

Our 4-H Ambassadors



HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H

January 2025 Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers, and Supporters,

If you have already enrolled in Hancock County 4-H for the new year - AWESOME! Welcome or Welcome Back! If you have not yet enrolled now is the time! Make sure you are inviting your classmates and neighbors to join 4-H. We know that a personal invitation to join is more powerful than any press release or social media blast we can send out from Purdue Extension. Share the enrollment website: in.4honline.com. 4-H members and volunteers must re-enroll every year. We are looking forward to another fantastic 4-H Season!

The 2025 4-H Handbook can be found on our website under the Handbook tab and has some changes so be sure to read your project guidelines. We will let you know by email when we have printed copies available for pick up in the Extension office. Be sure to follow the guidelines for each project carefully!



Amber Barks

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

GIVE HER A CALL & FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
OUR HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

317-462-1113 or abarks@purdue.edu



The 2025 Hancock County 4-H Fair will be June 17-25



4-H Enrollment

It's 4-H enrollment time again! **We challenge you to get enrolled by the end of January!**

Youth Members who have already created profiles in 4-H Online will "Re-Enroll" here: v2.4honline.com. Please DO NOT make a new profile if you can't get logged in. Contact the office at 317-462-1113 and we can let you know what email was used on your profile or help you reset your password.

4-H Volunteer Enrollment

If you plan on helping with any 4-H event, project or club this coming year, there are a few things that need to be completed **BEFORE** you begin meeting with youth. Here is a check list to help you make sure you have completed your 4-H re-enrollment.

- Please complete the ABE (Adult Behavior Expectation form), sign off on your role descriptions, and complete all trainings through the V2.4HOnline.com portal. The trainings will appear after you submit your enrollment. If you need assistance please stop by the office. We are happy to help!
- Please make sure we have your correct phone number, email address, and mailing address. Some are no longer in service and we have no way of contacting you.

Junior Leaders

INDIANA 4-H



Junior Leaders is open to **all 7-12 graders** enrolled in the 4-H program.
For updates and meeting reminders, join our Remind Group
by sending text to 81010 with the message @3aghgf

A lot of things are happening with Junior Leaders in the next three months and we don't want you to miss out on the fun! Get enrolled in 4-H and select the Jr. Leaders club and project so you can begin getting our emails.

- We typically meet on the 1st Thursday of every month in the Sarah Burke Building at 7 pm
- Some of the activities we do include: Fair set-up, tie blankets for the Hope House, Christmas shopping for less privileged families, preparing valentines for the nursing homes, and Trick or Treating for Canned Goods.

Dates for upcoming events:

- February 6- Heather Hill will be our speaker. Bring a package of new socks to participate in our "snowball fight" (Socks will then be donated.)
- March 6

Mini 4-H Meetings

OPEN TO ALL
HANCOCK COUNTY
MINI 4-H MEMBERS K-2

JANUARY 30
FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 27
APRIL 24
MAY 29

SARAH BURKE
4-H EXHIBIT HALL
6:30-7:30 PM



2025

4-H Project Manuals

If you need project manuals, those are available at the office now. For a speedy pick up, call ahead and let us know when you want to pick them up so we can have the books pulled and ready for you when you arrive! Our number is 317-462-1113.

4-H Club Meetings

Sugar Creek 4-H Club

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church
3519 S 600 W, New Palestine

2:00-3:30 pm

January 26

February 23

March 9

April 6

May 4

June 1

Feline Frenzy 4-H Club

Purdue Extension Office
972 E Park Avenue Greenfield

5:30-6:30 pm

February 17

March 17-Cat Workshop

April 6

May 4

June 1

Country Kritters 4-H Club

Hancock County Fairgrounds
620 Apple Street, Greenfield

6-7 pm

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 27

Pocket Pet Workshop

Purdue Extension Office

March 17 6:30-7 pm

Blue River Guys and Gals

Purdue Extension Office
972 E Park Avenue Greenfield

February 16 @ 1 pm

Shakin Shamrocks 4-H Club

Gateway Community
Church
125 E State St Fortville
Door 3 at 2 pm

February 9
March 9
April 6
May 4
June 8

Cool Clovers 4-H Club

Mohawk United Methodist
Church
2045 W 400 N Greenfield
4 pm

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 13
May 18

Lucky Clovers 4-H Club

Eden United Methodist
Church
2122 E Eden Rd, Greenfield
4 pm

January 19
February 23
March 30
April 27
May 18

Attention New 4-H Parents & Guardians: Join Us for a 4-H Information Meeting

Purdue Extension Office
972 E Park Ave Greenfield
February 19 -6 pm

This meeting intended for parents and guardians new to the 4-H program. We will discuss due dates, the judging process, fair entry registration, and much more. We will also answer any questions you may have.

4-H Leaders Meeting

February 10 at 6:30pm

Please RSVP by
emailing
odickson@purdue.edu
or by calling 317-
462-1113

We will serve a light
meal.

Save the Date for 4-H Camp!

Mark your calendars!! 4-H
Camp will again be held at
Shakamak State Park on June
2nd-4th. We will be camping
with Hamilton, Johnson and
Marion Counties. More
information will be sent at a
later date to all eligible
members (3rd through 6th
grades).

Holiday Closings

January 20- MLK Day
February 17- President's Day

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

4-H Members showing Beef, Dairy, Goats,
Swine, Sheep, Poultry, or Rabbits must
complete EITHER (not both) an Indiana 4-H
Quality Livestock Care class or take the
YQCA course offered through
yqcaprogram.org to be eligible to show at
the fair.

The in person fee for the in person Indiana
4-H Quality Livestock Care program will be
\$3. The online course is \$12. **If you take the
online course you must submit your
certificate to the office to be marked
complete**

**Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall
620 Apple St Greenfield**

Register through 4HOnline events Tab

February 5 at 7 pm
March 6 at 6 pm

Livestock Tagging

Beef: April 13 from 2-3 pm
Sheep: May 4 from 2-5 pm
Goat: May 8 from 6-7 pm
Swine: Pick up tags from the
Extension office prior to May
15th.



Hancock County 4-H Shooting Sports 2025 Projects

PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT SHOOT AT MEETINGS WITHOUT ACTIVE 4-H MEMBERSHIP. **Dates subject to change.**

Rifle 1. Introductory Workshop emphasizing firearm safety and fundamental marksmanship

- Minimum age 9 years
- Air rifles (provided) will be used in the Workshop. A \$10 Supply Fee covers consumables
- Tuesday evenings, Feb 11 - Mar 11, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall
- At each meeting, a 6:30 - 7:15 pm session will be for ages 9 - 10 years and a 7:15 - 8:00 pm session will be for 11 years and older
- Attendance at 3 of 5 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required to receive credit
- Questions? Contact Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com

Rifle 2 (Advanced Rifle). Advanced training in rifle marksmanship

- Completion of Rifle 1 and/or instructor approval required
- Equipment is provided; a \$20 supply fee covers consumables
- Indoor air rifle segment (**required**): Tuesday evenings, Feb 25 - Apr 8, 6-8 pm, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall
- Outdoor .22 caliber rifle segment (optional and by invitation, contingent upon satisfactory performance in the indoor segment): Dates TBD
- Attendance at 5 of the 7 indoor meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit
- Questions? Contact Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com; David Schutt 317-498-0295

Pistol: Emphasizes firearm safety and basic pistol marksmanship.

- **Due to scheduling it is not possible to participate in both a Rifle and a Pistol project in the same year**
- Completion of Rifle 1 and/or instructor approval required
- Equipment is provided; a \$20 supply fee covers consumables
- Indoor air pistol segment (**required**): Tuesday evenings, Feb 25 - Apr 8, 6 – 8 pm, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall
- Outdoor .22 caliber pistol segment (optional and by invitation, contingent upon performance in the indoor segment): Dates TBD
- Attendance at 5 of the 7 indoor meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair are required for credit
- Questions? Contact Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com

Archery: Emphasizes range safety and basic marksmanship.

- Minimum age = 9 years
- Equipment Fee = \$20
- 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings: Mar 13, Mar 27, Apr 10, Apr 24, May 8, May 22, 4-H Fairgrounds Show Arena
- First year: 6-7 pm; Repeat participants: 7-8 pm
- Attendance at 5 of the 7 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit
- Questions? Contact Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com

Shotgun: Emphasizes shotgun safety and trap shooting techniques.

- Minimum age 12 years
- Equipment provided; a \$40 supply fee covers consumables
- Saturday mornings, Apr 19 - May 31 (no meeting May 17), Kingen Gun Club, 5112 W 500 N, McCordsville, IN
- First year: 10-11 am; repeat participants: 11 am-noon
- Attendance at 4 of the 6 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit
- Questions? Contact Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com

Muzzleloader: Emphasizes firearm safety and black powder techniques

- Minimum age 12 years or instructor approval
- Equipment is provided; a \$20 supply fee covers consumables
- Thursday evenings, April 17 – May 15 (No meeting May 1; Dates subject to change), 6 – 8 pm, Sheriff's Range
- Attendance at 3 of the 4 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit
- Questions ? Contact Rusty Hansen rustyh1969@gmail.com or Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com

4-H Electric Project Information

4-H Electric Project participation is determined by “**years in electric**”, not by age or grade level.

New 4-H Electric participants will start with the level 1 project, then the level 2 project the following year, and so on. Youth may start participating in 4-H Electric Projects when they enter the **3rd** grade and continue through the 12th grade.

Participants are required to fill out and hand in an “Electric and Electronic Exhibit Skills and Knowledge **Sheet**” at project judging. Participants are encouraged to use the “Electric and Electronic Exhibit Skills and Knowledge **Guide**” to help them fill out the sheet. Both are available at the Purdue Extension Office or can be downloaded online at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-electric.html>

4-H Virtual Electric Project Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Join Teams Meeting: <https://shorturl.at/VEvIZ>



This virtual Microsoft Teams meeting is for all 4-H Electric project participants and covers all levels of the 4-H Electric projects. Participants are encouraged to attend this meeting along with their parents or guardians.

Meeting topics will include:

- 4-H Electric projects outlined by level
- Advice for all Electric project levels including the advanced-level projects
- Identify skills learned at each project level
- Explain judging criteria
- Explain what to expect from project workshops
- Date and time for 4-H Electric judging and other 4-H events

4-H Electric Project Workshops

Level 1 Circuit Board - Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Level 2 Magnetic Shake Flashlight - Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

NineStar Connect Conference Center, 2243 E. Main St., Greenfield 46140.

Project participants will be guided through the assembly of circuit boards and shaker flashlights. Participants may choose to completely assemble their projects or simply observe the workshops for pointers.

Project kits for level 1 through level 4 are being provided for free and may be picked up at the Purdue Extension office while supplies last, courtesy of NineStar Connect. Kits may also be found and purchased at local hardware stores or online.

Please bring all project materials to the workshop, including batteries. All tools needed to assemble the projects will be available for participant use, including screwdrivers, wire strippers, solders, and soldering irons. Participants may bring their own tools if they choose. Instructors will work hands-on with participants to assemble and solder all connections. Participants will be supervised while soldering connections. Participants will be instructed on proper soldering, wire stripping, and assembly techniques but will be expected to perform all tasks themselves.

Please look for emails from 4honline.com for updates

Questions about 4-H Electric projects or Project Workshops should be directed to:

Hancock County 4-H Electric Project Superintendent
Matt Strahl
317-323-2042
mstrahl@ninestarconnect.com

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024

4-H Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship Committee's General Tips for Cover Letter & Resume

The committee (in the past) has liked:

- Heart warming 4-H stories with evidence of learning.
- Evidence that you have learned a skill in 4-H.
- State & national trips and awards combined with evidence of learning.
- A resume & cover letter that is very specific to the project category.
- Showing specific knowledge in the category from your 4-H project.
- Entrepreneurship
- Uniqueness ... professional look, limited graphics.
- Bolded life skills for easy reading
- That you followed directions (1 page cover letter, 2 page resume, etc.)

The committee (in the past) has NOT liked:

- Lists of awards ... a focus on winning, not learning.
- The same resume used over and over in multiple areas.
- Lists of what you did without stating what you learned.



Hancock County Community Foundation Scholarships

Don't miss out on the 4-H Scholarships available through the Hancock County Community Foundation! There are several specifically for 4-H members. Seniors applying for HCCF scholarships must have all pieces of their applications complete and submitted by 4:00 PM on Friday, February 7, 2025. Here is the application link: celebratehancock.org

2025 Hancock County 4-H Fair Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH		
	5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Set Up, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
MONDAY, JUNE 9TH		
	6:00 PM	Bicycle Rodeo, Community Pavillion
TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH		
	6:00 PM	4-H Pocket Pets, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH		
	8:00 AM	Clean-up Day around the Fairgrounds
	6:00 PM	4-H Cat Show, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH		
	9 AM-11 AM	Mini 4-H Project Turn-in, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
	9 AM-12 PM	4-H Project Judging, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall & Extension Office
	3 PM - 6 PM	4-H Project Judging, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH		
	8:30 AM - 3 PM	4-H Project Judging, Trinity Park Church
	6:30 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Show - Contesting Classes, Multi-Purpose Arena
	6:00 PM	Hancock County Mini Princess Pageant, 4-H Bowl (Rain - Pioneer Building)
SATURDAY, JUNE 14th		
	8:00 AM	Tractor Maintenance & Compact Tractor Contest, South Lot
	9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show - Halter, Performance, Western, and English, Multi-Purpose Arena
	3:00 PM	4-H Queen Contest, Trinity Park Church
	5:00 PM	4-H Dog Show followed by 4-H Dog Agility, 4-H Show Arena
SUNDAY, JUNE 15th		
	5:00 PM	Livestock Barn Set Up (Cattle Barn - Tack Only, after set-up until 10pm)
	6:00 PM	Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 4-H West Arena
MONDAY, JUNE 16th		
	8 AM - 3 PM	Commercial & Food Vendor Set Up
	8 AM - 4 PM	Cattle Barn - Tack Only Today
	9 AM - 12 PM	4-H Project Judging, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
	4 PM - 6 PM	4-H Project Judging, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
	6 PM - 10 PM	Swine Arrival
TUESDAY, JUNE 17th		
	6 AM - 12 PM	Llama and Alpaca Arrival
	9 AM-12 PM	4-H Project Judging, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall
	12 PM - 7 PM	North Parking Lot Closed
	2:00 PM	4-H and Mini 4-H Poultry Show, 4-H West Arena
		Carnival Open
	5 PM - 9 PM	Commercial Vendors Open
	6:00 PM	4-H Parade, entries must be on grounds by 5 PM
	7 PM - 9 PM	Preview Night of the Exhibit Hall
	7:30 PM	4-H Foods Auction, Pioneer Building
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th		
	6:00 AM	Open BBQ Contest, Judging at 3pm, Hancock Building
	10:00 AM	Poss-Abilities for Youth of all Abilities Show, 4-H West Arena
	10 AM - 9 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
	1:00 PM	4-H BBQ Contest
		Carnival Open
	5 PM - 9 PM	Commercial Vendors Open
	6:00 PM	4-H Llama and Alpaca Costume Class, 4-H West Arena
	5:00 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Club will have Horses on display, Hancock Building
	8:00 PM	4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H Bowl
	9 PM - 11 PM	Dairy Arrival
THURSDAY, JUNE 19th		
	6 AM - 12 PM	Beef Arrival
	9:00 AM	Hancock County Pork Producers Show
	10 AM - 9 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
	10:00 AM	4-H Llama and Alpaca Showmanship, Obstacle Course and Pack Class, 4-H West Arena
		Carnival Open
	5 PM - 9 PM	Commercial Vendors Open
	5:00 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Club will have Horses on display, Hancock Building
	7:30 PM	Mini 4-H Swine Show
FRIDAY, JUNE 20th		
	9:00 AM	4-H Swine Gilt & Barrow Show, 4-H Show Arena
	10:00 AM	4-H Beef Weigh-In/Check Pure Bred Heifer Papers
	10 AM - 9 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
	11 AM - 1 PM	Ribeye Sandwiches served, Pioneer Building Sponsored By: Hancock County Cattlemen
		Carnival Open
	5 PM - 9 PM	Commercial Vendors Open
	7:00 PM	4-H Swine Show of Champions and Showmanship, 4-H Show Arena
	11 PM - 12 PM	Swine Release

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

9:00 AM Baby Contest, Pioneer Building
 9:00 AM Check In for 4-H and Mini 4-H Rabbit Show, 4-H West Arena
 10 AM - 9 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 10:00 AM 4-H and Mini 4-H Rabbit Show, 4-H West Arena
 10:30 AM Farmer Olympics, Show Arena
 1 PM - 4 PM Sheep & Goat Arrival Day
 1:00 PM Mini 4-H Beef Show, 4-H Show Arena
 Carnival Open
 1 PM - 9 PM Commercial Vendors Open
 3:00 PM 4-H Communications Contest, Pioneer Building
 4:00 PM Mini 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, West Show Arena
 5:00 PM 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, West Show Arena
 7:00 PM Awards Program, 4-H Bowl (Rain 4-H Show Arena) (4-H 10 year member, Scholarships, and Others)

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

9:30 AM Worship Service, Pioneer Building
 10 AM - 9 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 10:00 AM 4-H Beef Show, 4-H Show Arena
 Carnival Open
 1 PM - 7 PM Commercial Vendors Open
 4:00 PM Mini 4-H Sheep Show
 6:00 PM 4-H Beef Show of Champions and Showmanship, 4-H Show Arena
 7:00 PM 4-H Companion Animal Showmanship, 4-H West Arena
 7:00 PM Youth Pedal Pull, 4-H Bowl **Sponsored By: Farm Bureau Young Farmers**
 9:00 PM Beef Released

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd

9:00 AM 4-H Sheep Show, Ewes followed by Market Lambs, 4-H Sheep Lead, 4-H Show Arena
 10 AM - 9 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 11 AM - 1 PM Pork Chops & Pork Burgers served, Pioneer Building **Sponsored By: Hancock County Pork Producers**
 4:30 PM Mini 4-H Llama Show
 6:00 PM 4-H Sheep Show of Champions and Showmanship, 4-H Show Arena
 6:30 PM 4-H Rabbit Awards, 4-H Bowl
 7:00 PM Llama & Alpaca Fun Night - West Arena, Release Following

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th

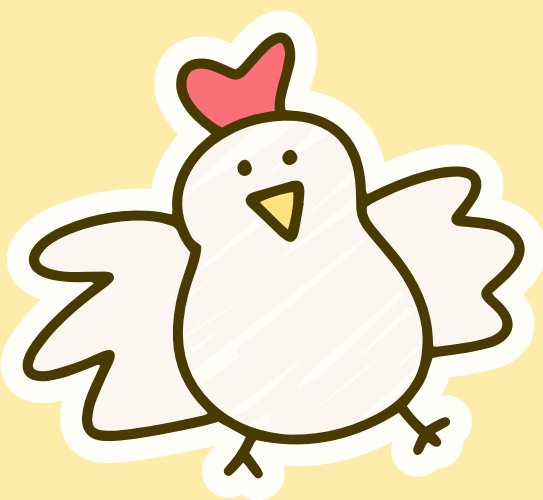
8:00 AM 4-H Dairy/Pygmy Goat Show, 4-H Show Arena
 10 AM - 9 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 2:00 PM 4-H Boer Goat Show, 4-H Show Arena
 5:00 PM Mini Goat Show
 6:30 PM Rabbits and Poultry (on exhibit) released
 8:00 PM Supreme Showmanship, 4-H Show Arena
 10:00 PM Dairy, Sheep, and Goats Released

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th

9 AM - 6 PM Release of 4-H Projects, Exhibit Hall
 6:00 PM 4-H Livestock Auction

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th

8:00 AM Clean-up of Livestock Barns



Seeking Poultry Superintendent

Duties include:

- Managing poultry exhibits, including check-ins, housing, and judging.
- Supporting 4-H youth with poultry care, breeding, and showmanship.
- Ensuring exhibit safety, biosecurity, and bird health.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this position please reach out to Amber at abarks@purdue.edu



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!



If you wish to attend please contact Amber at abarks@purdue.edu for more information on how to sign up.