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**4-H Enrollment is
NOW OPEN!**

**Enroll at v2.4honline.com
to stay up to date with
all things 4-H!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are looking for caring adults willing to serve as a project superintendent for the Soil & Water Science and Weather projects and an Assistant Superintendent(s) for Fire Safety, Government, and Wildlife. These volunteers help with fair check-in and check-out and answer questions throughout the year. If you're interested in learning more, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu

The 4-H Handbook is now available online! Click to access it. All 4-H families will receive a hard copy of the 4-H Handbook from their primary club leader.



Graduation is approaching, which means hundreds of outstanding 4-H'ers across the state are nearing the culmination of their 4-H experience! We want to hear what 4-H has meant to you. Seniors, please complete this survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The following 4-H members were chosen to serve as 4-H camp counselors:

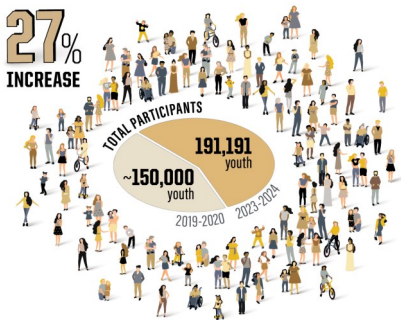
Maddie Bedel	Elise Lousignont
Abigail Bullington	Josie Nesbitt
Alyssa Coomes	Aubrey Petersen
Brandt Coomes	Samantha Shrull
Charlie English	Lillie Smith
Tate Farney	Ella Thomas
Austin Groeninger	Kylie Weiss

WAY TO GO!

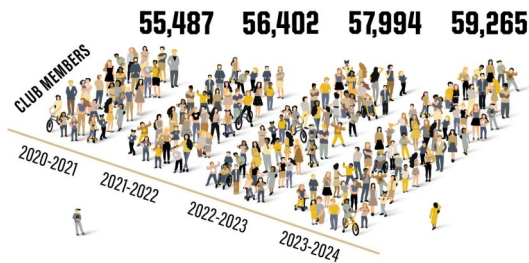
Indiana 4-H is GROWing

TOTAL 4-H PROGRAM REACH

27%
INCREASE



COMMUNITY CLUB GROWTH



Indiana 4-H community club enrollment is expanding! Although 4-H pivoted to online activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs have seen steady increases in participation since 2021. Read more at purdue.ag/Growing4H

4-H Ambassador Program

Calling 4-H members in grades 9-11! Check out the Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program. This is a great way to develop your leadership skills and build your self-confidence. Apply today at purdue.ag/4HAmbassador25, and learn more about the program at purdue.ag/ambassadors4h.



Tractor Updates

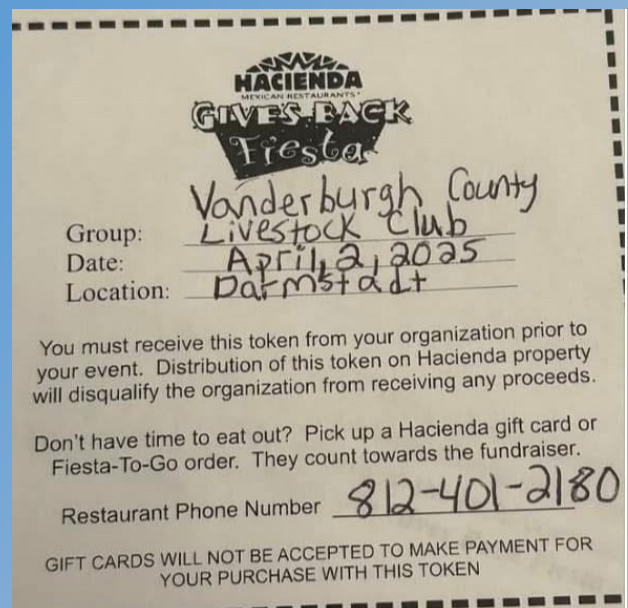


The publication [4-H 84 Conducting Petroleum Power Contest](#) has been updated and is available on the [4-H Tractor and Mower](#) web page under exhibit guidelines. Junior and Senior tractor operator skills contests now include the pre-trip inspection (pages 12 and 16). Tractor operator scorecards have also been updated to reflect this pre-trip inspection scoring. No content was changed to the mower scorecards, but all have been updated to reflect 2025. Area and state contests will only include parts identification and obstacle course.

Mini 4-H

Our next Mini 4-H meeting will be Wednesday April 16th at 6pm. The Junior Leaders will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and party! Please join us for this fun event. The party will take place in the Industrial Building at the 4-H Center. Volunteers are always welcome!

Mark your calendars to support the Livestock Club at Hacienda on April 2!



HACIENDA
GIVES BACK
Fiesta

Group: Vanderburgh County Livestock Club
Date: April 2, 2025
Location: Darmstadt

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number 812-401-2180

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN

CLUB NEWS

Centerrific

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, Old North celebrated over 40 years of Centerrific 4-H Club activities based in the church. The 4-H members who led the congregation in the American and 4-H pledges at the beginning of the service were Brianna and Nolan Waters and Sam King. Savannah King and Caroline Creager did a great job with the children's message. Everleigh Creswell read a passage. The 4-H Club also had a team of ushers including Sage and August Creswell and Molly and Addison Mc Dowell. After the service, the congregation, 4-Hers, and their families enjoyed cookies and a display of former 4-H fair exhibits in the Fellowship Hall. We are very proud of all the youth programs here at Old North United Methodist Church—especially the Centerrific 4-H Club. 4-Hers have been an integral part of the church's annual food drive and Trunk or Treat in addition to other the community outreach activities that this club has supported.



So Much Fun!



Scott Achievers members planned and led the March Mini 4-H Meeting with hands-on stations about animals. What a fun night!

Scott Achievers

Scott Achievers met on Sunday, March 16, 2025. The theme of this month's meeting was History and Americana. Wayne Jackson spoke to our club about the Americana project. We also prepared activities to lead the Mini 4-H meeting on March 19th. Our club members continued working on completing demonstrations. Committee groups gathered briefly, and then we finished with the new and old business portion of the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Submitted by Breydon Curtis

4-H Members Living the 4-H Pledge! Vanderburgh County 4-H Junior Leaders, 4-H Dog Club, and Vanderburgh County Horse & Pony Club pledged their hands to larger service by serving food at Celebrate the Center fundraiser for the Vanderburgh 4-H Center! Thank you for being shining examples of the Vanderburgh County 4-H program!



Hand

Made



Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew but didn't know where to start? Now is your chance! We are offering a sewing workshop where you can complete your entire first year project in one day! We will also help prepare you for the Fashion Revue too!

WHO: 3RD GRADE 4-HERS AND NEW SEWING ENTHUSIASTS

**WHAT: SEWING WORKSHOP TO COMPLETE ELASTIC WAISTBAND
SKIRT OR SHORTS**

WHERE: SALEM CHURCH, 13134 DARMSTADT RD

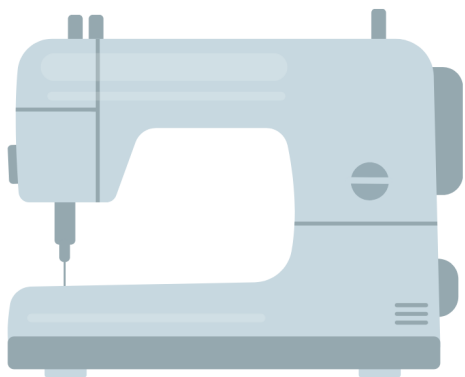
WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 24 - 9 AM - 2 PM

COST: FREE

REGISTER BY CALLING AUDREY PETERS AT 812-598-2007

SPOTS ARE LIMITED

You will need to bring fabric, coordinating thread, and a parent or other adult with you. Please also bring a sack lunch and a drink. All other supplies (including sewing machines) will be provided.



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LET'S GO TO 4-H CAMP!

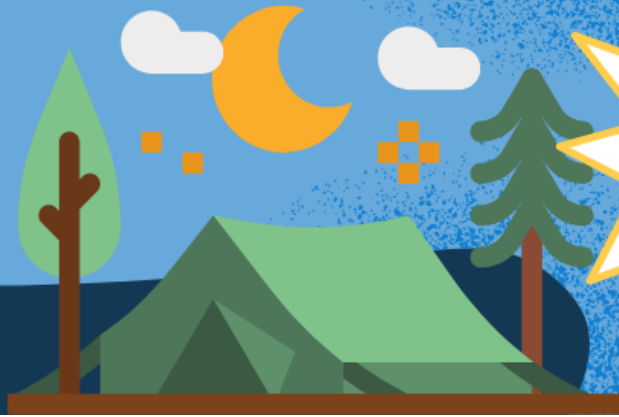
Fun! Friends! 4-H!

When: June 2-4, 2025

Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground

Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6

(Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, Spencer, Pike & Knox)



Enroll now:
<https://camp25.4honline.com>
Applications are due
April 15th



4-H Members, Elise Lousignont and Charlie English, traveled to Washington DC for the Ignite by 4-H trip. They participated in a 4-day interactive summit to help teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration, and connection with peers from across the US. What a fun trip!



Leadership
in action

4-H member, Josie Nesbitt, built 2 free libraries that she will be installing at the 4-H Center for her senior project. Be on the lookout for these libraries this summer. Way to go, Josie!



Project Supplies

- Poster Backing: \$1.00
- Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$1.00
- Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$18.75
- Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20.50
- Electric Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50
- Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50
- Fluorescent Trouble Light Head Only: \$22
- Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$27
- Entomology Pins: \$6
- Insect Boxes \$40
- How to Study, Collect, Preserve and Identify Insects: \$5

Purchase items at the Purdue Extension Office.



Animal Projects

LLAMA WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, May 6,
June 10, and July 15
6:00 pm

Spittsville Acres

For questions, please reach out to superintendents, Adam (812-430-6979) or Mallory Bumb (270-860-6749).



Join us to help you prepare for your llama project and the fair! You do not need to bring your llamas to the meetings.



Thank You!

We would like to express our gratitude for your generous donations and service to celebrate the Center: Jr. Leaders, Dog Club, Horse & Pony, Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Livestock Club, Scott Achievers, Star, Energetics, Tech Club, Shooting Sports, St. Wendel All-Star Clovers, German Gems, and 4-H Adult Leaders! Thank you for "living the pledge." Your loyalty and support will make a difference in maintaining the 4-H Center.

Sincerely, Celebrate the Center Committee



Get ready, Boilermakers and 4-H'ers - Purdue Day of Giving is just one month away! On April 30th, your gift will stay right here in Vanderburgh County. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing just what programs your gift will be helping! There are so many great things happening in Vanderburgh County and we would love for you to be a part of it! Stay tuned to our social media for more information. You can donate on April 30th at dayofgiving.purdue.edu/organizations/purdue-agriculture

Animal ID Letters & Livestock Shows

Looking for information on animal ID or livestock shows/workshops this spring and summer? Check out our website where we post all information we receive on upcoming shows/events. Click [here](#) and scroll down to Livestock Resources, Shows, Judging Opportunities and Workshops

Animal Projects

TAGGING DAY

Saturday, May 3

9:00 - 11:00 am

Vanderburgh 4-H Center Animal Barns

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors are required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for your animals.



Please complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/25Tagging> to help us plan for Tagging Day

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Extension - Indiana 4-H



INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, PYGMY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS,**

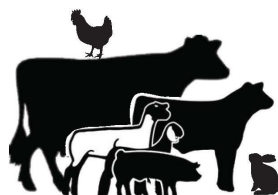
4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1, 2025.

1. This certification must be done on an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

Training Dates	Training Locations
1. Tues, March 18 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)	4-H Center Banquet Hall
2. Thurs, May 29- 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office
3. Mon, June 9 - 7:00 pm	4-H Center Conference Rm
4. Tues, June 17 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC25.4honline.com>. Cost for the program is \$3.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.



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Vanderburgh Co. 4-H presents

DISCOVER THE FUN OF RABBITS!

Saturday, April 26

1:00-3:00 pm

4-H Center Small Animal Barn

Curious about rabbits or just want to grow in your project? Learn about rabbit breeds, care and handling of your rabbit, and showmanship. Bring your rabbit if you have one, or we will have some available for handling to give you experience. Rabbit tattooing will be available.

One lucky participant will win a new rabbit pen!



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Animal Identification

Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

May 15, 2025

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-H Online Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the County or State Fair.



A large, stylized treble clef is the central focus, rendered in black with a thick magenta outline. Several musical notes of various sizes and colors (black, magenta, cyan) are scattered around it, some with black outlines and others with solid colors. Some notes have small black asterisks next to them. The background features several curved, grey lines that resemble musical staves.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST

**TUESDAY APRIL 22ND
VANDERBURGH 4-H CENTER
AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

**For more information and to sign up, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/25PerformingArts> by April 15.**

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this program or need a translator or interpreter, please
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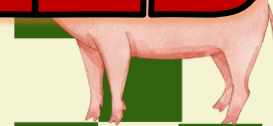
VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H



AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



CANCELLED



Ag Day: Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will

due to Weather

Agriculture is awesome!

**WED. APRIL 2
2025**

4:00PM-6:00PM
Vanderburgh 4-H Center
Livestock Barns

If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at tvannet@purdue.edu.

4-H Pottery



Looking for a creative activity that supports 4-H? Paint your own piece of pottery from the new 4-H Collection, available in studios starting March 2025. Contact your local studio for availability - and **5% of your purchase benefits 4-H!** Find out your studio [here](#).

CHECK OUT VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H



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YouTube

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APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2-4 pm Ag Days Setup 6 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	2 Ag Days 7 Dog Club	3 Ag Days 6:30 Jr. Leaders	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 6 German Gems	11	12
13 6 Scott Achievers	14 6 Centerrific 6 Star 6:30 Horse & Pony	15 4-H Camp Apps Due 6 Livestock 7 Shooting Sports	16 6:00 Mini 4-H 6 St Wendel All-Stars	17	18 Office Closed 	19
20 	21	22 5:30 Tech / Energetics 6:30 Performing Arts	23	24	25	26 10 Horse & Pony Clinic
27 2 Shooting Sports - Firearm Training	28	29	30 			

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2025 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 20: Holiday, Office Closed
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 13: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 20: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 12: Holiday, Office Closed
- 17: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 24-28: EVSC Spring Break

April

- 2-3: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 16: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, location TBD
- 3: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 14: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 23: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 26: Holiday, Office Closed
- 29: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 1: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 2-4: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 5: Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 11-13: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 9: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed

June cont.

- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 21-23: State 4-H Band
- 21-24: State 4-H Chorus
- 23-25: 4-H Round-Up
- 26: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28: Area Tractor Contest (tentative)

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 1: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 9-10: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 10: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 14: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 16-17: Fair Set-up
- 19-20: Enter 4-H Projects
- 21-26: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 27: Projects Released

August

- 7: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 1-17: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 21: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 27-28: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 2: Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 22: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building
- 23: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

November

- 5: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 11: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 27-28: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 3: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed

