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Mini 4-H

We will be welcoming special guests from Ascension St. Vincent at our May meeting. They will be giving a special presentation on Bicycle and Helmet Safety. We are so excited to have them!

Mini 4-H members are invited to bring their bikes, trikes, scooters, anything on wheels for our bicycle rodeo following the presentation.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday May 15th at 6pm in

the Activities Center. We hope to see you there!



Stock The Trailer

The Junior Leaders are once again asking for our help to Stock The Trailer! Your club can start collecting money and canned goods now to be included in the total for Stock the Trailer 2024. Their goal is to DOUBLE the amount of food donations that were made last year which was 5,000 pounds! We can do it!



Click here for the 2024 4-H Handbook

Hard copies have been distributed to clubs to pass out.

Volunteers Wanted!

We're looking for caring adults to serve as 4-H volunteers for:

- **Gift Wrapping Superintendent**
- **4-H Promotion Liaison**

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these opportunities, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for details on how to apply.



Project Supplies

Poster Backing: \$0.50

Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50

Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$15.50

Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20.50

Electric Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit: \$62.50

Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$60

Fluorescent Trouble Light Head Only: \$20

Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$27

Entomology Pins: \$6

Insect Boxes \$40

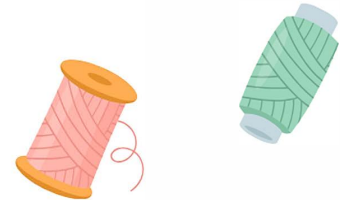
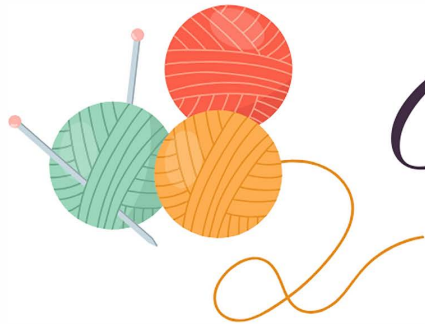
How to Study, Collect, Preserve and Identify Insects \$5

Stop by the office to purchase these supplies.



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: BANQUET HALL AT THE VANDERBURGH 4-H CENTER

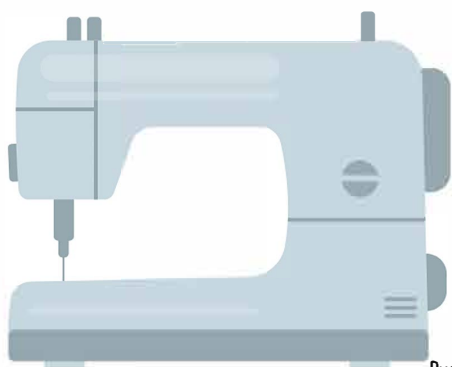
WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 15 - 9 AM - ABOUT 3 PM

COST: FREE

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://SEW.4HONLINE.COM](https://sew.4honline.com) BY JUNE 7

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.

PLEASE CALL AUDREY PETERS TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION AND GET MORE DETAILS AT 812-598-2007.



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If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.

Performing Arts

We are SO proud of all the 4-H members that participated in 4-H Performing Arts. What incredible talent! Congratulations to:

Musical Division:

1. Reid Jackson
2. Kylie Weiss
3. Emma Roemke

Non- Musical Division:

1. Alyssa Coomes & Emma Davidson
2. Avery Carr
3. Lydia Coomes and Raegan Brenner

Other awesome participants: Breydon Curtis, Riley Curtis, Lydia Coomes & Sydnee Hape

Special thanks to our judge, Vickie Carter, our emcee Paul Folz, and our sound people- Tony Miller and Jenny Deutsch! You are all appreciated!





We are SO proud of the 4-H members that brought animals/tractors and educated youth about agriculture at our annual Ag Day event! We got so many compliments about how well spoken and knowledgeable the presenters were. At the event, about 400 youth learned about the importance of agriculture! A huge thank you to presenters: Kade Welte, Owen Potter, Evelyn Potter, Brooklyn Rogers, Lexi White, Audrie Walker, Dave Brenner, Pat & Bonnie Brenner, Raegan Brenner, Charlie English, Alexa Adler, Charlotte Seib, Taylor Claspell, Elise Lousignont, Kylie Weiss and SICTC students! A huge thank you everyone who helped with set-up/clean-up! And thank you to Farm Bureau for providing food and drinks for our volunteers and Extension Homemakers for assisting with snacks! Also, thanks to Maddie Bedel for creating scripts for our presenters! We appreciate EVERYONE who came together to make this such a successful event! THANK YOU!!

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

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RECYCLING CONTEST

Celebrate the 2024 fair theme by creating an item made entirely from **Recycled Materials**.

Indoor and Outdoor Projects and Hand-Crafted Wearable Items accepted



Indoor items cannot be more than 24 inches x 24 inches at the base



Outdoor items should be suitable for yard or porch display, resistant to weather conditions



Bonding agents of any type do not need to be a recycled product (glue, screws, thread, etc.)



Attach a sheet with a list of materials used and other interesting information about your entry



Previously displayed 4-H Recycling projects will be accepted.



Entry time: Saturday, July 20th 1-3pm Auditorium No entry fee

Pick-up time: Sunday, July 28th 11am-1pm

Monetary awards will be given to the best 5 entries

Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program

Indiana 4-H has an incredible leadership opportunity for 4-H members in grades 9-11 called the Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program. The mission of the Indiana 4-H Ambassador program is to empower teen 4-H leaders with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations necessary to be effective advocates for Indiana 4-H Youth Development. We will strengthen and expand upon 4-H Ambassadors' current leadership abilities so that they may serve as positive role models for younger youth; build meaningful partnerships with other 4-H teens, adults, and professionals, as well as community partners and sponsors; and promote the 4-H mission in Indiana.

What does being an Indiana 4-H Ambassador entail?

- Promote 4-H with potential members, parents, and the general public
- Help conduct statewide 4-H events
- Organize 4-H promotional activities
- Represent 4-H in a public relations role with community partners and sponsors
- Develop personal leadership skill and self-confidence
- Develop and/or enhance skills related to leadership such as conflict resolution, facilitation, teamwork, decision-making, respect, and communication
- Accept and incorporate constructive criticism to enhance skills
- Explore and apply diverse concepts of civic engagement
- Teach others, facilitate discussions, and speak in public

Eligible youth are in grades 9-11 and have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years. Applications due May 15th. Youth will submit a short application and video to apply.

Application - https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38C8xHimgoBsPWe?_ga=2.223947099.1125296865.1711478399-174451929.1711477788

Video Submission – <https://flip.com/16e7801a>



Education Stations *Blacksmithing*

Education Stations at the Indiana State Fair provide an opportunity for youth to promote 4-H to the public by sharing skills learned in 4-H using a make-it and take-it format. Each 4-H club selected will commit to teaching during an assigned four hour period and in return that club earns \$400.

Club leaders should complete and submit applications to their county extension office by June 15 so their Education Station can be approved by the county educator by June 20 and submitted to State 4-H Office for consideration. Apply [here](#).

Indiana 4-H and Pioneer Village are partnering to provide an educational opportunity to 4-H blacksmithing youth. 4-H clubs are invited to work alongside adults in the Pioneer Village blacksmith shop at Indiana State Fair August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18. Not only will youth be able to learn additional blacksmithing skills, more importantly they will be able to demonstrate their knowledge and skills to the public. 4-H members are also invited to bring their product and have on display at the blacksmith shop for the day. Depending on interest, one or two youth will work in the blacksmith shop at a time for one hour.

Camp Chaperone

We are looking for a male chaperone for 4-H Camp on June 3-5 at the Historic Santa Claus Campground! Spend a few days enjoying nature and ensuring 4-H members have a safe, fun 4-H camp experience! Interested individuals must be willing to become approved 4-H volunteers (if not already) - reach out to Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for more details. Thank you for helping keep our youth safe and supported at 4-H Camp!

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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Club News

Star 4-H Club

Our Club had a meeting on April 8, 2024. For our community service project, we brought socks and pajamas for the Isaiah 117 House. For our project during the meeting, Leader Wayne Jackson and family helped us build Birdhouses for the Recycling Project . We also made cards for Veronica Orth's grandpa who is a veteran and was on the Honors Flight to Washington D.C. Our club also voted to donate a brick in honor of Judi Reininga, a 4-H leader who recently passed away.

Sincerely,
Chloe Stock
Secretary Star Club

German Gems 4-H Club

German Gems worked on Valentines cards at their February meeting and then some members were able to deliver them to a local nursing home.

During their April meeting they filled cardboard tubes with hay and small animal treats to deliver to the Vanderburgh County Humane Society to be given to the rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals as enrichment.

German Gems meet in the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6pm in the Conference Room. We'd love for you to come and join in!



Animal Projects

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.

Llama Lease

Interested in leasing an alpaca or llama for the fair? If so, contact Jennifer Deutsch at 812-431-1706 for more details.



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

1. Tues, March 19 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)

2. Mon, May 6 - 7:00 pm

3. Thurs, May 30 - 3:00 pm

4. Thurs, June 27 - 3:00 pm

Training Locations

4-H Center Banquet Hall

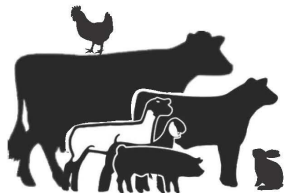
4-H Center Banquet Hall

Purdue Extension Office

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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 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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State Fair

Are you planning to exhibit livestock at the State Fair? Check out FAQs [here](#). Entry books available [here](#).

Livestock Shows

Looking for livestock shows or 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 the Livestock Resources.

Animal ID Letters

Letters with information about animal identification were mailed and email to all 4-H members signed up for a livestock species. You can find the letters [here](#) under Livestock Resources.

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

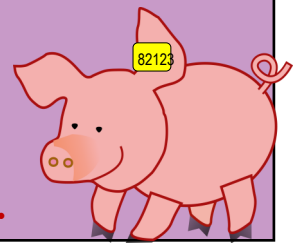
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

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.



Fair Association Youth Rep

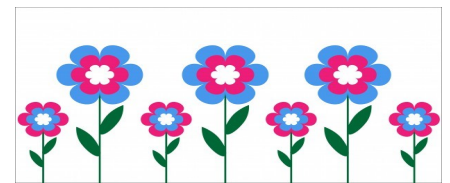
The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is looking to add a second youth representative to the association. The Association meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday evening. This is a great leadership opportunity to share your voice and represent the 4-H program. If you'd like to be considered for this role,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

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](#).



May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 Dog club	2 7 Jr. Leaders	3	4 9-11 Tagging Day
5 3 Horse & Pony Advisory Mtg.	6 7 Quality Livestock Care Training	7 6 Armstrong Hi- Lighters 6:30 Archery	8 6:45 Perry M&M's	9 6 German Gems	10	11
12	13 6 Centerrific 7 Horse & Pony 6:30 Scott Achievers 6 Star	14	15 6 Tractor Club 6 St Wendel 6 Mini 4-H	16	17	18
19 2-4 Firearm Training (Daniel Boone GC)	20	21 6 Livestock Club	22	23 Happy Hoosiers	24	25
26	27	28 5:30 Tech / Energetics	29	30 3 Quality Livestock Care Training	31	

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

