



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

January/February 2026

Hello everyone!

We look forward to all that 2026 has to offer. There are a lot of great trips, workshops, and opportunities available for 4-H members and volunteers. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information about these opportunities.

For those of you who are new to the White County 4-H program, we are so glad that you are joining us and we hope you enjoy your White County 4-H experience! Information about 4-H activities and events are included in the bimonthly "Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters" White County 4-H newsletter, as well as on the Purdue Extension - White County webpage.

If you have not yet enrolled now is the time! Make sure you are inviting your classmates and neighbors to join 4-H. We know that a personal invitation to join is more powerful than any press release or social media blast we can send out from Purdue Extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115. Our goal is to provide you with the best 4-H experience possible, so please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make this happen!

Sincerely,

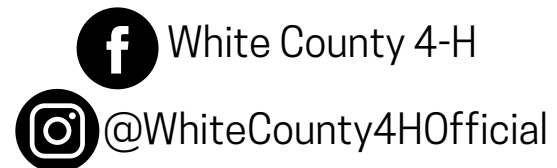
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Follow us on Social Media for
the latest news and photos!



4-H Enrollment- Don't Forget!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2025-2026 year! We are using the 4HOnline system again. Everyone is encouraged to 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.

A few notes about enrollment:

- For youth who were enrolled in 4-H for the 2024-2025 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.
- 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. There is no fee for Mini 4-H (grades K-2)
- 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 - The Project Add/Drop deadline is May 15th. Members may add or drop projects until May 15th using their 4HOnline profile. Please let the Extension Office know when you add a project, so that we can be sure to get you the correct manuals and educational Activities.
- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H by May 15th in order to exhibit at the 2026 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any live animal projects must identify their animals in 4-H Online by May 15th to meet state deadlines and county requirements.
- FairEntry.com will open on June 1st and this is where members will declare exactly which projects and animals they will be bringing to the White County Fair.

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.



Beyond Ready

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity to see what the 4-H program is all about. In White County, Mini 4-H members join and participate in a Township 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.

First Mini Workshop: January 15th, 2026 at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Building in Reynolds

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, during normal operating hours.

There is no cost to enroll in White County Mini 4-H.

2026 Mini 4-H Workshops

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 12 N 25 E Reynolds IN

Dates:

January 23rd	April 17th
February 20th	May 15th
March 20th	June 19th



New Family Webpage

What is 4-H Anyway?

4-H is the largest youth development program in the U.S., established over 100 years ago. It focuses on preparing young people to become leaders through hands-on experiences with peers and adults.

Supported by over 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, and 60 million alumni, 4-H offers research-based programming through 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service nationwide. For more information, visit the New Family Information page on our website.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/white/new-families.html>

White County 4-H Handbook

The 4-H handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have a specific project question, refer to your handbook first. If you cannot find the answer there, follow up with a club leader, project leader, or the extension office. Remember, the handbook is designed to help you make the most of your 4-H experience, so take the time to familiarize yourself with its contents. Additionally, participating in club meetings and events is a great way to stay informed and connected with fellow members and leaders. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need guidance or support; the 4-H community is here to help you succeed.

The 2025 White County 4-H Handbook is available online at <https://purdue.link/25handbook>

The 2026 version will be available in January!

Happy learning and exploring with 4-H!

Scholarship Applications

There are a variety of 4-H Scholarship Opportunities available to 4-H members in grades 10-12.

All state 4-H scholarship applications are due **January 25th**.

Applications MUST be submitted via 4-H Online which means the member MUST be fully enrolled before they are able to submit their application.



Applications and instructions can be found at this website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

Don't wait until the last minute to complete this!



Winter Weather Policy

During winter months, postponements or cancellations of 4-H activities may occur because of bad weather. In most cases, if school is canceled, 4-H activities will not be held. Information about cancelled 4-H activities may be heard on WMRS radio station, as well as on the White County Extension webpage and the Purdue Extension - White County & White County 4-H Facebook page.

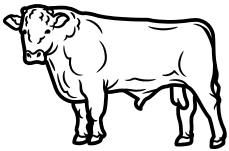
4-H Camp!

Camp Counselors: Area 8 + 9 Camp will be June 3-5, 2026 at Camp Tecumseh. Each year we encourage 4-H members in grades 9-12 to serve as camp counselors and help lead camp! Families with current 9-12 graders will receive an email with details and the applications will be available soon. Must be enrolled in 4-H to submit an application.



Campers - Stay Tuned! 4-H Camp plans are already underway for 2026. Camp is scheduled for June 3-5 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston. 4-H members in grades 3-6 are eligible to attend camp. All eligible members will be sent Camp Registration Information at the beginning of April. A limited number of White County 4-H members can attend and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to watch for more information!

Attention Beef and Dairy Beef Members



Beef and Dairy Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 9-10 a.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Reynolds. This is the day for 4-H Beef animals and Dairy Beef Steers to be ear tagged, weighed and RFID tagged. **ALL cattle must have an 840-RFID tag.** This event is optional.

There is a cost of \$5 per animal tagged, with payment due at the weigh-in (cash or check only). Beef and Dairy Beef members will receive additional information regarding the weigh-in in mid-January. If you do not receive this information, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Those members who will be new to the beef or dairy projects this year should contact the Extension Office to receive the weigh-in information. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested in the Beef and Dairy Beef projects.

IQLC/YQCA Updates

Exhibitors of Beef, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Poultry and Rabbits are expected to complete a quality livestock care training every year. In-person Indiana Quality Livestock Care training sessions will be available again this year at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds. An online option will also be available at yqcaprogram.org. Livestock exhibitors should keep an eye out for more information to come soon via Email, Mail, and Social Media.



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Thank You Miss White County!



Miss White County 4-H Fair Queen, McKenna Wilson, has been busy spreading the word about 4-H throughout White County schools! She recently visited elementary students at Tri-County Primary, Frontier, and Meadowlawn, where she led fun activities and answered questions about 4-H. In addition, McKenna and her court have made appearances across the White County community, including the Monticello, Brookston, and Monon Christmas parades.

We wish McKenna the very best of luck as she represents White County in the upcoming Indiana State Fair Queen Contest this January! Follow along with McKenna's adventures on the [Miss White County 4-H Fair Queen Facebook Page](#)

NEW Computers and Robotics Equipment!

Thanks to funding secured by the Indiana 4-H Foundation and gifted by the Indiana Energy Association, Indiana Soybean Alliance, and Indiana Corn Marketing Council, White County 4-H was able to make an investment of **\$3,100** in STEM programming for local youth.

The gift will be used to purchase supplies, equipment, and educational materials for the **White County 4-H Computers and Robotics program.**

The Indiana Energy Association, Indiana Soybean Alliance, and Indiana Corn Marketing Council have been generous sponsors of Indiana 4-H STEM programming in recent years. This support will provide 4-H youth with greater opportunities for growth and learning.

With tremendous gratitude, the Indiana 4-H Foundation and White County thanks these organizations for their investment in our youth, as we continue our mission to provide resources that give the opportunity for all Indiana youth to develop life skills that benefit their communities and prepare them for the future.

Beginning in February, David Hoover will be hosting workshops teaching youth how to code and program the new robotics kits that were purchased with this funding. 3rd-12th grade youth are invited to attend workshops where you will gain valuable computer science knowledge. The projects completed through these workshops will be eligible for exhibition in the 4-H Computer Science Project (State Fair Eligible)!



Workshop Details:

Every Tuesday February through June
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
4-H Building, 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN 47980
3rd-12th grade youth
Led by David Hoover- teachandlead@gmail.com



Club Meeting Dates

4-H Members are encouraged (but not required) to attend 4-H Club Meetings. Attending 4-H club meetings is a great way for members to make new friends, stay up to date on important 4-H news, and get involved in fun, hands-on activities. Meetings also offer opportunities to build leadership skills, take on officer roles, and learn while having fun with others who share similar interests. If you are not sure which club you're in, this can be found in 4-H Online or by calling the extension office.

Liberty Township Club

Location: Buffalo Firehouse, 206 IN-39, Buffalo, IN 47925

Time: 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 26

February 23

February 28 Soup Supper 4pm-8pm

March 30

April 27

May 17 meeting to follow 2 pm trash pick-up

June 29

Union Township Club

Location: Roosevelt MS, 721 W Broadway St, Monticello, IN 47960

Time: 6:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Goat Club

Location: 4-H Building, 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN

Time: 6:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 5

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

May 9 Goat ID Day 7:30-9 a.m.

June 2

Prairie Township Club

Location: Frontier ES, 811 S Railroad St, Brookston, IN 47923

Time: 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

September 19- Apple Popcorn Festival Booth 9-5

October 12 (Time TBD)

TBD- Bake Sale Fundraiser

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Horse and Pony Club

Location: 4-H Building, 12 N 25 E Reynolds
Time: 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14 (Horse Barns Weather Permitting)
May 12 6:30 p.m. at Horse Barns
June 9 6:30 p.m. at Horse Barns
July 14th 6:30 p.m. at Horse Barns
May Workshops TBD
Fuzzy show April 25th 2026 at 9am
Open show May 16th 2026 at 9am
NBHA and IBRA show is June 13th 2026 at 9am
Open show June 27th 2026 at 9am
EOY Fuzzy show September 12th 2026 at 9am.

Jr. Leaders

Living Calendar:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OCLbYkRdhciSC8K_eBIMF_psmiYvoXb8/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104878277753809542221&rtpof=true&sd=true

If you do not see your club meeting dates listed, we are still working on getting those from club leaders, updates will come via email.

Poultry Club

Location: 4-H Building, 12 N 25 E Reynolds
Time: 6:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

February 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
June 21 Bloodtesting 2:00-4:00 p.m.
July 12 Barn Clean Up 3:00 p.m.
July 14 Barn Set Up 5:30 p.m.

Rabbit Club

Location: 4-H Building, 12 N 25 E Reynolds
Time: 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Meeting Dates:

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 18 Tenderloin Dinner 4:30-7
April 21
May 19
June 20 Tattooing and Rabbit Ambassador 9 a.m.
July 7 Barn Set Up and Cook Out 6:00 p.m.



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Ready**

Volunteer Information

Enrollment

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program needs to be an approved 4-H Volunteer.

All new and returning 4-H volunteers will need to enroll using the 4HOnline system. Returning 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.

Jr. Leaders Advisor Wanted!

Join our Jr. Leaders advisor team! We are seeking a third member to work alongside Meredith Vandever and Molly Childers. If you're passionate about empowering teens to develop leadership skills, forge friendships, and engage with their community, this volunteer position is perfect for you. The role involves a commitment to monthly meetings and additional planning time between meetings.

The selected individual will need to complete the previously mentioned volunteer enrollment process. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Molly at the extension office. Contact information can be found on page 1.

Special Interest Leaders Wanted!

We are always looking for more great volunteers to help facilitate dozens of exciting new opportunities for local youth. If there is a project/subject that you are really passionate about, you can volunteer to lead SPARK (Special Interest Activities Programs) clubs. A SPARK club can be about any topic that is relevant to White County youth. If there is a topic you are interested in creating a SPARK club for, Molly can help you create it!

4-H Affiliate Summit- January 24

Join volunteers from around the area at an Indiana 4-H Affiliate Summit! On January 24th at the 4-H Building in Reynolds, 4-H Fair Board Members, members of other 4-H affiliate groups and all 4-H volunteers will gather with 4-H staff and volunteers in neighboring communities for a time of learning and networking to help strengthen our 4-H programs. Learn more at bit.ly/AffiliateSummit4H.

Interested? Reach out to Molly Childers to register.

If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who is, please reach out to the White County Extension office.



Learn more about volunteering: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/index.html>



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INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 27-29, 2026

Ages: Grades 7-12



CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



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