

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in January:

- Enrollment - please enroll by January 15th so you continue to get communications. We will not send to both lists after January 15th.
- Jan. 8th - 4-H Council Meeting
- Jan. 12th - Rabbit Committee Meeting
- Jan. 18th - Mini Equine Committee Meeting
- Jan. 20th - Sheep Committee Meeting
- Jan. 28th - Beef Committee Meeting

Important Announcements:

All animals must be **entered in 4-H Online by May 15th** and project options should be chosen by then.

All animals and exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry to be shown or exhibited in the 2026 year. We know this is early but it is hard to add exhibitors at check in, it really makes it more difficult on staff and volunteers. **Fair Entry deadline will be June 12th**.

Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings

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VOLUNTEER RENEWAL/SIGN UP

Welcome to the new year! We have sparked creativity, built confidence, and helped grow tomorrow's leaders—and now it's time to do it all again! Re-enroll as a 4-H volunteer and continue your incredible journey of impact, learning, and connection.

🔥 Why Re-Enroll?

- Reignite your passion and purpose with fresh opportunities
- Reconnect with your local 4-H community and fellow changemakers
- Refresh your toolkit with new resources, training, and ideas
- Recommit to making a difference—your presence makes magic happen

✅ Re-Enrollment is Easy! Log into your 4-H Online account to update or confirm your information, complete your trainings, and submit your enrollment. Need help? Do not hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Not sure what to select for your volunteer type? Use the chart below to know your type!

Volunteer <u>Type</u> in 4-H Online:	PROJECT VOLUNTEER	PROGRAM VOLUNTEER	CLUB VOLUNTEER
Volunteer <u>Role</u> in 4-H Online:	Subject Matter/Project Leader	General Program Volunteer	1. Club Organizational Leader 2. Shooting Sports 3. 4-H Affiliate member
<u>For:</u>	Superintendents, committee members, coaches & clinic leaders	Anyone wanting to volunteer in any aspect of 4-H	1. All club leaders, including assistant club leaders or other club helpers. 2. Coordinator, instructor & Associate instructor 3. 4-H Council members

NEW VOLUNTEER	New Volunteer Applicant	New volunteers and any volunteers who were not approved during the previous 4-H year.
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YOU CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOLUNTEER TYPE



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VOLUNTEER BANQUET

Please join us for our Annual Meeting, hosted by Purdue Extension and Soil & Water, on Thursday, February 26 at the Community Building, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Enjoy a provided meal and engaging conversation as we welcome our guest speaker, AJ Popovic, Northwest Regional Specialist with the State Cooperative Invasive Management program. AJ will share timely insights and expertise on invasive species and regional management efforts.

Formal invitations will be arriving by mail soon, so keep an eye on your mailbox. We look forward to an evening of learning, connection, and community.



Junior Leaders is open to 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and provides opportunities for service learning and leadership development. Junior Leaders will meet monthly at 5:30 ahead of our Mini-Monday activities. Junior Leaders will meet to discuss projects and ideas for the year and then stay to help with Mini-Monday station activities.

This is a great opportunity for youth who are looking to be more involved in 4-H activities, and it is also a great way to earn volunteer hours.

To stay up to date on information regarding Junior Leaders, join our remind group: <https://www.remind.com/join/d6bc2b>

Upcoming meeting dates @ 5:30 in the Small Projects Building: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18. **Additional dates may be added based on projects chosen by Junior Leaders.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

February 19: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

March 10: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 8: 9 AM and 3 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 13: 6 PM | Small Projects

May 11: 6 PM | Small Projects (ID help will be available)

June 1: at 9 AM and Noon | Small Projects

June 8: 6 PM | Small Projects

MINI MONDAYS

We are ready for another year of mini fun! Please save the dates for our Mini Monday events. We will start at 6 PM in the Small Projects Building. There are 40 spots on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for the January 26th workshop is open in 4-H Online: <https://lpcjanmini26.4honline.com>

Remember you must register as we need to have a count by **January 12th**.

Save the dates:

- January 26 - Recycling
- February 23 - Wearable Art
- March 23 - My Pet & Me: Cat
- April 27 - Garden
- May 18 - Bike Rodeo
- June 29 - Project Judging & Pet Parade
- July 11 to 17 - Fair Week, we will do Mini Graduation again this year for all 2nd graders. You will need to register in Fair Entry for ALL fair activities.

BEEF TAGGING

Mark your calendars for **February 20th appointments only and February 21st from 8 to 11 AM** for beef tag in. You will be getting your beef ID letter in the mail soon so please keep an eye out for that. You will receive a Beef ID Worksheet and this is for your records, you do not need to turn it in. You are welcome to fill it out at tag in but it will not be collected or filled out for you. **Feeders will be tagged April 25th from 8 to 10 AM.**



INTERESTED IN BEING A 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR OR CHAPERONE AT

CAMP TANNADOONAH?

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMP COUNSELORS:

- GRADES 7-12
- MUST BE ENROLLED FOR THE 2025/26 4-H YEAR
- ATTEND CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING DAYS (DATES TO BE DETERMINED)

CAMP COUNSELORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FROM JUNE 8TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMP CHAPERONES:

- MUST BE APPROVED VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2025/26 4-H YEAR

TWO MALE CAMP CHAPERONES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FROM JUNE 8TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2026.

THE 2026 4-H CAMP WILL TAKE PLACE AT CAMP TANNADOONAH IN VANDALIA, MICHIGAN.

APPLY TODAY!

Applications are open now through January 25

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INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 27-29, 2026

Ages: Grades 7-12

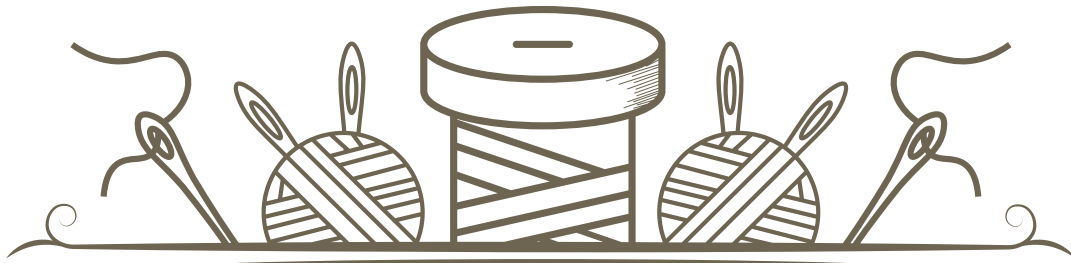


**CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER**

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!





2026 Sewing Dates

January

January 17 and 19

9:00am - 3:00pm

Working on fundraiser bags or next summer's projects.

****Please come in the back door of the extension office****

****All dates for workshops are at the Extension Office.**

For any questions, call Jackie Miller at 219-363-0093

For accommodations or interpreter/translator services,
please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or
laporteces@purdue.edu at least one week prior to the event.



2025-2026

GOAT

WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 22, 2026 @ 6PM COMMUNITY BLDG

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 @ 9:30AM SMALL PROJECTS

WORKSHOP

MARCH 2026 TBD

MAY 2, 2026 @ 8AM ARENA - ID

WORKSHOP

MAY 16, 2026 @ 9AM SHOW ARENA

WORKSHOP

JUNE 13, 2026 @ 10AM SHOW ARENA

WORKSHOP

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2026 LaPorte County 4-H SMALL ENGINES

Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 PM

Seymour Sales & Service

101 Forrester Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350

January – 7 & 28

February – 4, 11, 18 & 25

March – 4, 11, 18 & 25

April – 1 & 8



Contact Wayne Seymour with questions at 219-363-6578

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JANUARY ARCHERY SCHEDULE



8th - 9th Grade Project Discussion 6:00-9:00PM Fletching Arrows
10th - Shooting 9:00AM-12:00PM
22nd - Shooting 9:00AM-12:00PM
24th - Shooting 9:00AM-12:00PM

All meetings will be held at the Small Projects Building.
All participants are invited to the shootings on the 10th , 22nd and the 24th

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



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2026 POULTRY DATES FOR FAIR

TURKEY ORDERS DUE

JANUARY 25

Last day to order Turkeys
Call Jackie 219-851-9236



POULTRY WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 12

held at Small Projects at
6:00 PM



TURKEY PICK UP

MARCH 4

at Tractor Supply Company
from 2:00-5:00 PM

ROASTERS/BROILERS ORDERS DUE

MARCH 8

Last day to order Roasters/Broilers
call Jackie 219-851-9236

POULTRY WORKSHOP

MARCH 12

held at Community Building
at 6:00 PM



POULTRY WORKSHOP

APRIL 16

held at Small Projects at 6:00 PM

POULTRY WORKSHOP

APRIL 30

held at Small Projects at 6:00 PM

POULTRY WORKSHOP

MAY 7

held at Small Projects at 6:00 PM

ROASTERS PICK-UP

MAY 13

at Tractor Supply Company from
2:00-5:00 PM

TURKEY WING BANDING

MAY 20

held at Poultry Barn 5:00-7:00 PM

BROILER PICK-UP

MAY 27

at Tractor Supply Company 2:00-5:00 PM

POULTRY WORKSHOP

MAY 28

held at Purdue Extension
FairEntry Help 6:00-7:00PM

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

JUNE 12

Fair Entry deadline is at 4:00 PM CST

POULTRY WORKSHOP

JUNE 13

Wash bird demonstration (weather permitting), other stations around the barn: Pen Reservation, Caring for birds during fair, display board and Science Projects, etc.

9:00AM - 12:00 PM Poultry Barn

BLOOD LET

JUNE 27

held at Poultry Barn 8:00AM - 12:00PM
PAPER PEN RESERVATIONS DUE

CHECK-IN

JULY 10

Poultry Barn 4:00PM - 7:00PM

LAPORTE CO. FAIR

JULY 11-18

CHECK-OUT

JULY 18

Back side of Poultry Barn
1:00PM - 2:00PM

POULTRY PROJECT AWARDS BANQUET

JULY 23

held at Community Building
starting at 6:00PM



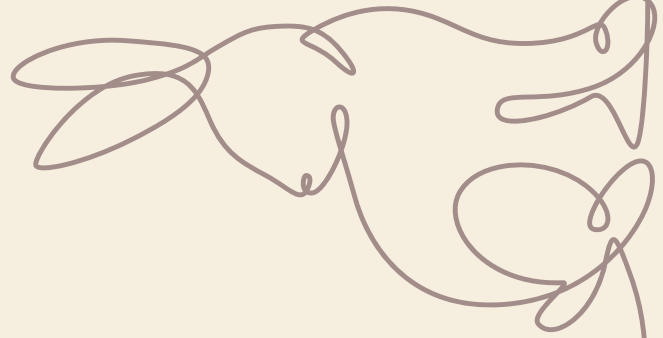
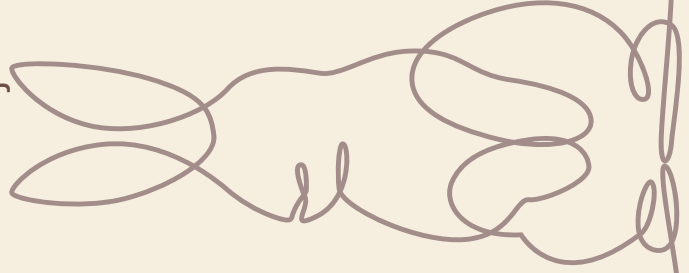
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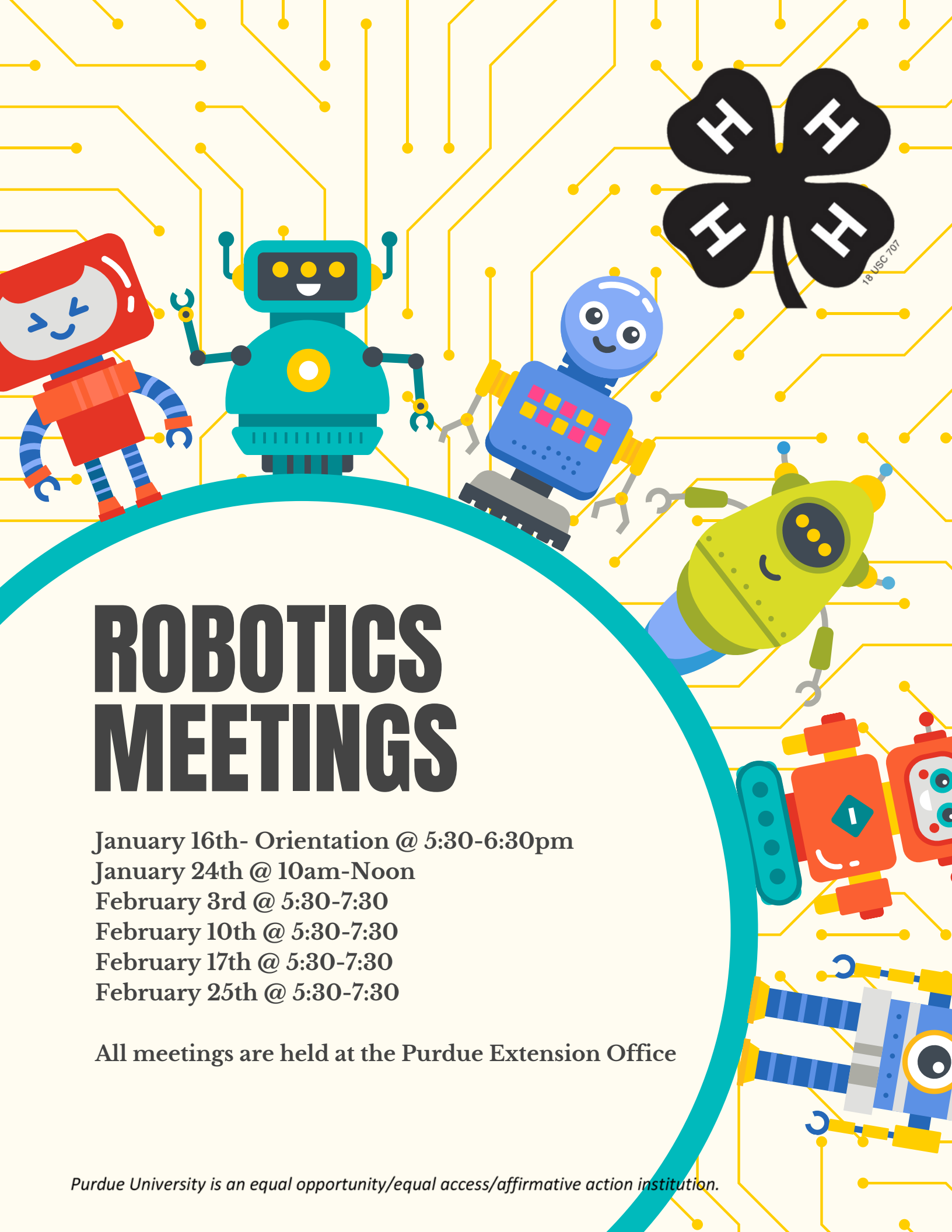


2026

Rabbit Workshops

March	April	May	June
March 9 6 PM Small Projects	April 14 6 PM Small Projects	May 13 6 PM Small Projects	June 13 8 AM Rabbit Barn





ROBOTICS MEETINGS

January 16th- Orientation @ 5:30-6:30pm

January 24th @ 10am-Noon

February 3rd @ 5:30-7:30

February 10th @ 5:30-7:30

February 17th @ 5:30-7:30

February 25th @ 5:30-7:30

All meetings are held at the Purdue Extension Office

LINCOLN HOT SHOTS CLUB MEETINGS

6:00 PM	JANUARY 8 & 22
6:00 PM	FEBRUARY 12 & 26
6:00 PM	MARCH 12 & 26
6:00 PM	APRIL 16
6:00 PM	MAY 14
6:00 PM	JUNE 25 - MAY CHANGE

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
THE FISH LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB



4-H
CLUB
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