



SC4-H NEWS

From the Educator-

April—May 2025

Hi Everyone!

It is hard to believe it is already time for the April/May edition of our newsletter! With it getting closer to summer that means **4-H Camp** is quickly approaching! If you are in grades 3-6 you have been mailed a letter with registration and camp information. This is a wonderful opportunity and I highly encourage you to check it out! Camp dates are: May 28-31, 2025 at Camp Shakamak State Park in Jasonville, IN. Fee is \$125 and includes camp fees, insurance, park admission, t-shirt and transportation. I would like to thank Shelby County 4-H Advisory Council for their generous donation in providing \$50 scholarships for each **first year** camper. If you do receive a camp scholarship, you would only owe a camp fee of \$75! Such a great deal! If you have any questions, please let me know! Shelby County is allotted 30 campers, so be sure to be in the first 30 to submit paid registrations for camp! **Registrations due by May 9th!** We have **SIX** camp counselors going this year and those are:



Shelby County 2024 4-H Campers boarding the bus to 4-H camp!

Farah Coen, Clara Cruea, Ryan Goodwin, Pipar Hodge, Caleb McDonald, and Nevaeh Paetzel

Friendly reminder to those members who plan on exhibiting livestock– be sure to complete your Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. There are only two more trainings available this year: **April 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Brinson Building and May 7th at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office.** Please note that this training does cost \$3 at the door and you will need to register with 4-H Online. If you choose to opt out of this training and take YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) instead, you must bring your certificate into the Extension Office by 4:00 PM May 21st! Register for IQLC here: <https://shelbyIQLC.4honline.com>.

Farah Coen attended the Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse on behalf of Shelby County 4-H and had an amazing experience! She learned the history of the statehouse, participated in a mock senate session, and learned about internships while serving as a page. Farah was fortunate to speak with Senator Buck and Senator Crider. She hopes that more Shelby County 4-H'ers will join the event next year!

4-H Grows Here!

-Erin

REMINDER:

Our office will no longer be giving out RFID tags for beef, sheep, or goats. These will be given out at ID day(s).

The only RFID tags out that will be given out from our office will be for swine going to State Fair .

If you have circumstances that require a new tag (ripped out, etc.) please contact our office.



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4-H Families:

News You Might Like to Know-

- **The 2025 Shelby County Fair will run from June 9-14.**
- **Project Judging will begin on Monday, June 2, 2025.** Project judging dates are on page 76-77 in your 2025 4-H Handbook.
- **Please make sure your 4-H account is in "approved" status!** If you submitted an enrollment, but have not paid the enrollment fee, YOU ARE NOT ENROLLED. You may be able to change your payment method to credit card which will enable your enrollment to be approved more quickly. **Please check your enrollment status!**
- **Do you still need 4-H books and supplies?** Please call our office ahead of time so we can have the items pulled and ready.
- **The Indiana 4-H Club Member's Record Book (Green Record Books)** are due on or before **4:00 PM, June 4, 2025**. They may be turned in to the extension office or during judging events that occur before that date. If this is your first year in 4-H, swing by the Extension Office to pick up your green record book. *This is a correction from the handbook (page 76).
- **Friendly REMINDER- Poster/Notebook/Display Board Projects:** Sources used to create your educational exhibits (any project) **MUST** be acknowledged on the display. See page 74 of your 2025 Shelby County Handbook for details.
- **Additional information along with changes and corrections** will be available in your weekly *4-H News and Notes* emails. We encourage you to make a habit of checking it on a regular basis as well as our Facebook page! (Shelby County, IN 4-H)
- **Do you experience difficulties with FairEntry?** No worries– the Extension Office is here to help! 4-H Staff will be staying late for two nights in May to assist any family/member that comes in with FairEntry. All we ask is for you to have your 4-HOnline email and password handy to get logged in.
 - May 7, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
 - May 13, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- **IMPORTANT Livestock Auction** information can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.
- **Any questions or concerns regarding 4-H during fair week can be directed to the 4-H Staff, who will be present on the fairgrounds.**
- **Advisory Council Dine to Donate–** Join us for a delicious dinner on any of the following nights! Proceeds from the "Dine to Donate" events will support our Shelby County 4-H program. Do you know how the 4-H Advisory Council contributes? They play a crucial role in supporting our program in various ways. For example, they help cover transportation costs to camp, provide promotional materials, offer volunteer appreciation gifts, award prizes, and much more! We are extremely grateful for all they do. The funds raised from these events will directly benefit Shelby County 4-H programs.
 - ⇒ Wednesday April 30, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Chicken Inn, Shelbyville
 - ⇒ Wednesday, May 28, 2025 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Cow Palace, Shelbyville





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FairEntry & 4-H Online-

- Fair Entry & 4-H online can be a bit confusing. *Just think of it in this way: You and your livestock type animal will both **enroll** in 4-H through v2.4HOnline. You will then **enter that animal in classes** for the Shelby County fair using the <https://shelbycountyindiana.fairentry.com>*

May 15

1. **The last day to drop/add any projects on v2.4HOnline.**
2. **Animal Identification Due on v2.4Honline- May 15 is the last day to enroll your 4-H animals with their species' appropriate identification on v2.4HOnline.com**
 - ⇒ *Most 4-H animals must be "ENROLLED" in 4-H, just as our human members are. Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine must all be enrolled through the v2.4HOnline.com website by May 15. This enrollment allows the animal to be identified as an official 4-H animal that can exhibit at our county show, 4-H fun shows, area shows and the Indiana State Fair. Animal enrollment is done through the same v2.4HOnline.com log in you used to enroll yourself in 4-H. ***We encourage you to NOT wait until May 15 to make your v2.4HOnline entries!**
3. **4-H Livestock requiring DNA that are going to State Fair must have their DNA envelopes turned into our office and RFID tags in their possession to make their state fair entries.**
4. **The deadline for registering and paying for the livestock auction.** (available on website)
 - ⇒ *Checks must be made out to Shelby County Fairboard*
 - ⇒ After May 15th, you will be charged a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$10 fee to sign up - total \$60
5. **The deadline for pen reservation forms** (available on website)
6. **The deadline for Animal Lease papers to be signed and submitted to our office** (available on website)

May 21

***The Fairentry website is open from May 1-May 21. Instructions for FairEntry for all projects were included in this mailing. We encourage you to not wait until the week of May 21st to attempt your online entries. ***

1. **All exhibits** must be entered into FairEntry by May 21st. (Grades 3-12 only, Mini 4-H'ers do not register on the Fair Entry site)
 - ⇒ **Livestock** - must identify the classes they will be showing their animals in. Those missing the deadline must enter their animal in Fair Entry (computer will be provided) before the animal may be unloaded from the trailer. They will not receive any premium money earned. At the FairEntry site you will select your animal from the enrollment you created for it earlier on v2.4honline.com. You will then enter the animal in the appropriate classes.
 - ⇒ **Non-Livestock** - must identify the classes they will be entering their project in. Those missing the deadline will be required to enter their projects in Fair Entry at judging before proceeding to the Judge's table and will not receive premium money.
2. **Cats, Dogs, Poultry and Rabbits**, due to limited ID requirements, will be enrolled as 4-H animals when they sign up for their county fair classes through the FairEntry website.
3. 4-H members exhibiting livestock must be certified through the **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care** training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA). Youth certified through yqcaprogram.org or IQLC outside of Shelby County must provide their certificate of completion to the Shelby County Purdue Extension Office by **4:00 PM on May 21st.**





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4-H Adult Volunteers-

- **Club 990 e-postcards MUST be filed with the IRS before May 15!** Adult 4-H Volunteers with club affiliations were mailed directions March 15th.
- **Volunteer Training - FairEntry: April 28, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM** at the Extension Office. For this training/ meeting 4-H Staff will be going over how to add entries, maneuver the website, and basic information for the FairEntry website.

Mini 4-H News-

- **Do you have your Mini 4-H books?** If not, just call our office and tell us when you would like to pick them up. We will have them ready for you!
- **Mini 4-H Cat project members are invited to the 4-H Cat meeting** on May 7, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in Brinson Hall at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Please RSVP to the 4-H Cat Superintendent, Olivia Cassidy at 317-695-3297 by April 30th.
- **Mini 4-H Tadpole to Frog Workshop!** On April 10, at 6:00 PM., in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds, come join us for some hopping fun, story time, guest speaker, songs, games and meeting new friends! Please bring a plastic container if you plan on taking a tadpole home.
- **Mini 4-H Camp News!** Mini 4-H Day Camp will be held on July 10-11, 2025. A letter inviting K-2 to Mini 4-H Day Camp was mailed out on April 1, 2025.
 - ⇒ To register for Mini 4-H Camp, follow this link: <https://2025shelbyminicamp.4honline.com>
- **Painted and/or Decorated Egg Contest**—turn in your painted or decorated egg on Monday, June 9, 2025 anytime from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM in the Poultry Barn at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Judging will be on Tuesday afternoon during the Poultry show (the show starts at 1:00 PM).
 - ⇒ Painted Egg Competition of at least one egg (multiple entries accepted). Egg size may be chicken, duck, goose, guinea or turkey. Entry must be hard boiled or blown. Egg is painted or inked by the exhibitor. No adornment or decorations added. Some type of upright support recommended.
 - ⇒ Decorated Egg Competition consist of at least one entry (multiple entries accepted). Egg size may be chicken, duck, goose, guinea or turkey. Entry must be hard boiled or blown. Egg is to be adorned or decorated but may have paint added. Outline of egg must be recognizable. Egg decoration must be created by the exhibitor.



4-H Camp-

- **Camp will be from May 28th to May 31st at Camp Shakamak!** 4-H camp is such a fun time for youth currently in grades 3-6 to engage in outdoor activities, make new friends, and have fun! NEW this year- all camp registrations are to be completed through the members' 4-HOnline account. **Registrations must be submitted through <https://4HCampShakamakMVPS.4honline.com>, or by scanning the QR code and payment received by the Extension Office by 4:00 PM on Friday, May 9, 2025.** Shelby County is allotted 30 spots so we can only take the first 30 campers who submit paid registrations, so don't delay!
- Parents, this year we are looking for more adult chaperones for our upcoming 4-H camp. We believe that experiencing camp is something adults can benefit from too. If you are able to join us and would like more information on the next steps, please reach out to the Extension Office. *Chaperone camper fees will be paid for.*





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Fair Preparations-

- **Present Yourself-Demonstrations, Public Speaking and Rabbit Illustrated Talk:** Registrations are due to the extension office **no later than May 23, 2025**. See page 60 of the 2025 4-H Handbook for details and requirements. The contest will be held on **Thursday, May 29, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM**.
- Creative Writing projects are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.
- **SAVE THE DATE!!** Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, we will hold a special event to start off the fair and show appreciation to our 4-H families and volunteers. More details will be released, so be sure to read your weekly 4-H News and Notes emails!
- **WE NEED YOU!** In order to have the exhibit buildings open during the fair, we must have adults and/or youth supervising the buildings. Please keep in mind when signing up that you will be watching over both the Brinson Building and the 4-H Building. Youth must be accompanied by at least one adult! Judges Helpers are needed to assist with general project judging. To better assist our judges we recommend those who volunteer for this position be of high school age or above. Use the link below to sign up!
 - ⇒ **Building Monitor:** <https://bit.ly/2025bldgsignup>
 - ⇒ **Judges Helper:** <https://bit.ly/2025judgeshelper>
- **Hot Dog Feed & Awards Program** will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Food will be available from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and the awards program will begin at 4:30 PM. PNC Bank has graciously provided the food for this event.

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4-H Building &
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Judges Helper

State 4-H Events-

- **4-H Round Up** (June 23-25, 2025): Is an exciting opportunity offered to youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights.
- **State Fair Worker** (July 26– August 19): Youth with a minimum age of fourteen are afforded an opportunity to work at the Indiana State Fair as an Exhibit Hall Worker. Duties include checking-in non-animal 4-H exhibits, preparing exhibits for display to the public, record keeping, interacting with fair attendees, assisting with a variety of state fair events, and releasing exhibits.
- **Band** (June 21-23, 2025) & **Chorus** (June 21-24, 2025): Youth will improve their instrumental skills, or vocal and choreography skills as they prepare for a concert performance during 4-H Round-Up.
- **Central Indiana's Got Talent Virtual Performing Arts Contest hosted by Central Indiana 4-H—**
Calling all musicians, sketch comedians, artists, dramatists, and more! Bring your unique talent to the annual 4-H Central Indiana's Got Talent (CIGT) Virtual Performing Arts Contest. Submit a video entry by May 1st for a chance to win prizes and perform at 4-H Round-Up! More information and registration here:
https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9vEOJlvByW8FwjQ or by scanning the QR code.



Junior Leaders-

- The **April 4-H Junior Leader Meeting** will be held on April 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. We will then take a tour of the court house!
- The **May 4-H Junior Leader Meeting** will be held on May 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office.
- **WANTED! Mini Camp Counselors (grades 7-12) are needed for the day camp on July 10-11, 2025.** Counselor applications will be sent out in the next few weeks, so watch your mail!



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4-H Livestock/Animal Exhibitors-

- The *Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC)* is the new format that Purdue began utilizing in 2023 in place of YQCA. Youth in grades 3-12 to exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**. YQCA will **not** be offered in person and will be a cost of \$12. IQLC Training will only be offered in person for a cost of \$3 (cash/check only).
 - ⇒ This certification must be done on an annual basis
 - ⇒ Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending the training
 - ⇒ Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer
 - ⇒ OR a training in another county
 - ⇒ OR complete the online YQCA training
- **To register for IQLC trainings offered in Shelby County, visit: <https://shelbyIQLC.4honline.com>**
 - ⇒ Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Brinson Hall, Shelby County Fairgrounds
 - ⇒ Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office (*limit 20*)
- **Have questions about your Premise ID?** You can email BOAH to verify or obtain your premise ID at animalid@boah.in.gov or you can call them. Premise IDs are confidential and required by state law on all sites where your production animals are housed.
- **Animals for Lease:** Did you know that in Shelby County youth can lease animals to show at the Shelby County Fair (not all species leased are State Fair eligible). For specifications on leased animals please see page 177 of the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Handbook.
 - ⇒ **Angora Goats for Lease-** If you are interested in leasing an Angora goat for the 2025 show season, please reach out to 4-H Volunteer, Jessica Chaney at 317-364-6696.
 - ⇒ **Llamas for Lease-** If you are interested in leasing a llama for the 2025 show season, please reach out to Llama Superintendent, Vanessa Benagh at 317-446-2888.
 - ⇒ **Rabbits for Lease-** If you are interested in leasing a rabbit for the 2025 show season, please reach out to Rabbit Superintendent, Savannah Hudson at 317-498-7878.
- ****SHELBY COUNTY FAIR ONLY: NEW FOR 2026**, November born pigs (barrows and gilts both crossbred and purebred) could be shown at the county level only. Barrows will still be shown by weight.
- **All beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must be RFID tagged and submit a DNA hair sample (family must pull sample).** Steers, registered heifers, commercial heifers and dairy feeder steers, swine, sheep and goats are due **May 15th**. Collection envelopes are available in the office, and will be brought to our ID Days. It is the responsibility of the owner of the animal to see that it is properly tagged prior to the State Fair.
- **Cats, Dogs, Ferrets and Horses must have 2025 vaccination forms** completed before attending any 4-H events, including practices. These forms are now available in our office or on our website!
- The **Rabbit Superintendent has coordinated a buyer for purchasing cull rabbits at the conclusion of the fair.** If you are interested in selling any of your rabbits after the show, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. For any questions, please contact Rabbit Superintendent Savannah Hudson at 317-498-7878.
- **Rabbit Project Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Brinson Building on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Topics that will be covered at this meeting include: how to show your rabbit, rabbit ambassador contest, and more! Bring your rabbits!





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- **Barbeque Project-** Any member planning to complete the Barbeque project this year, **please enroll in the project on 4-H Online as soon as possible.** The Extension Office is working on tentative plans for the judging event to be held at the Fairgrounds on Friday, June 13, 2025. In order to host the event, there must be multiple exhibitors in that level. There are 3 levels which can be found on page 84 of the 2025 Shelby County 4-H handbook. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Pen Clean Up Potential Conflicts with Rabbit & Cat Show-

- Animal release for livestock is scheduled from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on June 12th with pens being cleaned out by 12:00 PM on June 12th. If you are exhibiting livestock alongside cats and /or rabbits, please get in touch with your species superintendent & livestock superintendent to work out a reasonable time to clean your pen. If an animal is going on the sale or out truck, the 4-Her or a representative will need to be present for it to go on the truck **7:00 AM on Friday, June 13, 2025.**

Auction & Out Truck-

- The 4-Her and/or representative **must** be present to put their animal on the truck. Animals will be loaded on the out truck on Friday, June 13, 2025 at 7:00 AM. After the truck leaves, the animals will be going home with the 4-H'er.
- **NEW Auction-** If you plan to sell an animal at the auction, please pick up **Auction Buyer Invitations** to personally deliver to last year's buyers and to local businesses that your family frequently visits in our community and surrounding areas. We need your help to attract more buyers! Your efforts can make a significant difference in drawing more people to our auction. (**Think about businesses your family buys feed, equipment, insurance, livestock, cars, etc. from throughout the year.*)

RABBIT WORKSHOP

April 17, 2025

Workshop will begin at 5:00 PM and will be held at Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

CAT WORKSHOP

May 7, 2025

Workshop will begin at 6:30 PM and will be held at Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

DOG WORKSHOP

Workshops will begin at 6:00 PM

April 14, 2025	May 12, 2025
April 21, 2025	May 19, 2025
April 28, 2025	May 26, 2025
May 5, 2025	June 2, 2025

Workshops in March will be held in Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Workshops held in April and on will take place in the cattle barn.

*April 12, 2025 is Barn Set Up & Pitch in, more information to come.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

POULTRY WORKSHOPS

May 27, 2025

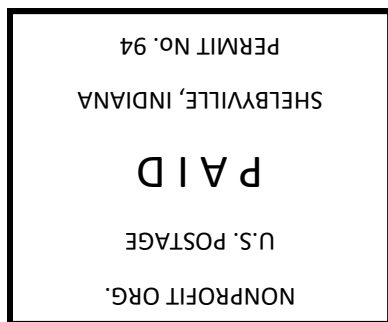
Workshop will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

LLAMA/ALPACA WORKSHOPS

Initial meeting: March 28, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Brinson Hall.

April 4, 2025	May 9, 2025
April 11, 2025	May 16, 2025
April 18, 2025	May 23, 2025
April 25, 2025	May 30, 2025
May 2, 2025	

Workshops will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Livestock Arena on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.



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2025 Shelby County Fair: June 9th - 14th



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