



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Happy Holidays!

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

The Holidays are coming and I am so excited for the festivities that the holidays bring! From the snow to gift giving to being with our families.

Thank you for everyone who was able to attend the 4-H Open House in November. If you were unable to attend, you are still welcome to contact us to get more information about a project that you are interested in! You can reach us at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu.

If you have not already enrolled in 4-H, you still have time! Beginning January 15th, the office will begin sending pertinent information out to only those who have enrolled so far. Make sure that you enroll so that you can get the information that you need to have a successful 2025 4-H Year!

Thank you for making our program awesome! I appreciate all of you!

From our families to yours, we want to wish you all Happy Holidays!



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Extension Office Info

The Office will be closed
December 24th and 25th in
observance of Christmas.

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4-H Opportunities



2025 Jr. Leader Meeting Dates:

January 16

February 12

March 6 (7 p.m.

Offsite)

April 9

May 12

June 3

June 25

All Meetings 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Next Jr. Leader Meeting:
Thursday, January 16th
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

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

Jr. Leader Community Service Opportunity

Thank you to Shirley Larson and Susan Gackenheimer for presenting to the Jr. Leaders in November. To help their organizations, we encourage the Jr. Leaders to donate non-perishable items to the food pantry or no larger than a kitchen size trash bag of clothes. Bring them to the January meeting so we can distribute them to those organizations!

Poinsettias

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who supported 4-H by purchasing Poinsettias!! The proceeds from Poinsettia Sales will benefit kids that would like to attend 4-H Camp and Trips this year!



*Thank you for attending our
2024 4-H Open House!*

We had a packed house, and we hope that you learned something new, and had a great time! Thank you to all the 4-H volunteers that helped put on and run this awesome event!

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

Are you new to Hendricks County, or would you like some more guidance on what to expect in 4-H?!? This meeting is for YOU! Our Extension Educator, Ashley Alexander, will be hosting a New Family Orientation on **Tuesday, January 28th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds**
Mini 4-H: 6-6:45 p.m.
Regular 4-H: 7 p.m.

We will have New Family Guides available, and will be able to answer the questions that you may have regarding 4-H.

4-H Information

4-H Open Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is NOW
OPEN for the 2024-2025
year!!

Youth and adult volunteers are now
able to re-enroll in 4-H Online
(<https://v2.4honline.com>).

Please use your current log-in
information to re-enroll for this year.

Reach out to the Extension Office if
you need assistance of any kind!



Club and Project Leaders Needed!



Are you interested in helping with a
4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops
throughout the year? We have numerous
clubs and projects that need additional
adult volunteer help! Needs range from
club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of
hands to help with meetings and
workshops. Contact the Extension Office
for more information!

4-H Scholarships



State and Local Scholarships are now
available!

You can find state scholarships at:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>. These State
Scholarships are due January 25th!
Applications must be submitted on 4-
HOnline!

You can find links to our local scholarships
<https://hendricksco4h.com/scholarships25>
Be sure to follow the application deadlines!
More applications will be added as they
become available.

Blessing Box

We are looking for clubs and groups
to help us stock our box. You can
bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
OR TOILETRY ITEMS AT
ANY TIME!** If the blessing box is full,
please bring your items into the
Extension Office and we will fill the
box at a later time.



We appreciate and
thank each and every
person, family, club,
or group that has
donated to our
Blessing Box!!

Dining with Diabetes

Session 2

January 8-29, 2025

Register by December 13, 2024

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds



To add yourself to an interest list for either program, call Purdue Extension at (317)745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Taking place in Hendricks
County this Spring!

A Matter of Balance is a fall prevention program for older adults that focuses on reducing the fear of falling and increasing activity levels.

It helps participants view falls as controllable, set goals for activity, make home safety changes, and exercise to improve strength and balance. The program also covers topics like assertiveness, developing positive strategies, overcoming exercise barriers, identifying fall risks, and changing self-defeating thoughts into self-motivating ones.

Easy and Healthy Holiday Side Dish

12 ounces brussels sprouts, rinsed, trimmed, and halved

12 ounces butternut squash, peeled and cubed Aim for about 1" pieces

3 slices bacon, uncooked

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp maple syrup

1/2 tsp dried thyme

1/2 tsp dried rubbed sage

generous sprinkle salt + pepper
parmesan, for serving



- 1. Prep:** Prep your veggies as directed in the ingredient list above. Roughly chop or cut your bacon into pieces that are similar in size to the cubed butternut squash pieces.
- 2. Preheat your Oster French Door Air Fry Oven or regular oven to 400° F.** Add the brussels sprouts and squash to the baking sheet and drizzle on the maple syrup and olive oil. Toss to combine. Sprinkle on the thyme, sage, salt, and pepper, and toss to combine again. Scatter the bacon pieces on top.
- 3. Roast the Veggies + Bacon:** Place the pan in your oven, and roast for 15 minutes. Remove the pan, and give everything a stir to make sure things are browning evenly. Return to the oven for 12-18 minutes more. It's done when the veggies are tender to your liking, and the bacon is cooked through.

ANR UPDATE

INDIANA REGISTRATION DETAILS

JAN. 21 | JAN. 28 | FEB. 4 | FEB. 11 2025 6-9 p.m. ET

Participants should plan to attend each session.
Dinner is included at the start of every workshop.



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Before Jan. 13: In-person: \$60 | Virtual: \$75

On/After Jan. 13: In-person: \$75 | Virtual: \$75

All locations in Eastern Time except where noted

**Denotes Central Time (5-8 p.m. CT)



LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY Succession Planning Series

In-Person Sites Across 3 States Jan. 21 | Jan. 28 | Feb. 4 |
Feb. 11 6-9 p.m. ET 2025



BEGINNING FARMER

FARM RESOURCE PLANNING

FOR THE SMALL-SCALE AND MARKET FARMER
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

The goal of this 8-session program is to help new and beginning farmers find success through the creation of a practical action plan. The program helps farmers set goals, identify assets and challenges, and become aware of outside assistance and resources that can lead them towards a successful farming operation. Each participant will be encouraged to explore outside resources and supplemental materials presented in the class as well as other resources shared by classmates.

Participants will be provided with a digital copy of the Beginning Farmer workbook.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:00 - 8:30 PM EST
JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 27, 2025

REGISTRATION IS \$85
LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://CVENT.ME/2BYD1E](https://cvent.me/2BYD1E)



IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMODATION TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT AMY THOMPSON AT AFTHOMPSON@PURDUE.EDU.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INSTITUTION.

Interested in Becoming a Master Gardener?

Hendricks County Master
Gardener Program Basic
Training Intern Class starts
January 2025!

Class Topics To Be Covered:

- Native Plants
- Soil & Plant Nutrition
- Plant Science
- Plant Disease Diagnosis
- Lawn Care
- Weed Identification & Control
- Woody Ornamentals
- Herbaceous Ornamentals

- Insect Identification & Control
- Animal Pest/Invasive Species
- Pollinator/Pollinator Protection
- Pesticide Safety & Pesticide Alternatives
- Vegetable & Fruit Gardening

Contact

Contact Purdue Extension
ANR Educator, Jeff Pell to
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Hendricks County 4-H
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Calendar of Events

MINI 4-H

FIRST Mini 4-H Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.



Mini 4-H Clover Corner

Mini 4-Hers! Keep a lookout in your mailbox this month for a special Mini 4-H Newsletter called the "Clover Corner"! This will have important Mini 4-H Dates, information, and activities!

Hendricks County Mini 4-H is for youth in Grades 1 or 2 as of January 2025. The 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-Her 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 of meetings and more!



December and January Dates

December 10- Sew Savvy workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6pm

December 12 - Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

December 16 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

December 24- OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

December 25- OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

January 1 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY

January 6 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6pm

January 7- Sew Savvy workshop @ 6 pm

January 8- Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 pm

January 9- Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

January 13- Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

January 16 - Jr. Leaders Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

4-H Youth Council

No meeting this month.
Next Meeting: January 27th



4-H Adult Leaders

Volunteer Workshop:
January 21st at 7 p.m.



4-H Fairboard

No meeting this month.





4-H

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



CLUBS

- Gifted 4-Hers
 - The Gifted 4-Her's 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.

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-Hers meet once a month beginning in February and have meetings through the beginning of June.

PROJECT ADVISORS

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

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



HOLIDAY FEST



Friday, December 6, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Conference Center
4-H Fairgrounds

Hendricks Power Expo Hall-new location this year
1900 East Main Street
Danville, IN 46122

FREE ADMISSION

Cookie Walk

Homemade cookies for sale.

Sales begin at 9:00 a.m.

Craft Booths and Entertainment

Select unique holiday gifts from many vendors.

Enjoy holiday music from the Homemaker's Chorus.

Lunch Served 11a.m. – 1p.m.

Chicken and Noodles are back.

For more information contact the Extension Office at 317-745-9260.

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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

REGISTER NOW
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