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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## October 2024

It is officially Fall and on October 1 our 4-H enrollment period opened up at <https://in.4honline.com>. There is a lot of excitement and buzz around the start of something new and a new 4-H Season is no exception. Already October has been full of activities. The 4-H Junior Leaders hosted their annual Community Halloween Party with 300+ families attending. We also launched the Junior Leaders Season with an outing to Russell Farms. Youth participating in the A Chance to Serve (ACTS) youth leadership program learned about how their local communities function and they are finding the power in their youth perspective. 4-H members participated in the Area Soils Judging Contest with local FFA students. We wrapped up the week with a salad celebration with 3rd graders at Hamilton Heights. These 4-H activities are great examples of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity - all the essential elements that make up a strong, positive youth development program.

Don't forget - All current 4-H members and volunteers need to enroll annually in 4-H. This is also a great time to invite your neighbors, classmates, and friends to join 4-H. Our Hamilton County 4-H program strives to create an open, inclusive environment that is welcoming to all youth and their families. If you see an opportunity for us to connect with a new audience about 4-H, please reach out to me at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu). We are excited to start a fresh new season.



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UP YOUR 4-H SLIME KIT AT OUR OFFICE!  
ENROLL NOW AT [IN.4HONLINE.COM](https://in.4honline.com)

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## Activities & Opportunities



**4-H HANDBOOK COVER CONTEST**

**Design Requirements**

- Design must be no larger than 8" x 10"
- Will be printed in only black, green, or white
- May be created via computer or by hand
- Turn in to the Extension Office by **October 18** with your name and phone number on the back

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** Extension - 4-H Youth Development

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Hamilton County 4-H is searching for new project leaders for the following projects. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.

- Consumer Clothing
- Crops
- Pocket Pets
- Sportfishing
- Mini 4-H Horse & Pony
- Mini 4-H Llama

### Thank You Notes

It's not too late to send thank you notes to your award sponsors. Showing appreciation to our donors is extremely important to ensure their continued support of 4-H.

### 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](mailto:bchuber@purdue.edu) or 317-776-0854.



**Please Join Us!**

**Register your 4-H Club for the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch**

**What is the Crunch?** A celebration of [National Farm to School Month!](#) Please help Indiana celebrate by purchasing, supporting, and crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at NOON on Thursday, October 10, 2024 (or any day in October). Incorporate educational activities and videos into your Crunch day! Registered Crunch participants will receive a link to the 2024 Indiana Crunch Guide with all the info they need!

**When:** Thursday, October 10, OR any day during National Farm to School Month, October!

**Who:** ANYONE! There is no Crunch too small. K-12 schools, early care and education sites, hospitals, colleges and universities, farms, state and local agencies, 4-H Clubs, non-profit organizations, local businesses, groups, and even households can register to Crunch!

**Where:** Anyone across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio can register to Crunch in 2024! Crunch from the apple orchard, a Zoom call, the community garden, home, or any safe and creative place!

**How:** Register your Indiana crunch [here](#) to add to the Crunch count, get free stickers (while supplies last), score the scoop on purchasing and serving local apples, and receive the Crunch Guide.

**Share:** Be ready to take photos and videos of the **loud** Crunch and share them



on social media on the day of your Crunch using hashtags: #InFoodDay, #INapplecrunch, #F2Smonth

**Questions?** Contact Laura Dodds @ [LjDodds@purdue.edu](mailto:LjDodds@purdue.edu)



**National 4-H Week is October 7-12, 2024**

Indiana is proud to celebrate the doers of our community who will become the leaders of our nation. Show your 4-H pride by sporting 4-H shirts, clovers, and green on National 4-H Spirit Day: Wednesday, October 9. Share photos of how you are an inspired doer in your community with the hashtag #4Hweek and tag us at @HamiltonCo4H on Instagram and @HamiltonCountyIN4H on Facebook.






## Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leader Poinsettia Sale

Orders are due November 12, 2024  
Pick up December 4, 2024

[bit.ly/Poinsettias2024](https://bit.ly/Poinsettias2024)

\$10.00 per plant - 6 inch pots

Plant options include red, ice crystals, shimmer surprise, or white.

**Purchase your holiday poinsettias and help support the many service projects, scholarships, and community activities sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders!**

- Locally produced by Heartland Growers in Westfield, Indiana.
- Your choice of red, ice crystals, shimmer surprise, or white blooms.
- 14-16 inch plants in 6 inch pots.
- Guaranteed 7+ bloom stems.
- \$10.00 per plant.
- Makes a great holiday gift or decoration!

Quantities are limited so place your order now! Click [here](#) to place your order online. Forms are also available at the Extension Office. Please submit your order no later than November 12, 2024. Feel free to share this with a friend, neighbor, church, or favorite business! Pick up date: December 4, 2024 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Hall A on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Payment is due at pick up. All plants not picked up by 6:30 p.m. will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.





The Food for Thought kit offers a range of activities designed for individuals or groups and are adaptable for after-school programs, 4-H clubs, classrooms, home use, and more! Kits can be checked out for club meetings. Contact the office if you are interested at (317) 776-0854.



## 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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## Important Dates

## October

- 2025 4-H Enrollment Begins - October 1
- National 4-H Week - October 7-12
- 4-H Handbook Cover Design Contest Deadline - October 18
- Spooky Science Day Camp - October 24

## November

- Purdue Extension Office closed November 5 for Election Day
- Purdue Extension Office closed November 11 for Veteran's Day
- Poinsettia order deadline - November 12
- Purdue Extension Office closed November 28-29 for Thanksgiving

## December

- Poinsettia Pick Up- December 4
- Purdue Extension Office closed December 24 @ 12:00 p.m. - December 26 for the holidays

## Looking Ahead

- Purdue Extension Office closed for New Year's Day Holiday- January 1
- 4-H Camp Shakamak- June 2- June 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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