

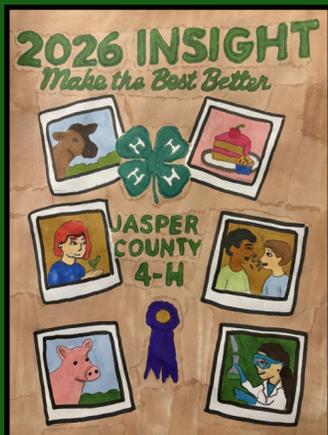


Jasper County 4-H Happenings

Spring 2026



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2026 Insight Book

2026 Insight Book is available on our website and printed copies are available via club leaders! The Insight Book is your guide to the 4-H program, including project exhibit requirements. If you have specific project questions, you will want to refer to your Insight Book before calling anyone. If you cannot find the answer there, feel free to follow up with the Project Leader or the Extension Office



Mini 4-H Meetings

- February 23 @ 5:30 Community Building JCFG
- March 30 @ 5:30 Community Building JCFG
- April 27 @ 5:30 Community Building JCFG
- June 1 – More info to come



Animal ID Days

If you cannot attend the March 7 or May 9th ID days, you MUST let Peyton know PRIOR to tagging day. Peyton or the project leader must oversee the tagging of all animals. No tags (other than swine) will be handed out at the Extension Office.

- Beef & Dairy Finished Steers - March 7 - 8 am CST - JC Fairgrounds
- Goat, Sheep & Dairy Steer - May 9 - 8 am CST - JC Fairgrounds



Important Upcoming Events

- BEEF AND DAIRY FINISHED STEER ID & WEIGH IN place on March 7th AT 8:00 AM CST in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds.
- GOAT & SHEEP AND DAIRY STEER ID & WEIGH IN Mark your calendar May 9th at 8:00 AM CST at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed. More details will be sent closer to the date.
- April 18th – Horse and Pony Shot Clinic
- May 2nd- Geranium Flower Fundraiser pick up
- May 15th – Livestock Enrollment Deadline
- June 30th - FairEntry Deadline
- July 25th – August 1st – Jasper County Fair

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

1. This certification must be done on an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

Training Dates		Training Locations
March 17	5-6 PM CST	Jasper County Fairgrounds Community Building
April 28	5-6 PM CST	
May 11	5-6 PM CST	
June 17	5-6 PM CST	

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://v2.4honline.com>.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.



If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension office

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Indiana 4-H Quality Care Program

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program Training dates are going to be held on March 9, April 28, May 11, and June 17. All will be at 5:00 PM CST in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. All 4-H members planning to exhibit livestock at the 2026 Jasper County Fair are required to complete an in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training (\$3, sign up in 4HOnline) **OR** an online YQCA training (\$12, sign up at yqcaprogram.org). You only need to complete one or the other. YQCA certificates must be emailed newman84@purdue.edu prior to June 30th to ensure completion.

4-H Trip Opportunities

- 4-H Camp: June 3-5 (grades 3-6)
- 4-H Round Up: June 10-12 (grades 7-9)
- 4-H Academy: June 10-12 (grades 9-12)



Manuals and Record Sheets

- Manuals and record sheets will not be mandatory. Indiana 4-H still requires some paperwork for select projects (see chart below). If you wish to complete 4-H for the year, you must enroll 4-H **AND** complete an exhibit or record sheet, or participate in a 4-H educational experience. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at 219-866-5741.
- Projects that still require paperwork

1. All Arts & Crafts – craft card
2. Foods – food recipe card
3. Cake Decorating – Skills sheet
4. Horse and Pony – lease agreement, vaccination forms, health and Coggins form
5. Cat – vaccination form
6. Junior Leaders – paper manual
7. Collections – My Story & Record of Purchases
8. Sewing – sewing exhibit card
9. Consumer Clothing – manual needed for project
10. Woodworking – Tools, Technique, and Skills chart
11. Dairy cattle – lease forms
12. Ferret – vaccination form
13. Dog – vaccination form & training registration and release form
14. Electric – Skills and Knowledge chart

- How to obtain required paperwork

All required paperwork is online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/jasper/4-h-youth.html> → 4-H Record Sheets. If a family does not have access to a printer, the 4-H leader or 4-H member can come to the Extension Office and pick up a printed copy.

Have you paid your 4-H Fees?

If you have already enrolled in 4-H for this year and your enrollment is coming up as "pending" - this is a friendly reminder that you still owe the \$15 4-H yearly enrollment fee. All you need to do is pay your fees.



Graduating 4-H'ers – we want to hear from you! What has 4-H meant in your life? Tell us via this survey at puext.in/2026_4H_Graduating_Member_Survey before April 1st and receive a set of 4-H honor cords!



2026 Jasper County Fair Theme

AMERICA

250



The Jasper County Fair Association at their recent board meeting, has adopted the theme "America 250" for the 2026 Jasper County Fair, to celebrate our nation's 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence! We would like all groups and individuals to be involved. Decorate your campsites, your livestock pens, your barns, your vendor booths with the red, white and blue! We are proud of our country and the freedoms we have!



Purdue Collegiate 4-H
presents:

VIRTUAL 4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP

March 12th, 6:00 p.m. EST



Open to ALL Indiana 4-H members!

Club Officer Training

Indiana 4-H'ers (Grades 3–12): Club Officer Training is back—AND we're going deeper this year! <https://clubofficertraining.4honline.com>
Are you a 4-H Club Officer... or do you hope to be one in the future? Join Purdue Collegiate 4-H (former 4-H'ers who've been in your shoes) for a fun statewide virtual training to help you lead with confidence and Make the Best Better.

What we'll cover (new + expanded this year):

- Officer roles & real-life tips for each position
- Parliamentary procedure basics (so meetings run smoother)
- Fundraising ideas that actually work
- Community service planning
- Long-term goal-setting for your club
- How to balance Business (lead), Recreation (laugh), and Education (learn) at every meeting
- PLUS: A Q&A about college, Purdue, and career readiness—ask anything!
- Interactive challenge: Bring ONE tip or ONE goal to share—we'll trade ideas across the state.

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM ET (5:00-7:00 PM CT)

Place: Zoom

Price: Free

Register here (deadline: March 12 before the session):

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



MAKE A SPLASH

Shedd Aquarium Career Exploration Trip

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE VISIT TO THE SHEDD AQUARIUM!
Visit the Shedd Aquarium, get a behind-the-scenes tour to explore the aquarium and career options, enjoy the aquarium animals and exhibits.
Registration will be open from February 15 to March 23, 2026.

Trip Details
Friday, April 17th
2 drop off locations available
9:00 a.m. ET - 7:00 p.m. ET
8:00 a.m. CT - 6:00 p.m. CT
\$50 per youth. Contact jlabrell@purdue.edu for scholarship availability. Includes lunch, snacks, transportation, admission to the aquarium.

REGISTER TODAY
at <https://sheddcareers.4honline.com>

Don't miss out on the FUN!



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Indiana 4-H Quality Care Program

Join us for an unforgettable Shedd Aquarium Career Exploration Trip on Friday, April 17th!

Middle and high school-aged youth will go behind the scenes, explore exciting career paths, and experience the incredible animals and exhibits at Shedd Aquarium — all in one action-packed day!

- \$50 per youth (includes transportation, lunch, snacks & admission!)
- The Jasper County Extension Office will be a pickup point for coordinated transportation!
- Registration open February 15 – March 23, 2026

Spots will fill quickly — don't miss out!

Register today: <https://sheddcareers.4honline.com>

Let's dive into career exploration and FUN!



JOIN US FOR A

COOKIE decorating

WORKSHOP

APRIL

TUESDAY

7

5:30-7 PM CST

2026

JASPER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
COMMUNITY BUILDING

REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://JASPERCOUNTYCOOKIEWKSHP.4HONLINE.COM](https://jaspercountycookiewkshp.4honline.com)



\$10

This event is for Jasper County 4-H members in grades 3-12. The date is Tuesday, April 7th, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds Community Building (2671 W Clark St, Rensselaer, IN 47978). This workshop will let youth create sugar cookies and learn about different icing techniques. The workshop covers all materials, in-depth teaching on cookies, royal icing, icing consistencies, and step-by-step decorating instructions. The maximum registration is 50 participants. There are no refunds. Payment for the workshop can be cash or check made payable to Purdue University and must be brought/mailed to the Jasper County Extension office by April 1. No refunds. Deadline to register is April 1, unless the 50 maximum registrations is met first. Each person participating must register using this link.

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