



Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development



# NOBLE COUNTY INDIANA 4-H

## *WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?*

HEAD ● HEART ● HANDS ● HEALTH



...for my club,  
my community,  
my country,  
and my world...



*"To make the  
best better"*


## To Join Noble County 4-H :

1. Sign up at V2.4honline.com
  - (or call 260-636-2111)
2. Pick a Township Club
3. Enroll in Projects
4. *Check out Project Clubs, Events, Camps, Trips, Workshops and more!*
5. Showcase your work at the County Fair in July and win a chance to compete at the Indiana State Fair in August.

## Costs:

- Regular 4-H Grades 3-12 the program fee is \$20
- Mini 4-H Grades k-2 the program fee is \$5

*Assistance maybe available to cover 4-H dues in some townships or through volunteer work. Ask for info in the Extension Office.*



4-H Online

Login Email

Password

Sign in



# LET'S BREAK IT DOWN A LITTLE:

**Who can be a member?:** 4-H is for anyone who is in grades 3 through 12 as of January 1 of the previous year. It is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, color, sex or place of residence. *Mini 4-H is Kindergarten to 2nd grade.*

**What is it about?:** 4-H'ers have fun with friends at meetings, social activities, tours, camps, workshops and take 4-H project & exhibits to fairs. With over 55 projects currently available in Noble County there is something for everyone.

**What is a township club:** Your Township clubs connect you with other experienced 4-H'ers who are willing to help you with your projects, inspire you to try new projects, make new friends, serve in the community doing volunteer work. They also raise funds to support club activities and events. Most groups meet in a central place in the township, such as a school, church or community center.

**4-H IS LED BY ADULT VOLUNTEERS:** Noble County's 4-H program is organized by Adult 4-H Leaders (see list inside). Some specific projects are organized county clubs and meet separately from the township clubs. Parents are encouraged to get involved as well, 4-H is for the whole family to do together.

**4-H TOWNSHIP CLUBS:**

**ALBION TWP.**

Jalyssa Kessler 260-564-1411  
Josh Kessler 260-908-3762  
MIni- Vicki Jellison 260-636-3509

**ALLEN TWP.**

Community Workers-Tena Ernsberger  
260-579-3354  
Mini- Super Stars  
Elizabeth Payne 260-602-4071

**GREEN TWP.**

*(2 CLUB OPTIONS)*  
Helping Hands- Regular & Mini's-  
Christy Liggett 260-248-0902

Aggies-  
Michelle Pippenger 260-693-2769  
Aggies- Minis-  
Nicole Griffiths 260-350-1116

**JEFFERSON TWP.**

Trendsetters-  
Ryan Carmien 260-564-0617  
Mini- Michelle Hague 260-347-0813  
Blue Ribbons-  
Rachel VanGessel 260-242-3344

**NOBLE TWP.**

Keep At It-Renee Ott 260-636-7204

*\*\* We currently have 2 inactive townships, if you live in one of those townships, we encourage you to join one of the surrounding townships of your choice.*

**PERRY TWP.**

Pacesetters-  
Chelsea Yoder 260-894-0984  
Mini- Kathy Boyle 260-894-1194

**SPARTA TWP.**

Working Spartans  
Kari Stabler 260-564-0560

**Swan TWP.**

Rising Stars-  
Jennifer Duerk 260-897-2763  
Mini- Cara Skidgel 260-897-3830

**WASHINGTON TWP.**

Trailblazers-  
Connie Pritchard 574-518-1409

**WAYNE TWP.**

Buds of Wayne-  
Kasey Hindenlang 260-242-2990  
Jessica Longyear

**YORK TWP.**

Confident Clovers Terry Stump  
260-564-5928  
Mini- Julia Perlich 260-636-7682

**Noble County Townships:**

Perry (Ligonier)	Elkhart (Wawaka) **Inactive	Orange (Rome City) **Inactive	Wayne (Kendallville)
Sparta (Cromwell)	York	Albion	Jefferson
Washington (Washington Center)	Noble (Wolf Lake, Burr Oak)	Green (Green Center)	Swan (Ege, Laotto)



# Township Clubs and Volunteering Opportunities

Through their Townships, Clubs and Junior Leader groups Noble County 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in community volunteer activities.

- Raising funds for special interest projects like the Humane Shelter or Aid organizations.
- Collecting donations for 4-H Fair Auction and county projects.
- Cleaning up the fair grounds and community areas
- Learning new skills and helping out those in need.



Buds of Wayne  
Twp Club Fair  
Ground Clean  
Up and Planting

## Township clubs also participate in:

- Local Parades
- Community Carnivals
- Trunk or Treat Events
- Open Livestock Shows
- Demonstrations and workshops
- Mentoring younger 4-H'er and encouraging them to try new projects.



## Project Clubs:

- Find friends with similar interests!
- Focuses on a specific Animal or project category.
- Gives guidance, mentorship and shared experiences.

Most clubs only meet a few times a year but leaders are available for guidance year round! Even if you have no prior experience, you are welcome to come check out a project club.

You will want 1 "Primary Township Club" but you can be in as many project clubs as you like.

## PROJECT CLUBS:

- 4-H AIR RIFLE/MUZZELLOADER
- 4-H ALPACA CLUB
- 4-H ARCHERY
- 4-H ATV CLUB
- 4-H BICYCLE
- 4-H CAT CLUB
- 4-H DOG CLUB
- 4-H DRAFT ANIMAL CLUB
- 4-H HORSE & PONY CLUB
- LEGO CLUB
- Petroleum Power
- STEAM Makers

More and More Clubs added each year, let us know your interests and we can get you connected!





# 4-H Youth hands on training workshops

Workshops are great hands on educational classes through 4-H that expose members to various projects and even future career opportunities. Most of these classes are in person but a few are offered virtually as well. Get enrolled in 4-H to get access to these for the next season!



Lego  
Workshop

- Bee Keeping & Bugs
- Bicycles
- Cake Decorating
- Gardening & Crops
- LEGO
- Leadership Development
- Livestock Trainings
- Needle Crafts and Sewing
- Photography
- Area STEM



More workshops are being added every year!

Do you have special knowledge or skills in one of these areas? Would you be willing to host a 4-H Workshop to teach our 4-H'ers? Contact the Extension office at 260-636-2111 do find out how you can help out!



# **4-H Foods Projects**

Noble County 4-H Offers a wide range of Food based project to exhibit at the fair as well as workshops during the year to teach 4-H'ers many culinary skills. There are many projects and skill levels to choose from.

## **Baked Foods (State Fair Eligible)**

Cookies, Muffins, Granola Bars, Brownies or Blondies

Education poster, display or notebook on nutrition topic

Layered cakes, quick breads, biscuits, scones, pretzels, and MORE!

## **Preserved foods (State Fair Eligible)**

Frozen items such as Pizza, unbaked prepped items.

Canned and preserved items such as Jams and Jellies, pickles or salsa

## **Cake Decorating (State Fair Eligible) Gingerbread Houses (County Only)**

Show off your creative side and build a Gingerbread house or decorate a cake form to display at fair. Be sure to check out our Cake Decorating workshop that takes place in the winter to get you ready for competition at the fair.

## **Maple Syrup and Honey (State Fair Eligible)**

If you produce your own maple syrup or gather honey from your hives, save a jar for fair and compete against other area producers.

## **Other County Only Foods Projects**

While not eligible for State fair we also offer some county only food projects such as: BBQ, Microwave and Small appliance cooking.





# Arts and Crafts:

With nearly unlimited possibilities the Arts and Crafter category is a great place to start for anyone interested in joining 4-H. With most projects being eligible to go on to state fair competitions this is a very fun area and very creative project to try. Outside of general crafts we also have specialized craft areas.

## Construction and Architectural Replica

Do you like building with LEGO or recreating farm scenes, historical events or famous landmarks? This is the perfect project for you! Choose one building medium or combine a few to recreate a replica from a brick, story or real life event. You can even come up with a purely original idea, the possibilities are only limited by your imagination. **Also check out our LEGO Club, workshops and winter time build events leading up to fair.**



**Fine Arts:** Start with a blank canvas and add Oil, charcoal, pastels, pencil, ink, acrylic, watercolor or similar artistic work to be displayed on canvas, canvas board, or paper. Watch for area 4-H STEM and virtual Painting events to connect you with other artist in our 4-H district.

## Model Craft and Rockets

Cars, trains, and flying things are on the menu for this project area. Snap together, paint, glue and build a to scale model to display at fair.



## Needle Craft

Hand crafted knitting, embroidery, crocheting, needlepoint, crewel, candle wicking, chicken scratching, hand quilting, tatting, huck embroidery, and hemstitching are suggested exhibits. Entries may also include pulled, drawn and counted thread work and punch needle work. Needle craft exhibits do not include latch hook, plastic canvas, machine knitting, machine quilting, or arm knitting/crocheting. ***Also check out the Alpaca Fur Needle work and crafts.***

## Other 4-H Projects include:

- Archery
- Air Riffle
- ATV & Outdoor Sports
- Bikes
- Creative writing
- Child Development
- Home Environment
- Computers
- Electronics & STEM
- Sewing & Fashion
- Entomology
- Gardening
- Geology
- Genealogy
- Engines
- Photography
- Sport Fishing
- Weather
- Wildlife
- Wood Science

& SO MUCH MORE...



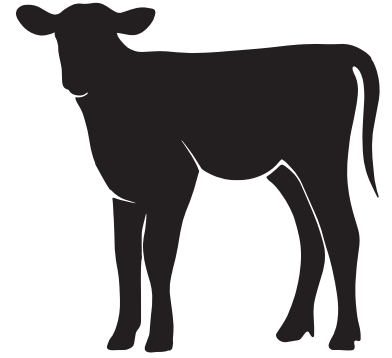
For more information on project areas check out our  
yearly handbooks and online resources at  
[Extension.purdue.edu/noble](https://Extension.purdue.edu/noble)



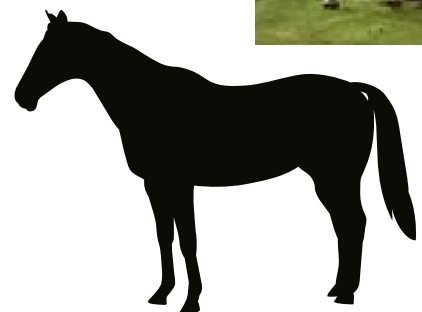
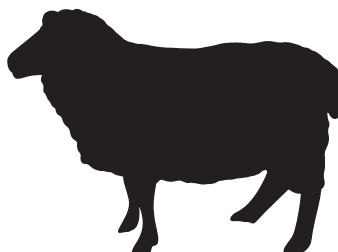


# Livestock Projects

- Alpaca
- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Steer
- Dairy Feeder Steer
- Dairy Goat
- Draft Animal
- Horse & Pony
- Meat Goat
- Sheep
- Swine



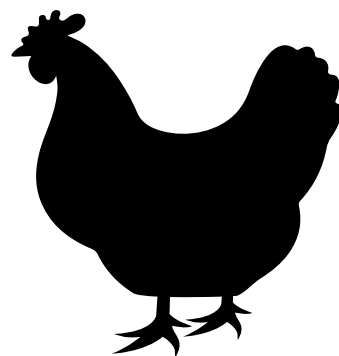
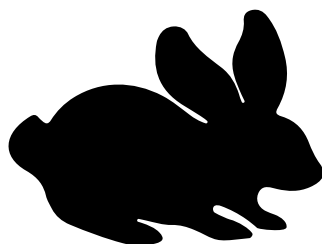
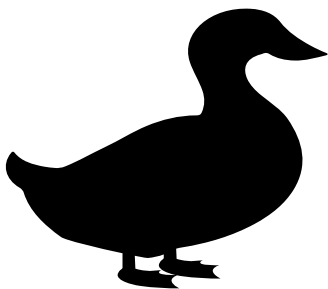
We have Livestock leaders for every species willing to help educate any new families who are interested in a Noble County Animal project. There are also leased and non-homed options for homes that do not allow for large animals to live at the same residence.





# Small Animal Projects

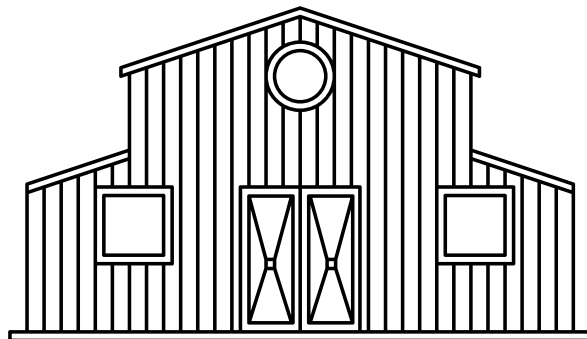
- Animal Education/Poster
- Cat
- Dog
- Pets
- Pigeon
- Poultry (Chickens and Ducks)
- Rabbit & Cavy
- Vet Science



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## Noble County 4-H Fair Events

- Graduating and 10 Year Member Awards
- Skill-A-Thon
- Round Robin Showmanship Championship
- Livestock Shows and Judging
- Pet Show
- Public Demonstrations
- Static Project Judging and displays
- New in 2024- Pack Goat Obstacle Course
- 4-H Junior Leader Dance
- Public Fashion Review
- Livestock Premium Auction



With more events and activities being added each year!





# Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp @ Epworth Forest

4-H Camp takes place during the first weeks of June every year and thanks to generosity from the Noble County Exhibit Corp, a portion of the Camp dues are covered. Ask the Extension Office for more info!

Campers are grades 5-6 and camp counselors are chosen out of a pool of 4-H High Schoolers, adult volunteers and County Educators. Campers stay overnight in cabin's at Epworth Forest for 4 days and experience a wide variety of activities, educational events and meeting new friends.



## 4-H Round Up & Academy: June

4-H Round-Up and Academy are exciting opportunities offered to our 4-H'ers. Youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9 have "Round-up" and Highschoolers have Academy. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for them at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own. Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to register. Registration and all forms will be completed through 4-H Online.

## Our Mini 4-H'ers are in a league of their own!

Mini 4-H'ers Grades K-2nd have a separate county fair judging event and a few additional projects that are specifically for our Mini's. This is a great way for young children to get involved in 4-H without getting lost in the mix with the older generations.

Mini 4-H interested in taking a livestock project will be partnered with a 4-H mentor and have a separate time to show a mentor's animal during the regular livestock judging event. Their safety is a top priority in the experience as they learn to navigate the 4-H world.



### MINI 4-H PROJECTS

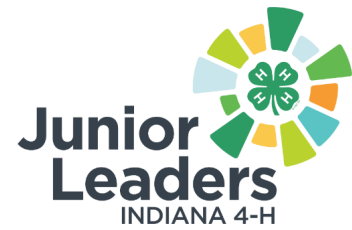
- Alpaca
- Archery
- Bicycle
- Bugs/Entomology
- Cake Decorating
- Collecting
- Crafts
- Dinosaurs
- Electric
- Farm Animals
- Flowers & Plants
- Foods
- Forestry
- Garden
- Horse & Pony
- Models
- Pets
- Photography
- Robotics
- Sewing
- Sun, Stars and Space
- Weather
- Whales & Dolphins
- Wildlife Adventures
- Woodworking

## Mini 4-H Day Camp:

Mid June every year we offer a Mini-Camp to our Mini 4-H'ers grades K-2. This one-day camp held at the Noble County Fairgrounds gives our Mini's a taste of camp life for a day. They have games, activities, based around a new theme each year. It's a great opportunity to expose our up and coming 4-H'ers to all the exciting things Noble County 4-H has to offer.







# Noble County Junior Leaders

Noble County Junior Leaders are made up of 4-H'ers grade 7-12 who want to make a bigger difference in the community. Through yearly fundraiser they work to give back to the community and learn about their own personal impact on our area.

Junior Leaders are ESSENTIAL at the County Fair helping us behind the scenes to keep judging and events running smoothly. From fairground set up, to hosting judges and administrative aids they help in just about everything.

In past year the Junior Leaders sponsored Youth Dances at the Fair and are looking for more ways to celebrate our accomplishments at Fair.

Junior leaders have been focusing on career building and life skills advancement with the help of community leaders.

The Junior Leader Club is youth led with Adult Leader supervision. We have food, games and time to make new friends during our meetings. They help out with special programs through out the year and work to connect all the clubs together with the community. It takes lots of different talents and interests to make Junior Leaders great, come see what you can bring to the club!



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!****Noble County, Indiana 4-H**

@NobleCo4H · Youth Organization

**WEBSITE:****EXTENSION.PURDUE.EDU/NOBLE**

*MUST BE FULLY ENROLLED NO LATER  
THAN MAY 15TH  
TO PARTICIPATE AT THE COUNTY OR  
STATE FAIR*



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