



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**November/December
2024**

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Hello everyone!

I hope you all are gearing up for the holiday season. Take some time over the next few months to reflect on this past year and set some new goals for 2025. Be sure to also take some time to spend with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for and should take the time to appreciate everything that has been done for us. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115, email childer9@purdue.edu, or stop by the office at 12 N 25 E, Reynolds. We are available to help with Enrollment!

Sincerely,

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Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development

BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
BE BLESSED

Happy
Holidays

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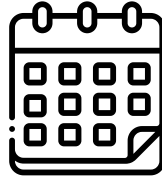


White County 4-H



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4-H Calendar



November

- 3 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 5 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 11 Junior Leader Meeting 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 11 Veterans Day- Office Closed
- 19 Cats Workshop, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 19 Extension Board Annual meeting, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 20 Union Township Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
- 28 Thanksgiving- Office Closed
- 29 Thanksgiving- Office Closed

December

- 3 4-H Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 4 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m. Cosgray Tree Farm
- 17 Cats Workshop, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 18 Union Township Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
- 24 Christmas- Office Closed
- 25 Christmas- Office Closed

If you have any 4-H events or activities that you would like to add to the White County Extension calendar, please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.

Project Changes for 2025



Each year there are changes that occur in the 4-H program. Please read the requirements before starting any project. All requirements can be found in the White County 4-H Handbook, which is currently in the process of being updated and will be available online soon at <https://purdue.link/wc4h>

Mark Your Calendars!

2025 White County 4-H Fair will be July 19th-24th, 2025

Indiana State Fair
August 1st-17th, 2025
(Closed Mondays)



Scan to visit the
White County
4-H Webpage

It's time to enroll in 4-H!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2024-2025 year! We will be using the 4HOnline system, with the priority online enrollment window lasting from October 1st to January 15th. Youth are encouraged to enroll before January 15th in order to take advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. After January 15th, youth will still be able to enroll online but will need to check with the extension office to see what important information they may have missed. Enroll in 4-H using 4HOnline, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Anyone who needs assistance or does not have access to 4HOnline should contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 or stop by our office, which is located at 12 N. 25 E. in Reynolds.

Enrollment instructions can be found on the White County Extension webpage and on the login page for 4HOnline.

A few notes about enrollment:

- For youth who were enrolled in 4-H for the 2023-2024 year, you will use the same family profile that was created last year. If you have forgotten your email or password, please contact the Extension Office.
- If you already have a family profile, but need to enroll a new 4-H member, you will add them under the existing family profile (please do not create a new family account in this situation).
- There is a \$25 enrollment fee per member, with a maximum of \$75 per family. This fee includes the State 4-H program fee and helps to pay for the educational materials provided and events throughout the year.
- When completing online enrollment, be sure that the Emergency Contact listed is someone outside of the home that we can contact when the parents cannot be reached.
- Reminder - There are a few projects that require you to only select the general project category in 4-H Online (For example, Mini 4-H). Once FairEntry opens in June, that is where you will select exactly what you will be bringing to the fair. We hope this will help to eliminate some confusion during enrollment!
- Reminder - The Project Add/Drop deadline will be May 15th this year. Members must be enrolled in White County 4-H by May 15th in order to exhibit at the 2025 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any live animal project projects must do so AND have their animals identified in 4-H Online by May 15th to meet state deadlines and county requirements. Earlier livestock enrollment may be required for certain animals requiring weigh ins, ear tagging, etc. - watch for more information about this! THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

We encourage youth to enroll early to take full advantage of the 4-H program. We hope you'll think about joining us for all that 4-H has to offer! Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.



What is 4-H?



Scan to visit
the New Family
Webpage
and learn more
about 4-H!

4-H began over 100 years ago, and has since grown into the largest youth development program in the nation. 4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. Backed by a network of more than 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni; 4-H delivers research-based programming around positive youth development. 4-H is delivered through America's 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service reaching every corner of our nation.

In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through Purdue Extension. Community clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment, camps/workshops, and special interest programs are all ways youth across Indiana can be involved with the 4-H program. 4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity for youth who are too young to join 4-H to see what the 4-H program is all about and is designed to encourage positive development of children. In White County, Mini 4-H members join and participate in a 4-H Club, but also will have the chance to participate in some fun Mini 4-H workshops throughout the year. Mini 4-H members can also choose to exhibit projects at the White County 4-H Fair. The Mini 4-H project options include: Animal Poster, Cake Decorating, Collections, Crafts, Creepy Crawlies, Flowers, Foods, Models, Nature, Sewing, and Space. Mini 4-H members can also participate in Animal Showmanship classes for Sheep, Swine (only for 2nd graders) Goats, Dairy, Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, and Horses during the Fair.

Youth in grades K - 2 may enroll in White County Mini 4-H online at <https://v2.4honline.com> or by visiting the White County Extension Office, at 12 N 25 E, Reynolds, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The priority online enrollment period will be October 1st, 2024 – January 15th, 2025. After January 15th, you may still enroll in 4-H Online but be sure to contact the extension office for missed communications. There is no cost to join Mini 4-H. Mini 4-H members will enroll using the same 4HOnline process as 4-H members. Enrollment instructions can be found on the White County Extension webpage and on the login page for 4HOnline.

Extension Annual Meeting

Curious about what we do at the Extension Office? Please join us for our Annual Meeting on November 19th, 2024. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with light refreshments. Our keynote speaker, will be Cindy Cosgray, from Cosgray Christmas Tree Farm

4-H Scholarships

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.

There are several great scholarship opportunities available to White County 4-H youth in grades 10 and up. Anyone who is thinking about any type of continuing education after high school is strongly encourage to apply. Scholarship applications and requirements can be found on the Indiana 4-H webpage at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

Scholarships are to be submitted in 4HOnline (instructions on State 4-H page).

Scholarship Applications are due January 25th

Camp Counselor Applications

4-H Camp will be June 4-6, 2025 at Camp Tecumseh. There are also required trainings in February, April, and May. No experience is required to apply. This opportunity is available to any 4-H member in grades 9-12. Applications are due January 8th. To learn more and download the applications visit:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/4-h/4-h-camp.html>



You must be enrolled in 4-H to submit the application so don't forget to complete your enrollment in v2.4honline.com/!



4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

ATTN high school members! **SAVE THE DATE**

A new 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend event will occur Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Camp Tecumseh. This new event is designed for Junior Leaders and other teen leaders. This new event will replace the former state junior leader conference held in June.

More information will be forthcoming.



What is Jr. Leaders?

The Junior Leader project allows 4-H members in grades 7-12 the opportunity to provide their Adult 4-H Volunteers with additional assistance in their 4-H Clubs and related activities. Jr. Leaders also serve as mentors and role models to the younger 4-H members by sharing their experiences with them. Jr. Leaders helps our older members stay involved and build important life skills. We participate in community service projects, team building activities, and leadership opportunities. The skills learned in Jr. Leaders are excellent for resume building, scholarship applications, and college applications. Not to mention, the lifelong friendships that are formed here. There are many great opportunities to network with both county Jr. Leaders and members from around Indiana.

Meeting Dates:

November 11th @ 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building in Reynolds

December 10th @ 6:00 p.m. Cosgray Tree Farm in Idaville

Volunteer Information

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program needs to be an approved 4-H Volunteer. All new volunteers will need to contact the White County Extension Office for information on how to complete the volunteer approval process.

All returning 4-H volunteers will need to re-enroll annually using the 4HOnline system. Volunteers should log into 4HOnline using the login email and password that was used when enrolled in 4HOnline last year. If you have forgotten your email or password or enrolled using a paper form last year, please contact the Extension Office.

Please be sure to enroll as a 4-H Volunteer before you begin working with 4-H youth. This is for the safety of the youth and volunteers alike, and is required. Please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for volunteering with the White County 4-H Program. Without all of you, our program would not be as successful as it is!

Volunteers Needed!!!! We are always looking for great volunteers to work with the White County 4-H Program. In addition to 4-H club leaders, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with SPARK clubs. If you would be interested in helping, or know someone who would be interested, please let the Extension Office know. If there are any other projects that you would be interested in helping with, we would be glad to have you!



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