



Flexibility and adaptability are key skills—something we’re all practicing a lot around the fairgrounds! With ongoing renovations and new construction, many of our 4-H programs will be moving off-site in the coming months. We’re grateful for our community partners, including schools, churches, and businesses, for helping us host events while our spaces are under construction. Please double-check meeting locations, as some may be held off-property. Currently, the only available meeting spaces on the fairgrounds are the Office Conference Room and the Education Center.

- Dog Obedience Workshops have been moved to Tipton County Fairgrounds in March and April
- Hamilton County Ag Days have returned to virtual and classroom visits by Extension Staff.
- Hamilton County Junior Leaders Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled for this year.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate these changes together!



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Announcements



We are excited to announce the schedule for Summer 4-H statewide and national trips!

- 4-H Round Up
- 4-H Academy@ Purdue
- State 4-H Band
- State 4-H Chorus
- National Dairy Conference
- National 4-H Youth Congress

This [trip application](#) has trip summaries, website links, and dates of each 4-H trip. Return your completed application and [My Record of Achievement](#) to the Extension Office by **March 3, 2025**. Many of these trips are fully sponsored by Hamilton County 4-H Council.



Get ready to **dive into adventure** at this year's **Under the Sea** 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park. This three-day, two-night camp offers a unique opportunity for 4-H'ers to explore the great outdoors with roasting marshmallows, boating, crafts, and more!

Dates: June 2–4, 2025

Eligibility: Open to all 4-H members currently in grades 3 through 6

Cost: \$125 per camper

Location: Shakamak State Park, Jasonville, Indiana

Registration opens **Tuesday, March 4 at 9 a.m.** on in.4honline.com as an event.

*Space is limited, sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot!

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact

Kathleen Bohde prior to the meeting at bohde@purdue.edu by June 2.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Kathleen Bohde prior to the meeting at bohde@purdue.edu by June 2.

Let's join Exploring 4-H Day Camp

June 10-11, 2025

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds
2003 Pleasant St. Noblesville

Camp is designed for K-2 graders

Activity

Outdoor games
Mini 4-H Projects
Arts and crafts
Nature exploration
Camp Songs

Register by May 6th at

<https://bit.ly/3X0SjNx>

Or use
QR Code



More Information

puext.in/hamco4h

Registration Fee - \$35



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As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2025. Cake Decorating, Dog Obedience, and Mini Horse & Pony 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

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

MARCH 20 EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - GYM APRIL 17 DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

MAY 8 HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS JUNE 5 HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS

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.

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

Activities & Opportunities

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



Get ready for an exciting **virtual leadership event** led by **Purdue Collegiate 4-H**—a group of former 4-H'ers who know exactly what it takes to be a great club officer! **Join us on March 11th at 6:00 PM EST (5:00 PM CST)** to grow your skills, build confidence, and **lead like a pro!**

3rd-12th grade 4-H members can sign up for **FREE** at officerttraining.4honline.com !

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Clint Deck prior to the meeting at cjdeck@purdue.edu by March 10th. If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Clint Deck prior to the meeting at cjdeck@purdue.edu by March 10th.



2025 YES Grant Applications EXTENDED to March 15

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 15, 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.



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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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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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INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) **by July 1, 2025.**

1. This certification must be done on an annual basis
2. Pre-registration is preferred **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

Training Dates

Training Locations

April 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Osprey Point

May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall C

June 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Hall C

*Certification cost is \$3. Please bring cash or check to the workshop

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://in.4honline.com>. Click "Events" and then click "Register for an Event."

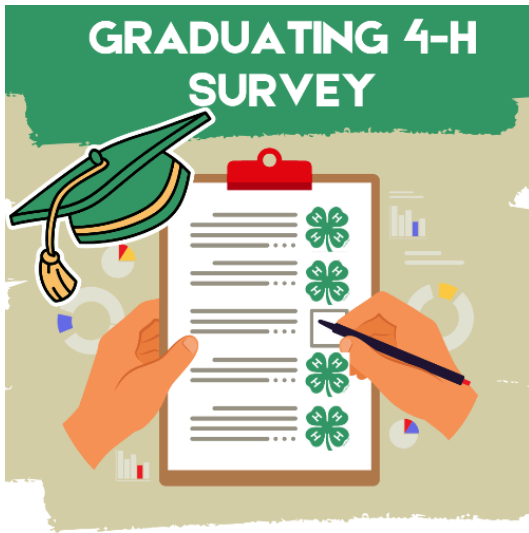
Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator. This is the only online option.



If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension office @ 317- 776-0854.


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Graduation is approaching, which means hundreds of outstanding 4-H'ers across the state are nearing the culmination of their 4-H experience! We want to hear what 4-H has meant to you. Please complete this survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.

FEBRUARY 22, 2025



Postponed to May 3

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.

Due to ongoing construction and upgrades at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Beef and Dairy Steer ID has been posted until Saturday, May 3rd in the Swine barn to ensure building availability and the safety of all participants and livestock.



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

March

- Bridges to Adventure virtual session - March 1
- **4-H Camp Shakamak Registration opens - March 4**
- 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

May

- Beef and Dairy ID Day - May 3
- 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

Looking Ahead

- **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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