

The LINK

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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!



PLEASE JOIN US

VOLUNTEER DINNER

DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00 PM

Food - Dessert - Gift Exchange

LOCATION | 4-H CENTER EXPO HALL

BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT TO
EXCHANGE, AND AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT.

Let's celebrate together!

RSVP AT 812 - 435 - 5287

**Paper
Clover**
Nov. 29 - Dec. 15

Funds support 4-H camp,
scholarships & leadership activities.

**TSC TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.**

4-H 2024 HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS ARE HERE!

Celebrate the season with these Barnyard Buddies



**TSC TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.**

100% of your purchase
benefits local 4-H.



Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$20 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 100,000 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential. 100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

CLUB NEWS

4-H October Meeting for Energetics & Tech Club

President: Lydia Munro

Tech Vice President: Abigail Bullington

Energetics Vice President: Adeline O'Connor

Secretary: Tanner Wade

Tech Treasurer: Seanan Walker

Energetics Treasurer: Ben Pfafflin

Health and Safety Leaders: Kaela Huber, Malachi Jones

Recreation Leader: Ethan Read

Historian/Club Reporter: Leo Adler

We used Micro Bits to program the robots. We programmed robots to change colors of LED Lights. 4-H members programmed the robots all by ourselves. There was 1 robot per table. There were 2 tables with kids and 3 robots so we had an extra robot. Everyone got a Micro Bit. - Submitted by Leo Adler



Scott Achievers

Scott Achievers club met on November 17, 2024. In keeping with this month's club theme of safety, we collected donations of First Aid supplies to be used for the Winter Carnival Tree. Our guest speakers included the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and the Scott Township Fire Department. We also started our Jr. Officer elections for 2025. Our next meeting is December 15, 2024.

- Submitted by Breydon Curtis

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Next Chapter
Extension - 4-H Youth Development

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

WHERE DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?


INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

WRITING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

AND MORE TIPS AND TRICKS!

DECEMBER 12, 2024
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS



REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP HERE:
[HTTPS://4HSCHOLARSHIPHELP.4HONLINE.COM](https://4hscholarshiphelp.4honline.com)

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Congratulations!

Charlie English and **Elise Lousignont** were chosen to represent Vanderburgh County 4-H at the Ignite by 4-H Trip to Washington DC! Way to go 4-H members!!



TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

MARCH 28-30 CAMP TECUMSEH

NEW EVENT FOCUSED ON TEEN LEADERSHIP! LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND MEET YOUTH FROM ACROSS INDIANA AT THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT! SELECT THIS EVENT ON YOUR TRIP FORM TO APPLY FOR FUNDING!





4-H TRIPS



4-H ROUND UP

Transportation: Included

Grades: 7th – 9th

Description: This 3-day conference of 4-H members from around the state is held at Purdue University. The program is developed for members in grades 7-9 to inspire them to continue in 4-H and to provide valuable career information. Participants have the opportunity to experience a large university campus and learn about career opportunities.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council

STATE 4-H BAND

Transportation: The 4-H member must provide For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: This trip is for youth who want to learn more about instrumental performance, techniques, meet new friends, and perform in Loeb Playhouse on Purdue campus. Youth will improve their instrumental skills as they prepare for a concert band performance during 4-H Round-Up. An additional state application form must be completed by the 4-H member in April.

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STATE 4-H CHORUS

Transportation: The 4-H member must provide For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: Open to any student entering high school or currently in high school who wants to participate in an intensive, dynamic, challenging, and fun-filled singing, dancing and performance-orientated workshop. You will make new friends and work with some of the best music and performance teachers and staff in Indiana. An additional state application form must be completed by the 4-H member in April.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council



4-H ACADEMY

Transportation: Included

For **Grades:** 9 - 12

Description: 4-H Academy @ Purdue is a program held at Purdue University designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. You will choose a specific track to learn more about and may include animal science, civic engagement, food and nutrition, healthy living, natural resources, plant science, STEM, financial management, journalism, and health careers.

Sponsored by: Vanderburgh County 4-H Council, Extension Homemakers, Evansville Young Dairywomen



HOW DO I APPLY FOR TRIPS?

To be considered for full sponsorship to attend a 4-H trip, complete the County Trips & Activities Form by January 31. If chosen for the award, you will complete a registration in 4-H Online upon notification. If you'd like to attend at your own cost, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for details on registration.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

Visit the state 4-H website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs>.

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[Click here for the application](#)

[Click here for a video with more info about trips](#)



4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



Tuesday February 11th 2025

Cost is \$25

Overnight Accommodations are available for an additional \$25

Space is limited

Register Now!

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>



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The 4-H Council set aside funding for youth to participate in this event on a first come, first serve basis! If you're interested, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for more information.

**VANDEBURGH
4-H CENTER
PRESENTS**

Winter CARNIVAL

NOV. 30TH – JAN. 1ST

Get in the holiday spirit at the 4-H center! See the dazzling display of Christmas lights, fully decorated Christmas trees & other beautiful holiday decorations.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC.
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**SANTA'S
WORKSHOP**
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
6 - 9 PM
SUNDAYS
6 - 8 PM

Supper with Santa

DECEMBER, 6TH | 5:30-8 PM

Vanderburgh 4-H Center Auditorium \$5 per person
(adults & children) Pay at the door upon entry.

MENU

**HAMBURGERS | HOT DOGS | CHIPS
APPLESAUCE | DRINK | HOMEMADE COOKIES**





2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



Bridges to Adventure

Survival Skills

An immersive outdoor survival experience to learn essential wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire starting, and foraging.

February 26th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 1st - Ransburg Scout Reservation 10am-3pm

Flyfishing

A hands-on fly fishing adventure! Learn not only the art of fly casting, but also how to build fly rods and create custom flies.

March 19th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 22nd - Fairfax State Rec Area 10am-3pm

Sportfishing

Experience the thrill of fishing, discover how to filet, fry, and savor the delicious results of your catch!

April 2nd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 5th - Raccoon Lake 10am-3pm

Outdoor Skills

Get a grip on nature, & learn skills to enjoy your time outside, from map and compass reading to knot tying and tracking.

May 14th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

May 17th - Shakamak State Park 10am-3pm

\$35

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

Go all in! Attend
all 4 virtual
sessions and all 4
in-person sessions

Attend whatever
sessions that fit
into your schedule!

Busy, but crave the
knowledge? Virtual
sessions will be
recorded to watch
at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
bridgestoadventure.4honline.com



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AREA II 4-H JUDGES, LEADERS, & COACHES CLINIC FEBRUARY 8, 2025

LOCATION



PYOCA
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

**886 E County Rd 100 S
Brownstown, IN 47220**

WHY ATTEND

- Sessions for Judges to improve their skills
- Sessions for Leaders to grow club attendance
- Sessions for CDE Coaches to learn more about events to coach in their county
- Q&A Panel of Judges, Leaders and Coaches

SCHEDULE

Registration 9:30am-10am
10am- Group Session
11am-11:45am- Breakout
11:45am-12:30pm- Lunch
12:30pm- 1:15pm- Breakout
1:15pm-2pm- Breakout
2pm-2:30pm-
Panel/ Special Session
2:30pm-3pm-
Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline January 23rd



COST: \$30



Extension

Join The Fun

2024 was the first year for this statewide 4-H event. For 2025 we are opening the competition to members as young as 5th grade. Due to the fact that the students in 8th grade did so well last year, we are moving 8th grade to the "Senior Division."

Participants who do not respond to emails will be removed from the event schedule. Make sure that you use an active email, that you read regularly, when registering.



March 15, 2025

Madison County Fairgrounds Alexandria, IN

Have fun while competing against 4-H members from all across that state of Indiana.

COMPETITION OPEN TO 2024-2025 4-H MEMBERS

The Junior Division is for members in grades 5-7.
The Senior Division is for members in grades 8-12.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Obstacle Course
- FAA/Trust Drone Knowledge Written Test
- Block Programming Challenge

WHAT ELSE WILL BE AT THE COMPETITION

- First-responders demonstrating how they utilize drones/UAVs.
- Educators, from Purdue Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources, showing how they are using drones/UAV's in digital agriculture.

ENROLL (AFTER NOV. 1, 2024)

- After enrolling in 4-H for the 2024/2025 year, go to <https://2025DroneUAVComp.4honline.com> and sign up for the "2025 4-H Drone/UAV Competition."

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The Tello drone/UAV is no longer being produced; however, it is still generally available through a number of on-line vendors. Due to what promised to be availability challenges, the competition will start to phase out the Tello over the next few years. Thus, this year, we will have a number of Tellos available at the competition along with at least one "CoDrone" UAV/drones. Thus, both drones will be used at the competition, based on the preference of the pilot.

Similar to last year, a few loanable Tello drones will be available to counties on a first-come-first-served basis.

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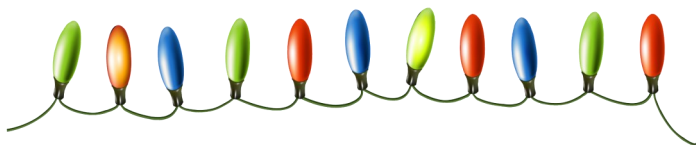
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/uev-drone-contest.html>

Contact : Bill Decker, wdecker@purdue.edu



MINI 4-H HOLIDAY PARTY

Mini 4-H is having their Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 18 from 6-7 pm at the 4-H Center Expo Hall. Kindergarten - 2nd graders can join in on the crafts, games, snacks, and FUN! We are looking for Jr. Leaders to help with this event - please let Taylor know at tvanmet@purdue.edu if you can help.



Cancellation Policy

It is the policy of the 4-H program that if school has been cancelled or released early, all 4-H events are also cancelled. Please note - virtual meetings/events can still be held. County-wide activity cancellations will be posted on the Vanderburgh County 4-H Program Facebook page.

DECEMBER 2024

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1	2	3 6 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	4 6 Volunteer Holiday Dinner	5 7 Jr. Leaders	6	7
8	9 6 Centerrific	10	11 Perry M & M's	12 6 German Gems	13	14
15 6 Scott Achievers	16	17 5:30 Tech Club / Energet- ics	18 6 Mini 4-H 6 St Wendel	19	20	21 Horse & Pony Awards Dinner
22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 Office Closed				

FROM OUR HOMES TO YOURS...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Years! We have enjoyed working with each and everyone of you this past year and look forward to working with all of you in 2025. We wish you peace and good will in the coming year!

Purdue Extension, Vanderburgh County

