

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.



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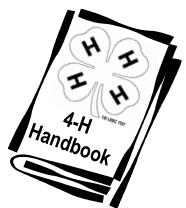
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Those who are new to 4-H may be wondering how to get your 4-H Manuals and 4-H Handbook. Below are descriptions of each.

4-H Manuals will be distributed through your primary 4-H Club by the Club Leaders. Most of the clubs try to get manuals distributed at their March or April meetings. You will get last year's manuals and record sheets back at your 4-H Club Meetings as well.

2024 4-H Handbook is available on our website and limited printed copies are available in the office! The 4-H Handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have *specific* project questions you will want to refer to your 4-H Handbook before calling anyone. If you cannot find an answer there, feel free to follow up with the Superintendents or the Extension Office.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

MARCH 26 - 4-H Council Meeting 6pm

APRIL 16 - 4-H Fair Board Meeting 6pm

All above meetings will be held at the Purdue Extension Warren County office. 408 SR 28 E, Williamsport.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE PROGRAM

Purdue University Extension has created a new training to take the place of YQCA. This new training, Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care, will be held in person on the dates listed below. The extension office will no longer offer in-person YQCA classes. If you cannot make it to one of these dates AND/OR will be showing at a national show where YQCA is required, you may take the YQCA course ONLINE only. **You must show me a copy of your YQCA certificate or send me your YQCA certificate by June 3, 2024 so I can mark you as completed for this year.**

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please log in to your 4-H Online account, go to the Events tab & register for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. (Please do not add anything under the Trainings tab, we will delete it.) It will ask you which date you will be attending. The cost of this class is \$3 and must be paid via cash or check at the door on the day of your chosen training. You will not receive your certificate until this fee is paid. The online YQCA class is \$12. In order to show at county and state fair, you must have a certificate from either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. You will not be able to exhibit your animal(s) at the county and/or state fair without one of these certifications.

All Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care trainings will be held at the **Purdue Extension Warren County Office** in the meeting room. Dates are below:

Monday, April 8th @ 6 pm

Tuesday, April 30th @ 6 pm

Wednesday, May 8th @ 6 pm

Thursday, May 23rd @ 6 pm

Thursday, May 30th @ 6 pm

ANIMAL NEWS

Please Note:

All animal members will be getting an important Animal Newsletter in the mail in April - be on the look out! Your animals will need to be enrolled online by **May 15th! You can enroll your animals at 4honline.com.** Call the Project Superintendents or the office if you have any questions.

GOAT & SHEEP ID & WEIGH IN

Mark your calendar Saturday, April 27th from 9-11 am at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed. More details will be sent closer to the date.



SWINE MEMBERS

Tags are available in the office!

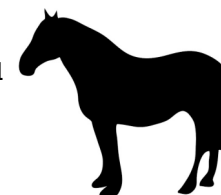


HORSE & PONY MEMBERS

H&P Club meeting dates:

March 30th, vaccination clinic starting at 11 am at the Fairgrounds. More info coming soon!

May 9, May 21, June 5, & June 10; all meetings will be held at the Fairgrounds starting at 6 pm and will include a short meeting then open ride.



All H&P animals showing at the fair are required to attend at least 1 open ride for evaluation. All H&P animals must be fully vaccinated per the 4-H guidelines before attending any open ride. You may find the vaccination form on the Extension website listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Sunday, April 7 from 9am-12pm at the Fairgrounds in the coliseum. This hands-on clinic is to educate youth in livestock projects on how to properly exhibit their animal in the show ring. See the flyer attached to the March Newsletter email for more information.



INDIANA STATE FAIR

The 2024 Indiana State Fair Livestock Schedule has been released. Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/livestock-show-schedule>

DOG MEMBERS

Dog Obedience practice/meetings are set for Monday evenings at 6pm in the Coliseum starting April 1st through May 27th. Please be sure to complete the 2024 Dog Vaccination form as soon as possible. The form can be found on the Indiana 4-H website or picked up at the Extension office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! LIVESTOCK SET-UP THURSDAY, JUNE 13!

Livestock barn set-up/Fair set-up will be held on Thursday, June 13 starting at 6pm.

4-H ROUND-UP

June 24-26, 2024. Registration due June 1, contact Emily Ade for registration assistance.

4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth exiting grades 7, 8, and 9. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Youth have an opportunity to meet others from across the state and further develop their leadership skills. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own.

The Warren County 4-H Council is offering full or partial scholarships to attend, please contact Emily Ade for an application. Scholarship Applications for Round-up are due May 1st.

4-H BAND & CHORUS

- Grades 9-12
- Do not have to be a 4-H member
- Intensive instructional workshop
- Professor Matthew Conaway, Band Director
- Ms. Meghan Farris, Chorus Director
- Perform at 4-H Round-Up
- June 22-25, 2024
- Registration deadline May 15
- Great volunteer chaperone opportunity

MISS WARREN COUNTY

The county queen program provides an incredible opportunity for young women to enhance communication skills they can utilize throughout their lifetime, including interview techniques, gaining confidence in public speaking, and organizing philanthropic activities within the community.

Miss Warren County responsibilities include reigning over fair events, being involved in community service activities throughout the year, and representing Warren County at the Miss Indiana State Fair pageant in January.

To compete, a contestant must be at least 17 years of age by June 1, 2024 and cannot have had her 22nd birthday before June 1, 2024. Each contestant must be a member of at least one worthy organization in her community (4-H, church youth group, Girl Scouts, etc.).

To enter to compete for the title of Miss Warren County Pageant 2024 ask for an application through the Miss Warren County Facebook page or contact Mindy Shoults with any questions, 765-491-6688. The first meeting is May 5th.

Queen Contest date is set for Monday, June 17th at 7:30pm.

CAMP COUNSELORS

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H Camp Counselor? Do you like working with kids?

We have camp counselor applications available for 4-Hers currently in 9th grade or above. Please stop by or call the Extension Office to get your application!

Applications are due March 8th.

4-H Camp is June 12-14.



4-H CAMP

Are you interested in 4-H Camp? Be on the lookout for the 4-H Camp Invite Letter. We will be sending this information out mid-March!

4-H Camp is June 12-14 at Shakamak State Park. 4-H Camp is open to any student in grades 3-6.

4-H ACADEMY

4-H Academy @ Purdue is a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. During this conference participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana. 4-H Academy @ Purdue is open to all youth grades 9-12.

- Date: June 12-14, 2024
- Registration opens: March 15 and closes May 15
- Registration fee: \$250 from March 15-May 15, \$275 from May 16-22, late registration \$300 May 23-29
- Expected workshops (subject to change):
 - Animal Science: Animal Bio-Science, Animal Health, Horse & Companion Animal
 - 4-H Civic Engagement: Community Change Starts with Me
 - Food Science/Nutrition Science
 - Healthy Living; Exploring Health Careers, Introduction to EMS
 - Natural Resources
 - Plant Science
 - Show Me the Money
 - Stem it Up!; Computer Science, Engineering, The Science of Flight
 - Spread the News

Contact our office for registration assistance.

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Good Friday—Office CLOSED
March 29

Solar Eclipse
April 8

Join us at the Fairgrounds to watch the Solar Eclipse! Glasses provided!

Sheep & Goat Weigh in & ID
April 27 from 9-11am
@ Fairgrounds

Primary Election—Office CLOSED
May 7

Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 15

Project Add/Drop Deadline
May 15

Memorial Day—Office CLOSED
May 27

4-H Camp
June 12-14
Grades 3-6

*More info to come soon!

**2024 Warren County
4-H Fair**
June 17-22

Independence Day—Office CLOSED
July 4 & 5

2024 IN State Fair
August 2-18 Closed Mondays



Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings

ADAMS PINE VILLAGERS: Manuals are available for pick up at the Extension Office. Currently, we do not have a club leader, so there are no club meetings planned. If interested, you are able to join another township club to attend meetings. Please change that through 4HOnline. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a club leader, please contact Emily Ade.

HORSE & PONY CLUB: Vaccination Clinic on March 30th at 11am at the Fairgrounds, more info to come. All meetings are at the Fairgrounds starting at 6pm and will include a short meeting then open ride. Thursday, May 9th, Tuesday, May 21st, Wednesday, June 5th, Monday, June 10th.

JR LEADER CLUB: The Jr. Leaders have been busy this fall and winter. October - officer elections with a test of gaming skills at Pinball on Perry, January - Service Learning project planning along with a challenging game of Apples To Apples, February - Began the month creating wreaths for Valentine's and ended the month with a fun Ski Trip to Michigan, & March - we had a fun movie night at The Devon. The officers will meet in April to plan the rest of our 4-H year out. Be on the watch for more information for our May and June activities!

MINI 4-H CLUB: Club meetings are at the Extension Office from 6-7:30pm—Monday, March 25, Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, May 16. Watch for more info on Mini 4-H Day!

POULTRY CLUB: Monday, March 11th at 6pm at the Fairgrounds in the Coliseum.

WARREN VOYAGERS: Want to get cranking on your projects during Spring Break? Contact Brandi or Kelly for your manuals. Plans are to meet the Monday after Spring Break, March 25, 6-7:15. If weather permits, we will meet at Cicott Park for a hike, trash pickup and flowerbed improvement. If weather is bad, we will meet at the Independence River Spring Church (Formally the Methodist) at the intersection of 4th and Liberty Streets. We will wrap up with a short meeting with officer elections and planning for upcoming meetings.

WASHINGTON WHIZZES: Manuals are available for pick up at the Extension Office. Currently, we do not have a club leader, so there are no club meetings planned. If interested, you are able to join another township club to attend meetings. Please change that through 4HOnline. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a club leader, please contact Emily Ade.

WEST SIDE SIX: April 2 at 6pm at the West Lebanon Library.



Have you heard of Purdue's Fast Start Program? This free program allows high school students to earn college credit and assured admission into Purdue University. For more information, go to the Fast Start website at

purdue.university/faststart
or call 765-494-1776