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Y-H Enrollment is NOW OPEN! Enroll at v2.4honline.com to stay up to date with all things 4-H!



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/ln/hythgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.



Vanderburgh County 4-H

We are looking for current college students to apply to be a 4–H summer intern with Purdue Extension– Vanderburgh County!

Contact Taylor at tvanmetepurdue.edu
with questions or to obtain an
application!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!





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. They will be available soon!

Vanderburgh County 4-H
NEW MEMBER
NIGHT

ALL NEW 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a fun and informative evening! Youth will participate in activities with other Vanderburgh County 4-H youth and enjoy a pizza party! Parents will attend a Q&A session with 4-H Leader and Parent, Amy Woodard. It is geared towards new 4-H members in grades 3-12. Pizza will be provided for youth.

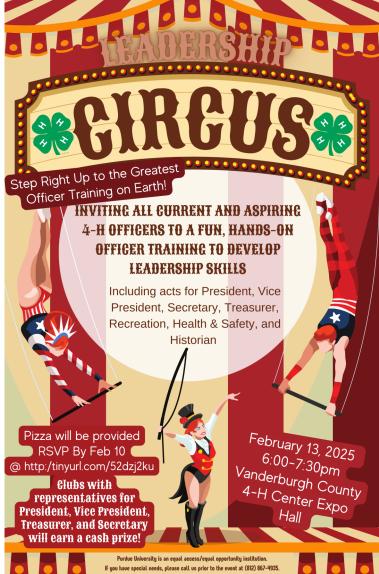
Please sign up at https://tinyurl.com/newmember25

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6:00PM-7:00PM
VANDERBURGH 4-H CENTER
ACTIVITIES BUILDING

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Camp is
June 2-4 in
Santa
Claus, IN

Be a Camp Counselor!

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12

SIGN UP IN 4-H ONLINE BY FEB 15

Build your leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for younger youth by being a 4–91 Counselor!

Applicants
will be
interviewed
in Feb/Mar



Camp is June 2-4 in Santa Claus, IN

Apply to be a Camp Ir. Director!

OPPORTUNITY FOR 10-12
GRADERS

SIGN UP ON CAMP
COUNSELOR APPLICATION
IN 4-H ONLINE BY FEB 15

Slelp plan and lead 4-Il camp! You'll have camp counselor duties and additional planning and leadership duties to ensure a safe, educational, and fun camp!

CLUB NEWS



Centerrific

We had the honor of surprising Kim Salmon at the Centerrific Club meeting this week. Kim has served as a 4-H volunteer for 40 years! She wasn't able to attend to the Achievement Banquet so we wanted to stop in and let her to know how much we appreciate her! Congratulations Kim and thank you for your many years of support and dedication to 4-H!

Energetics/Tech Club Meetings for November & December

November: The club received an award. For new officer installation, every new officer in our club went to the front and held a candle. For the activity, we made candy canes. It was made with pipe cleaners and beads. We needed to get ideas for our Christmas tree. The green and white are making a computer code. Every color is a letter.

December: Energetics and Tech Club held a Christmas party.

Submitted by Leo Adler



Project Changes

In the <u>handbook</u>, you will notice the following changes to project guidelines:

- "Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work." Added to Aerospace, Animal Education, ATV Safety & Operator Skills, Beekeeping, Bicycle, Child Development, Communication, Computer, Electric, Entomology, Floriculture, Foods, Forestry, Garden, Genealogy, Geology, Health, Home Environment, Lawn & Garden Operator Skills, Leadership, Photography, Shooting Sports, Small Engines, Soil & Water Science, Sportfishing, Tractor, Veterinary Science, Weather, Wildlife, Woodworking, Zero Turn
- State Fair entries added: 1 Beef poster per county, 1 Dairy cattle poster per county, 1 Goat poster per county, 1 Horse poster per county, 1 Sheep poster per county, 1 Swine poster per county
- Cake Decorating change: Cakes exhibited in the intermediate level are to be a single or double tier/layer, no more than 12" tall and may be any shape.
- Construction & Architectural Replicas: This exhibit will most likely be displayed on an 8' long table top with two
 or three exhibits per table. The exhibit can be no larger than a standard 8' long table. A county 4-H program
 may implement a smaller size limit if available facility space merits.
- Entomology: add: "Specimens may be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24"x 18"x 3", displayed horizontally" to Collection Exhibit Guidelines
- All Foods Projects: Contact info updated on required label, Foods Recipe Card updated
- Garden: Add "Tomato, 1" in Single Vegetable
- Geology: Specimens may also be displayed in a collection box no larger than 24"x 18"x 3" collection box, displayed horizontally.
- Sewing Skills & Techniques: Skills and Techniques and Exhibit Cards have been updated
- Beekeeping, Computer Science, Fashion Revue, Photography Changes: check out handbook for changes
- For animal projects, check out Horse & Pony, Llama, and Sheep for minor updates.



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



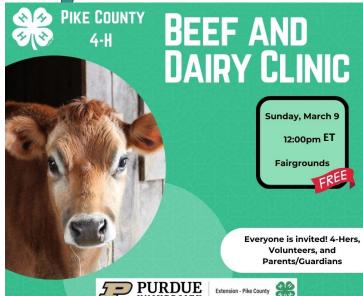
We are looking for older 4-H members (7th - 12th grade) willing to speak and/or bring animals to Ag Days! This is a great opportunity to practice your public speaking skills and share your passion and knowledge of agriculture with 4th grade students! Sign up for one or both days at https://tinyurl.com/agdays25. Help is also needed with the Afternoon of Ag on April 2nd from 4-6 pm and with set-up and clean-up.



Questions? Contact Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu or Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.

Animal Projects







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 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

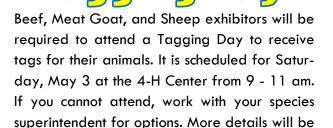
Training Dates	Training Locations		
1. Tues, March 18 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)	4-H Center Banquet Hall		
2. Thurs, May 29- 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office		
3. Mon, June 9 - 7:00 pm	4-H Center Conference Rm		
4. Tues, June 17 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office		

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.

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Purdue Extension office at (812) 867-4935.

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Animal Identification

sent closer to the date.

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-HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.



Application Live December 15th, 2024 Application Due March 1st, 2025 Grants Selected April 1st, 2025 Final Reports Due Dec 31st, 2025

2025

Youth Engaged Service Indiana 4-H Foundation Grants

Do you have a community service project you would like to implement in your hometown? Apply for a YES Grant today through the Indiana 4-H Foundation to help fund your idea!

YES Grants offer funds for youth across Indiana to complete a service project in their community. The purpose of these grants is to assess the need, then create and execute a youth led project. You can also invite your friends to join in on your project!

Visit our webpage to learn about these projects! The application link will be posted to the website on December 15th (https://in4h.org/grants/)

QUESTIONS? - Email in4hfoundationyesgrant@gmail.com



Remember!

Adult Leaders will be meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm following Officer Training at the 4-H Center Conference Room. All leaders are welcome to join!



Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?

Use your 4-H experience to receive

credit for 1st year courses!

Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)
EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)
HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

Interested? Scan here!





Questions? OCP@Purdue.edu (765)494-2345



The first Mini 4-H meeting of 2025 is scheduled for Wednesday February 19th from 6-7pm. Please note the location change: we will be meeting in the Auditorium for this meeting. We are always looking for helpers from older 4-H members. If you would like to volunteer please contact Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

Youth in Action Program

Applications for the **2026 4-H Youth in Action Program** open on **January 27**th! This program celebrates outstanding 4-H youth aged 14-19 who make a difference in their communities. Selected winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, professional development, media training, national recognition, and spokesperson opportunities to inspire others. Due March 31. Click here to find out more.



Contest Rules:

Contest is open to all 4-H members, grades 4-6.

All recipes <u>MUST</u> be cooked in Lodge Cast Iron. All preparation must be done by the student at the live cook-off (chopping and mixing ingredients, etc.). Students will have one hour total to complete their recipe.

No pre-made combread mixes are allowed. Judging will be based on creativity, as well as flavor, texture, and appearance. Parents are encouraged to review recipes prior to submission. No changes can be made after initial recipe submission.

Your recipe <u>MUST</u> include: U.S. standard measurements, complete preparation instructions, cooking times and temperatures, number of servings, size of pans or cookware, and any special utensils required for preparation.

If you are selected as one of the Top 10 Finalists, you will be expected to compete at the National Cornbread Festival on Sunday, April 27, 2025 in South Pittsburg, TN.

(All ingredients and cookware needed for the live cook-off will be the responsibility of the contestant. Stoves/ovens are provided for use by participants).

First Prize: \$500 Cash & Special Gifts from Lodge Cast Iron Second Prize: \$250 Cash & Special Gifts from Lodge Cast Iron Third Prize: \$100 Cash & Special Gifts from Lodge Cast Iron

Honorable Mention Prizes: \$50 and Special Gifts from Lodge Cast Iron

*4-H Youth traveling more than 100 miles to the competition will receive \$100 in travel allowance.

All prizes and travel allowances will be awarded LIVE at the National Combread 4-H Cookoff on April 27, 2025. Contest void where prohibited by law. All Federal, state, and local laws apply. Contestants agree to be quoted and/or photographed and to the use of their names and photographs in any form of publicity, advertising, and/or trade purposes by UT Setsnion, Lodge Manufacturing, The National Cornbeatival, or any affiliation. Lodge Manufacturing is the owner of the recipe with all accompanying rights and may alter or amend it to meet company recipe standards.

To enter, please return the completed entry form to wbrewer9@utk.edu or mail to:
Wesley Brewer, 302 Betsy Pack Drive Jasper, TN 37347
All entries must be received by February 28, 2025.







Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

March 8, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM Indiana State Museum

Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition



Robotics teams and clubs are invited to the upcoming Indiana 4-H Robotics Competition. Teams can compete using any brand of robot and will face both known and unknown challenges. Whether your team is experienced or new to robotics, this competition is designed to foster teamwork, build creativity and technical skills, and connect with peers who share a passion for technology. Contact your local 4-H program if you are interested in volunteering to lead a team or joining a team.

Learn about 4-H STEM Programs

Even if they are not competing, 4-H members can bring their families and friends to the Indiana State Museum for the STEM Showcase to celebrate and explore 4-H STEM programs. Check out the Indiana 4-H Invention Convention and Robotics competitions in the Great Hall. Visit our hands-on STEM activity stations to learn about STEM topics and career pathways. Explore the Indiana State Museum galleries and exhibits.

Indiana 4-H Invention Convention

Invention Convention is a global K-12 invention education program that activates STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship (STEMIE) learning to instill problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity skills for life. The Indiana 4-H Invention Convention State Competition is an exciting opportunity for K-12 students in Indiana to showcase their creativity and ingenuity. Student inventors will present their original inventions to a panel of expert judges and engage with fellow young inventors from across the state. Student inventors will win awards and recognition for exceptional projects. The most outstanding inventions will earn the prestigious opportunity to advance to the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.







Extension - 4-H Youth Development



TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 28-30 Ages: Grades 7th-12th

Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to learn more and register!

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!





Local Funding is available!

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

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

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

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

bridgestoodventure.4honline.com



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 REAT 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

EXPLORE

EVANSVILLE WARTIME MUSEUM.

ADVENTURE

Ever dream of flying? We have 3 great simulators and licensed pilots on staff to help you learn. This adventure is included in your admission.





COURAGE

Imagine being 20 years old and being in a dogfight in this fabulous P 47. This plane was made in Evansville.

Evansville Wartime Museum would like to invite all 4-H groups to visit the museum for a tour. Join us to learn how Evansville was the largest contributor per capita for the World War II effort, and see how community women helped us win the war.

Museum hours: Thursday-Sunday 12pm-4pm. For larger groups we can be flexible with our hours. We can adapt our programming to suit the ages and needs of your group. Call 812-483-5780 to make reservations or for more information

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Celebrate the Center 2025

(Annual Fund Raiser for the Vanderburgh 4-H Center)
The Celebrate the Center will take place on March 1, 2025.
This event helps to financially support the 4-H Center and provides money for needed expenses. The 4-H Center is asking 4
-H Clubs/Extension Homemakers to consider supporting this event by donating an item, themed basket, gift certificate, etc. to the Silent Auction. The items can be delivered to the 4-H
Center Office or to the Extension Office, and are due by February 15, 2025. For questions, please contact Chair, Beth Schmitt at 812-550-3487. The 4-H Center is asking clubs to have 4-H members, parents, 4-H leaders available to serve food and clean up during the event from 5 pm-9 pm. Please contact Jenny Deutsch at 812-431-1706 for more information and be added to the list of volunteers.

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.

February 2025









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 6 Armstrong Hi -Lighters	5 7 Dog Club	6 7 Jr. Leaders	7	8
9	10 6 Centerrific 6 Star 6:30 Horse & Pony	11	12	13 6 New Member Night & Officer Training 7 Adult Leaders	14	15 Camp Counselor Applica- tions Due
16	17 6 Scott Achievers	18 6 Livestock	19 6 Mini 4-H 6 St Wendel All- Star Clovers	20	21	22
23	24	25 5:30 Tech	26	27	28	

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, 7:00 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

TBD: 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