

# The LINK

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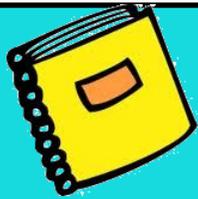
## Mini 4-H

The Junior Leaders are hosting an Easter Egg-stravaganza for the Mini 4-Hers in March! Make plans to bring your Minis for a fun evening on Wednesday March 20th at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the Industrial Building at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. We hope to see you there!



## OFFICER TRAINING

Congratulations to Armstrong Hi-Lighters and Tech/Energetics Club! They had all 4 main officers present at Officer's Training. A cash prize donated by Jr. Leaders will be given to these clubs. Way to go!



## Click here for the 2024 4-H Handbook

Hard copies have been distributed to clubs to pass out.



A huge thank you to all the 4-H members that helped serve food at the Celebrate the Center event! They did a great job representing 4-H!

We are now hiring college students to serve as Vanderburgh County 4-H

# Summer Interns

For more information or to obtain an application; send an email to Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu).

Applications are still being accepted!



Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution. If you have any special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.

# LET'S GO TO 4-H CAMP!

Fun! Friends! 4-H!

When: June 3-5, 2024

Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground

Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6

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

Enroll now in  
4HOnline!  
Applications are  
due no later than  
April 15th.

## 4-H Day at the Statehouse

Josie Nesbitt participated in the 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse. She even had a chance to meet the governor, Eric Holcomb! Be sure to ask Josie about her exciting experience! Great job representing Vanderburgh County, Josie!



## Project Changes

In the handbook, you will notice the following changes to project guidelines:

- Clarifications and minor changes were made Aerospace, Electric, and Family Camping, Genealogy.
- Foods Projects - There is a new recipe card! Also, Creating with a Mix and Microwave no longer require recipe boxes.
- Garden - any other single vegetable and any other herb were added as exhibit options and the Latin name requirement was removed.
- Tractor: The 2024 tractor/lawn and garden tractor/zero-turn mower operator skills area and state contests will include the parts identification and obstacle course practicums only. The quiz/exam practicum will not be part of the 2024 contests.
- Woodworking, Level 1 and Level 2 techniques were combined.
- Animal projects: Dairy goat classes were changed to match the state fair, Meat Goats added a commercial doe class and updated language, Pygmy Goats combined "Unfreshened Yearling 12-24 months of age" and Freshened Yearling under 2 Years into a Yearling class. Sheep made clarifications for ease of understanding.
- County Garden Contest: Any youth can participate - you do not have to qualify from your club.

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# CONGRATULATIONS 2024 TRIP WINNERS



## Round-Up

Jack Bossman  
Abigail Bullington  
Riley Hobby  
Lucas Jackson  
Isabel Kroft  
Madison Lovell  
Lydia Munro  
Abigail Pfafflin  
Emma Roemke  
Addison Russell  
Claire Schmitt  
Dimitri Straub  
Aeva Thomas  
Adeline Weis  
Kade Welte  
Beau Wheeler  
Blake Woodard



## 4-H Academy @ Purdue

Maddie Bedel  
Alyssa Coomes  
Emma Early  
Charlie English  
Austin Groeninger  
Lydia Munro  
Josie Nesbitt  
Katherine Roemke  
Caroline Schultheis  
Samantha Shrull  
Anna Thomas  
Ella Thomas  
Katie Weiederkehr  
Kylie Weiss



## Jr Leader Conference

Trip Planning is in  
Progress so Award Winners  
will be announced at a  
later date.



*"In America we have only one  
title to nobility and that is  
ACHIEVEMENT.  
You 4-H'ers have won that title."  
President Woodrow Wilson*



# Club News

## Star 4-H Club

Star 4-H Club had a meeting on February 12, 2024. For our community service project, we brought in items for the Honors Flight. We had a guest speaker, Isaac Pohl, who informed us on drones in agriculture. We welcomed three new members into our club and finished the meeting off with refreshments and recreation.

- Chloe Stock, Secretary Star Club

## Centerrific 4-H Club

During our January meeting, we tied ten total blankets for Chemo Buddies, and donated over eighty pounds of canned foods to the food pantry. In addition, we also elected a new officer for our group! During our February meeting, we made two kinds of lovebugs to celebrate Valentine's Day, we had a delicious snack made by Grace Temple. Our next meeting will be a pizza and games party on March 11th at Old North UMC.



## Scott Achievers 4-H Club

The Scott Achievers met on Feb. 19, 2024. We started with a fun game of Simon Says. After officer reports, we met in our committees. We shared what we discussed in committees and talked about club business. The officers handed out completion pins, and we ended with demonstrations in small groups by 29 members. We are selling Walther's gift cards for our fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing a Walther's card (\$10), please contact any Scott Achievers member or leader.

- Submitted by Jarrett Keil

### 4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Competition

Test Your Skills and Knowledge!



**Madison County  
Fairgrounds  
Alexandria, IN  
May 4, 2024  
12:00 PM--3:00 PM**

- Free Event for 4-H Members
  - Junior Division (Grades 6-8)
  - Senior Division (Grades 9-12)
- Obstacle Course, FAA Regulations Test, Drone Robotic Programming
- Enroll Here: <https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>
- For More Information, Contact: Bill Decker at [wdecker@purdue.edu](mailto:wdecker@purdue.edu)

# Animal Projects

## 2024 AREA III LIVESTOCK CLINIC

## CORRECTION - Horse & Pony

Please note the following correction for Horse & Pony in the 4-H Handbook:

Page 104 - High Point: To qualify for high point, **you must meet the required points on the achievement award checklist.**



This change was made right before handbooks were printed and it did not get included. We apologize for the error.



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,**

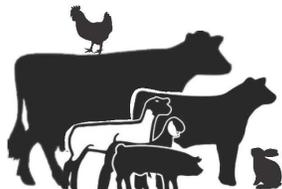
4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

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 19 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)	4-H Center Banquet Hall
2. Mon, May 6 - 7:00 pm	4-H Center Banquet Hall
3. Thurs, May 30 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office
4. Thurs, June 27 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC.4honline.com>

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://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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March 9, 2024  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Warrick County 4-H is hosting a Livestock Clinic for all 4-Hers. Join us to learn about 4-H livestock projects and learn how judges select winning animals at a show and nutrition advice to take your animal to the next level.

### TOPICS

#### NETWORKING

Meet fellow 4-Hers from different counties.

#### JUDGE'S INSIGHT

Learn the process that judges use to sort stock during a livestock show.

#### NUTRITION WRAP-UP

Industry experts will tie everything together with feeding animals based on their conformation.

#### 4-H ACHIEVEMENT CARDS

4-H is more than what you exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Explain what you learn throughout the 4-H year on your White Achievement Card.

### RSVP BY 3.2.24

#### CALL OR TEXT

Elizabeth Butcher at 812.202.5552  
Jessie Hope at 812.686.5155



### LOCATION

ALCOA BUILDING  
Warrick County 4-H Center

### LUNCH

FAZOLIS  
Spaghetti, Fettuccini, and Breadsticks

### COST

\$5 PER MEMBER  
No cost for Warrick County 4-Hers

## Tagging Day

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors will be required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for their animals. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at the 4-H Center from 9 - 11 am. If you cannot attend, work with your species superintendent for options. More details will be sent closer to the date.

## Animal Identification

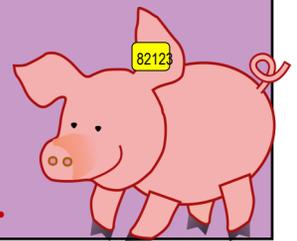
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

**May 15, 2024**

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.**



# Ag Days - Help Needed!

Our annual Ag Days is right around the corner on April 2 and 3! We are hosting nearly 1,000 youth to teach them all about agriculture and we need your help! We are looking for older youth to bring animals and share about their animals at 7 minute stations. We will provide a rough outline of what you can include in your presentation. We are looking for presenters and animals/equipment for: dairy, beef, goats, poultry, swine, animal by-products, tractor, sheep, rabbits, and a 4-H station. We are having an Afternoon of Ag on April 2 from 4-6 if you'd like to help after-school. We are also looking for people to help set up on April 1 and clean up after the event on April 3. You can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FABAD2AA1F94-47082440-2024#/>. We greatly appreciate all that can donate your time and/or bring your animals as we strive to teach youth about agriculture!



**We Give A'zip  
GIVEBACK DAY**

Livestock Improvement

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Organization  
**March 13, 2024**

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Date of Event  
**Azzip North**

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Location of Event



ONLINE CODE: GIVEBACK03

**EAT PIZZA, RAISE SOME DOUGH!  
20% GIVEBACK**



## 4-H Officer Training

We had a great turnout of superheroes in training at 4-H Officer Training!



VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H



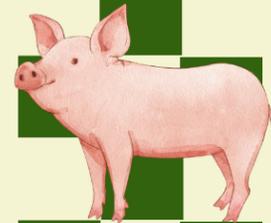
# AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



*Join our Vanderburgh County 4-H members for an informative and exciting afternoon of all things ag!*



Vanderburgh County 4-H is hosting an After-School Ag Day! Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will be on site and presenters will be around to answer your questions!  
Please join us!



**Agriculture is awesome!**

**TUES. APRIL 2  
2024**

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

*If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu).*

VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H  
**PERFORMING  
ARTS  
CONTEST**



**TUESDAY APRIL 23RD  
VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER  
AUDITORIUM  
6:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP; VISIT:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HPERFORMINGARTS2024](https://tinyurl.com/4Hperformingarts2024)**



# INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



## What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

[pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest](http://pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest)



2

Validates it on the FCC website

[broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)

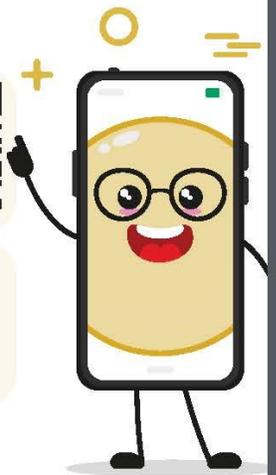


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Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad\*!

## Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very fast*, and some of them are *very slow*. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

## I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

[state4hleader@purdue.edu](mailto:state4hleader@purdue.edu)



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Extension - 4-H Youth Development



\*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



# SOUTHWEST INDIANA HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE

**MARCH 9, 2024 - FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER  
2700 PARK BLVD NEWBURGH, IN 47630**

*A gathering of homesteaders, home gardeners, suppliers and enthusiasts learning and growing together!*

## **Pre- Conference Food Preservation Workshop**

**Friday, March 8th, 2024 - 12pm-5pm**

\$35 per person      No Childcare Available

*Topics Include: Boiling water bath & pressure canning techniques, fermentation & pickling process, hands-on practice in the kitchen*

## **Main Conference**

**Saturday, March 9th, 2024 - Registration 7:30am, Sessions start at 8am**

\$40 per person      Childcare Available \$20 per child

*Topics Include: Vegetable Gardening, Fruit Gardening, Soils & Compost, Beekeeping, Farm Tools, Small Business Development Center, Poultry, Insects, Urban Agriculture, Cover Crops, Rainwater Storage, Food Storage and more!*

Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for homesteading. **Exchange ideas**, stories, and build lasting connections with fellow homesteaders, creating a **supportive network** that extends beyond the conference.

**Meet local and regional suppliers** offering homesteading essentials, sustainable products, and tools to enhance your homesteading journey. Find the **resources** you need to turn your homesteading dreams into reality!

**REGISTER NOW [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SWIHC2024](https://bit.ly/swihc2024)**

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Please request any additional accommodations at least 2 weeks prior to the event by calling 812-385-3491.

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# Fair Association Youth Rep

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is looking to add a second youth representative to the association. The Association meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday evening. This is a great leadership opportunity to share your voice and represent the 4-H program. If you'd like to be considered for this role, please email Megan at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu).

## Kids Corner

Kids Corner at the fair is looking for items, such as toilet paper rolls, old crayons, etc. If you have items to donate, sign up [here](#).



## MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <i>Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6pm</i>	6 <i>Dog Club 7pm</i>	7 <i>Jr. Leaders 7pm</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Centerrific 6pm</i> <i>Horse &amp; Pony 7pm</i> <i>Star 6pm</i>	12	13 <i>Perry M&amp;M's</i>	14 <i>German Gems 6pm</i>	15	16
17 	18 <i>Scott Achievers 6:30pm</i>	19 <i>6:00 Livestock Club, 6:15 QLC</i> <i>Shooting Sports 6:30pm</i>	20 <i>6:00 Mini 4-H</i> <i>Tractor Club 6pm</i> <i>St. Wendel 6pm</i>	21 <i>6:30 4-H Council</i>	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Tech Club &amp; Energetics 5:30pm</i>	27	28 <i>Happy Hoosiers</i>	29	30
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# 2024 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

## January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Holiday, Office Closed
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

## February

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 29: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

## March

- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25-29: EVSC Spring Break
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

## April

- 2-4: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

## May

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 6: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 27: Holiday, Office Closed
- 30: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

## June

- 2: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 3-5: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- 12-14: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 17: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 18: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

## June cont.

- 20: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-24: State 4-H Band
- 22-25: State 4-H Chorus
- 24-26: 4-H Round-Up
- 27: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 27: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 29: Area Tractor Contest, Vanderburgh County

## July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 10-11: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 11: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 11: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 17-18: Fair Set-up
- 20-21: Enter 4-H Projects
- 22-27: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28: Projects Released

## August

- 1: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 2-18: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

## September

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 16: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

## October

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

## November

- 5: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Holiday, Office Closed

## December

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

