



## Welcome to 4-H!

- Introduction
- What is 4-H?
  - 4-H began over 100 years ago, and has since grown into the largest youth development program in the nation. 4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. Backed by a network of more than 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni; 4-H delivers research-based programming around [positive youth development](#). 4-H is delivered through America's 109 land-grant universities and the [Cooperative Extension Service](#)—reaching every corner of our nation. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through [Purdue Extension](#). Community clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment, camps/workshops, and special interest programs are all ways youth across Indiana can be involved with the 4-H program.
- **Indiana 4-H Mission:**
  - The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.
- Essential Elements of 4-H: Belonging, Independence, Mastery, and Generosity
- 4-H 101
  - Highlight check-list items.
- How does your involvement aid:
  - **4-H members**-family working together
  - **parents**-get to know children's friends
  - **4-H Volunteers**-provides support to club leaders
  - **4-H clubs**-Keeps clubs strong and active
- What are ways parents can be of help to the 4-H program?
  - serve as judge/judges helper
  - serve on 4-H BOD, Fair Board, Committee, or Livestock Chair/Assistant

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- Volunteer to chaperone activities
- Become a 4-H Volunteer
- Assist Club Leaders
- Share your area of expertise
- How can you help your child?
  - Provide transportation to and from meetings and activities.
  - Be a good role model.
  - Help children meet their responsibilities.
  - Ask questions of club leaders or Extension Office when in doubt.
  - Read and understand the 4-H Handbook.
  - Guide your children in project completion, but do not do the work for them.
  - Practice answering typical questions judges may ask your child at project check-in ahead of time.
  - Support your child emotionally if they get discouraged or frustrated.
- Questions?