

PARKE COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:

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| May 15th | 4-H Animal enrollment/DNA samples due |
| April 25th | 4-H Spring Fling (5pm-9pm) |
| May 28-31 | 4-H Camp |
| June 11-13 | 4-H Academy (grades 9-12) |
| June 12th | Mini 4-H |
| June 23-25 | Round-Up at Purdue (grades 6-8) |
| July 9th | Fashion Revue, 4-H Sewing Construction, Consumer Clothing |
| July 10th | Non-perishable project check-in and Open Judging for select projects |
| July 11th | Fair begins! |

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

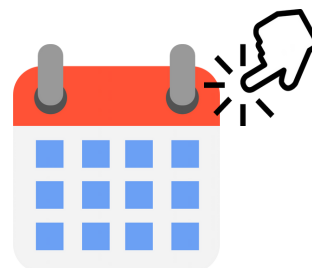
Monday, May 26, 2025 Office Closed for Memorial Day

Friday, July 4, 2025 Office Closed for Fourth Holiday

Parke County 4-H Fair July 11-18, 2025

Stay up to date on club meetings, events, and important dates on our Facebook pages: *Purdue Extension Parke County* and *Parke County 4-H Fair* or on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Parke>.

Meeting schedules can be found by clicking on the calendar or by going to [Google Calendar](#)



Animal Enrollment Deadline May 15

All animals should be enrolled by May 15th in 4-HOnline. With the exception of poultry and rabbits who complete an enrollment form which must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 15.

Dairy Heifer, Registered Heifer, swine tags are \$3. These may be purchased at the Extension Office.

Animal identification requirements as well as poultry and rabbit enrollment forms can be found at:

[Purdue Extension Parke County Website](#)

Instructions on how to enroll animals in 4HOnline can be found at:

[Purdue Extension Animal Identification](#)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to your superintendent or the Extension Office.

Beef/Dairy- JD Berry, 765-592-0569

Goat - Shawna Crowder 765-376-2364

Horse and Pony - Christina Hancock 812-716-5060

Llama and Alpaca - Olivia Clay, 765-826-1913

Poultry - Lindsey Hammontree, 765-592-7077

Rabbit - Kevin Shaw, 317-727-6417

Sheep - Michele Mitchell, 765-350-4777

Swine - John Rolison, 812-229-0351

MINI 4-H

Thursday, June 12th

There is still time to enroll in Mini 4-H if you have not done so already. Click here to enroll: V2.4HOnline.com

Please choose the Parke County Mini 4-H as your club and select two projects. There is no fee to enroll online. Payment of \$10 will be due the day of Mini 4-H.

4-H CAMP

May 28-31, 2025

Shakamak State Park



Daily activities will include boating, recreation, crafts, swimming, outdoor cooking, nature activities, and lots of silly songs and chants!

4-H Camp is now open to all 4-H'ers currently in grades 3-6 who want to have fun this summer! Camp Enrollment forms available in the Office, Enrollment forms will also be emailed out.

We are looking for leaders in 9th-12th grade who are interested in being counselors! Counselors lead activities and also have responsibilities to help our camp function smoothly. Counselors must attend 2 trainings held on Wednesday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 29 from 5-8pm at Putnam County Fairgrounds.

Transportation is provided. Payment of \$120 for camper or counselor is due by May 16. Scholarships are available, just answer appropriately on the enrollment form.

4-H SUMMER TRIPS

We love to take Parke County 4-H'ers on summer trips! Many of the trips are listed below and funding is available. Registration is through 4HOnline. Several are open now. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions. Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. Just let us know if you would like to go!

Trip opportunities include:

- 4-H Academy @ Purdue (Grades 9-12) June 11-13
- 4-H Band (Grades 9-12) June 21-23
- 4-H Chorus (Grades 9-12) June 21-23
- 4-H Round-Up (Grades 7-9) June 23-25

More information regarding trips can be found at: State 4-H Trips



Adult Volunteers:

Please enroll in 4-H Online at
v2.4honline.com
as a volunteer and complete your
training for the 2024/2025 year

Junior Leaders

JUNIOR LEADER 4-H SPRING FLING

Join the Junior Leaders for a night of games, activities and fun at the fairgrounds! All 4-H members welcome!
Friday, April 25th from 5 to 8 pm.



JUNIOR LEADER FLOWER SALES

The Junior Leaders are now selling flowers to help support activities, trips and events. Contact a Junior Leader or the Extension Office to order. Flowers will arrive Wednesday, May 7th just in time for Mother's Day!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28-31 - 4-H Camp

Thursday, June 12 - Mini 4-H Day. All hands on deck for this fun day!

Wed April 9 5-8 pm - Camp Counselor training

Wed April 29 5-8 pm - Camp Counselor training

Ag and Natural Resources



Community Garden Lessons 6 pm Parke County Community Garden 413 S US 41 Rockville

March 13th Early Spring Gardening
April 10th Weed Control and Cultivating
May 8th Selecting and Growing Herbs
June 12th Pest Control
July 10th Fall Garden Prep
Aug 7th When your garden slows down



Ag Outlook Breakfast Fri. Feb. 28th 8:30 am- 11:00 am Extension Office Meeting Room

Crops Conference
Mon. Mar. 10th 9 am- 2:30
focus is on Corn Production
topics of Tar Spot, Weed Control, cost
control in corn production.
PARP and Commercial Credits
Available

Volunteers Needed for Open Class

As we are preparing for our 2025 Fair year (July 11-18), the Open Class area is in need of Adult Volunteers to help with set-up / tear-down / check-in. If you would be willing to help in any of these areas, please contact Kurt Lanzone - Extension Educator at 765-569-3176 or email: klanzone@purdue.edu; or Lee Etta Lightle at 765-592-1516, or email lettuceBfriends@aol.com

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4-H Townships and Club Leaders

Adams Township

Ag Boosters III – Shelly Akers

Adams 4 Leaf Clovers – Laura Holtsclaw, Melinda Long, Randi Long

Adams Hoosiers – Marcia and Dwayne Carpenter

Adams Yankees – Jamie Mager

Florida Township

Beach Bums – Marilyn McMullen

Classics – Christina Cooper, Andrew & Samantha Hardesty

Farmers – Catie Hartman, and Jamie Mager

Greene Township

Hustling Hoosiers – Shana Hetrick and Rena' Uplinger

Liberty Township

Liberty Leaders – Nichole Crum and Erin McCoy

Penn Township

Penn Loyal Pioneers – Brad and Danika Craycraft

Raccoon Township

Big Raccoons – Kathy Collom, Joni McPike and Amanda Collom

Reserve Township

Champion Seekers – Penny Cox, Colyn York, Mitch & Shelby Marsolf

Sugar Creek Township

Corner Combinations – Christa Myers and Carmen Osterhoudt

Union Township

Union Greenbacks – Megan Berry

Wabash Township

Wabash Ramblers – Teresa Adams & Brandi Adams

Washington Township

Washington Wonders – Samantha Gregg, Gayle Norman, and Anita Delp