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VIGO 4-H NEWS



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Join Now!



4-H Open Enrollment Window Closes January 15th!

This means only approved 4-H members and volunteers will receive 4-H updates of events, deadlines, and other important reminders. Make sure to enroll at <https://4honline.com/> by January 15th to stay in the know!

Annual enrollment is the best time to review and update your contact information, the family email address you provide is our primary contact to you! It is also a great time to think about new 4-H projects or clubs you're interested in adding for the new 4-H year.



4-H CLUB MEETINGS!

Most clubs have scheduled their 2024 date and more will be available soon.

Watch for schedules emailed or check out the calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/yw2x3j2n>

*Vigo 4-H follows VCSC weather related guidance so if school is out or after-school activities are cancelled so are 4-H meetings.

FORCES OF NATURE SPARK CLUB

Sessions start Jan. 17, registration now!

Explore the natural wonders with 4-H Forces of Nature natural resources SPARK Club. Learn about wildlife, soil & water conservation, weather & climate science, and geology. This SPARK club will meet virtually one Wednesday a month, and in person one Saturday a month January through April. For more information the flyer is at the end of this newsletter!



JOIN JUNIOR LEADERS!

Junior Leaders is open to any youth currently in grades 7-12 enrolled in Vigo County 4-H. The club focuses on creating leadership opportunities through community service, mentoring, and fundraising. Members are able to travel for club trips, state 4-H trips at Purdue, and apply for local and state 4-H scholarships. Junior Leaders is a great way to build friendships across the county and state! The next meeting is January 9 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at the fairgrounds. Contact either 4-H Educator for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!

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January 15- Open Enrollment

January 25- 4-H Scholarship Deadline

February 3- Cattle Tag Day

May 11- Goat, Sheep, and Starter Calf Tag Day

May 15- Project Add/Drop Deadline

May 15- Animal ID requirement on 4-H Online

May 15- State Fair DNA samples due

June 9-12- 4-H Camp @ Shakamak

June 12-14- 4-H Academy @ Purdue

June 18- Fair Entry Deadline

June 18- Livestock Training (YQCA or IN QAC) Deadline

June 24-26- 4-H Round-up @ Purdue

June 27- Exhibit Hall Project Judging (non perishable)

July 2- Exhibit Hall Project Judging (perishable)

July 6-13- Vigo County Fair

August 2-18- Indiana State Fair



SCHOLARSHIPS

Time is running out to apply for 4-H Scholarships for members in grades 10-12! See the article on our website to video and application links.

- Vigo County 4-H Council Scholarships are open to Juniors and Seniors while the Trevor Scamihorn Memorial Scholarship is only open to seniors. Both scholarships will utilize the "Indiana 4-H Senior Year Scholarship" Application that is due on January 25th. Watch the Vigo County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities video to learn more.
- Indiana 4-H Foundation offers a variety of scholarships that are open to sophomores through college freshmen. All applications are due January 25th. For more information watch the Indiana 4-H Scholarship Opportunities video.
- Looking for additional scholarships to help fund your continued education? Watch the Keys to a Successful Application video.

Sara Haag, 4-H Educator, will have open office hours on Tuesday, January 9th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM at the Fairgrounds' Meeting Room to discuss any questions and provide feedback on applications. Please email shaag@purdue.edu to schedule a one-on-one session or to provide application feedback via email.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you know an adult that has an interest in teaching youth a new skill or serving as a club leader? We currently have Community 4-H Clubs in need of leaders. We are looking to add more SPARK Clubs also. A SPARK club consists of 6 or more hours on a special topic. (ex. Yoga, golfing, sewing, wildlife, almost anything!) Contact one of our 4-H Educators to learn more!

4-H CATTLE TAG DAY - SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2024

Cattle Tag day 2024 at the fairgrounds. Set up begins at 8:00am and tagging until 11am (or until done).

4-H members are **REQUIRED** to bring their beef & dairy steers and commercial/grade heifers. Steers will be examined for castration. You can bring your registered heifers to get a required RFID tag. DNA collection envelopes for state fair animals will be available. All cattle must be identified in the Indiana 4-H Online ID Animal System <https://v2.4honline.com/> by May 15, 2024 AND entered into fair classes via www.fairentry.com by June 18, 2024.

Sara will hold the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (previously YQCA) class at 11am in the Community Center. To participate in this training, be in the Community Center prior to 11am, no pre-registration required.

Tags will be \$5 per an animal. \$20 Beef Club dues will be collected at this time. The Beef Barn will hold a Chili Cook-off and meeting at the conclusion of tagging in the 4-H Meeting Room around noon. Families are encouraged to bring a crock pot of chili or a side to share. Table ware and water will be provided. Beef project updates will be discussed as well at members voting on the fair judge. Spring Cattle Tag Day for the bucket calf classes will be on May 11 at the fairgrounds from noon to 1 pm.

ANIMAL ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENT

All beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, and/or rabbits, 4-H members exhibiting at the Vigo County Fair and/or Indiana State Fair **MUST** be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care OR Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) by June 18, 2024. Mini 4-Her's are exempt from the training.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care is an annual program that will include an in-person session presented by an Extension Educator. Once a 4-Her has attended the entirety of a session and participated in course activities, completion of the training will be documented in 4-H Online by the Educator. Trainings held in Vigo County will be free to Vigo County 4-H Members who completed 4-H enrollment by January 15th. Those exhibiting at State Fair will need to request a completion certificate.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals can be completed via online modules for \$12 per member at <http://yqcaprogram.org>. Some national shows (especially swine) still require YQCA. There are a limited number of YQCA coupons left from previous years that can be used for online training. Contact Sara to receive a coupon code. Those completing YQCA **MUST** email a copy of the completion certificate to shaag@purdue.edu by June 18, 2024.

Vigo County trainings on will be held:

- Saturday, February 3 from 11:00-Noon in the Community Center (Cattle Tag Day)
- Friday, April 5 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Community Center (Poultry Meeting)
- Monday, May 13 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Community Center (Rabbit Meeting)
- Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Community Center
- Monday, June 17 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Community Center

Some training dates coincide with Vigo County 4-H club meeting dates, but the training is open to any youth. 4-Her's only attend one training, even if exhibiting multiple species.



FORCES Of Nature



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January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

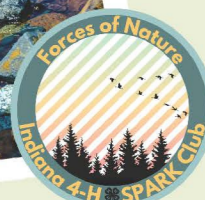
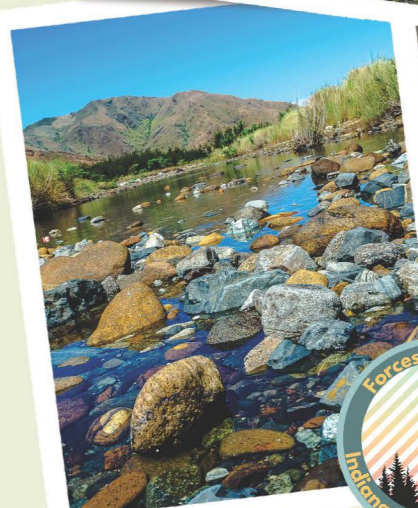
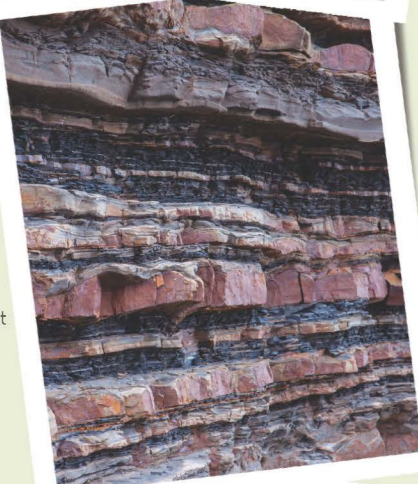
April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM



INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



BROADBAND
INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

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internet speed
pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



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Validates it on
the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov

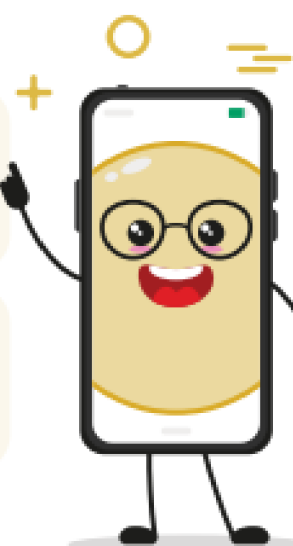


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Share what they've
done with others

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Reports work in the
Broadband Influencers
event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are very fast, and some of them are very slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

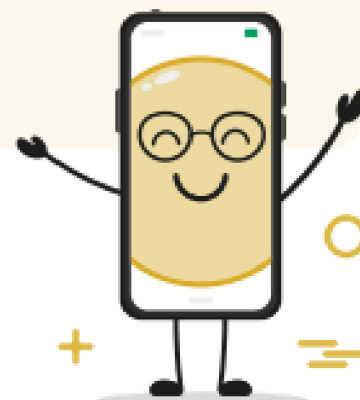
The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your
county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience.
The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.