

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

February 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

February is here, and with it comes exciting opportunities for our 4-H members to learn, grow, and engage with their communities! As we gear up for spring, now is the perfect time to start planning projects, attending workshops, and preparing for upcoming events. Whether you're working on livestock, STEM, arts, leadership, or community service, there's something for everyone in 4-H.

Together, we can continue making a positive impact and building leadership skills for the future.

Be sure to check out all the upcoming events and follow us on social media and visit our website for the latest updates.

JOIN 4-H TODAY

The Lake County 4-H Program welcomes all youth in grades K-12. Scan the QR code to sign up:



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Scan the QR code below to find and follow our Facebook profile:



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers who attended and helped make the 78th Annual 4-H Recognition Banquet and Annual Meeting a success! From the Baking Competition to the introduction of this years Ambassador Board to the give-a-way centerpiece game.



2025 Lake County 4-H
Ambassador Board



4-H Junior Leaders completing their first
year of service



Our very own Roz winning the
centerpiece at the Banquet

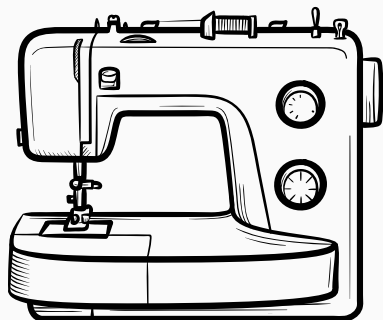


Kristen Pozen and Abigail Bisig won the
Baking Competition at the 78th Annual
Recognition Banquet

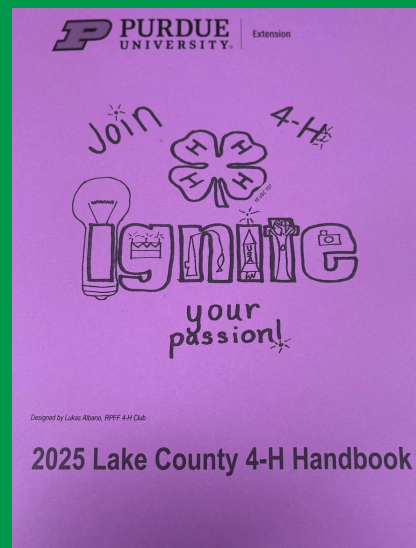
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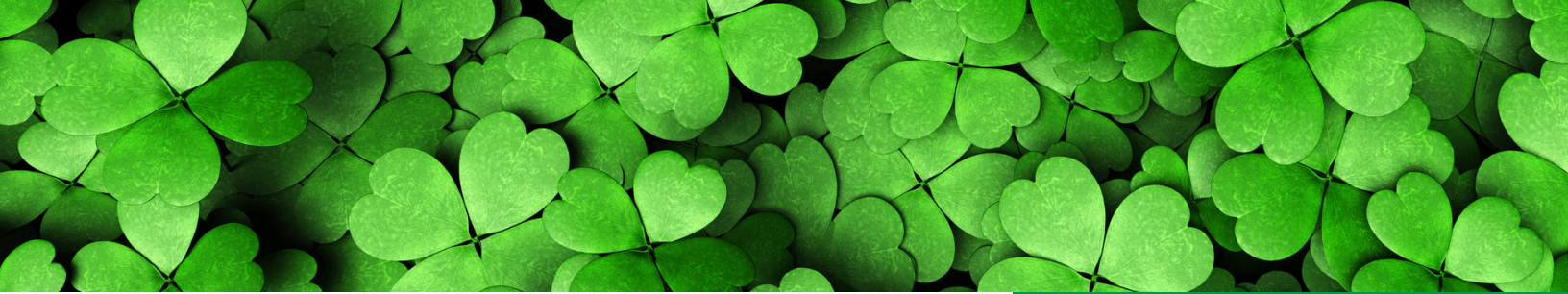
The Sewing Skills and Techniques Exhibit Guidelines document has been updated to be more inclusive of non-wearable exhibits and address skills associated with specific patterns. Additionally, the exhibit skills cards associated with each grade level have been replaced with one Sewing Skills and Information Exhibit Card and is posted under record sheets. Updated documents can be found on the [4-H Sewing](#) web page.



REMINDER!!!! The 2025 Lake County 4-H Handbooks are in! Club leaders, if you haven't already, please pick them up at the Extension Office. Adult volunteers who are not affiliated with a club, if you haven't picked yours up yet, you can also pick it up at the Extension Office. The Handbook is posted online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/.../25-handbook-lake-county...> under 4-H Project Information.



2025's Handbook cover



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4-H enrollment is still open—don't wait, enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com/> Lake County 4-Hers are also encouraged to check out the scholarship opportunities from the Legacy Foundation. Learn more at <https://legacyfdn.org/scholarships/apply-for-scholarships/>

Our annual 4-H Geranium Sale will start on Friday, March 1! Red, pink, white and salmon are available for \$1.90 each (34.20 for a flat of 18). Funds raised will support our local 4-H clubs and county programs

Be sure to check our Lake County website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html> for upcoming workshops.

NEW THIS YEAR!

4-H Communications project judging will take place the same day as the Horse & Pony Demo. Members are encouraged to do both! Now open in FairEntry and an email was sent out to 4H families with instructions. FairEntry closes on February 21st for these projects. Register at lakecountyin.fairentry.com



Lake County team at the AI workshop on Saturday January 11th. Pictured is Alyssa Berrones, adult volunteer, Elaine Berrones, Tails and Trails, Rozella Jakubcz, Hammond Explorers

Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

At 4-H Academy, youth dive deep into a subject of their choice. Participants spend time with Purdue University faculty and staff and learn by doing in a college environment! See the subject choices at bit.ly/in4hacademy. Registration opens March 15! Contact the Extension office for registration assistance.

4-H Round-Up will be held on Purdue University's campus June 23-25, 2025! Visit bit.ly/in4hroundup to learn more about this opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade 4-Hers!

Teen Leadership Weekend – Don't Miss Out!

Ready to take your leadership skills to the next level? Join us for **Teen Leadership Weekend at Camp Tecumseh from March 28-30!** Connect with 4-H members from across the state, participate in interactive workshops, and gain valuable leadership experience—all while having a blast! This event is open to **grades 7-12**, so don't wait—**register now through your 4-H Online Events tab! Call your local Purdue Extension Office if you have any questions.**



Our very own Jennifer Haynes at last year's 4-H Round-Up

Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

Save the Date: 4-H Camp

Camp dates are June 10-12, 2025 at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI.

Training Dates are set for:

Saturday March 8th | Porter County Fairgrounds
| 9 AM to 2 PM | Lunch Provided

Tuesday May 6th | Pinney Purdue | 6PM to 7:30 PM

Monday June 9th | Tower Hill Camp | Arrive at 12:30 PM CST (1:30 PM EST)

4-H Camp Sign Ups Begin – March 1st –May 15th
– Don't Miss Out!

Camp counselors – June 9-12th Campers – June 10-12th

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Trainings (QLC), will be held at the Extension Office. Learn about your animal, hands-on activities, and complete your mandatory QLC training to show at the fair. The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) training must be completed by all 4-H members who plan to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits at the county and/or state fair. Registration will open soon.

4-H Beef & Dairy Steer Tagging will take place on Saturday, March 2nd. Superintendents will drive around to homes for tagging and DNA Samples.



4-H Summer Camp



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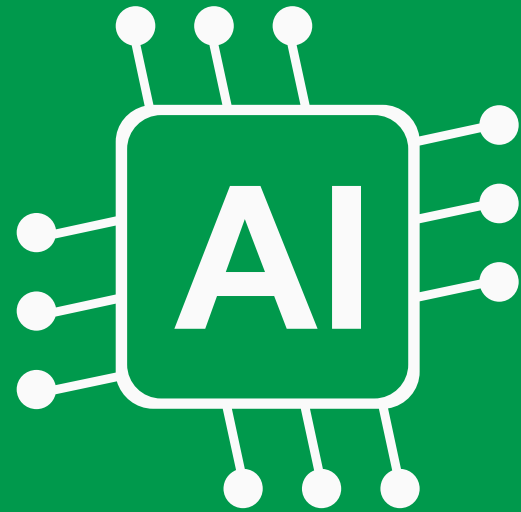
4-H AI Workshop – Fawaaz Shareef – Sunday, March 16, Extension Office – 2 pm

We are excited to invite you to a session where we will explore various ideas and applications of AI. This is a great opportunity to learn how you can leverage AI in your work and everyday life.

Please note that participants will need to bring a WiFi-capable computer to fully engage with the session. Be prepared to be amazed by the incredible possibilities AI has to offer! Register at <https://Aiworkshop3-16-2025.4honline.com>.

4-H Poster Workshop – Katelyn & Mackenzie Smith – Monday, March 24, Extension Office – 6 pm

A workshop on creating eye-popping posters, led by our talented 4-H Ambassadors, Mackenzie and Katelyn Smith. During this session, you'll learn valuable tips on poster matting, arrangement, and other design techniques that will help your posters stand out. This is a workshop you won't want to miss! We look forward to seeing you there and helping you enhance your poster-making skills. Register at <https://posterworkshop3-24-2025.4honline.com>.



Graphic of an AI chip icon

Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Cake Decorating Workshop – Leah Pozen – Friday, April 4, Extension Office – 6 pm

Cake decorating workshop where you'll learn useful tips and techniques to decorate cakes like a pro! This session will also cover the differences between various cake coverings, such as fondant and royal icing. It's a great opportunity to pick up a fun new skill, and we can't wait to see the creative designs you'll come up with. We look forward to having you join us! Register at <https://cakedecorating4-4-2025.4honline.com>.

4-H Record of Achievement Workshop – Sebastian and Kacper Rzadkosz – Wednesday, May 7, Extension Office – 6 pm

We're offering a workshop to guide participants through filling out the Record of Achievement. To make the most of this session, please bring a WiFi-capable computer and a list of the meetings and workshops you have attended. This will allow you to actively work on the form during the workshop.

We look forward to assisting you as you complete this important step! Register at <https://roa5-7-2025.4honline.com>

Mini 4-H Cabin Fever Party – Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 9-12 pm at the Extension Office. Come meet and have fun with your fellow Mini 4-Hers! Fun, snacks, and project supplies will all be provided. Cost: \$5 (Cash or Checks made payable to Purdue University). Looking for Junior Leaders and Ambassadors to help chaperone the party! Please register at <https://cabinfever2-22-25.4honline.com>.



Graphic of someone decorating a cake

2025 LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY FAIR

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!!!

Due by Friday February 21, 2025

*Entries should be no larger than 8½ X 11
displayed vertically*

The design needs to be one color:

BLACK or WHITE

*Voting will be taking place on March
1st at the Horse & Pony*

Communication/Demo Contest

Email designs to

kristenmdonaldson@sbcglobal.net

with name and club

QUESTIONS???

Call or text Kristen Donaldson at

(219)-306-1851

If a 4-H
clover is
used, it must
follow the
clover
guidelines.



State 4-H Poultry Workshop

Saturday, February 15th, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Community Building

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana

Location: 750 S 200 West Columbus, IN

On Hwy 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65

Go to www.bartholomewcountyfair.com for directions.



Food and Drinks available for purchase throughout the workshop.

Parents/guardians should plan to attend with their 4-H member(s).



Check-in begins at 9:30, please use the link below to register. For questions or more information contact: Matt John – 812.603.7722 or mjohn2@ivytech.edu



Workshop Topics

Working with Rare Breeds of Poultry

*Hands on experience for 4-H members – **Do not bring your own poultry**

Getting Started with Exhibition Poultry

Protecting Your Poultry

Parent/Leader/Superintendent Round table discussion

Use the link below to register by Feb. 14th. Registration is required and will help our club plan for food.

https://20254-hpoultrywksp.4honline.com/#/public/ins_o/evt_2gp



2025 Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteers Workshop

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex

Join us for the Annual 4-H Dog Volunteer Workshop! New and seasoned 4-H Dog Project Volunteers, Judges, and Trainers will have the opportunity to enhance their skills and network with each other statewide. If you are a 4-H youth member in grade 8 or above with a passion for volunteerism or judging, you are welcome to attend! However, you must be accompanied by an adult. Register now and enjoy a day of fun, including a catered lunch, a resource folder, and much more. Pitch in desserts are welcome!

Agenda

- Registration: 9-9:50 AM EST
- Welcome: 9:50- 10:00 AM EST
- Class Rotation 1: 10:00-10:50 AM EST
- Class Rotation 2: 11:00- 11:50 AM EST
- Lunch & ISF 4-H Dog Advisory Committee Meeting : 11:50- 12:40 AM EST
- Indiana 4-H Rules Review: 12:40-12:50 PM EST
- Class Rotation 3: 1:00-1:50 PM EST
- Class Rotation 4: 2:00-2:50 PM EST
- Safe Travels Home: 3:00 PM EST

Classes to Include

If you have interest in teaching an additional topic please contact us.

- Bringing the Fun Back to Dog Training
- Socialization Skills
- Drill Team- How to Judge it!
- Judging Showmanship with a mock class
- "Need to Know" Policies for New & Experienced 4-H Leaders
- Advanced Obedience
- Agility Piece by Piece

Registration due by February 19, 2025

Cost: \$15 per participant. Payment due at the workshop, cash or check accepted.

Register via 4-H Online in the Events Tab at 25dogvolunteer.4honline.com

Contact Purdue Extension-Jefferson County for additional questions at (812) 265 8919.



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



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Lake County Mini 4-H Cabin Fever Event!



Create 5 fair-ready projects with us!

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Limited Seats Available!

Saturday February 22

9am-Noon

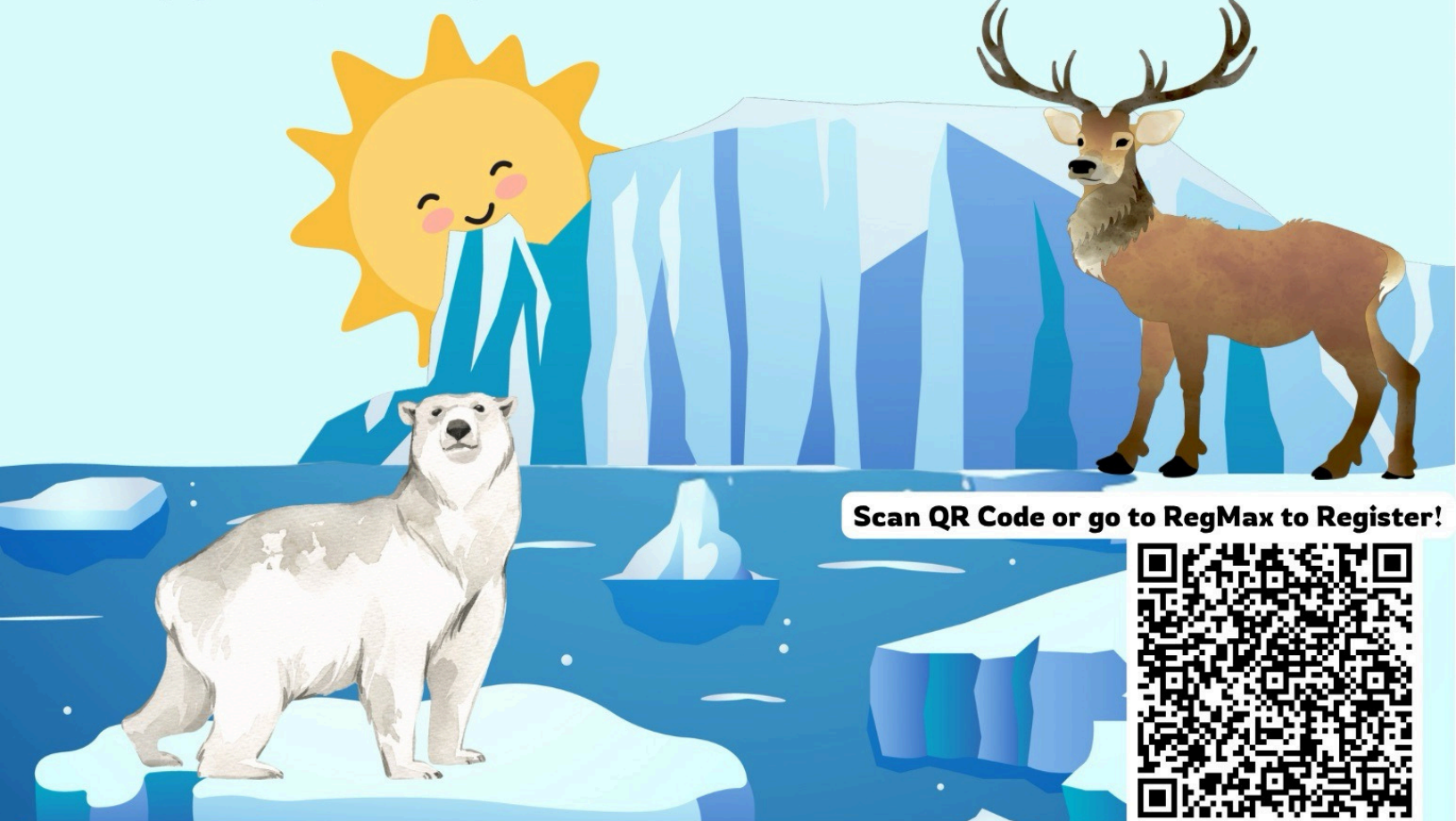
at the Extension Office

2293 N Main St, Crown Point

\$5 Material Fee

MUST RSVP TO ATTEND

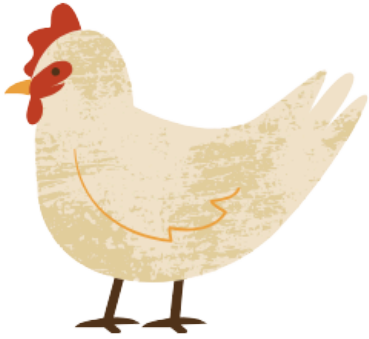
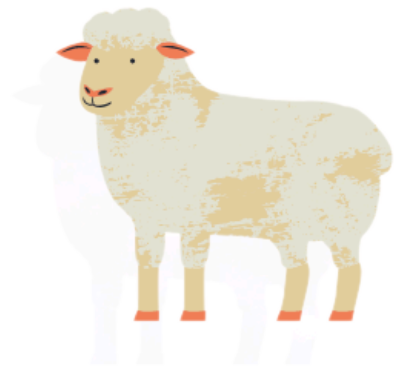
**RSVP By Registering
no later than February 19th!**



Scan QR Code or go to RegMax to Register!



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Lake County 4-H



QLC

Trainings

Sunday, February 23, 3 PM, <https://LakeQLC2-23-25.4honline.com>

Tuesday, March 11, 6 PM, <https://LakeQLC3-11-25.4honline.com>

Wednesday, April 9, 6 PM, <https://LakeQLC4-9-2025.4honline.com>

Saturday, May 17, 1 PM, <https://LakeQLC5-17-25.4honline.com>

Extension Office



Register in 4-H Online





Extension

Join The Fun

2024 was the first year for this statewide 4-H event. For 2025 we are opening the competition to members as young as 5th grade. Due to the fact that the students in 8th grade did so well last year, we are moving 8th grade to the "Senior Division."

Participants who do not respond to emails will be removed from the event schedule. Make sure that you use an active email, that you read regularly, when registering.



March 15, 2025

Madison County Fairgrounds Alexandria, IN

Have fun while competing against 4-H members from all across that state of Indiana.

COMPETITION OPEN TO 2024-2025 4-H MEMBERS

The Junior Division is for members in grades 5-7.

The Senior Division is for members in grades 8-12.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Obstacle Course
- FAA/Trust Drone Knowledge Written Test
- Block Programming Challenge

WHAT ELSE WILL BE AT THE COMPETITION

- First-responders demonstrating how they utilize drones/UAVs.
- Educators, from Purdue Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources, showing how they are using drones/UAV's in digital agriculture.

ENROLL

- After enrolling in 4-H for the 2024/2025 year, go to <https://2025DroneUAVComp.4honline.com> and sign up for the "2025 4-H Drone/UAV Competition."

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The Tello drone/UAV is no longer being produced; however, it is still generally available through a number of on-line vendors. Due to what promised to be availability challenges, the competition will start to phase out the Tello over the next few years. Thus, this year, we will have a number of Tellos available at the competition along with at least one "CoDrone" UAV/drone. Thus, both drones will be used at the competition, based on the preference of the pilot.

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<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/uav-drone-contest.html>

Contact : Bill Decker, wdecker@purdue.edu



SAVE THE DATE

MINI 4-H FUN DAY

GRADES K-2

Come meet and have fun with your fellow
Mini 4-Hers!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
9 AM - 11 AM
PURDUE EXTENSION LAKE COUNTY
2291 N. MAIN ST. CROWN POINT

Register at <https://minifunday4-5-2025.4honline.com>



Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?

*Use your 4-H experience to receive
credit for 1st year courses!*

Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)

EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)

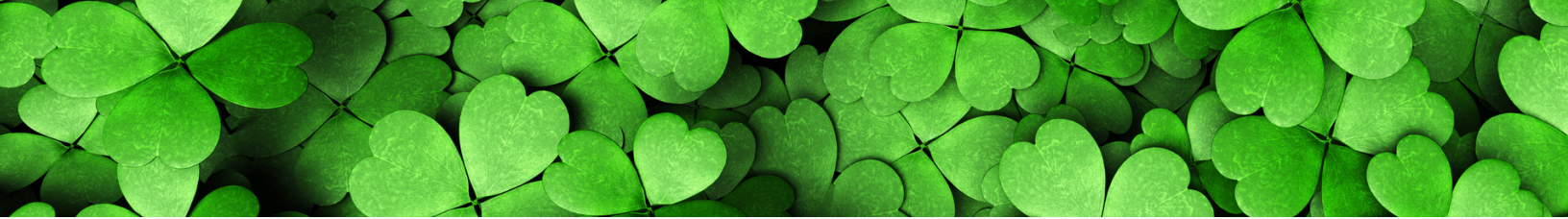
HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

Interested?

Scan here!



Questions? OCP@Purdue.edu | (765)494-2345



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 2/11 - Day at the Statehouse

Wednesday, 2/12 - Urban Agriculture Call Out,
Extension Office, 5:30 pm

Saturday, 2/22 - Mini 4-H Cabin Fever Party,
Extension Office, 9:00 am

Saturday, 2/22 - Horse & Pony Tack Swap, 4-H
Building LCFG, 9:00 am

PLEASE NOTE!

Make sure you have the dates above on your calendar! We wish all of our 4-H families a safe and joyous holiday season! Please note: The Extension Office will be closed on the following date:

February 17- President's Day

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at bit.ly/48sNJfj. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday 2/1 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, De Motte, 10:00am

Monday 2/3 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Monday 2/3 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St, 6:00pm

Tuesday 2/4 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 2/4 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street, Crown Point,
6:00pm

Wednesday 2/5 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Thursday 2/6 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave, Dyer,
7:00pm

Friday 2/7 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave, Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

Saturday 2/8 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, De Motte, 10:00am

Sunday 2/9 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00pm

Sunday 2/9 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St, Hebron,
4:00pm

Monday 2/10 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Monday 2/10 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave, Crown Point
7:00pm



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Tuesday 2/11 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St, Hobart, 9:30am

Tuesday 2/11 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W. Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 2/11 Tails & Trails 4-H Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave, Lowell, 6:00pm

Wednesday 2/12 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Friday 2/14 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave, Crown Point,
6:00pm

Saturday 2/15 Meat Judging State Contest at Purdue, 270 S Russell, West Lafayette,
8:30am

Sunday 2/16 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm

Friday 2/21 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, 8651 W 93rd Ave, St.
John, 6:00pm

Sunday 2/23 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, 9717 Spring St, Highland,

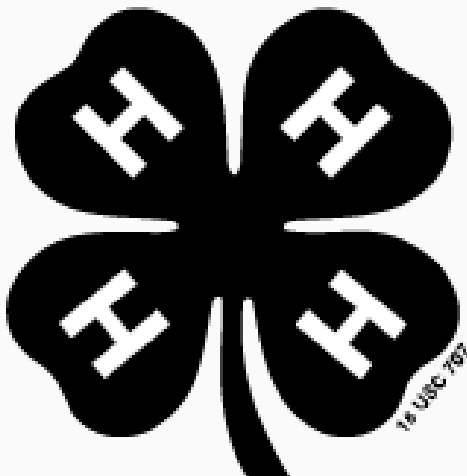
Tuesday 2/25 Lake County 4-H Junior Leader Meeting, 2293 N Main St, Crown Point,
6:00pm



REMINDER

If you have any club or project information that you'd like to share in the weekly email, please let 4-H Secretary Roz Adams rdcoleman@purdue.edu know by the 15th day of each month. See the online [Lake County 4-H Calendar](#) at for more upcoming events.

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