

4-H PANDEMONIUM

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Joan's Journal

Why wait? Enroll NOW!

Don't wait to complete your enrollment, get it done now! Late enrollments can not be accepted after January 15th, so don't delay. Go to bit.ly/2018PorterCo4H for more information and to enroll online.

You are not officially enrolled until we receive payment.

'Tis the Season

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! Thanks to all our 4-H members, families, volunteers, friends, and staff for another great year of posi-

tive youth development in Porter County! Have a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for a fantastic new year.

Joan



editable flyers, posters, social media assets, and more at:

4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/#!4h-marketing-assets (You'll need to sign-up by providing your email address in order to access the materials.) Check it out and/or just contact the office and let us know what sort of flyers, posters, or brochures you would like to distribute in your community.

Read Your 4-H Stuff!

Many of your 4-H questions can be answered by reading your 4-H *Pandemonium* newsletter, your Porter County 4-H Handbook and project materials, and checking out the county website at: extension.purdue.edu/porter

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the 4-H *Pandemonium* is the 15th of each month. Submissions should be emailed to Laura at lbarber1@purdue.edu.

Address Change, Etc.

Moved? New phone number? Please contact us if you need to update your contact info.

Go Paperless

Help trim 4-H program expenses by going paperless. To receive your *Pandemonium* news by email only, please contact Laura at lbarber1@purdue.edu.

General 4-H News

4-H Enrollment Info:

Enrollment through 4HOnline will open for 2018-19 on October 1st. Enrollment news & info can be found at: bit.ly/2019PorterCo4H.

4-H Family Resource Guide

Please check out our Family Resource guide online at <http://bit.ly/PC4HFamilyResourceGuide>. The resource guide covers many of the frequently asked questions about the 4-H Program, so please share the link with friends who may be interested in joining 4-H.

4-H PRIDE: Yard Signs

BRAND NEW "4-H GROWS HERE" yard signs are available in the Extension Office! We would love to see them at homes and businesses all around the county.

Please come pick up a few before the supply runs out!

4-H Swag

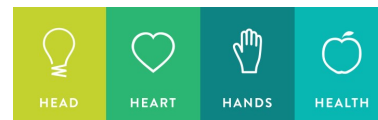
Sport the latest swag to show off your 4-H pride. New items appear regularly at Shop4-H.org. Get on their email list to get notified of sales... they are always having great sales!



Marketing Resources

Leaders: We encourage you to reach out to your local schools, churches, and businesses to help spread the word that it's nearly time to get signed up for 4-H. We once again have yard signs available at the office. Also, you can access marketing resources, such as

facebook.com/PorterCounty4H



News for Volunteers

4-H Enrollment Info:

Enrollment through 4HOnline will open for 2018-19 on October 1st for **ADULT VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH**. Enrollment news & info can be found at: bit.ly/2019PorterCo4H.

Project Superintendents:

If we have not received a list of your committee members for 2019, please turn one in ASAP. We need this information annually. If we do not know who is on your committee, the individuals you are working with ARE NOT APPROVED volunteers, are

not in compliance with our policies. **Are you a Volunteer?** Adults who routinely work with 4-H members in clubs, projects, etc. need to undergo the volunteer screening process, as is the policy of the Purdue Extension and the Indiana 4-H Program. If you have not completed this annual process, you ARE NOT AN APPROVED volunteer, are not in compliance with our policies. Questions? Contact Laura.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will

be on Tuesday, January 15. The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 pm and the general meeting will take place at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Porter County Administration Building Room 102A.

Volunteer Vision News

Check back issues and sign up for email updates for the Indiana 4-H Volunteer Vision newsletter at tinyurl.com/4HVolunteerVision



News for Junior Leaders

December Meeting

The next Junior Leaders meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building, unless otherwise announced via email and social media.

Standard Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00

unless announced otherwise. Locations are TBD due to renovations at Expo Center.

Email, Web, Facebook

Update your info or join our email list by completing the form at: tinyurl.com/4HJLinfo.

Check the Junior Leaders section of the county 4-H website regularly for

your most up-to-date Junior Leader news! <http://bit.ly/PorterCo4HJL>

Join our private Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/PC4HJL/.



What's your passion?



Volunteers are needed for flexible, short-term volunteer opportunities. Are you interested in helping 4-H grow in a new

Share your skills, SPARK an interest...

direction or do you have a friend who might be a great fit? We're continuing to establish STEM clubs around the county, but are also looking to establish more short-term club experiences based around any topic of interest to you! We call

these Spark Clubs. Learn more about Spark Clubs at: <http://bit.ly/2018PC4HSpark>.

Interested in getting involved in the new direction of 4-H? Contact Brooke: bsauter@purdue.edu.

Holiday Break Things to Do: Hands-On STEM

We plan to schedule some hands-on fun educational workshops over the holiday break. We have lots of neat STEM toys and lessons to share with

you. Stay tuned to email and social media for updates as programs are scheduled, and contact Brooke at bsauter.purdue.edu if you'd like to

volunteer your time to use our ready-made short lessons and learning tools to teach a workshop for our 4-H STEM program!

Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial to Support 4-H

Modern Woodmen is a nonprofit fraternal financial organization that has been around since 1883, improving client's lives through financial products, services, and volunteer work. We offer a variety of services with which we would **love to help 4-H!**

Dollars & Sense Financial Literacy Program- Every child, K-12, can sign up for our Dollars & Sense program. Every year they are in school they can take a financial literacy quiz with mom and/or dad and every year they take the quiz, Modern Woodmen will put \$20 into their

savings accounts for them. In addition to every child that signs up, **Modern Woodmen will make a one-time donation of \$50/child to Porter Co. 4-H.**

Youth Service Clubs- Modern Woodmen youth service clubs provide opportunities for children to volunteer and help out with matching fundraisers and service project in their community as well as educational programs.

Youth Education Programs- Modern Woodmen provides FREE youth education programs to schools and children's

programs such as 4-H. These programs provide materials for children in the areas of exercise and nutrition, financial literacy, ecology awareness, and patriotic civics.

In addition to our fraternalism, Modern Woodmen can help provide college savings and retirement planning to secure your financial future.

Stay tuned for more info on the 4-H and Modern Woodmen partnership and look for them at the January 13th Ice Skating Bash!



JOIN PORTER COUNTY 4-H FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL

Enrollment Bash

Ice Skating Party

Back by popular demand, join Porter County 4-H
for a night of skating and excitement!
First 200 attendees skate at no charge,
compliments of Porter County 4-H Council.

JANUARY 13, 2019 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM
URSCHEL PAVILION

"Go" to our Facebook event at bit.ly/TheBash2019 and
follow us @PorterCo4H for Up-To-The-Minute details!





2019 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, and a silver tray, will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Additional scholarships may be awarded depending on sponsorship availability. The number of scholarships awarded in each category may be adjusted to meet special criteria of a particular sponsor.

Visit bit.ly/IN4Hscholarships to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

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

\$143,350 AWARDED IN 2018



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Club News

Center Wildcats

This month at the Center Wildcats meeting we practiced motions and donated \$50 to the Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Fund. We also had a fun recreation get-to-know-you game. We had a lot of community service this month, placemats for hospice, pediatric pillowcases, and visiting our friends at Golden Living. We also decorated bookmarks for the library, and made toy bags for Riley's Children's Hospital. We made Christmas cards for our senior friends while we enjoyed tasting hot cocoa.

—Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Kailey Koch

Lakeshore Drifters

At the November 12th Lakeshore Drifters meeting we discussed the Boo Bash, County Achievement

Awards, the Enrollment Bash at Edge Adventure Park, and the Secret Santa activity at our next meeting. Congratulations to everyone who received an award at the awards ceremony! We have many activities planned for next month so please don't forget to wear your Christmas attire, get your Secret Santa person a present (remember the budget is \$10 or less), and bring some cookies to share with everyone. See you on Monday, December 10th, at 6:30!

-Ada Brandstetter, Reporter

Liberty Sunsetters

The Liberty Sunsetters' November meeting was held on the 11th at Sunset Hill Farm at 3 p.m. After pledges and roll call, reports were given. For health and safety, Jacob Watkins touched on some nutrition habits, such as cautions about over-

eating throughout the holidays. In old business, we discussed last month's Burns Harbor Trunk-or-Treat, and our Halloween party. As far as new business, online enrollment must be submitted by January 15, 2019. Membership forms and dues were to be turned in by November 11th. Lastly, our Christmas party will be Sunday, December 9th in the Valparaiso University Christopher Building Community Room at 3 p.m. We ask that every family brings a side dish to share, as well as 2 dozen cookies for our cookie exchange! Please RSVP by December 5th. To conclude the meeting, we crafted thankful hand turkeys and prepared Christmas cards for our nursing home visit in December. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family!

-Respectfully yours, Mallory Morrison, Reporter

Important 4-H Dates

DECEMBER

2	Liberty Hot Shots	2:00 pm	Sunset Hill County Park
3	Washington Wiz Kids	6:30 pm	Washington Township Elementary School Cafeteria
4	Discovery Trackers	5:30–6:30 pm	Baughner Center
6	4-H Beef Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Home of Don Bloom
9	Liberty Sunsetters	3:00 pm	Valparaiso University Christopher Bldg Community Room
10	Lakeshore Drifters	6:30 pm	Hawthorne Community Center
12	Boone Busters	7:00 pm	Hebron Elementary School Cafeteria
13	Pleasant Pioneers	5:30 pm	Kouts High School Cafeteria
17	Junior Leaders	6:00–7:00 pm	4-H Building
24	OFFICE CLOSED—CHRISTMAS EVE		
25	OFFICE CLOSED—CHRISTMAS DAY		

JANUARY

1	OFFICE CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S DAY		
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10	Center Wildcats	6:00–7:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran School Cafeteria
13	4-H Enrollment Bash	7:00–10:00 pm	Urschel Pavilion
14	Washington Wiz Kids	6:30 pm	Washington Township Elementary School Cafeteria
15	4-H Council Executive/General Meeting	6:30/7:00 pm	Porter County Administration Building Room 102A
20	Liberty Sunsetters	3:00 pm	Valparaiso University Christopher Bldg Community Room
21	OFFICE CLOSED—MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY		
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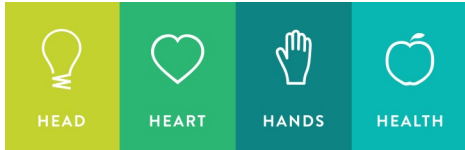
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at the Urschel Ice Rink in Valparaiso! More details inside!

