

# Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

# November/ December 2022

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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 2023. 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!

As I approach my 1 year anniversary with White County 4-H, I would like to use this opportunity to say *Thank You* to everyone who has welcomed me so graciously and helped me along the way. I am still learning new things all the time. I am looking forward to another great year serving you!

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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# **4-H Calendar**



- 1 Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 2 Ag Association, 7 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 7 Junior Leaders, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 10 Volunteer Training, 6 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 11 Veterans' Day- Extension Office Closed
- 12 Jr. Leaders Completion Trip
- Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 16 Union Township 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
- 24 Thanksgiving- Extension Office Closed
- 25 Thanksgiving- Extension Office Closed



Goat Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building

- 14 Union Township 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
- 19 Poultry Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 23 Christmas- Extension Office Closed
- 26 Christmas- Extension Office Closed
- 30 New Year's Eve- Extension 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.



#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

2023 White County 4-H Fair will be July 15-20, 2023

2023 Indiana State Fair will be July 28 - August 20, 2023

### We're Online!

If you are looking for upcoming information on workshops, meetings or other 4-H activities, check us out on the web at <a href="http://extension.purdue.edu/white">http://extension.purdue.edu/white</a>. The website also has the White County 4-H Handbook and project requirements. Check our website to see all of the great information available! You can also follow us on Facebook (White County 4-H) and Instagram (@whitecounty4hofficial)!



# **Communications from the White County Extension Office**

Have you been receiving the emails and letters that we send out? We often send emails to keep everyone updated on things happening here in White County. Club Leaders also use email to communicate with members. If you are not receiving our emails or letters, please let us know so that we can double check that your information is correct. Please be sure to check your email periodically for any updates!



# **Project Changes for 2023**



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 <a href="https://extension.purdue.edu/white">https://extension.purdue.edu/white</a>.

### The Time is Here to Enroll in 4-H!!!

The time is here to enroll in 4-H for the 2022-2023 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 <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>. 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 2021-2022 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 2023 Fair.
- Members who wish to enroll in any live animal project projects must do so 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.



# Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a> 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, 2022 – January 15th, 2023. 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.

# **Camp Counselor Applications**

The 2023 Camp Counselor Applications will hopefully be available mid-December! In 2023, Camp will be June 7-9. Camp Counselors must be a 4-H member in grades 9 - 12.

If you are interested, please check back in 4HOnline soon, applications will be due January 9, 2023. This is a great opportunity to serve and boost your resume at the same time! Please contact the White County Extension Office for more information.

# **Extension Annual Meeting**

Curious about what we do at the Extension Office? Please join us for our Annual Meeting on November 17th, 2022. Doors open at 6:15 pm, with light refreshments. Our keynote speaker, will be Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences Director, Angie Abbott. Please RSVP by calling 219-984-5115.



# **4-H Yard Signs**

Have you seen the 4-H yard signs around? Would you like to help promote 4-H? We have 4-H yard signs available here at the office to help publicize 4-H enrollment. If you would like to help promote 4-H by displaying one of these signs at your home or business, please stop by the office and get one!

#### 4-H Club Leader Information

#### A Few Reminders:

- Don't forget to re-enroll as a volunteer in 4HOnline! Please also remind your members and any volunteers you know to re-enroll. THIS IS REQUIRED TO HELP WITH THE 4-H PROGRAM!
- Don't forget to turn in a list of upcoming Club Meetings and Events so that we can add it to the Extension Calendar
  and Extension webpage— All clubs are expected to set meeting dates ahead of time!
- There will be 2 volunteer trainings in November specifically designed for club leaders. Please try to attend one of these trainings. See email or social media for more details.

# **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: <a href="https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx">https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx</a>. Scholarships are to be submitted in 4HOnline (instructions on State 4-H page) or in electronic format to the White County Extension Office. More detailed information with deadlines will be announced soon.

### **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!

# **2023 Summer Assistant Position**

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The White County 4-H Summer Assistant works with and reports directly to the White County 4-H Youth Extension Educator and assists in the organization and delivery of the White County 4-H Program.

#### **Qualifications**

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed at least one year of college prior to employment and who have been associated with 4-H. Preference will also be given to those who have completed their 4-H tenure in White County.

Desirable skills include: Communication ability; organization; public relations; problem solving; diplomacy; program planning; computer; typing and other general office skills.

#### **Job Responsibilities**

This White County position will average 35 hours per week over the course of employment, with a pay rate of \$13.25hour. Mileage to and from Extension-related activities will be paid at the current rate. Extension Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, the individual must be available for a flexible work schedule that includes some evenings and weekends. Some travel within the county, area, and state will be necessary. Reliable and suitable transportation is required along with a valid driver's license.

Some specific job responsibilities may include: assist with summer mailings; develop and present project workshops for township and county clubs; prepare for and attend Ag Association and Adult 4-H Club Leader meetings; attend/help throughout 4-H Pre-fair and Fair week in 4-H Building, with Livestock Shows and special events; manage the 4-H Fair Office; organize and transport 4-H projects to State Fair; assist with 4-H Record Book organization and grading; and other duties as needed.

#### **Starting Dates**

The preferred starting date is Monday, May 8, 2023; however, some adjustment is possible. Length of employment is approximately 12 weeks, with the possibility for some additional work during fall and winter periods (school vacation periods).

The deadline for Application is January 13th, 2023 or until a suitable candidate is found. Application consists of a cover letter and resume detailing experiences and skills related to this position. In addition, please include names of references. Interviews will be granted to those who submit the top applications.



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