



### **Turning the Page, Growing Ahead**

As we turn the page on summer and cooler weather is becoming part of the norm, it is good to reflect on all that was accomplished in this year's 4-H season. Remember to write/type up your ["My Record of Achievement"](#) to record your 2025 4-H accomplishments and 4-H activities so you can see your collective 4-H history and the growth in the program. These records are used for trip applications, scholarships, and even in the county 4-H project Achievement Resume.

A new school year is already underway, bringing fresh opportunities for growth and learning with 4-H school programming.

- Hamilton County 4-H is excited to launch Juntos 4-H, which is a youth and family bilingual career development program this month with Noblesville Schools. See flyer in Clover Chatter for details on how to sign up.
- A Chance to Serve youth leadership program has started our Fall session with Sheridan, Hamilton Heights, and St. Theodore Guerin high school students.
- Eat Your Way to Better Health is a community school garden program at Hamilton Heights Elementary.
- In 2024, the Apple Crunch nutrition program reached 15,298 youth throughout the county schools. See flyer in Clover Chatter on how to sign up a group to participate.
- 4-H in the Classroom- guest speakers and an opportunity for a classroom to be a 4-H club.

By working alongside educators, 4-H provides engaging opportunities that spark curiosity and help youth thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we are *Beyond Ready* to build on the successes of the past, embrace new challenges, and make the upcoming year one of connection and learning for every member of our 4-H community.

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## Hamilton County 4-H Youth Development 2025 Year in Review

4-H...It's not about the ribbons you earn. It's about the skills you learn.

# 328

Mini 4-H  
membership

# 1,160

4-H members



# 1,488

Total  
in Club 4-H

# 34

4-H  
Clubs



### Civic Engagement

- A Chance to Serve Youth Leadership Program places 60 youth on community boards
- 7 youth participated in 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse

# 20,503

Total  
4-H participation



### Lucky Robots

15 youth competed at Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition. Winning Junior and Senior levels



### Apple Crunch

15,298 Students  
27 % increase of participation from Hamilton County



### Drones

3 youth participated in new state 4-H competition.



1,504 Ag Day Students  
3,467 Chicken Embryology Students  
174 Eat Your Way to Better Health Students

### Hamilton County 4-H Fair Stats



- \$10,000 awarded in 4-H Scholarships
- 6,234 4-H Projects exhibited

### 4-H Volunteers Impact



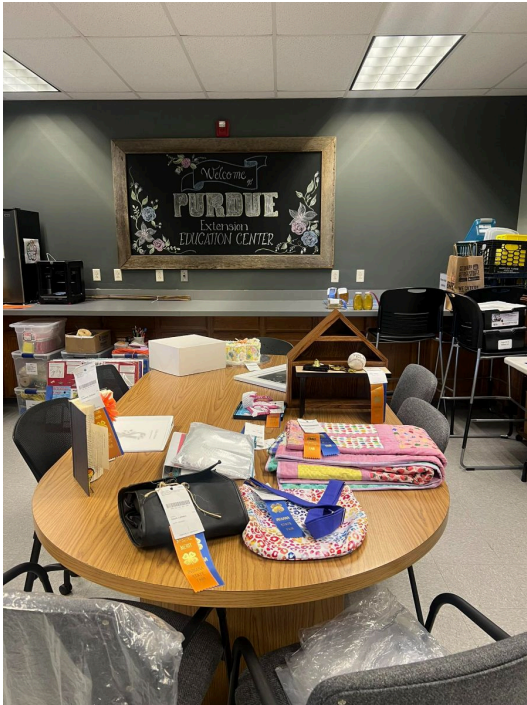
- 22 New Volunteers
- 271 Total Volunteers
- \$755,568 financial impact our local community



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## Your Indiana State Fair projects are waiting for you!



**Please come to our Extension Office to pick up your 4-H project as soon as possible. We cannot store unclaimed projects indefinitely and we will discard these items in a few weeks.**

## 2025 Indiana State Fair Results

### **Outstanding Recognition**

Child Development Sweepstakes - Annora Weingarten  
Fashion Revue Honor Group - Melanie Clinebelle  
Fashion Revue Honor Group - Kaitlyn Graham  
Fashion Revue Honor Group - Aubrey Johnson  
Fashion Revue Honor Group - Whitney Waterman  
Health Sweepstakes - Isabella Asmus  
Wildlife Sweepstakes - Annora Weingarten

### **Merit Awards**

Aerospace / Advanced – Elias Underhill  
Animal Education / Dairy – Eva Beckner  
Arts and Crafts, General / Beginner – Oakley Rednour  
Arts and Crafts, General / Intermediate – Addyson Langreck  
Arts and Crafts, General / Advanced – Ethan Feliciano  
Cake Decorating / Advanced – Elizabeth Miller

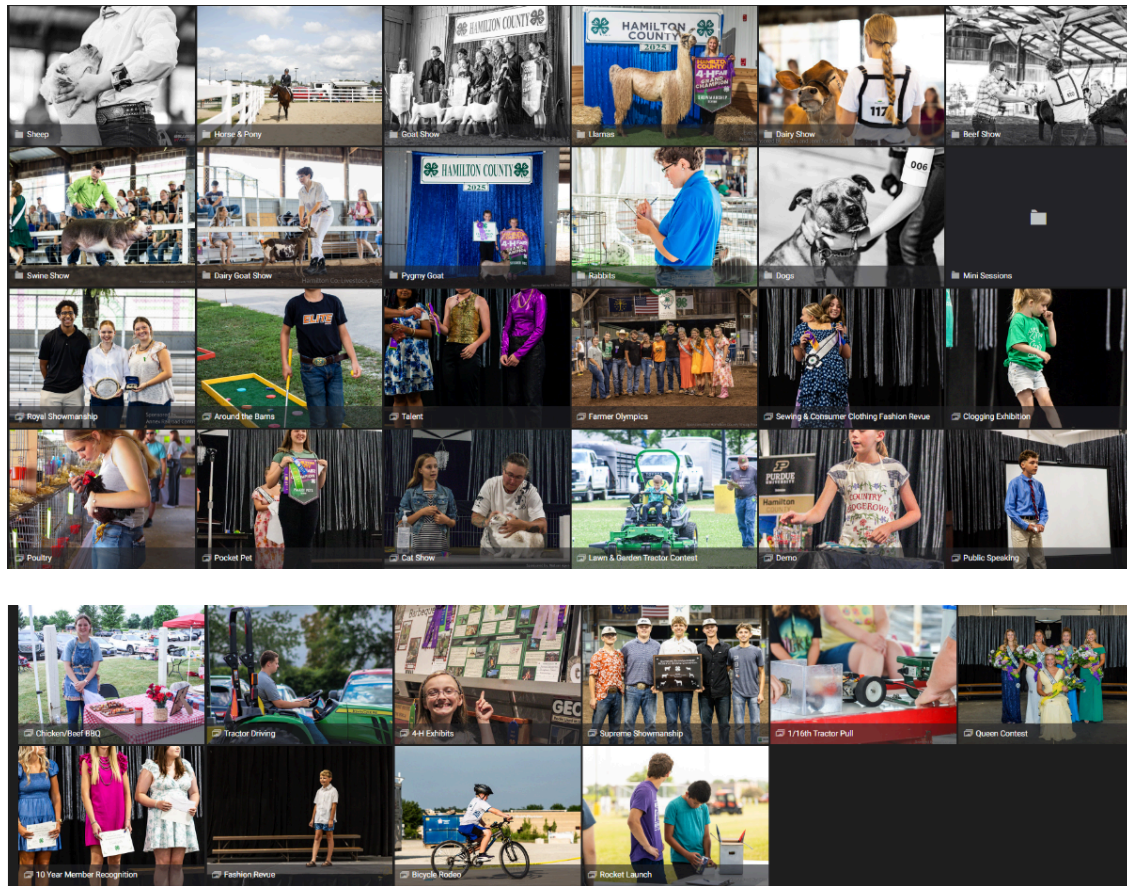
Cat Poster or Display / Beginner – Ainsley Herrington  
Child Development / Level B – Annora Weingarten  
Child Development / Level D – Kendall Manges  
Computer / Beginner – Kaiden Davidson  
Construction and Architectural Replica / Advanced – Grace Macky  
Consumer Clothing / Beginner – Briley Zeller  
Consumer Clothing / Intermediate – Mackenzie Schaefer  
Demonstration / Junior Individual – Ainsley Herrington  
Dog Poster or Display / Intermediate – Jessica Lester  
Electric / Level 2 – Levi Lindner  
Electric / Level 4 – Jared Montemer  
Electric / Advanced Electric – Bryce Montemer  
Entomology / Beginner Poster or Display – Annora Weingarten  
Fine Arts / Advanced – Jax Scamahorn  
Floriculture / Level A, Floral Display – Ainsley Herrington  
Floriculture / Level A, Floral Display – Eleanor Quandt  
Floriculture / Level C, Floral Display – Isabella Asmus  
Floriculture / Level C, Floral Display – Anastasia Wallwork  
Floriculture / Level D, Floral Display – Kendall Manges  
Floriculture / Level D, Floral Display – Olivia Gustitus  
Foods, Baked / Level A – Auburn Macy  
Foods, Baked / Level B – Ella Gahimer  
Foods, Baked / Level C – Lana Lechner  
Foods, Baked / Level D – Barrett Hahn  
Foods, Baked / Level D – Alexander Blanch  
Foods, Preserved / Level B – Annora Weingarten  
Foods, Preserved / Level C – Eva Beckner  
Foods, Preserved / Level D – Brady Bryant  
Forestry / Intermediate – Jackson Fite  
Forestry / Advanced – Blake Bryant  
Genealogy / Division 2 – Oakley Rednour  
Genealogy / Division 3 – Liesl Thompson  
Geology / Beginner – Annora Weingarten  
Geology / Advanced – Ryan Howard  
Health / Intermediate – Faith Lehman  
Health / Advanced – Isabella Asmus  
Home Environment / Beginner – Ainsley Herrington  
Home Environment / Advanced – Leah Whitehead  
Llama-Alpaca Crafts / Beginner – Jameson Price  
Llama-Alpaca Crafts / Intermediate – Mackenzie Schaefer

Llama-Alpaca Crafts / Intermediate – Matthew Duprey  
Llama-Alpaca Crafts / Advanced – Sofia Seager  
Llama-Alpaca Poster or Display / Intermediate – Mackenzie Schaefer  
Needle Craft / Intermediate – Caroline Herrington  
Needle Craft / Advanced – Allison York  
Photography / Intermediate, Black & White Salon Print – Luke Raines  
Photography / Advanced, Black & White Prints – Madison Meyer  
Photography / Advanced, Creative-Experimental Digital Salon Print – Josiah Helton  
Poultry Poster or Display / Intermediate – Olivia York  
Professional Persuasive Presentation / Junior Individual – Amelia Peters  
Public Speaking / Junior – William Lewis  
Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable / Grade 6 – Katelyn Fisher  
Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable / Grade 7 – Landon Glunt  
Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable / Grade 8-12 – Evelyn Vanderpool  
Sewing Construction, Non-Wearable / Grade 8-12 – Abigail Martin  
Sewing Construction, Wearable / Grade 5 – Clara Cunningham  
Sewing Construction, Wearable / Grade 7 – Kinley Cunningham  
Veterinary Science / Beginner – Annora Weingarten  
Wildlife / Beginner – Annora Weingarten  
Wildlife / Advanced – Tyler Jaeger  
Woodworking / Level A – Holden Zeller  
Woodworking / Level B – Leah Happel  
Woodworking / Level D – Marcos Cabral  
Woodworking / Level D – Tiago Cabral

## 4-H Fair Photography

Thanks to our generous photography sponsors, photos from the 4-H Fair may be downloaded for FREE from the [Simplicity Creative website](https://mailchi.mp/10c3caca8521/4-h-clover-chatter-september-17993972).





## 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.

## Activities and Opportunities



# TINKERFEST

**Sept. 20 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Included with admission, \$5/\*Access Pass members, \$5/Indiana college students with ID, 50% off admission for Scouting America, Girl Scouts, Indiana 4-H and their families. Includes \$4 parking validation.

Tinkerfest is a daylong celebration of curiosity and creativity! Explore more than 30 hands-on, interactive activities hosted by innovative community exhibitors designed to engage and inspire the inner builders, coders, artists, makers and tinkerers of all ages. Each activity invites children and families to tinker, make, invent, create, play and imagine!

*\*Access Pass members need to purchase tickets in person OR call 317.232.1637 to receive discounted prices.*





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**Juntos**  
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# KICKOFF

# SEPTEMBER 18TH

**Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Location: 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 (Educational Services Center)**




## What is Juntos 4-H?

Juntos (pronounced "hoon-tohs") means "Together" in Spanish and is a bilingual program that works to unite community partners to provide 7-12th grade students and their parents with knowledge, skills, and resources to ensure high school graduation and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college and other post-secondary options.

### Our 3 components:



Family Engagement



Juntos 4-H Clubs



4-H Summer Programming

### OUR NEXT FAMILY NIGHTS:

**Dates: 09/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13**  
**Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Location: 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 (Educational Services Center)**

**PLEASE RSVP USING QR CODE OR LINK:**



<https://tinyurl.com/HamiltonJuntos4-HRSVP>

LEARN MORE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



OR

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## Launch & Lead: Igniting a New 4-H Year!

Join us as we fuel up for a fantastic 4-H year! Complete your volunteer paperwork, start planning your club/project year, reconnect with fellow 4-H volunteers, and gather ideas and inspiration to help youth thrive.



**VOLUNTEER TODAY.**  
**INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.**

### Reminder 4-H Club Leaders and 4-H Volunteers

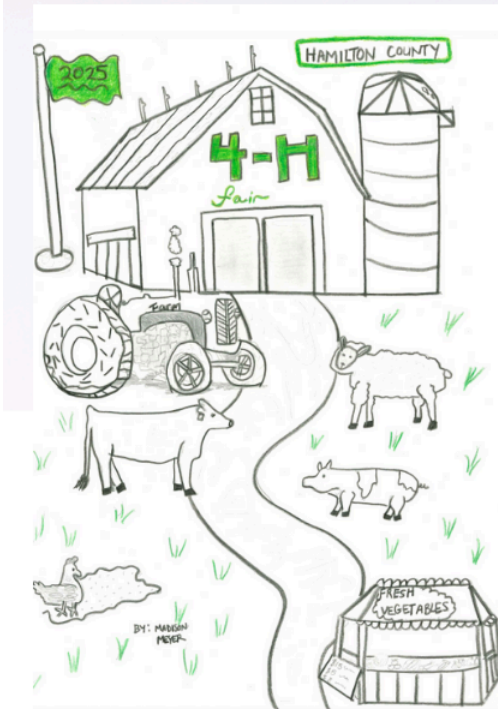
In an effort to plan for the 2026 4-H Program, we would like to know your intentions of returning, or not, to assist as a 4-H Volunteer.

- 4-H Club leaders and at-large volunteers should complete this [form](#).
- 4-H Project leaders should complete the following [form](#).

\*if you have already visited this link and submitted your response, please disregard

Please note, **you will still need to re-enroll in 4-H Online beginning October 1.**

# 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 17 with your name and phone number on the back

### State 4-H/FFA Livestock Skillathon

**October 11, 2025 at Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center, West Lafayette**

If you know of a youth interested in participating on a 4-H Livestock Skillathon team or a volunteer to serve as a coach, please have them reach out to Kathleen Bohde [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu). We can put together Hamilton County 4-H teams for the contest.

### Area Six Crops, Forestry, and Entomology Career Development at Boone County Fairgrounds on November 13, 2025

If you know of a youth interested in these subjects or a volunteer who might like to serve as a coach, please have them reach out to Kathleen Bohde [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu). We can put together Hamilton County 4-H teams for each event.

A Halloween-themed poster for a haunted house and hayride event. The background is dark blue with a large, bright yellow full moon. Several black bats are flying around the moon. In the foreground, there is a haunted house with yellow windows, two jack-o'-lanterns with carved faces, a tombstone, and a blue hand reaching out from the ground. The text is in various colors and fonts, including purple, black, and orange.

# **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL HAUNTED HOUSE & HAYRIDE**

## **FREE!**

**HOSTED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS**

**6:00-7:30 PM** | **TUESDAY**  
**OCT 7, 2025**

**HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS**

**FOR YOUTH 10 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER**  
**\*MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

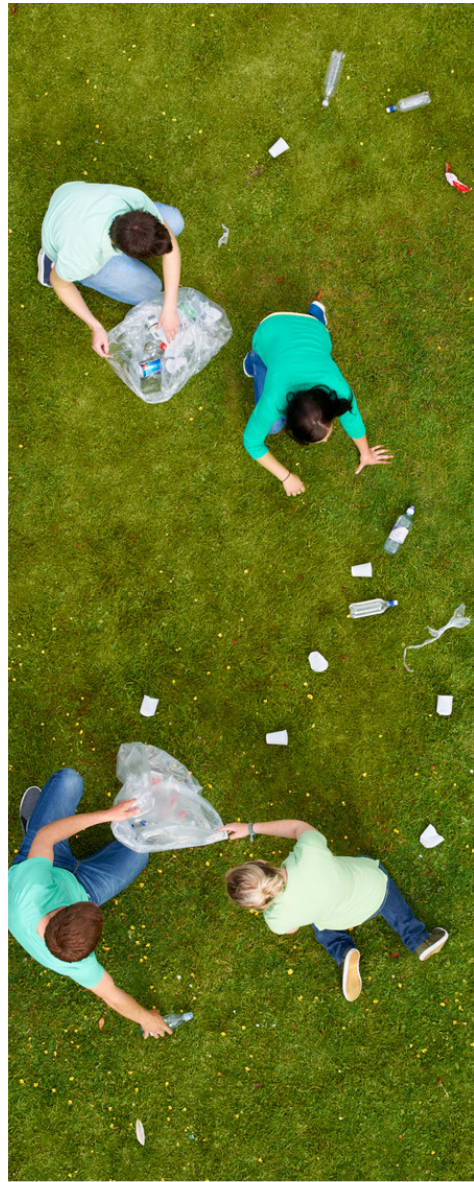
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# 4-H For Good Day

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all the 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator. We want to hear from you, Thursday, October 9!





The Indiana Great Apple Crunch is a fun initiative that encourages apple education and support for our Indiana Apple Orchards. Join in to contribute to the Crunch heard around the state.

You pick when and how you celebrate, any time in October. We provide fun stickers and posters for your school, as well as electronic resources to offer suggestions of how your site can participate.

### Why Register?

- Free stickers and posters
- Electronic Toolkits
- Social Media posts

Register  
Today!



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### What's the Big Crunch Goal?

The mission of the Great Apple Crunch is simple:

- Support local farmers 🍏
- Celebrate healthy eating 🍏
- Strengthen resilient local food systems 🍏

Success is measured by the number of Crunchers and the pounds of local apples devoured. Last year, 86 counties joined the bite brigade. This year's BIG JUICY goal: all 92 Indiana counties crunching together!

## **Register Now & Claim Your Crunch Swag!**

[Sign up today](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page) to receive your Let's Get Started Toolkit by email. Registration is open all of October. Posters and stickers are available while supplies last—don't let your crunch go without!

- **Schools & Early Childhood Sites: Contact Sophie Lindley**  
([slindley@doe.in.gov](mailto:slindley@doe.in.gov)).
- **Community Partners & Extension Offices: Contact Laura Dodds**  
([ljodds@purdue.edu](mailto:ljodds@purdue.edu)).

## Important Dates

### September

- Purdue Extension Office and 4-H Fairgrounds Closed for Labor Day - September 1
- Launch and Lead 4-H Volunteer Meeting - September 30

### October

- 2026 4-H Enrollment Opens - October 1
- Junior Leader Halloween Carnival and Hayride - October 7
- National 4-H Week - October 5-11
- 4-H Handbook Cover Design Contest Deadline - October 17

### Looking Ahead

- Purdue Extension Office Closures:
  - November 4 for Election Day
  - November 11 for Veteran's Day
  - November 27-28 for Thanksgiving

### 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Fair

July 16-20, 2026 | Livestock Auction: July 21, 2026

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