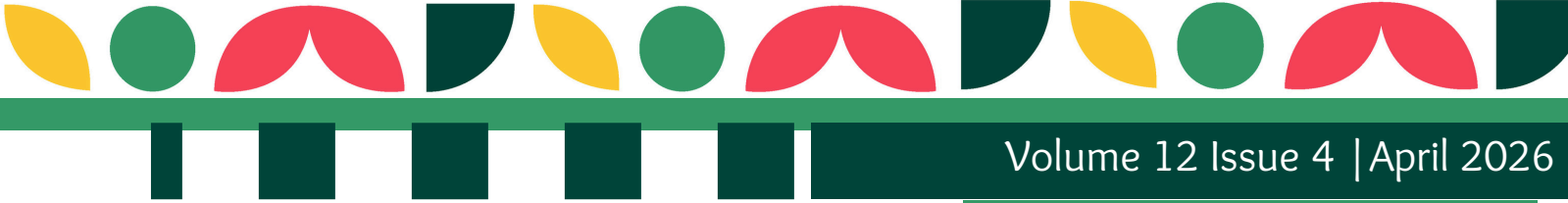




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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The Countdown is on!

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

The countdown to the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair is on! As of April 1st, we have 110 days until the fair! I hope that you have started on your projects!

There are a ton of opportunities for you to experience this summer as well! For those in grades 3-6, we offer 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park. This is from June 3-5. Sign up at: <https://hendricksco4hcamp.4honline.com>

For grades 7 and 8, we offer 4-H Round Up at Purdue University. This will be on June 10-12 this year. Grades 9-12 will have 4-H Academy at the same time at Purdue. Since these trips are held together, we will be providing transportation to and from the event. Please apply for these trips at: <https://hendricksco4h.com/2026tripsapplication>. Applications close on April 10th.

Watch your inboxes for more livestock information to come! We are mailing out packets of information! This is incredibly important to review! It has all kinds of information that is relevant to you and your project.

Lastly, please visit our website: <https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>. We update it regularly to keep you up to date!



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Extension Office Info

The Extension Office will be closed Friday April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

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<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H Opportunities



2026 Jr. Leader Meeting Dates:

- April 16
- May 19
- June 8
- June 30

All Meetings are
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at HC 4-H
Fairgrounds unless
otherwise noted.



Next Jr. Leader Meeting: Thursday, April 16th

Jr. Leaders is open to youth in grades 7-12 who are interested in taking more of a leadership role in the 4-H Program. We meet monthly and participate in community service projects. Be sure to sign up for "Junior Leaders" on 4-HOnline when enrolling in projects!

Jr. Leader Community Service Opportunity

April Community Service

This month we want to make sure we are also thinking of our community furry friends! Please bring pet supplies to our next meeting to help fill the pet pantry! Good items to consider are wet & dry food, collars & leashes, toys, bowls, and treats!

*Did you know the blue blessing box at the Fairgrounds is for pets?



4-H HENDRICKS COUNTY



Some options available are:

- t-shirts
- long sleeves
- crew neck sweatshirts
- hoodie sweatshirts
- sweatpants
- shorts
- ¼ zip sweatshirts
- full zip soft shell jackets
- polo shirts

****NEW OPTIONS****
scan to order!



4-H Flower Sale

Thank you to those who purchased geraniums and petunias this year! We truly appreciate your support!

Pick-up for clubs will be April 29-30th and May 1st. A sign-up sheet has been sent out to leaders. Open Sales pick-up will be Saturday May 2nd, 8-10am. Please bring payment with you!



Apply now for 4-H Trips!!

There are spots available for 4-H trips! Members who already applied will receive their acceptance letters soon! Apply before the open spots fill!



- 4-H Camp - 3rd-6th grade - June 3-5
- 4-H Academy - 9th-12th grade - June 10-12
- 4-H Round Up - 7th-8th grade June 10-12



Apply: <https://hendricksco4h.com/2026tripsapplication>
Find More Information HERE: <https://bit.ly/3L1YI3b>



4-H Camp Info!

4-H Camp is June 3-5 this year, at Shakamak State Park. The three-day camp is open to all 4-H members in 3rd-6th grade (as of January 1, 2026).

Transportation is provided to and from camp. Information has been sent out!

Keep an eye out for it as spots will fill fast!!

This year's theme: Disney

The full cost of camp this year is \$153, but because the 4-H Youth Council wants to see more youth attend, you will only pay \$125!! Financial assistance is available!! Guilford Township has generously offered to cover registration fees for their residents, so if you are from Guilford township, you can attend free of charge!

Registration is open on 4-Online and will close May 9th.
Registration link: <https://hendricksco4hcamp.4honline.com>



2026 Queen Contest Callout

Rules:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/2026queencontest>

Application:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/26queencontestapp>

Applications Due to FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE by
May 15th, at midnight (not Extension Office)

4-H FAIR QUEEN INFO SESSION

Join us to learn more about the Hendricks County Fair Queen Program
This is NOT a commitment to join!
We'll share workshop topics, basic rules and answer questions!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
2:30 PM

HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
CARTLIDGE BARN

Open to all Hendricks County 4-Hers who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2026 or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2026.

4-H Information

MINI MEETING DATES

April 13

May 21

All regular meetings will be

6:30-7:30 PM

@ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

June 16 - Mini 4-H Day

Camp (9 AM to 12 PM)

Hendricks County Mini 4-H is for children in grades 1 or 2 as of January 2026. Mini 4-H members meet once a month from February to May from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise).

You can sign up your Mini 4-H'er at v2.4honline.com (they can be on the same account as regular 4-H members).

Please choose

"Hendricks County Mini 4-H" as your primary club so you can get all the details on meetings and more!

April Community Service (Optional)

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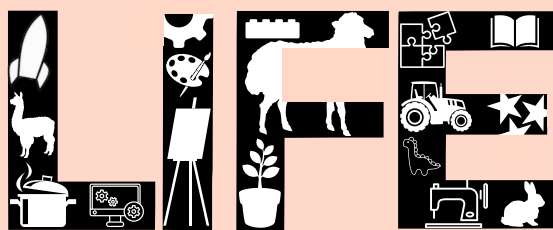
2026 4-H Handbooks are Available!

Physical copies are available in
the Office for \$10!

A free PDF is available at this
link:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/2026handbook>

4-H



HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H HANDBOOK 2026

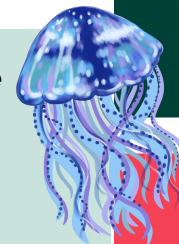
NEW: Aquatic Science Project!

Next workshops: 4/15, 5/20, 6/24

HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7pm

Interested in marine wildlife? Check out our **BRAND NEW** Aquatic Science project and attend workshops with Bethany Stanley.

Contact her at hendricks4haquatic@gmail.com with questions.



4-H Information

4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

All livestock members **EXCEPT Horse & Pony, Llama & Alpaca, Cat, Dog and Little Critters** are required to complete **ONE** of the following trainings in order to show at the 2026 HC 4-H Fair:

Option 1: In person training of the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program. Cost is \$3. We have several trainings set for Hendricks County.

Option 2: Online training through YQCA. Cost is \$12. Or there is a test out option for an additional fee. Link for YQCA is: www.yqcaprogram.org

You **DO NOT** have to complete **BOTH!** **ONLY ONE** is required. You can pick the best option for you. Additional information has been sent out to all of the members in the projects for which a quality assurance training is required.

Both of these are also the options available for participating in the Indiana State Fair livestock shows for the designated species.

Dates for the in person Hendricks County trainings are currently:

- April 30; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 11; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 12; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- June 15; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 1 p.m. @6 p.m.

Check out the flyer attached at the end for more information!



REMINDER FOR TAG-IN

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 6th and 7th @ 5:30-7:30pm** for tag-in days!

All sheep, goat, and cattle that have required taggings will be done at the same time. This is the same as it has been the last few years. This will allow those with multiple species to come all at once instead of having to come two days.

Details have been emailed and will be coming in the mail!

IMPORTANT!

Animal Enrollment Deadline

May 15

*Livestock ID info DUE in 4-HOnline.

NO EXCEPTIONS

**Poultry are NOT online – paper entry forms available in the Extension Office, all due May 15

*** Dog and Cat forms due at a later date

ATTENTION

Spring Livestock Letters



Livestock Families!

You should have received an email from us containing this year's livestock updates and information, sent by species. We are working to get those physical copies to you, but in the meantime, please visit our Google Site to you stay up to date!

**All of those resources are linked for your convenience!
<https://hendricksco4h.com/GoogleSite> (2026 Fair Info Tab)**

Sew Savvy Workshop

Tuesday April 7th @ 6-8pm

If you plan to attend this workshop, please bring the following items with you:

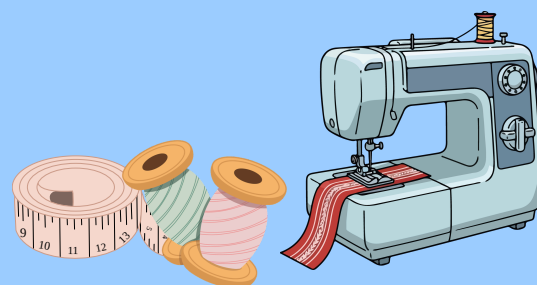
Project Option 1

- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards cotton fabric washed, dried, ironed before class
- 1 pkg non-roll elastic $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ in wide
- thread to match fabric
- electric sewing machine in working order
- scissors
- measuring tape
- fabric marking tool
- straight pins
- 2 large safety pins
- seam guage would be helpful

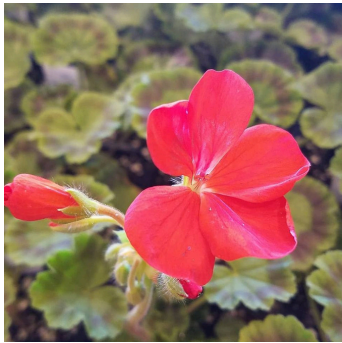
OR

Project Option 2

- 1 fat quarter fabric (ironed before class)
- thread to match fabric
- electric sewing machine in working order
- fabric scissors
- measuring tool



Thank you to
ALL who
showed your
support and
purchased
flowers!



Above: Red Seed Geraniums
Below: Purple and White
Petunias



2026 4-H FLOWER PICK-UP

*OR before. Check with club leader for final date.

Club Order Pick Up will be **April 29-30**
or **May 1st** depending on date selected
by club. Your Club leader will confirm
date & time.



**Drive-Thru Open Sales will be
Saturday, May 2nd from 8-10 a.m.**

Limited quantities available at open sales.

Prices:

Red or Hot Pink Seed Geraniums
\$2.50 each or \$45.00/flat of 18

Purple or White Wave Petunias
\$5.00 per Plant or \$75/flat of 15

All proceeds go to local
4-H Clubs for activities
and to the Hendricks
County 4-H Youth
Council to support county
4-H programming,
sending youth on 4-H
trips, awards, and more.

Calendar of Events



Hendricks County 4-H Camp



April Dates

- 7 - Sew Savvy Workshop- 6:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 8 - Robotics 101 - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 8- Gifted 4-Her's Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 8- Washington Winners Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 9 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 9 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 7:00pm @ Plainfield Library
- 9- Photography Workshop - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11 - Scrapbooking Workshop - 9a- 12p @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 13 - Bridle Bunch Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 14 - Child Development Workshop - 6:30 @ Sunshine School
(623 IN-39, Danville, IN 46122)
- 15- Robotics 102 - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 15 - Aquatic Science Workshop - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 15 - Photography Workshop - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 16 - Working Wonders Meeting - 6:30pm @ Clayton Presbyterian Church
- 16 - Poultry Club Meeting - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 19 - Goat Club Workshop - 4:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- ★ 20 - Dog Club Meeting - 6:00pm @ 4-H Fairgrounds
- 20 - Swine Club Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 21 - Sheep Club Meeting - 6:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 21 - Bulldog Clovers Meeting - 6:30pm @ Brownsburg Public Library
- 21 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 6:30pm @ Plainfield Library
- 23 - Rabbit Workshop - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 23 - Happy Farmers Meeting - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- ★ 27 - Dog Club Meeting - 6:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 30 - Photography Workshop - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds



★ See Shooting Sports Dates on Pg 9 and Dog Club Dates on Pg 10 ★

4-H Youth Council



April 22nd @ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders



4-H Fairboard

April 1st @ 7 p.m.

2026 Hendricks County Dog Training Schedule

PURDUE REQUIRES that members sign-in each night they attend any meetings or training.

Make sure that you and your parents sign in at orientation.

March 16th - Orientation

During April classes you will need to sign up for outdoor classes

***Returning members** Classes in the Expo hall are for levels 1B, 2A, 2B, Veterans and up.

***New members** Training in the Expo hall are for Levels 1A only – we need help from our returning members these nights.

April 6th – 6:00 – EXPO hall – **Returning members** training – Drill team sign up – need parent volunteers

April 20st – 6:00 – EXPO hall – **NEW member** (1A) training – need volunteers

April 27th – 6:00 – EXPO hall – **Returning members** training – Drill team sign up – need parent volunteers

*Outdoor practices start in May- Sign in each night before training in the NSSB arena.

*During our outdoor practices 2A & up members may come on 1A & 1B member night and work one class time in agility if they volunteer during one class time with new 1A/1B members.

*Note: 1B members flip schedules with outdoor practices. 1B members start training during 1A members sessions in May. They may come and work one class time in agility on the opposite week if their PARENT volunteers during one class time with 2A & up members.

May 4th – 6:00 – 1A & 1B Member training – (Returning member/parent volunteer night and agility)

May 11th – 6:00 – 2A, 2B & up Returning Member training/drill team – (1A - NO DOGS) & 1B member volunteer night)

May 18th – 6:00 – 1A & 1B Member training – (Returning member/parent volunteer night and agility)

May 25th – Memorial Day – No training

June 1st – 6:00 – 2A, 2B & up Returning Member training/drill team – (1A - NO DOGS) & 1B member volunteer night)

June 8th – 6:00 – 1A & 1B - Member training – (Returning member/parent volunteer night and agility)

June 15th – 6:00 – 2A, 2B & up Returning Member training/drill team – (1A - NO DOGS) & 1B member volunteer night)

June 22rd – 6:00 – 1A & 1B - Member training 1A & 1B – (Returning member/parent volunteer night and agility)

June 29th – 6:00 – 2A, 2B & up Returning Member training/drill team - (1A - NO DOGS) & 1B member volunteer night)

ALL - Last class night to turn in County Fair Registration form. If you are going to the state fair make sure you register by July 1st!!

Shooting Sports Project & Club



All Disciplines Safety Meeting:

Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 9 am - 11 am
Hendricks Fairgrounds - South Hall

Shooting Sports Club Meetings

Meeting Dates: December 4, January 15, February 5, March 5

Meeting Times: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting Location: Hendricks Fairgrounds & Conference Center - Room TBD

Service Project Date: TBD - April

Additional dates will be offered in June/July to help with white cards and project questions.

Shotgun

Safety Meeting Dates: March 14, April 3, and May 15 (one is required before shooting)

Meeting Dates: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12

Tournament Dates: June 26 & July 10

Meeting Times: 6 pm - 8 pm

Meeting Location: Brownsburg Conservation Club

Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader (RPM)

~~**Safety Meeting Dates:** March 14, March 28, April 25~~

Meeting Dates: March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23

Tournament Dates: June 6 & June 20

Meeting Times: 9 am - 11 am

Meeting Location: TBD

Archery

Safety Meeting Dates: March 14, April 7, and May 12

Meeting Dates: April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16

Tournament Dates: June 23 (In the event we have a tie, shoot-offs will happen at the award ceremony on July 19th.)

Meeting Times: 6 pm - 7 pm, 7 pm - 8 pm

Meeting Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds - Shooting Sports Building

Award Ceremony (RPM & Archery)

Sunday, July 19th (Time TBD)

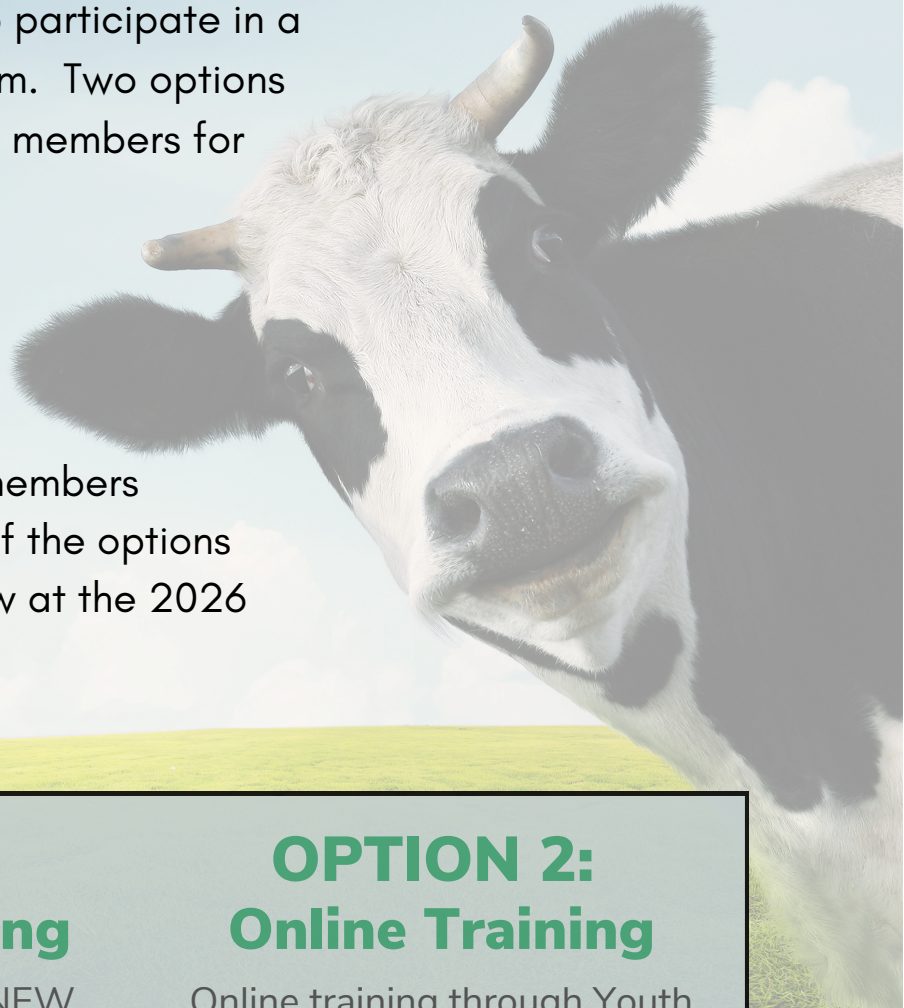
Everyone who participates in the Shooting Sports Program MUST attend a safety meeting each year for ALL disciplines in which they plan to participate.

When signing up for the 4-H program, please select the Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs when asked which club you are participating in. It does not have to be your main club; you can still participate in other clubs. When you select Shooting Sports as one of your clubs, you are more likely to get emails that are sent out to the Shooting Sports participants.

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - STAY UPDATED WITH THE BAND APP

INDIANA 4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY CARE PROGRAM

Livestock members are required to participate in a livestock quality assurance program. Two options (found below) are available to our members for completion of the requirement.



Beef/Dairy Steer, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, & Poultry members are REQUIRED to complete ONE of the options listed below to be eligible for show at the 2026 Hendricks County Fair!

OPTION 1: In-Person Training

In-person training for the NEW Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program is scheduled to take place at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Dates are listed below. *Only need to attend ONE training time. Cost is \$3.

OPTION 2: Online Training

Online training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is available at www.yqcaprogram.org. Cost is \$12. Test-out option is available for an additional fee.

! ONLY ONE OPTION IS REQUIRED. Please pick the best option for you. You do not have to complete both in-person and online training. You MUST be able to prove you took one of the two trainings!



DATES FOR IN-PERSON TRAINING AT HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:

April 30
6:30pm

May 11
6:30pm

May 12
6:30pm

June 15
1pm, 6pm

Food Preservation Class



Extension - Health and Human Sciences



Sponsored by the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers

Learn about Freezing, Drying and Canning!

Perfect for beginners and seasoned home preservers alike.

FREE

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Two sessions 2-4pm and 5-7pm

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex

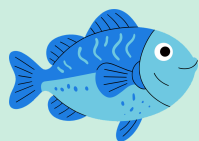
1900 E Main St, Danville, IN

RSVP by May 5 at this link:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/FoodPres26>

Questions? 317-745-9260 or hendrces@purdue.edu

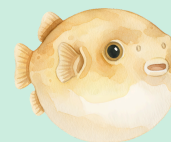
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HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

39th Annual

Gardening For All Ages

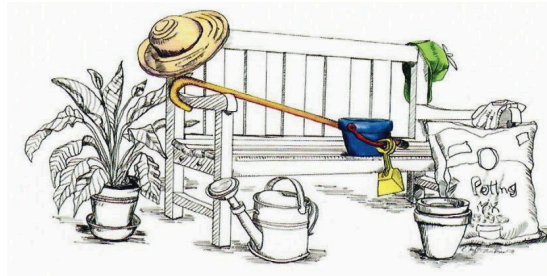
Saturday April 25, 2026 9am to 4pm

HendricksCounty4-H Fairgrounds

HendricksPower ExpoHall

FREE ADMISSION

*Free Trees | Free Seeds(while supplieslast) | Children'sActivities|Master Gardener Q & A Booth
Free Workshops andClasses | Gardeningand PlantVendors | Gardeners Closet | Food Vendors*



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Speakers

- **Best Tools in the Garden** - Colletta Kosiba
-10am
- **Monarchs** - Marian McCanless - 11am
- **Tomatoes** - Kelly Allen - 12pm
- **Demystifying Hydrangeas** - John Chapin
-1pm
- **Bluebird Basics** - Jackie Horn, Mary Huber
- 2pm

Demonstrations

- **Beaver Management** - Tom Setser
-10:30am
- **Sowing Seeds in Milk Jugs** - Kathe Rae
-11:30 am
- **Bobcats and Coyotes** -Tom Setser
-2:30 pm



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4-H

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



CLUBS

- Gifted 4-H'ers
 - The Gifted 4-H'ers Club is seeking a co-leader to help facilitate meetings in the Danville area.
- Working Wonders
 - Working Wonders is seeking one or two club leaders looking to serve youth in the Clayton Area.
- Possible new Stilesville/Amo Club volunteers needed

PROJECT ADVISORS

- ATV: Safety Co-Leader
- Bicycle
- Computers
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Geology
- Health
- Our Environment (Recycling)
- Shooting Sports
(Volunteers/Instructors)
- Small Engines
- Sportfishing
- Veterinary Science

STEM VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking an energetic STEM volunteer to help facilitate workshops. Workshops are frequently held during Spring Break and in the Fall. More workshops can be added as the leaders deem appropriate.

MINI 4-H VOLUNTEERS

We are in search of help to facilitate our ever-growing Mini 4-H Program! Our Mini 4-H'ers meet once a month beginning in February and have meetings through the beginning of June.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for general volunteers to help where needed! This could be serving on a committee or helping at the fair. If you are interested in helping our rapidly growing program, call us to get more information!

CONTACT US 317-745-9260
TO VOLUNTEER hendrces@purdue.edu



4-H Scrapbook Workshop



Get creative and bring your memories to life!

Saturday, April 11


9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Hendricks County
Fairgrounds

Join us for a fun-filled morning of scrapbooking!

Whether you're just starting or already love crafting,
this workshop is perfect for YOU!

 Design your own scrapbook pages

 Use fun colors, stickers, & decorations

 Tell your story your way



What to Bring:

-  Your favorite photos
-  Any scrapbook supplies you love to use

We'll have some supplies available
(but they are limited—so bring what you can!)



— Let's create together! —

We're excited to help you turn your memories into something amazing.

Bring a friend and make it even more fun!

Hosted by 4-H

Learn. Create. Share.

