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Thanksgiving is almost here! We are so thankful to all of our amazing volunteers! As a reminder, please ensure you are reenrolling on 4-H online and completing the required training. We might be asking you for updated references if we do not have your original ones on file. We appreciate you providing these to ensure we are complying with State's policies. Please reach out if you have questions. If you are a leader of a club, be on the lookout for an email about the end of year reports. As a reminder these are due January 1st.

Also, Allen County 4-H Clubs Board will be hosting their Annual meeting on December 3rd at 7pm in the Home and Family Arts Building on the Allen County Fairgrounds. This meeting serves to honor our volunteers for their service and elect new board members to the board. The Annual Meeting will include a meal again this year. You are more then welcome to attend. Please RSVP by the end of the day on Nov. 21 by calling 260-481-6826 or emailing rcclay@purdue.edu.

Also, if you or someone you know is interested in joining the board, there are a few positions open this year. Please let us know if you are interested so we can send you paperwork. Thank you and happy fall!



UPCOMING 4-H PROGRAMS

Mini's - Stars and Space Nov. 7 from 6-7pm @ Extension Office

Youth in grades K-2 join us as we learn about stars through hands on activities and make your own constellation. Sign up now-this event is free

Up Coming Programs for grades 3-12

November 2024

Pie Perfection: The Ultimate Pie-Baking Class:

Nov. 21 from 6-8pm @Extension Office Craft your own homemade pie through step-by-step instructions. By the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a tasty and visually stunning pie and pie dish. Cost \$10

December 2024

Gingerbread Cookie Creations:

Dec. 11 from 6-8@Extension Office
Create festive, handcrafter gingerbread creations while learning the science behind baking the perfect cooking.
Cost \$5

Gift Wrapping Basics:

Dec. 12 from 6-7:30pm@Extension Office

Master the art of gift wrapping to turn every present into a beautifully wrapped masterpiece.

Cost \$3

Candy, Candles & Cards: STEAM workshop

Dec. 19 from 5:30—7:30pm@Extension Office Join us for a fun and creative afternoon of gift-making as we create sweet treats, candles, and personalized cards.

Up Coming Programs for grades 3-12

January 2025

Genealogy Project workshop:

January 22, 6:30-8:00pm@Allen County Public Library, Downtown branch

Uncover your roots with the assistance of the AC Public Library Genealogy Department.

Woodworking project: STEAM workshop

January 28 from 5:30-7:30pm@Extension Office Project and Cost TBD. Watch upcoming newsletters

2025 STEAM WORKSHOPS

Canvas Painting STEAM workshop:

February 3 5:30-7:30pm@Extension office

Project and Cost TBD. Watch upcoming newsletters

Macrame STEAM workshop:

March 13 5:30pm-7:30pm@Extension office Project and Cost TBD. Watch upcoming newsletters

Fish Dissection STEAM workshop:

April 10 5:30-7:30pm@Extension office In this hands on workshop, participants will explore fish anatomy through a guided dissection. Cost: \$10

Boards and Bites: Charcuterie with Mom (or other loved one) STEAM workshop:

May 8th, 5:30-7:30pm@Extension Office. More

All programs require registration.

If you need accommodations to participate in a program, more information on specific programs, or to register: email rcclay@purdue.edu or call 260-481-6826



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4-H Information

Allen County 4-H Volunteers

Please note that because of State rule changes we are adding everything to the 4-H Online Website.

Reenrolling volunteers will only be required to take one training. You must complete the online paperwork to be an approved volunteer.

Unfortunately, as some of you know, we do not have the original references from when you first became a volunteer and we are having to ask you for current references. You do not need the original references. Please get these to us as soon as you can so that we are able to complete your enrollment. As a reminder, you should not be interacting with youth if you are not an approved volunteer.

Thank you





Sign up for Dog Club! Workshop will begin February 24, 2025

Classes are held Mondays @ 6:30 pm at the Allen County Fairgrounds.
Your dog must be at least 3 months old and neutered or spayed.

Completed paperwork needs to be turned into the Extension Office by Friday, February 14, 2025.

If you are interested, please call the office at 260-481-6826.

We still have a few openings left for the First Annual 4-H Maker's Market!

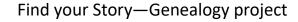
The market is open to active 4-H members.

The market will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 9 to 1.

We will be sending out flyers for you to distribute to your friends and family! We want a to get the word out!

If you have a craft that you make and would like to sell or any questions, please call the office 260-481-6826 or email Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu.







Join us on January 22, 2025, 6:30 pm at the Allen County Library-Main Branch to learn about how to research your family tree for the Genealogy project. We will be meeting with a Genealogy team member who will show us how to begin or complete your research.

Volunteers/member info

It is once again time for 4-H members and volunteers to enroll in 4-H via 4-H Online. Visit https://v2.4honline.com/ to renew your membership for 2025.

4-H Members: Enrollment is open through May 15, 2025. We encourage members to enroll early to ensure they continue getting updates on all the activities they can participate in. Please ensure if you are participating in 4-H activities that you are enrolled! We encourage online payment for faster processing of enrollment.

4-H Volunteers: Enrollment is open and we encourage timely completion of required trainings to ensure the safety of our youth. Completion of 4-H Online is required before you can continue to work with youth in 4-H activities. We will be hosting another in person training in January if you would like to participate.





On the radar:

- QLC dates will be released soon. We will have workshops in March, April, and May. All livestock except cat, dog, llama, and horse are required to complete either QLC or YQCA to show their animal.
- We do not have information regarding the 22 rifle workshop. There have been some issues communicating with Concordia. We will update you as soon as we hear something.
- Junior Master Naturalist and a health challenge. Watch future newsletters, the website, and Facebook for more information.

 If you are not following us on Facebook we highly recommend it! We share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

 Allen County Indiana 4-H: https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H

We have been working on updating the Allen County Website! Be patient with us as we get all of the project tabs up to date. Please note that most of the projects rules have been updated. We will not know a fair entry date until January. In the interest of getting the rules posted sooner, the fair entry date will be posted in each project drop down in the description of the project. It is never too soon to start working on your projects! We will be using the website a lot more to advertise our workshops and events. Check it out here: https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen-4h.html



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2024

5-4-H Board Meeting 7pm 7-Stars and Space for Minis 6-7pm@CEO 19-Jr. Leaders Meeting 6:30-8pm@CEO 21- Pie Perfection: The Ultimate Pie baking class 6-8pm@CEO 27-29-Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

December 2024

3 4-H Annual Board Meeting7pm@Fairgrounds (RSVP required for meal)

11-Gingerbread Cookies 6-8pm@CEO

12-Gift Wrapping Basic 6-7:30pm@CEO

14- 4-H First Annual Maker's Market 9am-1pm@CEO

17- Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30-8pm @CEO (date might change)

19- Candles, Cards, and Candy STEAM workshop 6-8 pm @CEO

24-25 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

January 2025

1-New Year's Day-Office Closed 7 4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO 22- "Dig Up Your Family Tree" Genealogy project 6:30 pm @Allen County Public Library-Main 28-Woodworking STEAM 5:30-7:30pm@CEO Junior Leader Meeting TBD 6:30-8 pm @CEO

February 2025

13 Canvas Painting 5:30-7:30@CEO 18 Horse & Pony Meeting 7-9pm@CEO 25 Junior Leaders 6-7:30pm@CEO

March 2025

3 Rabbit Workshop 6:30-7:30pm@CEO 13 Macrame STEAM 5:30-7:30@CEO

> Allen County 4-H Fair June 17-22, 2025





OPEN ENROLLMENT

FOR 4-H MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS **BEGAN OCTOBER 1ST.** Don't forget to complete! your training by January 2025!

We are currently updating the project rules for 2025. Please make sure to read the rules this year. There have been a few changes from the State.

We will continue working on them and will have it completed by January 2025.



