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Happy New Year, 4-H families! As we begin another exciting year in 4-H, now is a great time to plan ahead. We encourage members to start thinking about their projects early—getting a head start helps reduce stress and sets youth up for success. You will find some ideas in the Project Idea Guide under the Family Resources tab on our website.

Just a reminder that there are several Indiana scholarships available to youth members. Deadline to apply is January 25th. Go to the Scholarships and Awards tab and apply today. Check out our website or Facebook page for information and links. \$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025!!

Also, dog registration forms are due to our office by January 31st. You can find more information, club contacts and required documents on our website. The club leaders would be happy to answer any questions and help you and your 4 legged fur friends join them.

We're looking forward to another great year of growth with our 4-H members, families, and volunteers!

If you have questions about 4-H or need help, please don't hesitate to call 260-481-6826, email allences@purdue.edu, or stop by during office hours.

Our office wishes you all a Safe and Happy New Year!

Welcome Our New Allen County 4-H Board!

JT Brown

Joe Schoenemann

Jennifer Malcolm

Donna Dafforn

Liz Chaffee

Aaron Clark

Marijane Crowe

Lisa Didion

Lyle King

Sarah Jane Pettigrew

Deb Roth

Mary Schroeder

Kimberly Smith





4-H INFORMATION



Enrollment for Youth and Volunteers is Open!

As a reminder, there is an annual \$15 state program fee for youth in grades 3-12. Mini 4-Hers are free to enroll. **If you are using your phone to sign up, there may be an issue taking payment. Please double check the payment has been processed properly.** If you are going to pay by check, please make sure to make payable to Purdue University.

For returning volunteers, you will have 1 training video to watch. Please complete your training! These videos rotate every year. If you are enrolling as a new volunteer, select “New Volunteer.” When you enroll, you will have to select a volunteer type. There will be a diagram when you get to this step. Please select the type that most describes you. Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com>



Annual Volunteer In-Person Training

If you are unable to complete your volunteer training online, we are offering an in-person training on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

RSVP to Stephanie Wooten at 260-481-6826 or wooten6@purdue.edu

Ready to Make an Impact? Join Junior Leaders and Shape the Future with Tech!

Are you in grades 7-12 and ready to lead, learn, and create change? Join our Junior Leaders team for an exciting year ahead! In 2026, we'll take on a technology-focused service project inspired by the 4-H Tech Changemakers program, which empowers youth to teach digital skills and promote online safety, helping communities thrive in today's tech-driven world.

Junior Leaders meet on the last Tuesday of the month. Register for Junior Leaders on <https://www.4honline.com/>. For more information or any questions, reach out to Cheyanne Geideman at cgeidema@purdue.edu

Attention!!! New Rules!!!

As of January 1, new static project rules can be found on our 4-H Extension website puext.in/allen4H. New Livestock rules are not yet available. A notification will be sent out when the State and Board have them finalized. Books will not be available until then. However, if you would like a specific project topic emailed to you please send a request to Erin. at emcbain@purdue.edu and it will be sent via PDF.

NEW for 2026! Allen County Fair Ticket Bundles Are Here!

Save big and plan ahead with our brand-new ticket bundles—but hurry, these special prices are only available through mid-January! Pull strip event tickets include the rodeo, demo derby and a new action-packed Friday event.

Family All-Access

- 24 daily admission tickets
- Entry for four to all three of our large pull strip events
- Perfect for four family members

Single All-Access

- 6 daily admission tickets
- Entry to all three large pull strip events
- Ideal for one fair-loving fan

Buy online: <https://bit.ly/2026-ACF-Deals>

Family Combo

- 12 daily admission tickets
- Entry for four to all three pull strip events
- Flexible option for a family

Weekly Entry Pass

- 6 daily admission tickets
- Simple, easy, and convenient

All tickets are digital with unique QR codes. “Family” can be defined however you like. Subject to service fees.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan. 1	CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
Jan. 6 6pm	Volunteer In-Person Annual Training @ Allen County Extension Office (RSVP to 260-481-6826 or wooten6@purdue.edu)
Jan. 6 6:30-7:30pm	Air Rifle Orientation @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 6 7pm	4-H Board Meeting @ Allen County Extension Office
Jan. 8 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology @ Johnnie Mae Farm (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 12 6:30-8:30pm	Rabbit Club Meeting @ Allen County Extension Office
Jan. 13 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 14 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 15 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 17 10am	Nature Navigators @ Pokagon State Park
Jan. 19 7-9pm	Swine Committee Meeting @ Allen County Fairgrounds
Jan. 20 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 21 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 22 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 25	4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
Jan. 27 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 27 TBD	Junior Leaders Meeting @ Allen County Extension Office
Jan. 28 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Jan. 29 5:30-6:30pm	Chick Embryology (Register Here: https://forms.gle/FFTX9m1i7CWmQaoS9)
Jan. 31	Dog Club Vaccination Form Due Date
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center (Register Here: https://airrifle2026.4honline.com)
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS (Register Here: https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com)
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30-7:30pm	Art 101: Embracing Your Creative Mess @ Johnnie Mae Farm (Register Here: https://bit.ly/26AllenArt101)
Feb. 14 8-10am	4-H Beef/Dairy Beef Steer Weigh-IN @ Allen County Fairgrounds

Follow us on Facebook where we share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

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

Have photos to share ? We would love to see them! Please feel free to email allences@purdue.edu with your favorites!



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CEO = County Extension Office
FG's = Fairgrounds
All dates subject to change



2026

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

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Art 101: Embracing Your Creative Mess

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A FINISHED AND
FRAMED WORK OF ART!

Grades 6-12 and Adults are welcome!

February 5, 12, 19, and 26

5:30-7:30 pm

\$20 per person

Johnnie Mae Farm, 2518 Winter St,
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Register at <https://bit.ly/26AllenArt101>
(link above)

SIGN UP BY JAN. 26



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



Purdue University is an equal opportunity/
equal access/affirmative action institution.



CHICK Embryology



Learn about chick
development, watch chicks
hatch, and have a hands-on
science experience you won't
forget!

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH!

Details:

Thursdays in January

January 8, 15, 22, 29

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Johnnie Mae Farm

2518 Winter St, Fort Wayne,
IN 46803

RSVP

FREE but pre-registration
is encouraged.

Deadline to register:

January 5th

Scan the QR code
or visit link below!

[https://forms.gle/FFTX
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