

# LaPorte County 4-H Thursday Ticket



## Educator Notes ❀



*"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." - Henry Ford*

*We find some of the best friends in the world through 4-H.*

Happy New Year to our incredible LaPorte County 4-H community! January brings not only a crispness to the air but also a sense of renewal and opportunity. As we embark on this journey through 2024, we're committed to fostering growth, learning, and, of course, a whole lot of fun.

Stay tuned for updates on engaging workshops like the Teen Series, project workshops like Rabbit and SPARK Clubs, and ways you can get involved in our vibrant community. Whether you're a seasoned 4-H enthusiast or just getting started, there's something for everyone as we embrace the spirit of collaboration and discovery.

January is not just a month; it's a chapter in the story of our collective journey, and LaPorte County 4-H is eager to make it a memorable one. Join us as we set our sights on new horizons, nurture friendships, and cultivate a sense of purpose.

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## 4-H Enrollment



The program year has begun! Make sure to enroll NOW so you don't miss out. Click the enroll button for easy access to 4HOnline. The program fee is still only \$5.00 for Mini 4-H members and \$15.00 for 4-H members in grades 3-12. For step by step instructions, visit our webpage:  
<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html>

**For Volunteers**, when completing the trainings, please be sure to click the check mark in the bottom right corner. Once finished you will need to log out of 4HOnline in order for the trainings to record. Do not use the X in the top right corner of the page.

**VOLUNTEERS, it is important that you get enrolled. If you are meeting and you are not enrolled you are not covered under our insurance and you are not in compliance with our 4-H Policies. We appreciate you wanting to volunteer but until you enroll you cannot host club meetings, vote, or actively participate in activities.**

## Small Engines

Start your small engines! Workshops will start January 3rd at 7:30 PM and will continue to March 28th. January meeting dates are: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31. All meetings last from 6:30-8pm. They will take place at Seymour Sales & Service, LLC : 101 S Forrester Rd, LaPorte, IN 46350. For more information contact Wayne Seymour [seymoursalesandservice@gmail.com](mailto:seymoursalesandservice@gmail.com).

## Teen Series

Join us at the Extension Office on Wednesday, January 17th from 6-7:30pm. We will be discussing career pathways and learning about how our personal strengths can lead to career opportunities.

## Manuals

Just as a heads up, as we phase out manuals we will have a limited supply of them in the office. If you need a manual for a project please visit [Shop 4-H](#).

## What's Due & What's New

Monday, January 15th | Day at the Statehouse Registration Deadline

Wednesday, January 17th | 6-7:30 PM | Teen Series - Career Pathways | Extension Office

Wednesday, February 7th | 6-7:30 PM | Volunteer Series- Financials & Fundraising | Extension Office

Friday, February 23rd (2024) | Appointment Only | Beef Tagging | Fairgrounds

Saturday, February 24th (2024) | 9 AM - Noon | Beef Tagging | Fairgrounds

# Mini 4-H Corner

## Mini 4-H Mondays

The January Mini Monday is full. If your child cannot make it, please let the office know so we can open that spot for another mini! We look forward to seeing all of you and kicking off the year!

In order to register your child must be active in 4HOnline. Then you will go to the events tab, register for a new event, select the mini Monday you want, and then continue to submit. **Please get signed up ASAP so we have an accurate headcount.**

**February will be candles and a snack mix! Registration will open after the January workshop.**



## Project Spotlight: Models

Do you like to build things? Learn about models and the different ways to make them. Exhibit one of the following:

- One snap together plastic model.
- A model made using Legos .
- A store bought model kit.
- A model made of clay or popsicle sticks.
- A model made from different things.
- Make a 12x12 farm model. Include plastic animals, crops, tractors, and/or other farm machinery.

# Community Happenings

## LaPorte County Public Library - The Exchange

The LPCPL Exchange is full of opportunities that can help 4-H youth develop skills they can use on their fair projects this year. The library also has some great programming fun that you might be interested in. Check out upcoming events at their website:  
<https://laporte.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

### Super Mario Bros. Trivia Night

Jan. 6, 2024 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Meeting Room - Coolspring Branch

Join us for a Super Mario Bros. themed trivia night that will be fun for the whole family! There will be prizes and snacks available.

### Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off

January 15, 2024- 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Multipurpose Room @Main Library

Kick off the Winter Reading Challenge by creating your own themed bookmark! Stop by the Multipurpose Room at Main anytime between 10:00-2:00pm to sign up for the challenge on BeanStack, create your own craft, and finish your first book for the reading challenge!

## LaPorte County Fair

**Fair Dates: July 6th - 13th**

**The first weekend will not have a carnival but will focus on 4-H and the exhibits we have.**





# MORE OPPORTUNITY

NOW UNTIL **JAN 15**



## MORE SMILES

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### IT'S 4-H ENROLLMENT TIME

Register your son or daughter for the 2024 4-H year and KV REMC will reimburse you the program fee as a bill credit.

**Kankakee  
Valley**  **REMC**

800.552.2622 • Wanatah, IN 46390

**\*DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2024**  
4-H reimbursement is only available to youth whose parents or guardians are Kankakee Valley REMC member-consumers.



[kvremc.com](http://kvremc.com)



# INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



## What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your  
internet speed  
[pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest](http://pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest)



2

Validates it on  
the FCC website  
[broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)

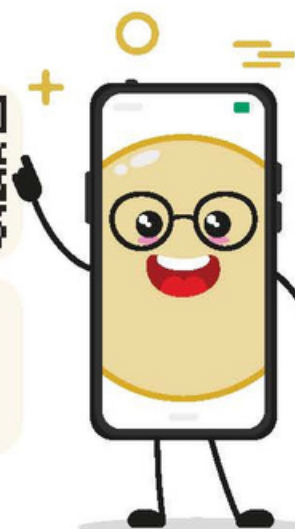


3

Share what they've  
done with others

4

Reports work in the  
Broadband Influencers  
event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad\*!

## Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

## I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:  
[state4hleader@purdue.edu](mailto:state4hleader@purdue.edu)



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\*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience.  
The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.





**Last Day to Register is January 15th!**  
**Registration is done in 4HOnline under the**  
**Events tab**

# Visit the State House

**Tuesday, February 13th**

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

**Cost is \$20 to attend**

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation. .



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NEED REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, PLEASE  
INDICATE AT PRE-REGISTRATION BY JANUARY 15TH





# 2024 Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteers Workshop

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**  
**Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex**

Join us for the Annual 4-H Dog Volunteer Workshop! We are excited to present a new list of classes and speakers this year to provide an enriching experience for both new and seasoned 4-H Dog Project Volunteers, Judges, and Trainers. This workshop offers a unique opportunity for volunteers and judges 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 pizza 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

## Topics Covered

- Using your Body Language when Training Dogs
- Teaching Retrieve
- Agility Rules Explained
- Teetering on the Edge
- Rule Book- What's not there!
- Designing a Drill Team Routine
- Showmanship Piece by Piece
- Showmanship Mock Show
- Therapy Dogs and 4-H Club Community Service
- Making your 4-H Club Thrive
- Drill Team Roundtable

**Registration due by February 23, 2024**

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

**Register: [24DogVolWS.4honline.com](https://24DogVolWS.4honline.com) or 4-H Online in the Events Tab at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)**

*For additional questions or help registering contact Purdue Extension-Jefferson County at (812) 265 8919.*



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# FORCES Of Nature



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## January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

**January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm**

**January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm**

## February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

**February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm**

**February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm**

## March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

**March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm**

**March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm**

## April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

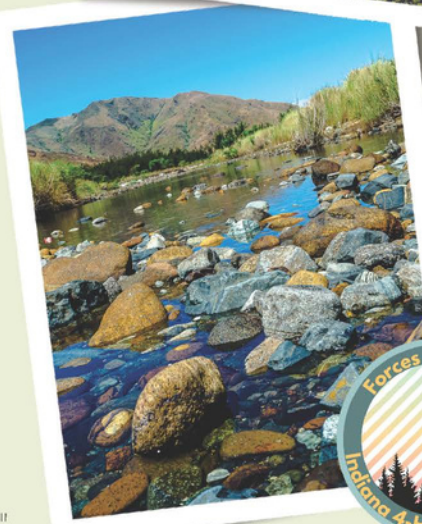
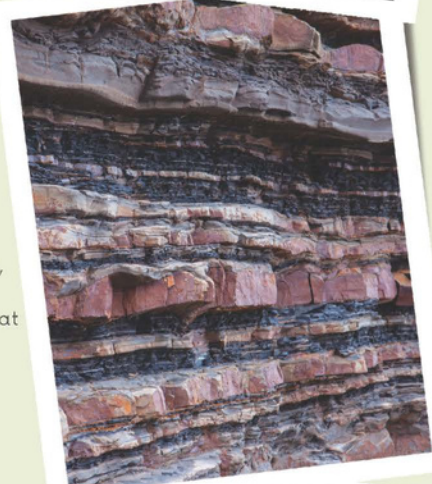
**April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm**

**April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm**

## Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

**REGISTER NOW**  
**FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM**



# COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

*When: Each Saturday from  
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024*

*Time: 10-11 am CT*

*Who: Youth in grades 3-12*

*Where: Zoom*

*Cost: \$30*

*Register in 4-H Online Events by  
Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in  
case you miss one.*

*Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr  
at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu)*

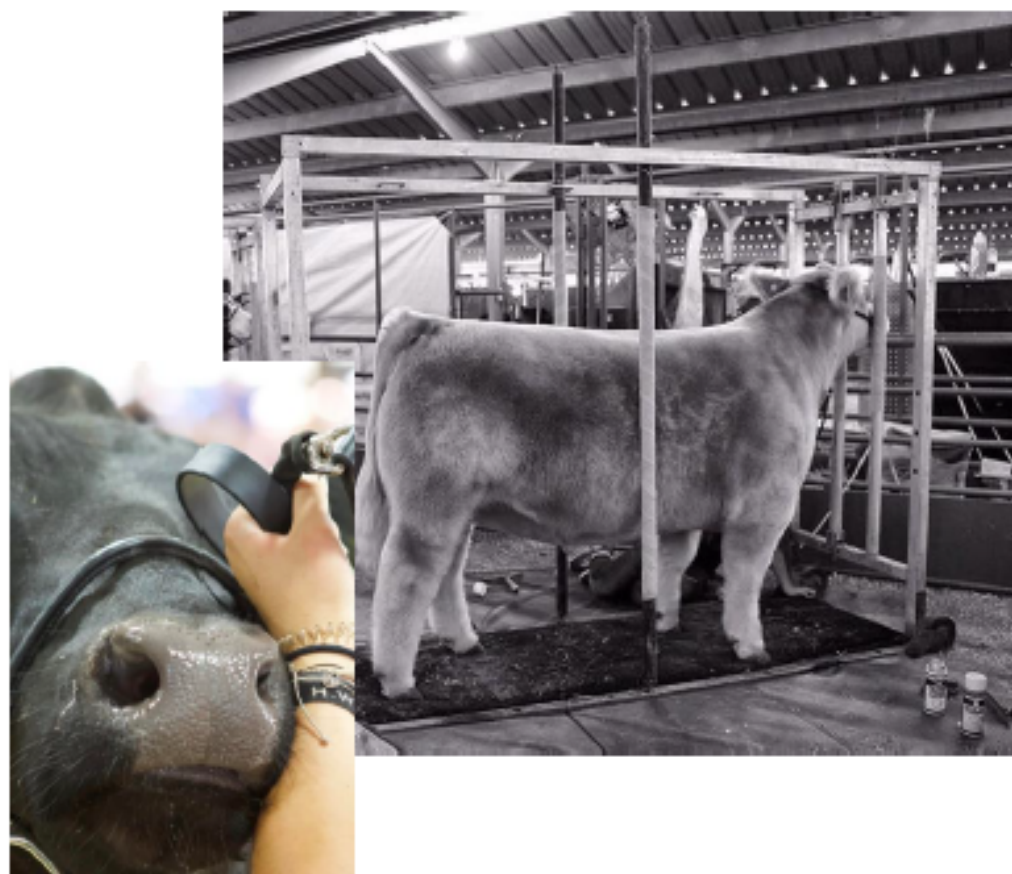
## PACK YOUR BAGS!

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If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at







**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM**

# **4-H BEEF WORKSHOP**

**Hosted by the Porter County 4-H Beef Project  
& Richey Show Steers**

Join us for a hands-on workshop focused on helping 4-Hers learn about feeding and nutrition options as well as daily hair care to prepare for the upcoming show season.

- SULLIVAN SUPPLY trailer will be onsite with grooming supplies and equipment available for all species
- Prizes and giveaways

**4-H'ers from any county are welcome to  
attend this free workshop!**

\*\*the SULLIVAN SUPPLY Trailer will be on site from 10AM-3PM this day. Anyone with any species is welcome to shop at the trailer during this time. Equipment can be ordered ahead of time for pickup this day as well\*\*

**Key Speakers:**  
**Wess Richey**  
**Shane Richey**

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**Topics include**  
**Feeding, Nutrition,**  
**& Daily Hair Care**

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**Sullivan Supply**  
**trailer will be**  
**onsite**

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**Complementary**  
**food and**  
**beverages will be**  
**provided!**

**LOCATION:**  
**MORGAN TOWNSHIP**  
**SCHOOL – AG BUILDING**  
**299 East St Rd 49**  
**Valparaiso, IN 46383**

**DATE:**  
**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Starting at 1PM**