



Monroe County 4-H Newsletter

“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER “

JANUARY 2019

ENROLLMENT

4-H Enrollment is coming to an end very shortly! Be sure to visit <http://in.4honline.com> to re-enroll before January 15th. Be sure to invite your friends to enroll too! Mini 4-H is for Kindergarten through 2nd graders and 4-H is for 3rd through 12th graders.

Thank you to all the 4-H families who have successfully enrolled online. As of January 3, we have about 327 members & 72 adult volunteers currently enrolled for the 2018-19 4-H year.

Reminder: You are not completely enrolled until the annual enrollment fee is paid. If you have not yet paid your fee, please send/bring your payment (cash or check only) to our office at 3400 South Walnut Street, Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. Please contact us at 812-349-2575 if you have any questions.

PROGRAM FEES

There is a yearly \$20.00 4-H Program Fee for youth in grades 3-12 and a yearly \$5.00 fee for youth in grades K-2. You can pay in 4HOnline with a credit/debit card when enrolling or you can mail a check to our office (3400 S. Walnut St., Bloomington, IN 47401). Please submit your payment within 10 days of enrolling.

EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

If you need help enrolling in 4-H for this year and can't make it during our regular office hours, please visit us at the Purdue Extension Office on one of the following days and we will be happy to help you!

Wednesday, January 9 and Monday, January 14 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

NEW 4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION

If you are new to 4-H or would just like more information about 4-H, please plan on joining us on **February 20** at **6:30 pm** for **4-H Family Orientation**. Watch for more details in early February.

HOLD THE DATE - FOR CAMP

The **2019 Monroe County 4-H Camp** will be **June 2-5** at **Camp Timber Ridge**. Look for registration information in late March.

2019 FAIR DATES

2019 Monroe County Fair
Saturday, June 29 through **Sunday, July 7**
2019 Indiana State Fair
Friday, August 2 through **Sunday, August 18**

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 1 to Jan. 15 4-H Open Enrollment
- January 7 Senior Legacy Meeting
- January 9 Extended Hours for 4-H Enrollment
- January 14 Officer Workshop
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- January 25 4-H Scholarships due
- January 26 4-H Fluid Power Action Challenge
- January 30 Camp Counselor Interview Workshop
- February 8-10 Teens as Teachers Conference
- February 20 New 4-H Family Orientation
- April 6-11 National 4-H Conference
- April 11-15 Heifer International
- June 2-5 4-H Camp

Please check for 4-H club meetings, events, & activities on <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/monroe>

OFFICER WORKSHOP

All club officers and leaders are invited to participate in an **Officer Workshop** at the Extension Office on **January 14** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**. We will do activities related to officer roles, teamwork, leadership, and parliamentary procedure.

TEENS AS TEACHERS

The **2019 Teens as Teachers Conference** will be held **February 8-10** at **Bradford Woods**. Open to all youth in grades 8-12 interested in BioTechnology, Animal BioSecurity, Healthy Living, Leadership, or Computer Coding. Registration is due January 15. Call the Extension Office or e-mail Katie to sign up.

FLUID POWER

Monroe County 4-H is looking for four youth and one adult mentor to represent our county at the Indiana 4-H Fluid Power Action Challenge.

The **Fluid Power Team** will attend the Workshop at **Purdue University** on **January 26** and will then prepare for the Challenge Day on March 2. Open to all members in grades 6-8. Registration is \$5.00 and is due by January 16 to the Extension Office.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Due January 25 in 4HOnline

All Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications, including Senior and Accomplishment Scholarships, are due this month in 4HOnline. Your 4-H Enrollment Status must be active in order to submit your application. You can join Katie for the last scholarship workshop on January 7 at 4:30pm in the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. Appointments can also be made individually by contacting Katie.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

The second **Senior Legacy Meeting** will be held **Monday, January 7** at **7:30pm** in the **4-H Building, Fairgrounds** after the Junior Leader meeting.

All seniors are invited to attend to discuss your 4-H experiences and what we can do to make 4-H even better for younger members. Contact Katie if you have any questions.

FEATURE 4-H'ERS

Are you doing something fun and exciting with your club? Do you have a demonstration prepared that you want to share? Can you show how you prepare your 4-H project through pictures or videos?

Monroe County 4-H is hoping to share your 4-H stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages so tag us and hashtag "mocoin4h" so we can share the awesome things you are doing!

Facebook: Purdue Extension – Monroe County 4-H

Instagram: mocoin4h

ONLINE CLUB SCHEDULE

You can find the list of club meeting dates on our website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/monroe>

Be sure to attend your club meetings for detailed information about 4-H activities and events as well as project specific information.

CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Camp Counselor Applications will be available in January. Any 4-H member in grades 9-12 (must be currently enrolled) is eligible to become a camp counselor. Applications will be on our website.

An **interview workshop** will be offered at the Extension Office on **January 30** for anyone interested in applying to be a counselor. The workshop is highly encouraged but not required.

SUMMER TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS

Did you know that Indiana 4-H provides lots of fun opportunities for members in grades 7-12 to attend summer 4-H trips! These trips are often a highlight for member's 4-H careers. Detailed information will be available soon, but a list of trips is provided below to help you to begin making plans!

- **4-H Academy @ Purdue** (grades 9-12) June 12-14
- **State Junior Leader Conference**, June 18-21
- **4-H Band**, June 22-24
- **4-H Chorus**, June 22-25
- **4-H Round Up** (grades 7-9) June 24-26
- **State Junior Leader Conference**, June 18-21
- **Indiana State Fair Youth Leadership Academy**, July 30 - August 3

2019 PROJECT REQUIREMENT BOOK

The **2019 4-H Project Requirement Book** will be available in late January. The handbook lists all the requirements and rules for each project. It will also include a schedule of dates for fair related-events. Our office will send notification when this will be available. We will post it to our website or printed copies can be requested from the Extension Office. If you would like to request a printed copy, please call the office at 812-349-2575 or e-mail jlaffey@purdue.edu.

4-H PROJECT MANUALS

Just a reminder that most of our 4-H non-animal projects have a learning manual available for members. You can pick up your project manual(s), at no cost, at the Extension Office during regular business hours. Each 4-H manual has several activities which helps the member learn new skills through practice. A good guideline to go by is that each year a member should complete *at least* 3 activities from their manual.

POSTERBOARD/ELECTRIC KITS

Just a reminder that you can purchase your **Posterboard, Plastic Sleeves** and **Velcro dots** at the Extension Office. The cost for the posterboard is \$2.25 each, plastic sleeve is \$1.00 each and the Velcro dots are \$0.25 for eight.

We have **Salon Print Kits** (*while supplies last*), which includes the posterboard, mat board and Velcro for a total cost of \$10.00 per set.

You can also purchase **Electric Kits** (divisions 1-3 and limited division 4) - at various prices.

WEATHER

Just a reminder that our 4-H program respects the judgment of the county school systems when holding 4-H meetings and events. As such, any time RBB or MCCSC CANCELS school, all 4-H meetings for that day are cancelled. In the event of two-hour delays, please contact either the Extension Office or your 4-H Leader to confirm any scheduled events.

ANIMAL ID DEADLINES

4-H members planning to show in beef, dairy, goat, sheep, swine, horse and pony must identify their animals in the 4HOnline system by the given deadline below. These deadlines allow 4-H members to show in both the Monroe County Fair and the Indiana State Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact your club leader or Katie Frew at 812-349-2575 or by e-mail at kfrew@purdue.edu.

April 1

Beef Steers	Dairy Beef Steers
Market Heifers	

May 1

Beef Heifers	Dairy Cattle	Goats
Horse & Pony	Sheep	Swine

All 4-H members must also enter all the exhibits they plan on showing (including animals) at the 2019 fair into the FairEntry System between May 1 and June 3, with the exception of rabbits (May 1-May 15).

Please remember: your 4-H program fee (\$20.00) must be paid before you can identify your animals in 4HOnline or enter your exhibits into FairEntry.

4-H IS LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!

Do you want to get more involved in the Monroe County 4-H program as a volunteer? Would you like to help "Make the Best, Better?" We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas. We are currently looking for additional club leaders for Robotics, Shooting Sports, and Sportfishing as well as several project superintendents. There are also many other ways to volunteer on a one-time or short-term basis if that fits your schedule better. E-mail Katie at kfrew@purdue.edu to learn more about these opportunities.

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