and there's plenty to do in 4-H this month! ❄️ Now is a great time to visit the Extension Office to pick up your project manuals and start planning for the year ahead. Be sure to attend your 4-H club meetings to connect with fellow members, get important updates, and learn something new. Whether you're diving into a new project, setting goals, or preparing for upcoming events, there are so many ways to stay involved.

Let's make the most of this month and keep the 4-H momentum going strong!



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Announcements

FEBRUARY 22, 2025



BEEF & DAIRY STEER ID DAY

Hamilton County Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day
Small Animal Barn on the 4-H Fairgrounds
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

All Steers and Commercial Heifers planning to show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair and/or Indiana State Fair must be ear tagged, weighed and identified at the Hamilton County Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day on February 22, 2025, in the Small Animal Barn on the 4-H Fairgrounds from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Check your mailbox for more information. It was mailed last week.



As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2025. Dog Obedience, Shooting Sports, Robotics, and Rabbits are starting this

month. Be sure to check our [4-H Workshops webpage](#) for updates. More workshops are added weekly. You can also view upcoming club meetings, workshops, and other important 4-H meetings for the month on our [4-H Events Google Calendar](#).

Attention Project & Club Leaders!

- We are working on a **4-H calendar** for families to check on our website and we want it to be accurate. We are so thankful for the support of our volunteers and cannot wait for this new 4-H season! Please contact Lisa Hanni at lahanni@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854 with your scheduling write up, dates, and questions.
- **4-H Club Financial audits** are due annually. Financial audit letters were mailed out to each club last week. Please submit your audit documents for the 2025 year no later than February 14, 2025. Forms can be turned in to the Extension Office or emailed to Maggie at mherrington@purdue.edu.
- Hamilton County 4-H is still searching for a new project leader for **Sportfishing**. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.



2025 MINI 4-H MEETINGS

HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 20

APRIL 17

MAY 8

JUNE 5

Hamilton County 4-H Handbook

The 2025 Hamilton County Handbooks are in! Stop in the Extension Office and pick up your copy! Updated guidelines for 2025 can also be found on the various 4-H Project webpages. The complete 2025 4-H Handbook can also be found on our [website](#). Please read each of your projects' guidelines there may be updates from last year.



Congratulations on your achievement! The 4-H Council celebrates the ten year members in many ways. You should have received an email and a hard copy mailing to submit your 4-H Fairbook information. Click [here](#) for more details.

2024-2025 Ten Year Members

Below is the list of 4-H'ers who appear in in.4honline.com as potential ten year members for 2024-2025. If you believe you should appear on this list and you do not see your name, contact the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY. We will begin collecting information for ten year member recognition in January.

Christian Alvey
Elizabeth Ambrous

Madelyn Koepkey
Isaac Leonard

Kate Augspurger
Macie Barth
Sophia Beeson
AnnaMarie Belt
Alison Bishop
Alexander Blanch
Cheyenne Boggs
Noah Borcharding
Owen Borcharding
Quinn Brogan
Madison Brooks
Chase Bultemeier
Tiago Cabral
Travis Crane
Lydia Crouch
Jackson Davis
Ethan Feliciano
Ryan Finkbeiner
Jack Fisher
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Harrison Gilbert
Kaitlyn Graham
Alexander Grau
Tessa Hartwick
Addison Henseleit
Nat Hicks
Luke Hideg
Vincent Howard
Sophia Hulen
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Cameron Merriman
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Grayson Ratterman
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Kaylee Roberts
Seth Salgado
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Payton Seese-Papp
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Mackenzie Smith
Matthew Spencer
Preston Stokell
Ian Strauss
Charlotte Stuart
Sean Swingley
Ellie Taylor
Exley Tricker
Elias Underhill
Rebekah Vanderpool
Abigail Warner
Delaney Waterman
Ashley Webel
Lillian Williamson
Chloe Wilson
Eleanor Worthington

FAIRBOOK ADS AVAILABLE



4-H FAIR
JULY 17-21, 2025

To learn more about
sponsoring your ad go to
bit.ly/4o6LIAo

Submit by March 14

Hamilton County 4-H Fair
July 18-22, 2024
Livestock Auction July 23

4-H FAIRGROUNDS, NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
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Hamilton County 4-H Fair
July 14-18, 2023
Livestock Auction July 19

Hamilton County 4-H Fair
July 20-24, 2023
Livestock Auction July 25

Hamilton County 4-H Fair
July 14-18, 2023
Livestock Auction July 19

Activities & Opportunities

State 4-H Poultry Workshop

Saturday, February 15th, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Community Building

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana

Location: 750 S 200 West Columbus, IN

On Hwy 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65

Go to www.bartholomewcountyfair.com for directions.



Food and Drinks available for purchase throughout the workshop.
Parents/guardians should plan to attend with their 4-H member(s).



Check-in begins at 9:30, please use the link below to register. For questions or more information contact: Matt John – 812.603.7722 or mjohn2@ivytech.edu



Workshop Topics

Working with Rare Breeds of Poultry

***Hands on experience for 4-H members – Do not bring your own poultry**

Getting Started with Exhibition Poultry

Protecting Your Poultry

Parent/Leader/Superintendent Round table discussion

Use the link below to register by Feb. 14th. Registration is required and will help our club plan for food.

<https://20254-HPoultryWksp.4honline.com>

2025 YES Grant Applications Due March 1

4-H provides opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant is intended to give youth-led projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference.

In 2024, the Indiana 4-H Foundation awarded 23 YES Grants for a total of \$21,606.30! Read more about these projects on the [YES Grant page](#).

The application deadline for 2025 projects is March 1, 2025, and grants will be

selected by April 1, 2025. Final reports are due by December 31, 2025. The application process for 2025 is now open through the [YES Grant Portal](#).

Funds for this initiative were made available from the Nola Gentry Charitable Trust and Corteva Agriscience.



Teens aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story and win a \$5k educational scholarship. 4-H'ers interested in applying are encouraged to attend the info session on February 26 from 7:00-8:00pm ET to learn about the benefits of the program and how to become a competitive applicant. Applications are live now until March 31. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Bridges to Adventure

Survival Skills

An immersive outdoor survival experience to learn essential wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire starting, and foraging.

February 26th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 1st - Ransburg Scout Reservation 10am-3pm

Flyfishing

A hands-on fly fishing adventure! Learn not only the art of fly casting, but also how to build fly rods and create custom flies.

March 19th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 22nd - Fairfax State Rec Area 10am-3pm

Sportfishing

Experience the thrill of fishing, discover how to filet, fry, and savor the delicious results of your catch!

April 2nd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 5th - Raccoon Lake 10am-3pm

Outdoor Skills

Get a grip on nature, & learn skills to enjoy your time outside, from map and compass reading to knot tying and tracking.

May 14th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

May 17th - Shakamak State Park 10am-3pm

\$35

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions

Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!

Busy, but crave the knowledge? Virtual sessions will be recorded to watch at your leisure



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REGISTER NOW
bridgestoadventure.thonline.com

Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

March 8, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Indiana State Museum

Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition



Robotics teams and clubs are invited to the upcoming Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition. Teams can compete using any brand of robot and will face both known and unknown challenges. Whether your team is experienced or new to robotics, this competition is designed to foster teamwork, build creativity and technical skills, and connect with peers who share a passion for technology. Contact your local 4-H program if you are interested in volunteering to lead a team or joining a team.

Learn about 4-H STEM Programs

Even if they are not competing, 4-H members can bring their families and friends to the Indiana State Museum for the STEM Showcase to celebrate and explore 4-H STEM programs. Check out the Indiana 4-H Invention Convention and Robotics competitions in the Great Hall. Visit our hands-on STEM activity stations to learn about STEM topics and career pathways. Explore the Indiana State Museum galleries and exhibits.

Indiana 4-H Invention Convention Competition

Invention Convention is a global K-12 invention education program that activates STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship (STEMIE) learning to instill problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity skills for life. The Indiana 4-H Invention Convention State Competition is an exciting opportunity for K-12 students in Indiana to showcase their creativity and ingenuity. Student inventors will present their original inventions to a panel of expert judges and engage with fellow young inventors from across the state. Student inventors will win awards and recognition for exceptional projects. The most outstanding inventions will earn the prestigious opportunity to advance to the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.



Register as an individual [here](#) by March 6

Register Inventors [here](#) by March 1



Extension



2024 was the first year for this statewide 4-H event. For 2025 we are opening the competition to members as young as 5th grade. Due to the fact that the students in 8th grade did so well last year, we are moving 8th grade to the "Senior Division."

Participants who do not respond to emails will be removed from the event schedule. Make sure that you use an active email, that you read regularly, when registering.

March 15, 2025 Madison County Fairgrounds Alexandria, IN

Have fun while competing against 4-H members from all across that state of Indiana.

COMPETITION OPEN TO 2024-2025 4-H MEMBERS

The Junior Division is for members in grades 5-7.
The Senior Division is for members in grades 8-12.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Obstacle Course
- FAA/Trust Drone Knowledge Written Test
- Block Programming Challenge

WHAT ELSE WILL BE AT THE COMPETITION

- First-responders demonstrating how they utilize drones/UAVs.
- Educators, from Purdue Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources, showing how they are using drones/UAV's in digital agriculture.

ENROLL (AFTER NOV. 1, 2024)

- After enrolling in 4-H for the 2024/2025 year, go to <https://2025DroneUAVComp.4honline.com> and sign up for the "2025 4-H Drone/UAV Competition."

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/uav-drone-contest.html>

Contact: Bill Decker, wdecker@purdue.edu



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Extension - 4-H Youth
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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!





4-H INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be recorded on the Extension Office voicemail after 4:30 p.m. and posted on social media.



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Help Us Promote 4-H

Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of other cool stuff to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood. Contact Bernie Huber for more information at bchuber@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854. Or follow our social media pages below.

Important Dates

February

- Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse - February 11
- State 4-H Poultry Workshop - February 15
- **Purdue Extension & 4-H Fairgrounds Closed - February 17**
- **Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day - February 22**
- Bridges to Adventure Virtual Session - February 26

March

- Bridges to Adventure virtual session - March 1
- Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase - March 8
- Indiana 4-H UAV Competition - March 15
- Bridges to Adventure virtual session - March 19
- Bridges to Adventure in-person session - March 22
- Purdue Teen Leadership Weekend - March 28-30

April

- Bridges to Adventure virtual session - April 2
- Bridges to Adventure in-person session - April 5

Looking Ahead

- Bridges to Adventure virtual session - May 14
- **4-H Animal ID Enrollment Deadline - May 15**
- **4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline - May 15**
- Bridges to Adventure in-person session - May 17
- Bridges to Adventure in-person session - March 22
- **4-H Camp Shakamak- June 2-4**
- **Exploring 4-H Day Camp - June 10-11**
- **Hamilton County 4-H Fair 2025: July 17-21 | 2025 Livestock Auction: July, 22**

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