

# LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

January 2025

## A Note from the Extension Office

As we ring in the New Year, we reflect on the incredible memories we created together in 2024. Your dedication, hard work, and passion have inspired us all. We are so proud of what you've accomplished and can't wait to see what you'll achieve in 2025!

This year, we're excited to continue offering fun and educational experiences through our 4-H programs. From hands-on projects to leadership development and community service, there are countless ways to learn, grow, and make lasting friendships.

Stay tuned for upcoming events, workshops, and activities that will help you shine even brighter in the year ahead.

Thank you for being a vital part of our 4-H family. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!

Wishing you a joyful, prosperous, and adventure-filled New Year!

## 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

The honor of your presence is requested at the **78th Annual 4-H Recognition Banquet and Annual Meeting** of the Lake County 4-H Club Committee to be held on Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Lake County Fairgrounds. Doors will open at 6:00 pm . Adult Volunteers, completed Junior Leaders, and 4-H Ambassadors may attend at \$5.00 per person. Spouses, parents, children and other guests may attend at \$10.00 per person. Please be sure to register in 4-H Online by Jan 13th at <https://annualbanquetandmeeting01-23-25.4honline.com>. Make your check payable to Purdue University and return it to the Extension Office by Monday, January 13, 2025. If you are bringing any non-4-H guest, please list them when you register in 4-H Online.

**Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders** - 4-H members in grades 7-12 may enroll in the Junior Leader project. This program focuses on the development of leadership skills, as well as service learning and fellowship. Members assist with local club activities, 4-H projects, and county events.

### NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

2024-25 Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures are now available at [bit.ly/3AkZ8kP](https://bit.ly/3AkZ8kP)



Group photo from 4-H Camp



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**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! More details to come. Register at <https://cabinfever2-22-25.4honline.com>

**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/>



Save the Date!  
Lake County 4-H is kicking off an exciting new project: Urban Agriculture!  
Get ready for:  
Hands-on activities to learn about urban agriculture!  
Delicious pizza for everyone!  
A fun opportunity to explore how to grow food in urban spaces and connect with your community.  
Don't miss out on this awesome event – we can't wait to see you there!

## Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

**Artificial Intelligence Teen Teachers** - Become a future AI leader and share your new knowledge. Join us Saturday, January 11th, 10 AM - 4 PM at Purdue University's campus for an exciting day of exploration and learning! Learn about AI and machine learning, discover powerful tools like ChatGPT and Teachable Machine.

**How to Register:** Gather a team of at least two 4-H'ers (8th-12th grade) and an adult mentor. Contact your county 4-H educator to confirm your team. Sign up via 4-H Online: [ai.4honline.com](https://ai.4honline.com)

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, will be our **Indiana 4-H Day at the State House!** Youth in 7th-12th grade will learn about their state government through a day full of civic engagement and leadership. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. Registration is currently open and will close January 13th. You can register at the [Indiana State 4-H Website!](https://www.in.gov/4h/) Please contact the Extension Office with any questions.

It's time to start planning for **State and National 4-H Opportunities:** 4-H Round-Up, Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Academy @ Purdue, State 4-H Band & Chorus, 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Day at the Statehouse, and more! Check out photos of past events at [bit.ly/photosin4h](https://bit.ly/photosin4h) Dates and links to more information are on the Indiana 4-H Website.



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## Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

### **State Jr. Leaders Conference** – March 28-30 – CAMP TECUMSEH – BROOKSTON, IN

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of leadership development, team building, and fun! Highlights include: Interactive workshops, such as inspiring keynote speakers, networking opportunities, evening games and celebrations. More details to come! Mark your calendars and be part of this amazing experience. More details to come.

### **Area X Officer's Training** – Marshall County – Jan 18th

Calling all 4-H Officers and Advisors! This training is designed to enhance your leadership skills, strengthen your roles within your clubs, and prepare you for a successful year ahead. Stay tuned for additional details! Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a leader and connect with peers across Area X. More details to come.



Congratulations to Annalise Neal and Garrett Neal who represented Lake County 4-H at the State Entomology Contest held Saturday December 14th at Purdue University.

## Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

**Save the Date: 4-H Camp** planning is in full swing! Lake, LaPorte, Porter, & Starke Counties are gearing up for 4-H Camp FUN! Want to be a camp counselor!? Camp counselor applications opened November 1st with a deadline of January 25th. You must be in 7th to 8th grade to apply as a Counselor in Training (CIT) or you can be in 9th to 12th grade to apply as a Counselor. You can apply through 4-H Online with the events tab!

We do have a new camping location and date this year! 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)

Camp Counselors Applications Due - January 25th- <https://2025CampCounselors.4honline.com>

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

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



Group photo from 4-H Camp





## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### JANUARY

Thursday, 1/23 - County Committee Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 4-H Bldg. 889 S. Court St. Crown Point, 6:00 pm

Saturday, 1/25 - Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications due in 4-HOnline

Tuesday, 1/28 - 4-H Dog Call Out, 4-H Building LCFG, 6:00 pm

Friday, 1/31 - Club annual reports due

### 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 dates:

**December 31- New Year's Eve**

**January 1 - New Year's Day**

**January 20- Dr. Martin Luther King Day**



4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete the survey [bit.ly/IN4Hgrad](https://bit.ly/IN4Hgrad) to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at [bit.ly/48sNJfj](https://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

Thursday 1/2 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave, Dyer,  
7:00pm

Sunday 1/4 Hammond Explores 4-H Meeting, 564 State St, Hammond, 1:00pm

Monday 1/6 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St, 6:00pm

Monday 1/6 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 1/7 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St, Hobart, 9:30am

Tuesday 1/7 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Wednesday 1/8 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, DeMotte, 6:00pm

Friday 1/10 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave, Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

Friday 1/10 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave, Crown Point,  
6:00pm

Sunday 1/12 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00pm

Sunday 1/12 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St, Hebron,  
4:00pm

Sunday 1/12 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm

Monday 1/13 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm





## UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Monday 1/13 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave, Crown Point  
7:00pm

Tuesday 1/14 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W. Hebron, 6:00pm

Friday 1/17 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, 8651 W 93rd Ave, St. John,  
6:00pm

Saturday 1/18 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, DeMotte, 10:00am

Monday 1/20 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Wednesday 1/22 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, Demotte, 6:00pm

Thursday 1/23 4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet & Annual Meeting, Crown Point,  
6:00pm

Saturday 1/25 Indiana 4-H Scholarship Application (Grades 10 and up) due in 4-H  
Online

Sunday 1/26 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, TBA

Monday 1/27 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 1/28 4-H Dog Call Out, 889 S Court St, Crown Point, 6:00pm

Wednesday 1/29 4-H Meat Evaluation Team Practice, 11391 IN-55, DeMotte, 6:00pm

Friday 1/31 4-H Club Annual Reports and Materials for Audit Due, Extension Office



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**LIFE LESSONS**



# VIRTUAL SERIES WORKSHOP

Questions?  
Contact local Purdue  
Extension Office.

## ***Adulthood is hard!***

How do you manage your money?

What do you do if your car breaks down?

How do you get a stain out of your favorite pair of jeans?

Join us for **Life Lessons** - a virtual series to learn the answers to these questions and more to get #beyondready for adulthood!

***Open to all high school students (grades 9-12).***



**Jan. 14-  
March 4**



**Tuesdays  
7-8 PM EST /  
6-7 PM CT**



**\$25**  
Includes provided  
material, content and  
supplies



**Zoom and Google  
Classroom**

**Digital Safety - Kitchen Skills - Auto Care - Scheduling Appointments  
Social Etiquette - Laundry Care - Financial Education - Much More!**

**REGISTER VIA 4HONLINE**



<https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>

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# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

## Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

## Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

## Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

**Categories:** Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

**Awards:** A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship) to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.  
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

**\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024**

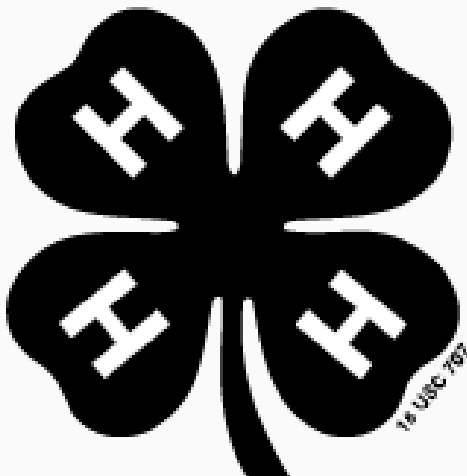


## REMINDER

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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](mailto: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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Prairie Pioneer 4H Club won 3rd place at Residences at Deer Creek's 12th Annual Scarecrow Contest.

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