

4-H

FAMILY GUIDE



New Member
Guide To
4-H In
Hendricks County

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WELCOME

2019

Dear New 4-H Family,

Welcome to the Hendricks County 4-H Program! We are excited to have you join us! In this packet, you will find some handouts that will help you out along the way!

Included in this packet:

- **Hendricks County 4-H Family Guide:** this guide will give you some basics of 4-H, what to expect from our program, and a quick glossary of terms in case you hear or see something you are not familiar with.
- **What is 4-H?** : This handout will give you an overview of the 4-H program
- **4-H Meeting:** Learn about club meetings – what they typically look like, what their purpose is, etc.
- **Pledges:** Each meeting and 4-H event is started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. A copy of each of the pledges is in this folder for you to review.
- **Handouts for Parents/Guardians:** Learn what is expected of you as a 4-H Parent. Review some “do’s and don’ts” when it comes to helping your 4-Her. We want you to be involved with the 4-H program, but would remind you that it is a program for the youth!
- **Clover Connection:** Our Clover Connection is our monthly newsletter that is sent close to the first of the month. You will be able to access it from your 4-HOnline account and it will also be on our website.
- **Important dates:** Be sure to put these dates on your calendar! More will be to come, but these will get you started!
- **Clubs and club leaders list:** See just how many clubs we have in Hendricks County and who our leaders are.
- **Project Descriptions:** See a quick overview of the projects we offer here in Hendricks County to see what you might be interested in.
- **White Card of Achievement:** This is like your “permanent record” for 4-H. Be sure to update this yearly to be eligible for awards and scholarships!
- **Trip Information:** A handout about the 2019 4-H Trips available to youth at the State Level
- **Volunteer Application:** The first step in becoming a screened 4-H Volunteer.
- **Workbook Order Form:** See what books/record sheets go with each project you decide to take. These are available at our office and range in prices from \$1-\$10.
- **My business card:** Feel free to contact me or our office any time with questions or concerns you may have!

If you have any questions after reviewing this folder, please feel free to contact the Hendricks County Extension Office. We would be happy to go over any questions you may have. We are glad to have you with us. Please let us know how we can help!

Thank you,

Kati Sweet

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WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program. 4-H includes activities for youth in grades 3 through 12. With Mini 4-H being for youth in grades 1 and 2.

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. 4-H has three main mission areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM); Healthy Living; and Civic Engagement.

Motto

“To make the best better.”

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

4-H Pledge

I pledge

My **head** to clearer thinking
My **heart** to greater loyalty
My **hands** to larger service, and
My **health** to better living
For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Membership

More than 6 million youth are 4-H members throughout the United States. In Indiana, there are more than 250,000 youth who are 4-H members. Hendricks County has an enrollment of around 1,300 each year.

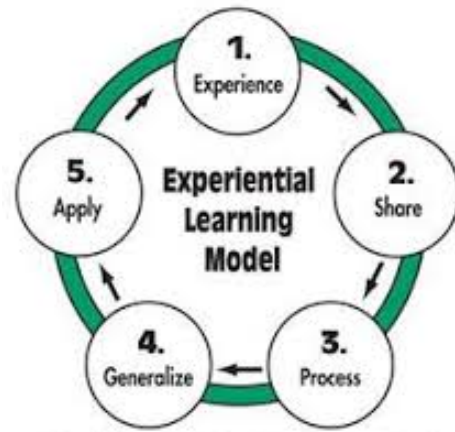
What Makes 4-H Different?

4-H is unique because it is the only youth organization tied to the research base of our nation’s land-grant university system. This connection allows Purdue Extension Staff and the volunteers they work with to receive training based on the most up-to-date research on youth development theory and practice.¹

In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through *Purdue Extension*. Purdue Extension is the outreach link between local communities, the land grant universities, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since 1914, this educational system has assisted in the well-being and productivity of people throughout the United States.

HOW DOES LEARNING HAPPEN IN 4-H?

Since young people learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process, 4-H programs are designed to provide hands-on educational experiences that are reinforced through personal and group reflection and application – “do-reflect-apply.” This research based educational methodology is called “Experiential Learning.”^{1 2}



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THE 4-H YEAR

A new 4-H year starts October 1 and concludes in September of every year. In October, Hendricks County hosts a 4-H Open House to educate the public about our 4-H Program. Youth are welcome to enroll at the Open House or by visiting in.4honline.com at any time *after* October 1.

Below are some events that take place in Hendricks County throughout our 4-H Year:

<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Begins • 4-H Open House • National Youth Science Day • National 4-H Week • Fall Day of Service 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics Begins • Indiana Youth Leadership Summit • Mini 4-H Meet & Greet • Jr. Leader Kick Off Event 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps Night (High School) • 4-H Scholarships Open • Heifer International Trip Applications Due
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Family Day • January 15 – target enrollment date • 4-H Trip Applications Due 	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YQCA Training Begins • New 4-H Family Orientation • Flower Sales Begin • Mini 4-H Monthly meetings begin 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 4-H Volunteer/Club Leader Training • Club Officer Training (every other year) • Beef Tag-in • Tie Dye Lab Fundraiser
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Counselor Boot Camp • Performing Arts Contest • Volunteer Week • Spring Day of Service • April 1 – Beef Steer Info Due on 4-HOnline 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15 – Drop/Add Deadline • May 15 – Livestock Identification Deadline on 4-HOnline • Livestock Tag-in • Camp Counselor Trainings • Spring Flower Pick Up 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini 4-H Day Camp • 4-H Camp (3rd-6th grade) • 4-H Academy (9th-12th grade) • State Jr. Leader Conference • 4-H Round Up (7th-9th grade) • 4-H Chorus/Band
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hendricks County 4-H Fair! • Pre-fair judging • Jr. Leader Completion Trip 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana State Fair 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for New 4-H Year • Promotional Events

Several programs are also held monthly throughout the year including Club meetings, Jr. Leader programs, Mini 4-H events, and workshops. Be sure to read your monthly newsletter for more info!

WHO'S WHO IN 4-H

LOCAL LEVEL

4-H Member	Any child currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who has completed the enrollment process for 4-H
Mini 4-H Member	Any child currently in grades 1 or 2 who has completed the enrollment process for 4-H.
Club Leader	An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the club. All 4-H volunteers go through a stringent screening process which includes a background check before being allowed to work with 4-H members.
Junior Leader	A 4-H member who is in grade 7 through 12 that has selected to be part of the Jr. Leader project. Jr. Leaders have monthly meetings, perform community service projects, and sponsor various events.
4-H Parents/Guardians	Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as county-wide events with their child.

COUNTY LEVEL

4-H Youth Council	The 4-H Youth Council meets quarterly and is the policy-making organization for Hendricks County 4-H. Membership consists of township representatives, Junior Leader representatives, 4-H leader representatives, Fairboard representative, Business community representatives, and at-large positions.
4-H Fairboard	This is the short name for the Hendricks County 4-H & Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. The purpose of the Fairboard is to operate a year-round event complex that benefits all Hendricks County residents and to produce a successful annual 4-H County Fair.
Project Advisor/Leader	A volunteer who answers questions a 4-Her may have about a project. This person is often a 4-H parent with special expertise in a particular subject area. Many Project Advisors/Leaders hold workshops based on their projects.
Extension Educators	They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and serve as a source of research-based information. Our county has one 4-H Educator: Kati Sweet.

STATE LEVEL

Purdue University	Purdue is a land grant college that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive and has a state 4-H Office located on campus.
State 4-H Program	The State 4-H Program has the responsibility for 4-H programming at the State Level. The 4-H Program has employees based at Purdue University.
State Specialist	State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.

Indiana 4-H Foundation A nonprofit organization that works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many 4-H trips offered on the state level. Forms for donation are available at the County Extension Office. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Contact the Extension Office for information about license plates for your vehicles.

4-H CLUBS

4-H clubs are groups of youth and adults who meet on a regular basis and together practice positive youth development and cooperative learning.¹ Clubs usually meet once a month from fall until August. Each club elects officers from the club membership. The officers conduct the business portion of the club meeting.

4-Hers may belong to any 4-H Club in the county. Residence does not restrict club membership. However, most 4-Hers belong to the club closest to where they live or attend school. In Hendricks County, we have 4-H Clubs in all parts of the county. All Clubs should strive to create a quality learning environment for youth that give members a chance to be an active part of the club, to enhance life skills, and to promote positive youth development throughout all activities. All clubs also participate in community service projects throughout the year.

4-Hers may change membership to another club if they wish. It is important to change your club information on 4-HOnline and notify the leaders of both clubs (the one you are leaving and the one you are joining).

Types of Clubs:

In Hendricks County, we have two main types of 4-H Clubs:

Community Club A club that is usually hosted in a specific part of the county. Meetings in Community Clubs cover a broad range of topics within the 4-H Program

Project Club A club focused more deeply on a specific subject matter related to 4-H Projects. Beef Club, Sheep Club, Shooting Sports, and Dog Club are all examples of Project Clubs. Meetings in Project Clubs usually focus on topic areas in that specific project.

Selecting a Club

Youth may participate in one more clubs depending on their interests. It is recommended that if a youth is involved in a project that has a project-related club, they be involved with that club as well since many of those club meetings will help the youth understand topics in that project. Other things to consider when selecting a club: location, dates of meetings, size of club you are comfortable with, and areas of interest.

4-H NEWSLETTER

The Clover Connection is sent electronically each month. You may access it on 4-HOnline, on our website, or by requesting a hard copy at the Extension Office. Please read your newsletter carefully and keep it handy for any future references to find out about club meetings, project workshops, and other timely 4-H news! It can also be found on the Hendricks County Extension Website: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/hendricks> as well as on your 4-HOnline home page.

4-H HANDBOOK

The 4-H Handbook is found on the Hendricks County Extension website. If you do not have access to a computer, you may get a copy at the Hendricks County Extension Office. The Handbook has all projects and requirements listed for the current year.

Members may also ask the project advisor/leader about the project, the completion requirements, and Fair exhibit requirements for that project.

RECORD KEEPING IN 4-H

4-H Project Manuals And Record Sheets

Most 4-H projects have manuals that give in-depth information for that project. There is a record sheet for each project. Project manuals and record sheets are available at the Hendricks County Extension Office. Some may be handed out by the 4-H Club Leaders. Record sheets are required to verify completion in a project.

My Record of 4-H Achievement Cards

White cards labeled “My Record of 4-H Achievement” should be filled out completely for the current year. These are available from 4-H Club Leaders and the County Extension Office. It is important that these be filled out accurately in order to remember what you have done in 4-H and to apply for trips, awards and scholarships throughout your 4-H career. Be sure to update your information every year.

4-H records should be filled out as completely and accurately as possible. Parents may oversee the child’s work, but we expect the child to do his or her own writing.

An example of how to complete the “My Record of 4-H Achievement” can be found later in this guide.

FairEntry

After completing your 4-H Enrollment on 4-HOnline, a secondary website will open in June each year. This site is called FairEntry and is used to describe which projects you will be bringing to the Hendricks County 4-H Fair in July.

This site is used for record keeping as well as it tracks ribbon placement throughout the fair for projects and livestock shows.

4-H PROJECTS

Members have the opportunity to learn more about a subject matter that they choose to study through completing hands on activities. We refer to these as **projects**. In order to enroll in a project, members must sign up for them at the time of enrolling in 4-H. Each project has a manual or worksheets that guide youth through the learning process as well as a set of guidelines that helps them meet the project requirements.

We provide adult volunteers (Project Advisors) and staff who are knowledgeable on that particular subject who will often times provide workshops to allow the youth to learn about that topic in a social environment. Each project has a beginner, intermediate, and advanced level. This allows youth to build on their knowledge each year and continue to challenge their skills.

Projects are meant to be worked on over time, providing an educational opportunity for youth outside of the classroom setting. Often times, youth will exhibit and display their project at a local county fair in order to show the community what they have learned.

There is no limit to the number of projects youth can sign up for, however, we suggest starting out with one or two your first year. If you know what project(s) you are looking for, simply find it listed under a specific category listed on the next page. Mini 4-H members may take a maximum of two projects a year.

Several of our 4-H Projects in Hendricks County have hands-on, educational workshops that 4-H Youth may attend. 4-H members may add or drop projects until May 15 at 4:00 p.m. You may add or drop a project via 4-HOnline.

PROJECT SELECTION

In choosing a project, a member will consult with his or her parents/guardians and 4-H leader(s). After considering all the projects available and the requirements of each, he or she should select one based on interest, needs, and capabilities; family situation; suitability of the area in which he or she lives

Early in the 4-H career, a member needs to consider developing a tentative project plan to guide him or her until he/she is past 4-H age. Some projects should be continued each year, with increases in the size of the project when possible. Members may also want to try to enroll in additional projects which are related to his or her other project work. For example, a Wildlife member may want to enroll in Forestry or Soil & Water Conservation.

Successful project completion results in member satisfaction and expansion of future project work. The learning experiences one obtains through his or her project could even lead to career/vocation possibilities.

PROJECT AREAS AVAILABLE THROUGH 4-H

ANIMAL SCIENCES

Develop basic understanding of animals – their purpose and functions. Also proper care, feeding and fitting of animals are emphasized, with accurate records expected. Some project meetings, tours, etc. are required for each.

Animal Poster	
Beef (Steers, Heifers, Starters)	
Dairy (Steers, Females, Feeders)	
Cat	Dog
Goats (Dairy, Meat, Pygmy)	Horse & Pony
Horse Lovers	Poultry/Pigeon
Llama/Alpaca	Little Critter
Rabbit	Sheep
Swine	Vet Science

COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Learn to use your imagination and express it through various projects.

Arts & Crafts	Ceramics
Construction Sets	Cake Decorating

Consumer Clothing	Collections
Create Your Own Thing	
Fashion Revue	Gift Wrapping
Home Environment	Llama/Alpaca Craft
Our Environment	Performing Arts
Photography	Scrapbook
Sewing	Sewing for Fun
Toy Scene	Verbal Communications

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Gain skills in various Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math-related projects.

Aerospace	Agricultural Tractor
Astronomy	Computer
Electric	Lawn & Garden Tractor
Small Engine	Woodworking

HEALTHY LIVING

These projects help 4-Hers develop healthy living techniques for themselves, their families, and their community.

ATV Safety Bicycle
Camping & Hiking Child Development
Foods (Baked & Preservation)
Food Preparation Health
Shooting Sports Sports
Sportfishing

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP
Develop leadership skills through activities in your local club and also at the county and state level.

Genealogy
Junior Leader

PLANT & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Learn about natural resources, wildlife, conservation practices, and issues affecting our environment.

Crops (Hay, Wheat, Oats, Alfalfa, Corn & Soybeans)
Beekeeping Entomology
Floriculture Forestry
Furbearer & Trapping Garden
Geology Soil & Water
Weather & Climate Weeds
Wildflowers Wildlife

FAIR JUDGING

Projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be judged, although members may choose to exhibit without being judged and receive a participation ribbon. Non-livestock exhibits will be checked in and judged in the week prior to fair. The judging method we use is called "open judging".

Open judging means that your Fair exhibits will be judged in your presence, as you check in. Here are some questions that you may be asked in an open judging setting.

- ✓ What new things did you learn?
- ✓ Have you taken this project before?
- ✓ How much time did you spend on this project?
- ✓ What were your goals for this project?
- ✓ What would you like to change about your exhibit?
- ✓ Tell me something about this exhibit that you want me to know.
- ✓ What did you like best (or least) about this project?
- ✓ Did you have any difficulty with this exhibit or do you have any questions that I may be able to answer?

Indoor Project Judging Procedures:

1. Determine the day and time your exhibit will be judged (look for information in the newsletter, at the Extension Office, and from your Club Leader).
2. On judging day, find the area of the Fairgrounds where your project will be judged. You will need to wait in line until it is your turn to check in.
3. When it is your turn to be judged, hand your exhibit and your project completion card to the assistant at the table.
4. After you have checked-in with the assistant, you will be able to move in front of the judge. The judge will talk with you about your project and may ask questions.
5. The judge will tell you the ribbon color that you have earned. Champions/Reserves will not be known until the day that the exhibit building opens.
6. Your project will stay at the fair for the week.
7. Be sure to pick up your projects during Project Pick Up. No projects will be allowed to go home early!

RIBBONS

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are defined as follows:

Grand Champion.....	Best Overall Award for a particular project.
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Second Best Overall Award for a particular project.
Division Champion.....	Best Overall Award for a particular division of a project.
Division Reserve Champion.....	Second Best Overall Award for a particular division of a project.
Blue Honor.....	Project is eligible to compete for Division Champion.
Blue.....	Exceeds project requirements.
Red.....	Meets average project requirements.
White.....	Below average of the project requirements
Green.....	Participation

AWARDS & TRIPS

Numerous awards are given in 4-H throughout the year. Most youth are recognized during the 4-H Fair, either during their livestock show or at the end-of-the-fair banquet for indoor projects. Pins are presented to all members through their 4-H Club upon completion of a 4-H year.

Some 4-H members are eligible to apply for trips that usually take place in June and July. Many of these are educational workshops at Purdue University. The trip and award information is mailed to all 4-H members in late winter. Funding for trips varies depending on what the trip is and who sponsors. See enclosed trip packet with this New 4-H Family Guide.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Each club will have special activities for their club members throughout the year. In addition, there are county-wide events in which a 4-Her may participate.

Project Workshops- A variety of workshops in different project areas are offered each year. Be sure to read your monthly newsletter to know what workshops are offered.

Officers' Training- This is held for current officers of 4-H Clubs to give them ideas and helpful hints about their jobs and responsibilities. This event is held every other year.

Performing Arts- This annual talent show is an event of fun and learning for 4-H Clubs as well as individual 4-H members.

4-H Camp -This three day, two night camp takes place each June and is open to 4-H members in grades 3-6. The 4-H members participate in many outdoor activities as they learn by doing. 4-Hers in grades 8-12 may apply to be Counselors.

4-H Demonstration and Public Speaking Contests -Demonstrations are a "show-and-tell" presentation that gives members a chance to speak in front of a group and develop public speaking skills. For those who enjoy public speaking, there is a county public speaking/demonstrations contest, as well as the opportunity to speak at the Indiana State Fair.

SPARK Programs – Short term programs designed to "spark" interest of youth in a specific topic area. These vary in topics and have a minimum of six hours of education throughout a time period. The program ends with a culminating project where youth showcase what they learned. Exhibit at the Fair is not required.

HOW TO BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program has a variety of involvement opportunities available. We rely heavily on adults who care about the development of youth across the state in order to deliver positive youth development experiences to our youth. All volunteers must pass a background check and participate in training provided by your County 4-H Educator.

Volunteer positions that may be available:

1. Help with a one time event/program (examples: fair, workshops, etc.)
2. Lead a 4-H Club (organize meetings and speakers, provide assistance to youth club leaders)
3. Help with a specific 4-H project or serve as a Project Advisor
4. Help with an afterschool program
5. Help with a short term program (SPARK, Summer programs, etc.)
6. Sit on a county governing board
7. Volunteer on a fair organizing committee

The process of becoming a 4-H Volunteer includes the following steps:

1. Complete 4-H Volunteer Application (available online and at Hendricks County Extension Office).
2. We complete a background check and connect with your references listed on your Volunteer Application. You must have 2 of the 3 references come back positive before being able to move on in the process.
3. After the application is complete, you will sign an Adult Behavioral Expectation Form (ABE).
4. Complete a 4-HOnline Profile and take the Purdue-mandated Youth Safety Training video.
5. Once all of the above steps are complete, you will meet with the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to discuss your placement within the 4-H Program.
6. Once placed in a volunteer position, you will annually renew your 4-HOnline profile and complete an ABE on 4-HOnline. Every other year, you will complete the Youth Safety Training video.

Contact the Extension Office to find out more information about volunteer opportunities today!

4-H Terms Used in Hendricks County

4-HOnline: A website designed as an enrollment and data management system for 4-H throughout Indiana. Members must enroll in 4-H and pay a \$15 program fee in order to be in 4-H in Indiana. The 4-HOnline website allows youth and parents to sign up for projects, change contact information, and receive access to any information from the Extension Office. 4-H members must enroll on 4-HOnline before the advertised deadline!

4-H Handbook: May be found on the web or purchased at the Hendricks County Extension Office, this book describes all projects, many activities and awards. It contains all the rules for non-livestock projects and should be used as a reference throughout the year. Read EVERYTHING related to your projects so you will not be disappointed on judging day.

Achievement Banquet: A banquet held after fair to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our 4-Hers. It is open to any 4-H families (typically a small charge per person).

Adult Leader: A person who volunteers their time to recruit, plan, organize, counsel, encourage, compliment, redirect, and whatever else it takes to make sure members have a great 4-H experience. These people are not paid, so please be considerate of their time and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Tag-in/ID Day: Many animals must be identified by a county ear tag or retinal scanning. Beef and Dairy Steers are typically tagged-in at the fairgrounds in March. In May, Beef Heifers, Starter Calves, Goats, and Sheep have a tag-in day for animals to receive their necessary tags/scans.

Community Service Project: Each club is encouraged to complete a service project that helps their community.

Communications Contest: A contest is held in June for those members who would like to compete with a speech or demonstration. Members may advance to the State Fair and can win a trip to Washington, D.C.

Completion Card: A small card that is given to 4-H members once their club leader has reviewed their record sheets for their projects. The Completion Card is needed to check projects in at the County 4-H Fair. This is verification that you have met the completion requirements for your 4-H projects.

Drop/Add Deadline: If you would like to add a project or delete one that you had signed up for by May 15. You may drop/add projects on 4-HOnline until May 15th. Dropping a project after this date, or not completing the project, will result in lost points on your 4-H record.

E-Mail Blasts: We send out e-mails with important reminders and program information. If you would like to receive these, make sure to update your email address on your 4-HOnline account – or call the Extension Office. We will never give out this information to third parties.

Extension Educator: The title given to a professional employed by Purdue University to coordinate the 4-H program on the local level.

Fair Board: The Hendricks County Fairboard plans and organizes the entire fair such as the carnival and arena events. The 4-H Program is responsible for and in charge of those things associated with the 4-H part of the fair, but the Fairboard plans and runs the fair. They are also responsible for scheduling and building upkeep.

FairEntry: FairEntry is a secondary website to 4-HOnline. This website is used for 4-Hers to specify exactly what projects/livestock they are bringing to fair. This data-tracking system also keeps record of ribbon placements and other awards for the 4-Her.

Fashion Revue: A public fashion show for members in the clothing project who choose to participate. 4-Hers are judged on modeling, style, accessorizing, and fit. Consumer Clothing members **MUST** participate to complete their project.

Flower Sale: This is a county-wide fund raiser. Orders are typically due in the spring with flowers arriving for pick up in early May. Members are asked to help sell plants by taking orders and collecting money ahead of time. The local clubs receive a portion of the profit and the rest goes toward 4-H programs, scholarships, and more.

Indiana 4-H Foundation: A statewide “4-H booster” association that provides funds for trips, scholarships, materials and grants for programs all over the state.

Indiana State Fair: Held in Indianapolis at the State Fairgrounds. Projects eligible for the fair must be checked in ahead of time. Animal projects must be entered by June 1 through the Indiana State Fair website. *The State Fair website is a completely different website than 4-HOnline.*

Judging Teams: These are usually livestock judging teams. Members learn to evaluate animals and defend their evaluations by giving oral reasons before an experienced judge. Hendricks County currently has Horse & Pony, Livestock, Dairy, Soils, and Forestry judging teams.

Junior Leaders: County wide project for members in grades 7 and above focusing on leadership, citizenship and fun.

Livestock Identification: Each livestock project must have their animals identified on 4-HOnline. This is in addition to the regular 4-HOnline sign up for the 4-H member. A premise ID number is required on each animal. Be sure to pay close attention to due dates for Livestock information!

Hendricks County 4-H Fair: The culmination of the 4-H year! Members display their projects, show livestock, and participate in special events throughout the week.

Mini 4-H: A “pre-4-H” program for children in grades 1-2 as of January 1 of the fair year. Members take one or two projects, attend workshops, and exhibit at the fair.

“My Record of 4-H Achievement”: You keep a copy of these cards for your entire 4-H career. The original will also be turned into the Extension Office or your 4-H Club leader. When one is full, ask for another. Be certain both sides are filled in because both sides are used to calculate the number of points you’ve accumulated. Your points help to determine winners of future trips and scholarships.

Newsletter: This comes from the Extension office once a month. It’s filled with very important information and is our main source of communication with 4-H families. **Please read it and share it!**

Officers: Each club elects their own officers to include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and possibly others. Members learn to conduct business through active leadership.

Officers’ Training: This program is usually held every year in early spring. Officers from all clubs are invited to workshops to learn what is involved in performing the duties of their elected office.

Open Judging: A style of judging where the 4-H member can talk directly with the judge while their project is being graded. Parents may attend open judging, but are not allowed to speak to the judge.

Pen/Stall Reservation: Each member taking livestock to the fair must turn in a pen/stall reservation form so that livestock superintendents will know how many animals to expect and plan where they will be housed.

Poster Project: Many projects must be completed on a 22” x 28” poster displayed horizontally. They must be covered in heavy plastic (not saran wrap) and have space in the lower right hand corner for

an exhibit tag. You can purchase the correct size foam board and plastic sleeves at the Extension Office!

Premise ID: A number given by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to identify locations where animals are housed. All livestock members will need to submit their premise ID number on the enrollment form. More information is available at www.in.gov/boah.

Program Fee: A \$15 program fee is required of all 4-H members (except Mini). This fee is a state-wide fee that provides insurance for youth for 4-H events as well as provides money to the Indiana 4-H program.

Project Exhibit Tag: A tag generated by FairEntry that is put on the bottom right corner of every 4-H project displayed during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. This tag includes information such as your name, club, and a description of your project. It does not include personal identification information such as address or phone number.

Project Fair: An “open house/project fair” is held every year to allow parents and potential 4-H members to experience what 4-H is about. Many projects are on display, last year’s project winners, and leaders and junior leaders on hand to answer questions regarding 4-H, how to join, etc.

Project Manual: Most projects have manuals that provide educational material and/or learning activities for members.

Pullorum-Typhoid testing: It must be certified that all poultry at the fair have come from Pullorum-typhoid free flocks or they must be tested and found free of Pullorum-typhoid.

Record Sheet: Most projects have record sheets or activity books that must be turned in BEFORE the fair to complete. Check the project handbook to find out whether your record sheets are turned in to your local leader or turned in with your project. At that time, the club leader will sign your completion card.

SPARK Program: A short-term program based on a specific topic designed to “spark” interest of youth. Programs must be a minimum of six hours and include a culminating project at the end of participation. Exhibit at the Fair is not required.

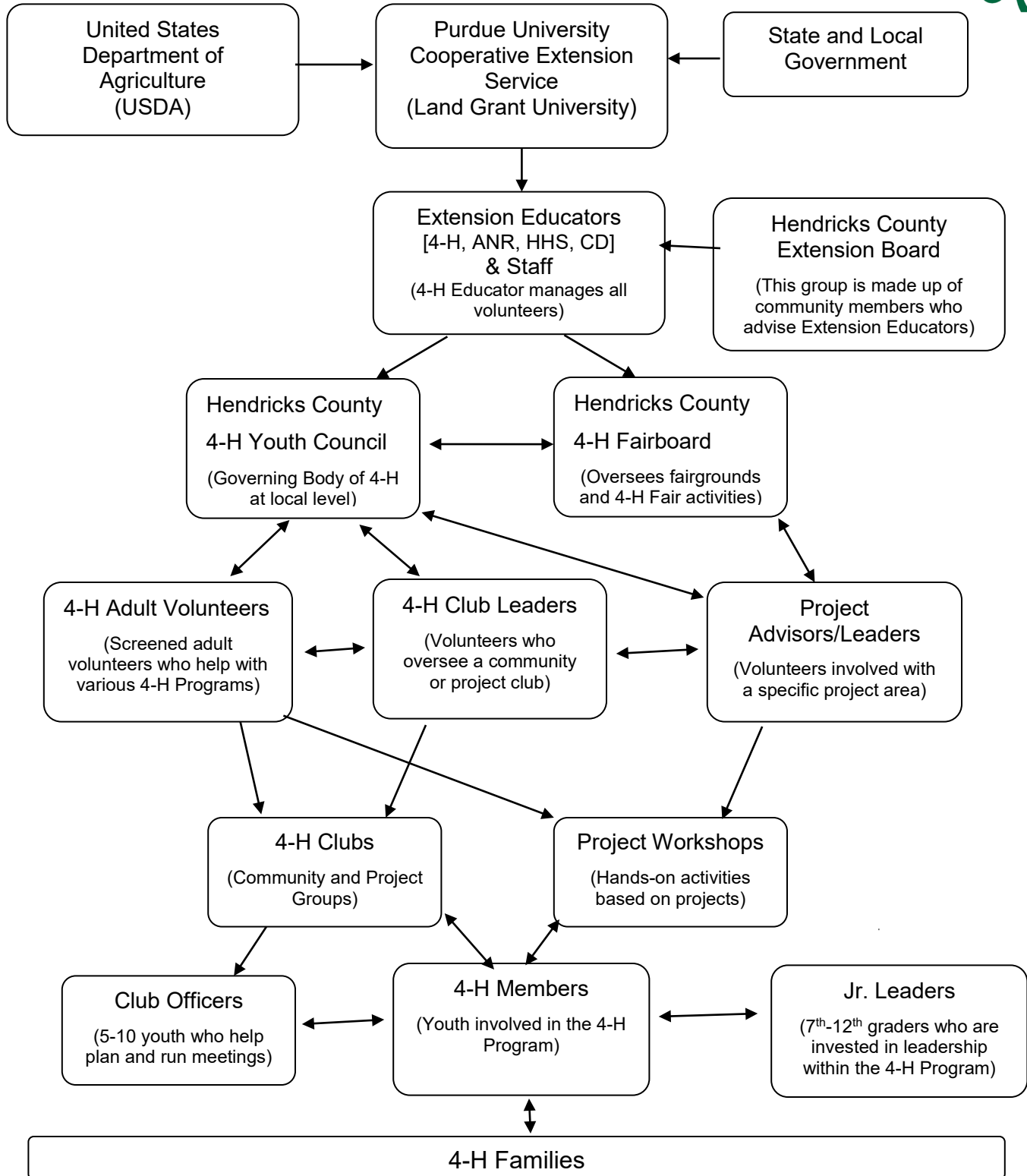
State Fair Livestock Entry: Livestock entries for state fair exhibition are due June 1 on a different website than 4-HOnline! You will need to sign up on the State Fair Website to reserve your spot at the State Fair.

4-H Youth Council: Each township has someone who serves on the 4-H Youth Council. This group meets monthly and is the governing body of 4-H in Hendricks County. All rules, regulations, policies, and procedures are conducted through the 4-H Youth Council.

Web Site: 4-H information is provided on-line at Hendricks County Extension’s web site. Visit www.extension.purdue.edu/Hendricks for updated calendars, newsletters, project information and forms.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): A training that must be completed yearly by 4-H members planning to exhibit a livestock animal at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair (except cats, dogs, horses, llamas/alpacas, and little critters). Trainings are offered both online and in-person.

The 4-H Family Tree



Resources:

1 https://www3.extension.umn.edu/sites/default/files/download/4-H_Family_Handbook-revised_10-10.pdf

2 <https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Experiential-Learning-Model.pdf>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/projects.aspx>

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My Record of 4-H Achievement **EXAMPLE**

This is an EXAMPLE of what would be turned in to your club leader.

EXAMPLE

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Club: _____ Township: _____ Boy or Girl: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Year	Project	Div/Lev	Description of Exhibit	County Placing	State Placing
2014	Child Development	2	Poster about Child Care	Blue, Honor	---
2014	Geology	2	Exhibit box with six rocks and sandpaper showing texture	Blue, Honor, Champion, State Fair	Blue
2015	Home Environment	3	Refinished coffee table	Red	----
2015	Jr. Leaders	N/A	Year of service	Blue	---
2015	Astronomy	3	A poster describing different types of stars and locations	Blue, Honor, Champion, Grand Champion	N/A
2015	Swine	3	Berkshire Gilt	4 th in class	----
2014	Child Development	3	Imagination in a box	Blue, Honor, Champion, State Fair	Blue, Honor

Year	Meetings Attended Local	Meetings Attended County	Committee Work	Offices Held	Activities Participated In	Workshops attended	Judging Events
2014	7	8	Recreation	Club Recreation Leader	None	Child Development	None
2015	10	6	Refreshments	Secretary, Recreation Leader		Child Development, Astronomy	Livestock

Year	Public Speaking /Demonstrations	Community Service	4-H Promotion	Trips Attended	Awards Received	Field Trips, Tours, Mass Media
2014	Club Demonstration	Visit County Home	Indiana 4-H Week Library Display	4-H Camp	1 st year pin	Weather Station
2014	---	Canned Good Drive	---	Club trip to roller skating rink	Outgoing members	School trip to Airport
2015	How to refinish a table	Caroling at nursing home	Handed out 4-H Flyers	Round-Up	2 nd year pin	None
2015	---	Canned Good Drive	---	----	----	---