

# Vanderburgh County Top 4-H FAQs

## Where can I get my questions answered?

\*County 4-H Handbook (given to each family early in the year or found online)

\*Monthly newsletter,  
The 4-H LINK

\*4-H Project Manual

\*4-H Club Leader

\*Purdue Extension Office

\*Welcome to 4-H Guide

\*Website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/vanderburgh>

## What is a "Club" and how do I know which one to choose?

CLUB: Group of youth and adults who meet on a regular basis & together practice positive youth development & cooperative learning.

### Two types of clubs in Vanderburgh County: Community Club- ie.

Scott Achievers, Green River Greenies, Energetics  
Project Based- ie. Tech, Dog, Tractor

### Things to Consider:

Schedule of Club Meetings, Location of Meetings, Size of Club, Interest of 4-H Members, Friends in 4-H.

## What should I expect from Club Leaders?

\*Help 4-H Club Officers plan creative meetings and activities.

\*Encourage youth to conduct meetings with a good mix of business, recreation, education, and community service.

\*Be able to find answers to 4-H related questions.

\*Be courteous, helpful and display a positive attitude.

\*Be prepared for and help 4-H Club officers run an orderly meeting. Help members develop their own leadership skills.

\*Encourage all 4-Hers to do/be their best.

\*Assist members in learning what is available to them in 4-H.

\*Help make 4-H a fun and educational experience.

## What projects are available and how does my child choose which ones to take?

\*Check out our Welcome to 4-H Guide for a brief description of each project.

\*Find projects that relate to your child's interests.

\*It is a good idea to start with one or two projects.

\*Check out Project Workshops.

\*Ask friends who are in various projects.

\*Talk with your Club leader.



**Once you have decided, enroll in projects on 4HOnline by May 15th!!**

## How do we know what to do for our project?

\*4-H Handbook lists all of the guidelines for each project and the grade level/division

\*Project Workshops

\*Project Superintendents

\*Clubs and Club Leaders

## What can I do as an adult?

\*Become an approved 4-H Volunteer (there is a screening process- Contact the Extension Office for details)

\*Assist the 4-H Club leader.

\*Share your project expertise with other members.

\*Be actively involved with your child.

\*Encourage accurate and complete record-keeping.

\*Share ideas for possible future programs.

\*Support and promote the 4-H program in the community.

\*Serve as a judge for an event.

\*Help, cooperate, and smile often!

## What is an Achievement Record and why is it important?

Achievement Records are a record of your 4-H involvement and is used for awards and trip selections. Records are completed and turned in to the Extension Office by the 3rd Monday in September annually. Blank copies can be obtained from the Extension Office, Club leaders, or on our website.

## What are some major deadlines/dates to remember for 2020?

October 1, 2019-January 15: Target enrollment period

January 25: Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due

April 1: Deadline for Steer ID

May 15: Deadline for all over Livestock ID, add/drop date for projects, 4-H Camp Applications Due

June 30: FairEntry Deadline

July 18 & 19: 4-H Project Entry and Judging

July 20-25: Vanderburgh County Fair

July 26: 4-H Project Pick-Up

September 21: 4-H Achievement Records and Trip Applications due

## How much does 4-H REALLY cost?

\$20 Annual Program Fee

Project costs vary.

\*Showing animals vs. creating a poster  
\*Many projects can be done for minimal cost.

Some clubs have additional costs (ie. dues, outings, etc.)

*Scholarships are available!*

## What else is there in 4-H?

\*4-H Camp

\*Trips: 4-H Round Up, 4-H Academy at Purdue, State Jr. Leader Conference, Global Gateway, Citizenship Washington Focus, State Band/ Chorus

\*Earn Scholarships and win awards

\*SPARK Programs

\*Performing Arts

\*Demonstration and Public Speaking

\*Officer Training

\*Jr. Leaders (Grades 8-12)

\*Robotics/ STEM Programs

\*Civic Engagement