



Perry County 4-H Forecast

**Purdue University
4-H Youth Development**

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4-H Enrollment

Thank you to everyone who completed their 4-H enrollment by January 15. The snowy weather came at a bad time this year! If you were unable to enroll by January 15 and wish to participate in 4-H in 2018, contact the Extension Office. We will work with you and with new members to help you enroll. We will be flexible with the enrollment window to make sure that everyone who wants to be in 4-H has an opportunity to do so. However, with each passing day, 4-H'ers who aren't enrolled are missing opportunities. So, if you know someone who would like to join, have them contact the Extension office ASAP!

Projects can be added or dropped until May 15. Go to in.4honline.com and log in to your account to make changes in projects. If these changes mean that you need a new project book, contact the Extension office. 4honline does not notify us when projects are changed, so that means you needs to notify us.

4-H Project Manuals

4-H project manuals will be distributed by club leaders at club meetings. Leaders should contact the Extension office to pick up the manuals. Most of the manuals are available now.

4-H'ers should contact club leaders if they miss a meeting to arrange a time to get their manuals. Make sure you receive all your manuals. Members are only given a manual once until they advance to a new level or begin a new project. Most books are used for three years. If you need the same manual the following year, keep it or you will be charged for a new one.

4-H Camp June 11-13

Make new friends, play games, sing songs, go swimming and canoeing, make crafts, and more at 4-H Camp! 4-H members in grades 3-6 are encouraged to sign up to attend camp at the Santa Claus Campground. We will camp with Daviess, Dubois, and Martin Counties. Watch your email for the application and more details. Applications will be sent in early April and are due on April 30. As an incentive to enroll early, the first 25 campers will receive a discounted rate of \$55. All others will need to pay the full price of \$85.

Because the ages for camp have changed this year, and 7th and 8th graders are not able to participate in 4-H Camp, the 4-H Council has approved an incentive for these youth to attend 4-H Roundup. This trip is a great experience for youth in Jr. High to interact with their peers, learn about career options, and experience life on a university campus. Roundup is June 25-27 at Purdue University. Bus transportation is provided from Dale.

For more information or to apply, contact the Extension office by March 1.

4-H Trip Opportunities

Youth in grades 6-12 have many opportunities to participate in 4-H trips. Each year in the fall, the 4-H Council awards scholarships to cover most of the cost of these trips. To learn more about these trips, go to <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/workshops.aspx>.

Youth who were not selected for a trip scholarship may still attend by paying the full cost of the trip. For information about the cost and how to apply, contact the Extension Office.

Project Changes

As you begin planning your 2018 4-H projects, please note that some projects have changes in exhibit requirements. The cake decorating project has several changes, and new books will be provided. Several changes have been made in the Creative Wrap project.

There are minor changes for exhibits in models, the advanced level of consumer clothing, electricity levels 3 and up, and genealogy. The project books are the same as they were last year. The personality and weeds projects have been discontinued. Changes have been completed on the state level and are posted on the Indiana 4-H website. To see the requirements for all state fair eligible projects, go to the Indiana 4-H website:

<http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/projects/>.

A complete list of project requirements will be included in the 2018 Perry County 4-H Handbook. A link to the handbook will be sent to you in February. Hard copies will only be printed by request and will cost \$10. If this poses a hardship for you, contact the Extension office.

Cake Decorating Workshop

Learn the basics of cake decorating at this hands-on workshop that will be offered on Saturdays: March 3, 10, and 17 from 9-11 a.m. at the fairgrounds. This workshop is helpful for those enrolled in the cake decorating project, and those who just want to learn new skills. Participants are expected to attend all three days of the workshop. This workshop is open to youth in grades 3-12. There's no cost for current 4-H members. Non-members can enroll for \$20. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come basis. Contact the Extension office by Feb. 26 to sign up.

Check Email Often

To ensure that you get information in a timely manner, it is important that you check your email often and that we have your current email address. If your address changes, please either update it via your 4HOnline account or contact the Extension Office.

We don't want you to miss out on any opportunities!

Livestock Tagging Dates

Now that 4-H member enrollment is completed, it will soon be time to enroll 4-H animals. All 4-H animals must be identified (enrolled) online by the posted deadlines in order to be exhibited at the fair. Detailed instructions on how to do this will be emailed to those enrolled in animal projects.

Beef cattle will be tagged and weighed for the Rate of Gain Contest on Saturday, March 3. Online identification must be completed by March 23. All other animals must be enrolled online by May 4.

The ANR newsletter has more information for livestock exhibitors.

Mulch Fundraiser

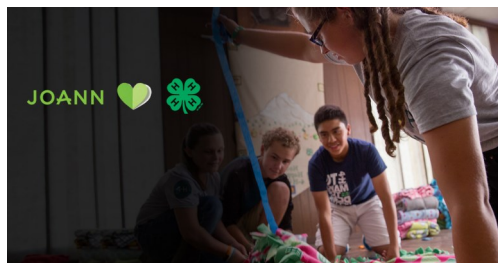
The 4-H Council and Jr. Leaders are selling and spreading mulch to raise funds for the 4-H program. We rely on fundraisers like this one to keep program fees low. We need lots of help with this fundraiser! On April 6 and 7 we need volunteers (adults and youth in grades 7-12) to deliver and spread the mulch. In addition, we need pickup trucks, wheel barrows, shovels, rakes, etc. We will work from 8 a.m.-dark each day, rain or shine. If you can help for any part of these days, please contact the Extension office. With lots of people helping this will be a fun event!

Spring Break Programs

If you are on spring break on March 22 and 23, we have fun, interactive programs at the fairgrounds for youth in grades 3-12. One day will focus on animal care and showmanship and include hands-on learning with animals. Participants will also receive their Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification for 2018. This certification is required for all 4-H members who exhibit poultry, rabbits, goats, sheep, swine, and beef and dairy cattle. The other day will focus on hands-on creative learning with tech toys such as Ozobots, Knex, littleBits, Dot and Dash, Squishy Circuits, and building toys including Keva Planks, Strawbees, and Brain Flakes.

Watch your email for more details and how to sign up.

New Partnership with JOANN



JOANN stores are connecting more young people to experiences where they can learn by doing, creating and making. By providing local 4-H Clubs with resources and tools to run impactful programs, JOANN will help bring the 4-H experience to more kids in need.

Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can **save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards.**

JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming.

To learn more or to sign up, go to

<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>

During the month of February, millions of JOANN customers, 4-H members and supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love by equipping local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Here's how:

Support the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign by visiting your local store between February 1 and 28, 2018. Donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase, and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from FamilyFun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase.

Join hundreds of 4-H youth February 3, 2018, from 11am-2pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store to participate.

Project Supplies

The Extension Office offers the following project supplies for sale for your convenience. We recommend that you purchase poster supplies here to ensure that you are using the correct size. It is difficult to find poster backing in the correct size at local stores.

Poster Set: white poster board, cardboard backing, plastic sleeve	\$2
Plastic Sleeve: poster or salon print	\$1
Cardboard Backing:	\$.50
White Poster Board:	\$.50
White Foam Board:	\$2.50
Electric 1 Circuit Board Parts:	\$6
Electric 2 Shake Light Kit:	\$20
Electric 3 Extension Cord Kit	\$23
Electric 3 Trouble Light Kit	\$33

Wellness BINGO Challenge

Ready to make healthy choices this year? Participate in the Indiana 4-H Wellness Bingo Challenge! Each month a BINGO card with activities to complete will be available. Each time they complete a task, they will mark that box on their card. (only 1 task per day.) A BINGO is earned when seven boxes in a row are marked. More than one BINGO can be earned in a month. By the 15th of the following month, participants need to fill out an online survey to submit their BINGO card. The focus of the challenge will rotate every three months. They include physical activity, healthy food choices, and social/emotional health.

Awards will be given to participants and counties who receive the most BINGOS at the end of each quarter and a grand prize at the end of the year.

For more information, including the BINGO cards, go to <http://purdue.ag/HealthyLiving>

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Program Cancellations

It's hard to predict when bad weather will strike. Your safety is very important, so please use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to attend a program. If we need to cancel a program, we will try to contact everyone who registered to attend, so please leave your phone number when you turn in a reservation.

Other ways for you to stay informed is by checking our social media pages. Cancellations will be posted on the Purdue Extension Perry County Facebook page and on Twitter. Please follow us @PurdueExtPerry to keep informed about programs, events, and cancellations.

Information about programs and resources are posted on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/perry>.

Junior Pork Day

Junior Pork Day is Saturday, March 3 at Purdue at the new Creighton Hall of Animal Science from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Registration is at 8:00 a.m.) Eastern Time. Youth will have the opportunity to learn about various areas of swine production, learn to evaluate live animals and cuts of pork as well as hone their swine showing skills with the showmanship clinic. All ages are welcome. The cost is \$5.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Youth are encouraged to participate in the 2018 National 4-H Essay Contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. Information can be found on the 4-H Beekeeping web page at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/pages/project.aspx?proj=46>

Teens as Teachers Conference

Youth in grades 9-12 who are seeking a way to learn leadership skills while serving others are encouraged to form a team of 3-5 youth with one adult. Membership in 4-H is not required, so invite your friends to participate! Adults must be approved 4-H Volunteers. New volunteers can contact the Extension office to become approved.

The training will be held April 13-15 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville, IN. The cost is \$100 per team. Each workshop is limited to the first ten teams on a first come, first serve basis. Registration must be completed by March 1. Teams can consist of members from different counties.

Teams choose one of the following four tracks:

- **Biosecurity:** Learn how to train, create, and implement a "Science Behind Agriculture" program in your community.
- **Automated Animal Biosecurity:** Do you like animals? Do you enjoy science? Youth will learn how to each about animal biosecurity through hands-on "maker" and robotics activities designed for youth learning using creativity and self-discovery.
- **Healthy Living:** Teens will learn how to train, create, and implement healthy living programs (such as nutrition, physical activity, and social/emotional health) in their community.
- **Teen Leadership:** Teams will learn to lead community-based activities designed to help their peers develop leadership life skills, leading to enhanced workforce preparation.

For more information, contact Aaron Fischer, Angie Frost or Steve McKinley at 765-494-8435.

To register, go to <http://bit.ly/teenteachers2018>