

# 4-H LINK Newsletter

## December 2025

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### 4-H Handbook Design Contest

Design the cover of our handbook!  
Designs can be hand drawn or designed  
on a computer. Design will be printed in  
black and white on the front of the 2026  
handbook. Submit your design by  
**December 1** to Taylor at  
[tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu).



### STUCK ON 4-H!

Have you enrolled in 4-H?

Each week from now until January 15th we will be drawing two names from those enrolled to win one of these awesome 4-H sticker sheets!



These stickers are great  
for laptops, water bottles  
and so much more!

Enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com>



### National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference takes place April 10-15, 2026, in Washington DC. Indiana will be taking four delegates on this trip. National 4-H Conference is the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. 4-H members in grade 9-12 may attend. Applications are open now and will close on Friday, December 19. Applications can be found on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/national-programs/national-4-h-conference.html>.

### 4-H Enrollment is now open!

Enroll at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) to  
stay up to date with all  
things 4-H!

4-H Program Fee: \$25  
Mini 4-H Program Fee: \$5





# CLUB NEWS

## Scott Achievers 4-H Club

Scott Achievers had their first meeting on October 19. We welcomed the new members and played get to know you games. We also talked about how the meeting would run and what to expect. We are looking forward to a great year!

From our Reporter, Hadley Jackson

<http://scottachievers4-Hclub.weebly.com>

## 4-H Tech Club

The 4-H Tech Club participated in the FIRST Lego Robotics competition on Saturday, November 22, at New Tech. The team consisted of Kaela Huber, Tanner Wade, Ashley Kroft, Ethan Read, Malachi Jones, Oliver Wesselman, and Lydia Munro as coach. They logged approximately 140 hours of practice time leading up to the event, starting at the end of September. Their time and perseverance paid off as they were judged the **Champion** team on and advanced to the regional competition in Vincennes.



## Mini 4-H

We had a great night with our Mini 4-H families at our Family Dinner. The Mini 4-H members did a FABULOUS job of setting and decorating the tables, preparing our meal, drinks and dessert and helping to clean up when we were done. Everyone had a part in the event and they all stepped up to the challenge. We enjoyed spaghetti, cheesy bread, salad, lemonade and no bake cookies. The purpose of this program is to encourage eating meals together as a family and to give families ideas for how to make their family meals more meaningful.





# 4-H LIVESTOCK ONLINE AUCTION

## *Support 4-H!*

AUCTION WILL BE HELD ONLINE DECEMBER 8-12.  
THERE ARE TONS OF ITEMS TO BID ON AND JUST  
IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! BE ON THE  
LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON!

*All profits go directly to the Vanderburgh  
4-H Livestock fund for future projects.*

## It's Paper Clover Time!

### Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp  
and leadership activities.



**TSC TRACTOR  
SUPPLY CO.**  
TractorSupply.com

The Choice Homeschool Co-op wrapped up a special class this semester focused on creating 4-H projects, led by 4-H volunteer, Kellyann Walker. Students explored hands-on learning and showcased some truly impressive creations. Even better—three youth were inspired to join 4-H after participating! Check out their awesome projects on the right!



# GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025

**PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY**

Extension

Support Purdue Extension and/or the Vanderburgh County 4-H program with your year-end giving! 100% of gifts made through this link will directly benefit local Extension programming. Click here to [donate](#). Checks/cash can also be given to the Vanderburgh 4-H Council and dropped off/mailed to the Extension Office.





# CLOVER CARNIVAL

Step right up and experience the excitement of 4-H!  
Enjoy hands-on activities, fun games, and  
interactive stations that showcase what 4-H is all  
about. Join us for learning, laughter, and prizes—all  
while discovering the opportunities 4-H has to offer!

**WED, NOV 12 FROM 6-7 PM  
EVPL NORTH PARK MEETING ROOM  
OR  
MON, DEC 8 FROM 6-7 PM  
EVPL RED BANK HOWARD ROOM**

Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations or an interpreter or translator to attend this program, please contact Megan Hoffherr prior to the meeting at (812) 867-4935 or [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu) by Nov 1

Scan to register!  
Can't come?  
Scan to get  
more info



We would love for youth or adults from your club to help with a station and share more information about 4-H and your club. You can sign up to help at one or both libraries at <https://tinyurl.com/CloverCarnivalSignUp>.



TWO 4-H DRONE/UAV CONTESTS

# SAVE THE DATES

02/21/2026: BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

\*REGIONAL COMPETITION

03/14/2026: MADISON COUNTY

\*STATEWIDE COMPETITION

MORE DETAILS SOON

SOUTHERN REGIONAL, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
STATEWIDE CONTEST, MADISON COUNTY

COMPETE IN ONE  
OR BOTH EVENTS



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## 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.

## 4-H 2025 Holiday Ornaments are Here!



Collect all 3!

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SUPPLY CO.  
TractorSupply.com



Busch  
Gardens

## 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

Become an amateur zookeeper and discover firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. Assist zoo staff behind the scenes and observe animal care sessions.



4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)

4-H Jr. Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11–13)

Busch Gardens, Tampa, FL & SeaWorld, Orlando, FL

December 27 – 31, 2025 (Registration Deadline: Dec 8). [Click here for info.](#)

## Presidential AI Challenge



The Presidential AI Challenge is here! 4-H'ers, educators, and mentors are invited to design AI-based solutions to real-world challenges—with the chance to showcase their work on a national stage. Submissions are due January 20, 2026. State Champions announced March 2026, followed by a summer 2026 National Championship. Learn more & get involved: [purdue.ag/PresidentialAIChallenge4H](https://purdue.ag/PresidentialAIChallenge4H)



Proceeds go to  
4-H Horse &  
Pony



# **SUPPER WITH SANTA**

*Friday December 5th 2025*

*Location - Auditorium top of the hill*

Doors open at 5pm supper starts at 6pm  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Homemade cookies  
**\$5.00 Per Person Donation**

*Vanderburgh 4-H center 201 e. Boonville  
New Harmony Rd. Evansville Indiana*





# 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.

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## 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](mailto: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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**Trip application will be available soon!**

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





# 2026 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](https://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.

**\$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025**





# Volunteer Corner

## VIRTUAL CLOVER CAFE

Serving Up Knowledge, One Bite at a Time



**Wednesdays in February 2026**

**11 am – 12 PM CT/12 – 1 pm ET**



- Feb 4: Making Meetings Fun & Meaningful
- Feb 11: Communication That Clicks
- Feb 18: Growth Mindset in Action
- Feb 25: Stress Free Volunteers, Thriving Youth

**Join us for any or all of these sessions!**

**RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/CloverCafe26>  
by January 28**



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW 4-H CLUB!

The Green River Clover Crew is a new 4-H club that will be meeting at Holy Rosary on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The club will be led by Meagan and Phillip Salomon. We're excited to have a new 4-H club on the East side of Evansville!

Vanderburgh County Mini 4-H

## ELF TRAINING

Join us as our Mini 4-Hers learn what it takes to be one of Santa's elves! We will have games, crafts, snacks & more!

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 17TH  
6-7PM**

SALEM CHURCH OF DARMSTADT  
14134 DARMSTADT RD  
EVANSVILLE IN 47725



**SIGN UP HERE!**

Community Service: Bring in your pop tabs for our Mini 4-H member, Kurt, to deliver to Riley Children's Hospital!

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	3	4 6:30 Jr. Leaders	5 Supper with Santa	6
7 6:00 Scott Achievers	8 Clover Carnival - Red Bank 6:30 Horse & Pony 6:00 Centerrific	9 7:00 Shooting Sports	10 Perry M & M's	11 6:00 German Gems	12	13
14	15	16 5:30 Tech Club	17 6:00 St Wendel 6:00 Mini 4-H	18 6:30 Livestock Cmte	19	20
21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26	27
28 5:00 Green River Clover Crew	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 2026. We wish you peace and good will in the coming year!

Purdue Extension, Vanderburgh County

