



# 2025-2026



# Vanderburgh County 4-H

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# Join 4-H



**What is 4-H?** 4-H is an educational positive youth development program. Indiana 4-H is part of Purdue Extension. The Vanderburgh County Purdue Extension Office manages Vanderburgh County 4-H programming.



**Who can be in 4-H?** 4-H is for youth in grades 3-12. Vanderburgh County also has a Mini 4-H program for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade.

**When Can I join?** The target enrollment window is October 1 - January 15. We encourage you to enroll during this time to attend meetings and learn about all 4-H activities!

**How Do I Join?** You can join online at <http://v2.4honline.com>.

**Is There A Cost?** The annual 4-H program fee is very affordable! In addition, most events are free or low cost.



Need more information?

Purdue Extension Vanderburgh County  
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812-867-4935

<http://extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh>  
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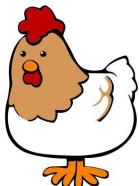
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# Pick Project Areas

*Projects are subjects that interest you. You may complete as many projects as you like. You can choose your projects in 4HOnline.*

## ANIMALS

- Animal Education
- Aquatic Science
- Beef
- Cat
- Dairy
- Dog
- Goats
- Horse & Pony
- Llama/Alpaca
- Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science



## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL

### RESOURCES

- Beekeeping
- Corn Production/ Corn Science
- Forages
- Forestry
- Floriculture
- Garden
- Plant Science
- Small Grains
- Soybeans
- Strawberry
- Tractor
- Wildlife
- Woodworking



## HOBBIES

- Collections
- Sports
- Shooting Sports
- Sport Fishing
- Americana
- Barbecue
- Bicycle
- Family Camping
- Fire Safety
- Government
- Recycling



## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING,

### TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Computer
- Electric
- Entomology
- Geology
- Robotics
- Small Engines
- Soil and Water Science
- Weather and Climate Science



## CREATIVE ARTS

- Cake Decorating
- Creative Writing
- Basic Crafts
- Needlecraft
- Fine Arts
- Model Craft
- Scrapbook
- Photography
- Gift Wrapping
- Woodworking



## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

- Sewing
- Home Environment
- Child Development
- Consumer Clothing
- Consumer Education
- Creating with a Mix
- Foods
- Genealogy
- Health / Safety
- Microwave Cooking



## **TIP**

4-H has resources for all project areas.

Check out the Indiana 4-H website or visit the Extension Office for project manuals.

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# Choose a Club

Most 4-H Clubs meet once a month. You can choose a club or multiple clubs based on your project area interest, where you live, what club your 4-H friends are in, or who the club leaders are. You will choose your club in 4-H Online and your club leaders will give you information on when and where you club meetings will be and special events they have planned for the year. You can always visit a club to try it out first!

<b>Armstrong Hi-Lighters</b>  Meets: 1st Tuesday Led by: Marva Meeks <a href="mailto:marvacaldemeyer@aol.com">marvacaldemeyer@aol.com</a>	<b>Centeriffic</b>  Meets: 2nd Monday @ Old North United Methodist Church Led by: Kim Salmon <a href="mailto:kssalmo@twc.com">kssalmo@twc.com</a>
<b>German Gems</b>  Meets: 2nd Thursday Led by: Kellyann Walker <a href="mailto:walkinghomesk@gmail.com">walkinghomesk@gmail.com</a>	<b>St. Wendel All-Star Clovers</b>  Meets: 3rd Wednesday @ St. Wendel Campus—Rose of Lima room Led by: Rajean Bergman <a href="mailto:rajeanbergman@gmail.com">rajeanbergman@gmail.com</a>
<b>Happy Hoosiers</b>  Meets: 4th Thursday @ Zoar UCC- 400 Church Rd. Led by: Amber Smith <a href="mailto:amberhappe@gmail.com">amberhappe@gmail.com</a>	<b>Energetics</b>  Meets at Willard Library Led by: Dan Miller <a href="mailto:drmprosec2@gmail.com">drmprosec2@gmail.com</a>
<b>Perry M &amp; Ms</b>  Meets: 2nd Wednesday @ Immanuel United Church of Christ 5812 Ford Road, Mt. Vernon Led by: Rachel Hollis <a href="mailto:Rachel.Hollis100305@gmail.com">Rachel.Hollis100305@gmail.com</a>	<b>Scott Achievers</b>  Meets: 3rd Monday @ Blue Grass Church Led by: Amy Woodard <a href="mailto:scottachievers@gmail.com">scottachievers@gmail.com</a>
<b>Star</b>  Meets: 2nd Monday Led by: Jennifer Deutsch <a href="mailto:jennifer.deutsch@att.net">jennifer.deutsch@att.net</a>	<b>Green River Clover Crew</b>  Meets: 4th Sunday @ Holy Rosary Led by: Meagan Salomon <a href="mailto:brotherm@purdue.edu">brotherm@purdue.edu</a>



# Specialty Clubs

<b>Dog Club</b> Meets: Business— 1st Wednesday Dog Training starts in January Led by: Beth Moreland <a href="mailto:roblin8693@gmail.com">roblin8693@gmail.com</a>	<b>Horse &amp; Pony Club</b> Meets: 2nd Monday Led by: Sarah Swartz <a href="mailto:sarahswartz103010@gmail.com">sarahswartz103010@gmail.com</a>
<b>Livestock Club</b> Meets: 3rd Tuesday, Dec. - July @ Salem Church of Darmstadt Led by: Kayla Lacy <a href="mailto:kaylasensmeier@yahoo.com">kaylasensmeier@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Shooting Sports</b> Meets at Phi Mu Alpha Headquarters, 10600 Old St. Rd. on 2nd Tuesdays Led by: Stephen Walker <a href="mailto:Scysjourney@gmail.com">Scysjourney@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tech Club</b> Meets at Willard Library Led by: Cleveland Huber <a href="mailto:me@clevelandhuber.com">me@clevelandhuber.com</a>	<b>Junior Leaders</b> Open to 8th-12th Graders Meets: 1st Thursday Led by: Megan Hoffherr <a href="mailto:mkron@purdue.edu">mkron@purdue.edu</a>
<b>Tractor Club</b> Meets: TBD Led by: Nick Deutsch <a href="mailto:nicholas.e.deutsch@gmail.com">nicholas.e.deutsch@gmail.com</a>	<b>Mini 4-H</b> Open to Kindergarten-2nd Grade Meets: 3rd Wednesday Led by: Taylor VanMeter <a href="mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu">tvanmet@purdue.edu</a>



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# Important Dates

*Contact the Extension Office with any questions on these dates.*

*Dates listed below are TENATIVE*

**\*October 1, 2025**

Open Enrollment begins in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com)

**\*January 25, 2026**

Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications Due (10-12 grade)

**\*May 15, 2026**

4-H Camp Applications Due (3-6 grade)

**\*May 15, 2026**

Deadline for animal ID

**\*July 1, 2026**

Fair Entry deadline

**\*July 18-19, 2026**

4-H Project Entry and Judging

**\*July 20-25, 2026**

Vanderburgh County Fair

**\*July 26, 2026**

4-H Project Pick-Up

Important Dates



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# Trips

*Check out the 4-H Handbook for detailed descriptions of 4-H trips and how to apply.*



**4-H Camp** - Youth in grades 3-6 can participate in this fun-filled camp that includes crafts, sports, swimming, boating, nature, and more.

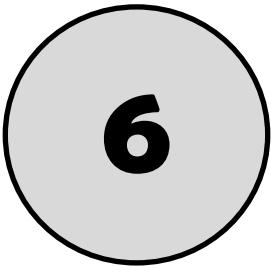
**4-H Round-Up** - Youth in grades 7-9 can attend this trip to Purdue University to learn more about careers, develop leadership abilities, and get a taste of the college life.

**4-H Academy** - youth in grades 9-12 learn about a specific subject matter through hands-on learning at Purdue University. Workshops include animal science, STEM, Food Science, Plant Science, Finance, Health Careers, Journalism, Citizenship, and Entrepreneurship.

**Washington DC experience**—2 youth in grades 9-12 can win a trip to Washington DC to learn about citizenship, community development, and government affairs.

**Teen Leadership Conference** - Youth in grades 7-12 can apply for this trip to develop leadership skills, learn group dynamics, and awareness of self and others.

**4-H Band/Chorus** - High schoolers can apply to be a member of the 4-H Band or 4-H Chorus. They attend a workshop and perform at 4-H Round-Up.



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# Activities

*Check out the 4-H Handbook for detailed descriptions of 4-H activities and how to participate.*

**Performing Arts** - Showcase your talent by singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, performing a skit, and more. Participate individually or as a group.

**Robotics Contest**– This contest is an opportunity for 4-H members to develop and refine their engineering and computer programming skills.

**Career Development Events** – Youth can participate in these competitive events to showcase their knowledge on a specific topic such as Crops, Milk Products, Dairy judging, Entomology, Forestry, Horse & Pony judging, Livestock judging, Livestock Skillathon, Soil judging, and/or Wildlife habitat. Participate individually or as a group.

**Fashion Revue** - Youth that participate in sewing and/or consumer clothing projects can showcase their garment at this contest.

**Garden Contest** - Youth that grow a garden can participate in this contest for small and large gardens.

**Speech & Demonstration Contest** - Youth can showcase and refine your public speaking skills at this contest.

**Shooting Sports Contest** - Youth can showcase their talents in a shooting sports discipline.

**Tractor Contest**- Youth can showcase their tractor and/or lawn mower driving skills as this event.

**And more! Check out the handbook for additional activities!**

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# Stay Up to Date

Stay up to date with 4-H happenings with these resources:

- County 4-H Handbook (given to each family early in the year or found online)
- Monthly newsletter, the 4-H LINK
- 4-H Project Manuals
- 4-H Club Leaders
- Purdue Extension Office - 13301 Darmstadt Rd., Evansville; (812) 867-4935
- Welcome to 4-H Guide
- Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh>

Don't hesitate to ask questions. We are all here to help you be successful in 4-H!



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# Have fun!

There's something for everyone in the 4-H program! We hope you take advantage of all that 4-H has to offer! Don't forget to enroll in 4-H at <http://v2.4honline.com>!



## 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



# Volunteer Opportunities

Are you an adult interested in volunteering with 4-H?

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Club leaders:** advise and manage 4-H clubs, empower 4-H members to lead, answer 4-H questions, and be a positive role model!
- **Project Superintendents:** provides support and guidance for 4-H projects and helps with exhibit entry/check-out at the fair.
- **Spark Club Leaders:** Lead a short-term educational experience on a specific topic such as marketing, welding, web design, etc. Share your expertise!
- **Other:** Serve on a committee, be a chaperone, help with 4-H promotion, and more!

Contact the Purdue Extension Office at (812) 867-4935 for information on volunteering. All 4-H volunteers complete a screening process prior to volunteering.



4-H'ers are 2X more likely to participate in STEM activities outside of school\*



4-H'ers are 4X more likely to contribute to their communities\*



4-H'ers are 2X more likely to make healthier choices.\*



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