

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

March 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

Spring is just around the corner, and March is a great time to dive into your 4-H projects, attend workshops, and start preparing for upcoming events! Whether you're fine-tuning your skills, exploring new interests, or getting involved in your community, there are plenty of opportunities to grow and learn this month.

As we move closer to fair season, be sure to check deadlines, stay engaged with your clubs, and take advantage of all the resources available to help you succeed. Keep an eye on this edition of Clover Connections for important updates, upcoming events, and ways to stay involved in all things 4-H.

Let's make this a month full of learning, leadership, and 4-H spirit!

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

We have some very exciting news! Purdue Extension-Lake County 4-H now has an Instagram account, be sure to follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/lake.county.4h> for all of the 4-H fun!

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.

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.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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



Geranium flower



Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Academy:

- June 11-13, 2025
- Opportunity for 9th-12th grade 4-Hers!
- Dive deep into a subject of your choice.
- Spend time with Purdue University faculty and staff and learn 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:

- June 23-25, 2025
- Opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade 4-Hers!
- Explore career and educational opportunities.
- Develop leadership skills and personal growth.
- Make new friends and enjoy top-tier 4-H entertainment.
- Experience campus life at Purdue University, staying in residence halls and attending classes.
- Participate in hands-on Career Exploration Day classes from various Purdue schools and community organizations.
- Customize your experience by selecting sessions in your favorite interest areas.
- Visit bit.ly/in4hroundup to learn more



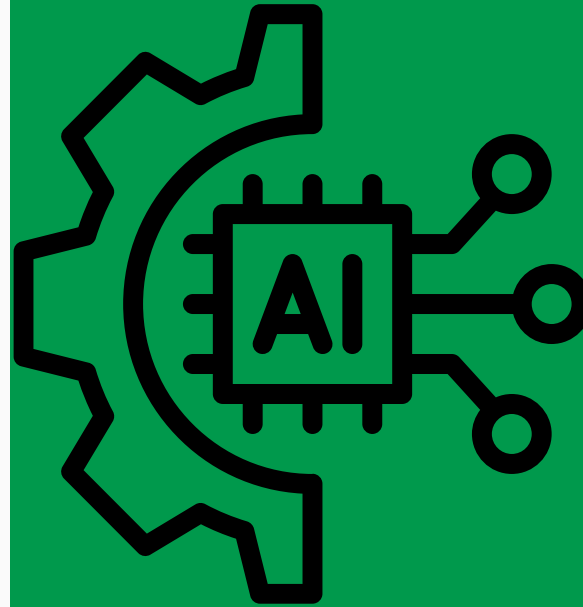
4-H Camp Sign Ups Begin
March 1st!!!!

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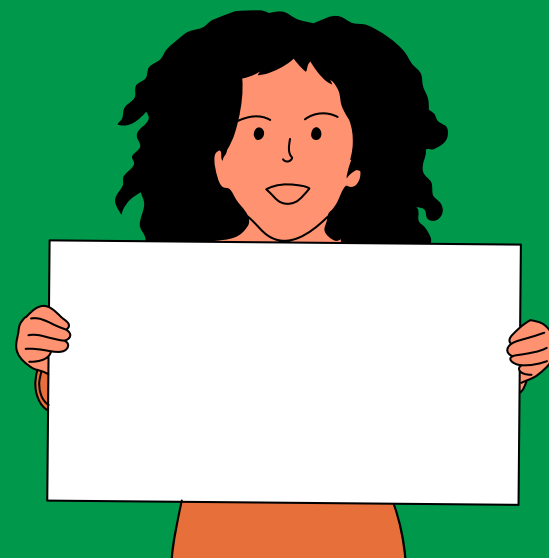
4-H AI Workshop – Fawaaz Shareef – Sunday, March 16, Extension Office – 2 pm
Great opportunity to learn how you can leverage AI in your work and everyday life. Participants will need to bring a WiFi-capable computer to fully engage with the session. Be prepared to be amazed by the incredible possibilities 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
Led by our talented 4-H Ambassadors, Mackenzie and Katelyn Smith. You'll learn valuable tips on poster matting, arrangement, and other design techniques that will help your posters stand out. We look forward to seeing you there and helping you enhance your poster-making skills. Register at <https://posterworkshop3-24-2025.4honline.com>.

4-H Record of Achievement Workshop – Sebastian and Kacper Rzakosz – 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>



AI



Child holding a poster



LAKE COUNTY 4-H

**COLOR GUARD & DRILL TEAM
CALL OUT MEETING**



March 10th



6:00PM



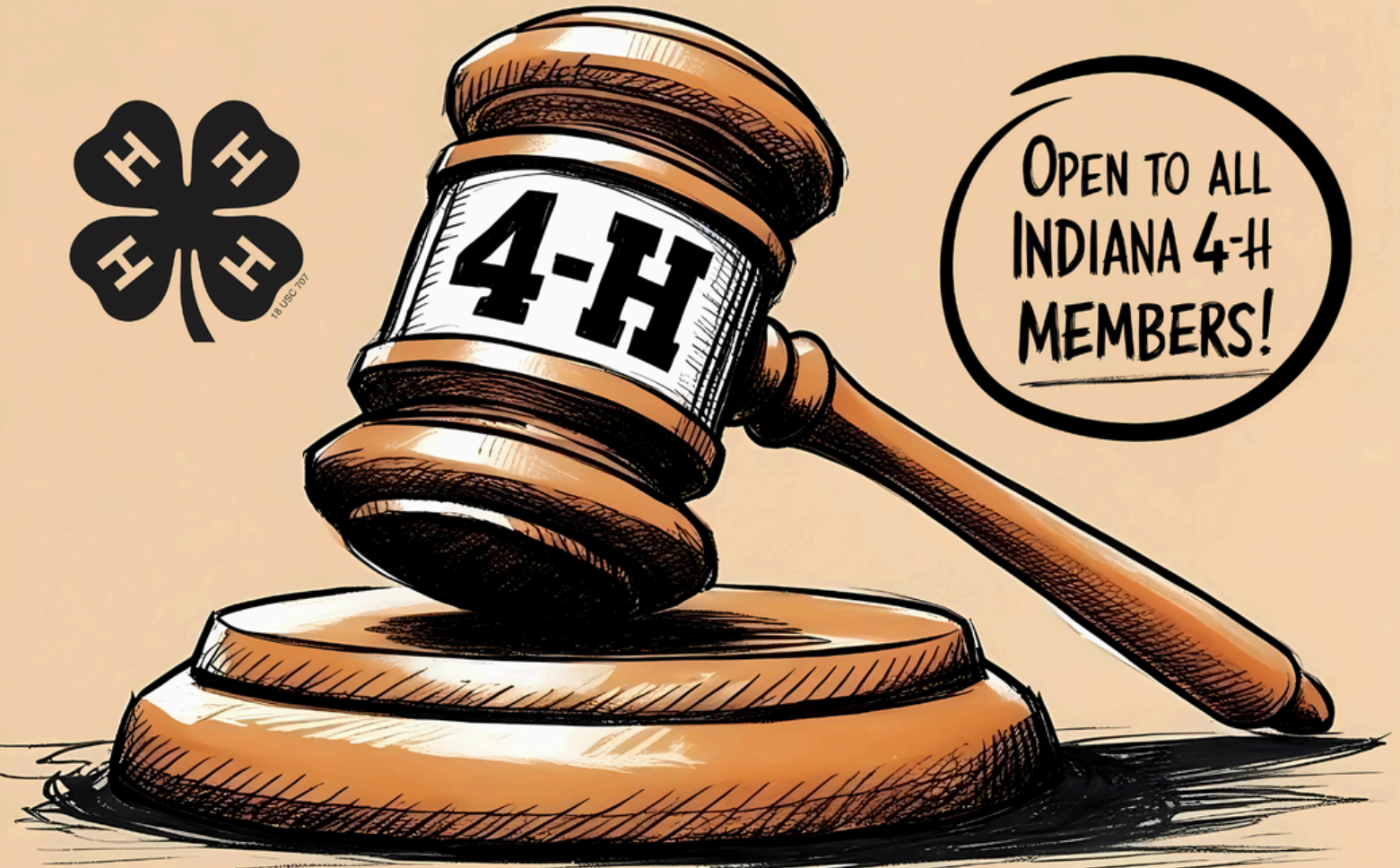
4-H Building Lake
County Fairgrounds
889 S. Court Street

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PURDUE COLLEGIATE 4-H

PRESENTS A VIRTUAL

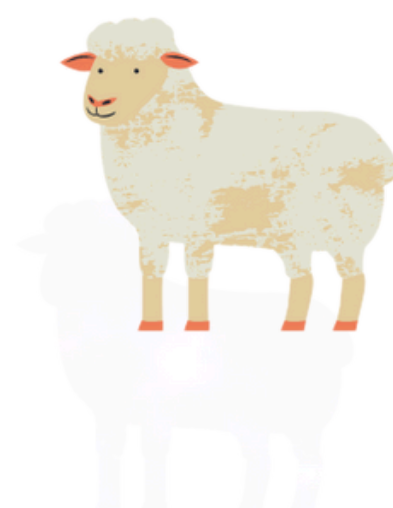
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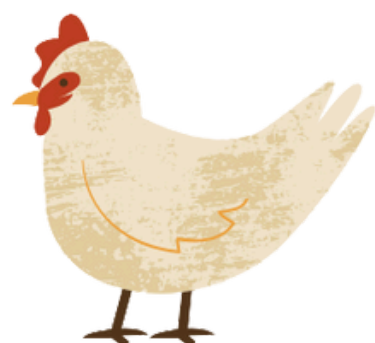
OPEN TO ALL
INDIANA 4-H
MEMBERS!

MARCH 11TH, 6:00 PM EST

3rd-12th Grade 4-H members can sign up for FREE at
officertraining.4honline.com



Lake County 4-H



QLC

Trainings

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.

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

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

Contact : Bill Decker, wdecker@purdue.edu

Lake County 4-H



Urban Agriculture Dates

- March 15th, 2-4PM Faith Farms Tour:
656 Carolina Street, Gary.
<https://Urbanag3-15-2025.4honline.com>
- April 5th, 2-4PM Hidden Acres Family Farm Tour:
14505 Reeder Road, Crown Point.
<https://urbanag4-05-2025.4honline.com>
- May 10th, 10AM-12PM Gary Community Partnership Tour:
522 Johnson Street, Gary.
<https://urbanag5-10-2025.4honline.com>
- May 28th, 6-7:30PM Urban Agriculture Wrap Up: Purdue Extension-Lake County 2291 N. Main Street, Crown Point.
<https://urbanag5-28-2025.4honline.com>
- July 29th, 9:00-10:00 AM Urban Agriculture Posters Due:
Lake County Fairgrounds 889 South Court Street, Crown Point.
- August 2nd, 12:30PM Urban Agriculture Expo: Lake County Fair Grounds 889 South Court Street, Crown Point.

**LAKE COUNTY 4-H**

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers come out and learn about some new resources! Register at <https://volunteerdev3-18-2025.4honline.com>

**MARCH 18 | 6:30 PM - 8 PM
2291 MAIN ST., CROWN POINT**

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Beginner Cake Decorating Workshop

Please Register by March 31st



April 4th 6-7pm

Lake County Extension Office
2293 N Main St, Crown Point
Grades 3-12 Are Welcome!

\$5 Material Fee

Cash or Check Made Payable to Purdue University



Register here!

Taught by an Experienced Lake County 4-H Ambassador

**Intended for very beginner decorators with
little to no knowledge of cake decorating!**

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Register at <https://cakedecorating4-4-2025.4honline.com>



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

MARCH

Saturday, 3/1 - 4-H Beef & Dairy Steer Tagging

Saturday, 3/1 - 4-H Horse & Pony Demo, Clark
Middle School, 7:30 am

Saturday, 3/1 - 4-H Communications, Clark
Middle School, 8:30 am

Saturday, 3/1 - Lake County 4-H Geranium Sale
Starts

Sunday, 3/2 - 4-H Beef & Dairy Steer Tagging

Tuesday, 3/18 - 4-H Volunteer Development,
Extension Office, 6:30pm

Friday-Sunday, 3/28-3/30 - 4-H Teen Leadership
Weekend, Camp Tecumseh

PLEASE NOTE!

Make sure you have the dates above on your
calendar! Please note: The Extension Office will
be closed on the following date:

April 18- Good Friday

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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

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

Tuesday 3/4 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 3/4 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street, Crown Point,
6:00pm

Thursday 3/6 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave, Dyer,
7:00pm

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

Sunday 3/9 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00pm

Sunday 3/9 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St, Hebron,
4:00pm

Sunday 3/9 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Monday 3/10 4-H Color Guard & Drill Team Call Out Meeting, 889 S. Court St,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Monday 3/10 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave, Crown Point
7:00pm

Tuesday 3/11 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St, Hobart, 9:30am

Tuesday 3/11 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W. Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 3/11 Tails & Trails 4-H Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave, Lowell, 6:00pm

Friday 3/14 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave, Crown Point,
6:00pm

Friday 3/21 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, 8651 W 93rd Ave, St.
John, 6:00pm

Sunday 3/23 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, 9717 Spring St, Highland,

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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