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# PURDUE EXTENSION PREVIEW:

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAKE COUNTY

### May 2025

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*Promoting sustainable practices*

- **Lake County Master Gardeners Association The Night Shift: Night-time Pollinators & Moon Gardens**, May 8, Extension Office, Crown Point
- **Master Gardener Plant Sale**, May 10, Lake County Fairgrounds in the Fine Arts Building
- **Building an Herb Spiral in the Garden**, May 19, IUN, Gary
- **Indiana Invasive Plant Workshop**, May 21, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chesterton
- **Junior Master Gardeners**, Tuesday/Thursday evenings, Boys and Girls Club Gary, grades 3-6

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*Fostering economic growth*

- **Digital Ready Business Hands-On Workshops**, May 8, 15, and 22, Purdue Technology Center, Crown Point
- **Nonprofit Boards Workshop**, May 8, hosted by the Legacy Foundation, Merrillville

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*Learning by doing*  
(grades K-12)



- **4-H Urban Ag Farm Visit**, May 10, Gary Community Partnership, Gary, grades 3-12
- **4-H Sewing Workshops**, May 14, 21, and 24, Extension Office Crown Point, grades 3-12
- **Indiana 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting**, May 18, Gary Area Career Center
- **Volunteer Development Workshop**, May 20, Extension Office, Crown Point
- **4-H Club Monthly Meetings**, Various dates and locations throughout Lake County, grades K-12



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*Improving the health  
of Lake County families*

<https://eatgathergo.org/>

- **Food is Medicine**, nutrition class with free weekly food box, every Tuesday, starting May 13, TCA Health, Hammond
- **Farm to School Hydroponic Growing Tower Project**, Banneker at Marquette Elementary, Bailly Middle School, Gary Area Career Center, YWCA Community Center, Gary
- **Lake County Insure**, nutrition/cooking classes, virtual and in-person, for first-time moms
- **Nutrition Education Lessons**, various locations, open to the public

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*Enhancing well-being*

- **A Matter of Balance**, May 5 & 7, Extension Office, Crown Point
- **Be Heart Smart**, May 6, 13, & 20, Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch Library
- **Be Heart Smart**, May 14, 21, & 28, Lake County Public Library, Merrillville
- **Plant-Based Eating**, May 22, Private

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YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!**

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