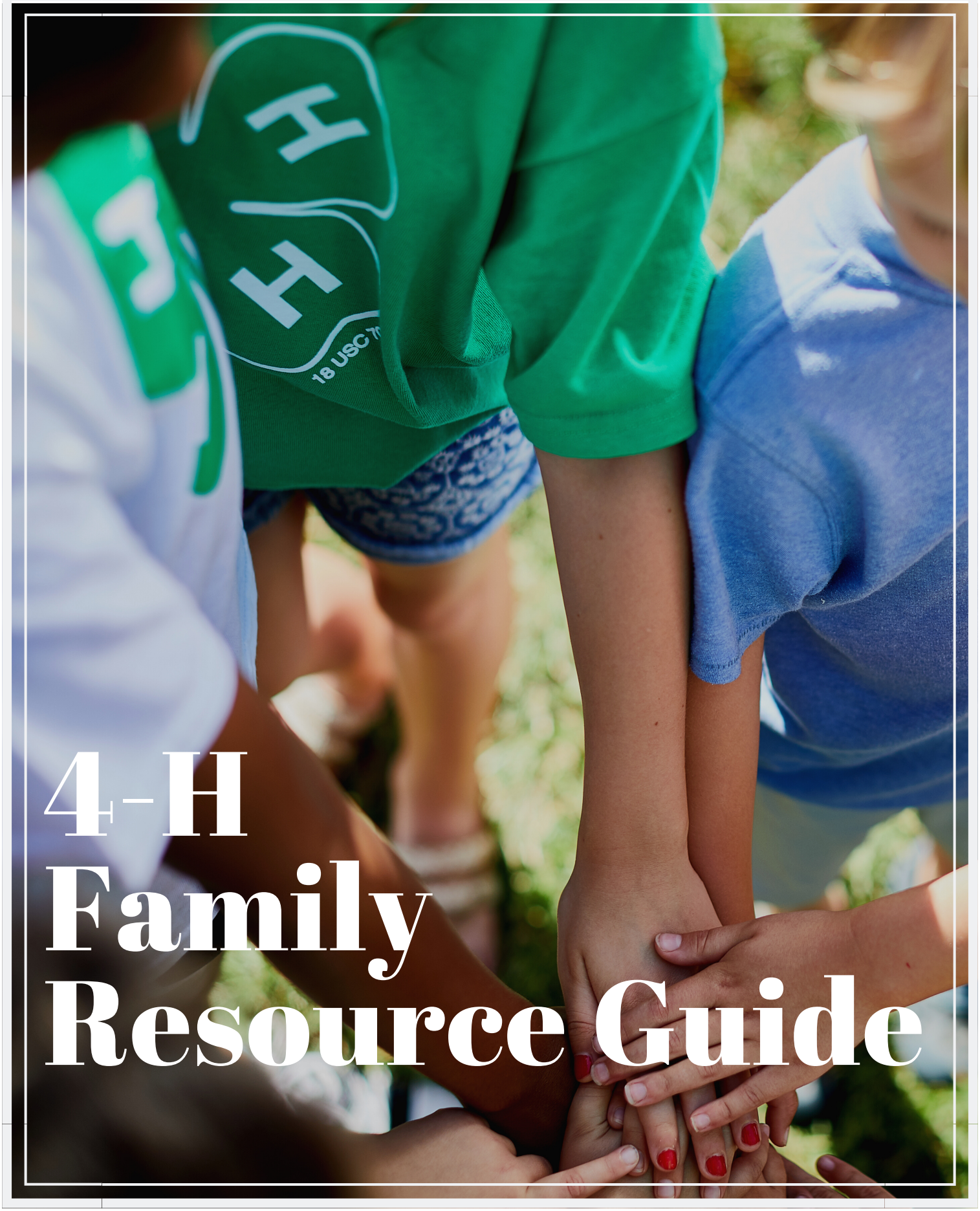

4-H Family Resource Guide

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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.

Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

What is 4-H?

4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, empowering them to create positive change in their communities.

INDIANA 4-H HISTORY

4-H began more than 100 years ago, and has since grown into the largest youth development program in the nation. 4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. Backed by a network of more than 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni; 4-H delivers research-based programming around positive youth development. 4-H is delivered through America's 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service —reaching every corner of our nation. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through Purdue Extension.

Indiana 4-H began in Hamilton County in 1904. On April 9, 1904, John Haines, superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, held a meeting for all boys interested in learning to grow corn. Mr. Haines is thus credited with planning the first junior club in Indiana. The record states, “Mr. Haines visited the projects, held two instruction meetings, and his members exhibited at the end of the year.” The first 4-H club projects (market hogs) were exhibited at the Indiana State Fair in 1915. The first 4-H camp in Indiana was held near Evansville in 1922 with 840 youth and 150 leaders in attendance.

Why should I join 4-H?

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H members can take part in short-term specific interest workshops that focus on anything from robotics to food science! 4-H members also have access to numerous scholarships, educational opportunities, and can build life skills through community involvement. Most of all, 4-H is real life experience which is exemplified by our motto "Learn by Doing".

Additional Opportunities for Involvement

- **Community Clubs**
- **After-School Programs**
- **School Enrichment**
- **Workshops**
- **SPARK Clubs**
- **Day Camps**
- **Volunteering**
- **Special Programs**

4-H Trips

Youth will have an opportunity to register for trips such as:

- **Camps** - during camp 4-H members participate in activities such as boating, swimming, crafts, and more!
- **4-H Round-Up** - 4-H members can explore a variety of careers on the Purdue University campus.
- **4-H Academy** - is held at Purdue University where participants can learn about science careers in a hands-on way!
- **Citizenship Washington Focus** - this is an exciting experience for 4-H members to visit the nation's capital.

Winning 4-H Plan

4-H welcomes all youth. We strive to make reasonable accommodations for youth with disabilities to participate at all levels of our 4-H program. Contact 4-H Extension Educator Kathleen Bohde at bohde@purdue.edu to set up a meeting to have a discussion on creating a winning 4-H plan with the 4-H member. Accommodations are specific to the individual.

HOW DO I JOIN?

4-H enrollment opens on October 1 every year. Enroll online at in.4honline.com.

Interested individuals can visit in.4honline.com to create a profile, select a club(s), and sign up for projects. For help selecting a club check out the next section! Returning members will log into your 4honline.com account, register for the upcoming year, and make any necessary changes.

The 4-H program is open to any youth in grades 3-12 and has a $25 enrollment fee. Mini 4-H is available to any youth in grades K-2 and there is not a fee to participate. If the fees pose a hardship please contact the Extension Office for a fee waiver request.

4-H Slogan

Learn by Doing

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better

4-H Colors

Green and White

4-H Emblem

The National 4-H Emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter H in each leaf.

Hamilton County 4-H Website

puext.in/hamco4h

ONLINE REGISTRATION

I pledge my:

Head
to clearer thinking

Heart
to greater loyalty

Hands
to larger service

Health
to better living

For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

What's the difference between in.4honline.com and Fair Entry online systems?

in.4honline.com is our online registration system for all youth who enroll in the 4-H program. in.4honline.com enrollment opens on October 1; this system will collect your enrollment fees and allows you to sign up for your 4-H projects. Members will also use their in.4honline.com profile to submit scholarships and register for events, programs, and trips.

Fair Entry is a system we use to help organize the 4-H Fair, print exhibitor labels, and make show bills. Fair Entry tells us exactly what projects will be exhibited at the fair. The Fair Entry system opens in early June and closes before the fair. All members exhibiting at the fair have to login to Fair Entry and sign-up for the projects they are bringing to the fair. Livestock exhibitors will need to sign up their animals for their show classes.

in.4honline.com and Fair Entry do save your information and profiles, making it easier for returning members! Members can also add or drop projects every year.

If you need any help, are having difficulties with in.4honline.com or Fair Entry please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to help!

What Club is Right For Me?

4-H members can be in one or as many clubs as they wish! Clubs provide the opportunity for face-to-face project review / questions, community service, program updates, and much more. Club meeting attendance is not required to be in 4-H but we encourage our members to attend their club meetings.

All 4-H clubs will pass along important program updates. However, some are special interest and county-wide clubs. County-wide clubs include clogging, dog obedience, horse and pony, llama, rabbits, robotics, sheep, and shooting sports. If you are interested in any of these projects it is suggested you enroll in the corresponding club. County-wide, project specific clubs will provide further education for each specified project.

Using the club locations and map on the next two pages, families can choose clubs that meet close to their preferred location.

For more details about each club, visit **http://bit.ly/HamCo4HClubs**.

PICK A CLUB THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE

PICK A CLUB THAT FITS YOUR INTERESTS

PICK A CLUB THAT IS CLOSE TO HOME OR SCHOOL

Hamilton County 4-H

4-H Club Meeting Locations & Map

1. **The following clubs meet at different buildings on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds:**

Forest Hill - Winks Building
Friends Forever - Annex Building
Heartland 4-H'ers - Dining Room
Mudsockers - Annex Building
Winners Unlimited - Dining Room
Progressive Farmers - TBD
Stringtown Pikers - Winks Building
White River Blue Ribbon - TBD
Noblesville H & H - Annex Building

2. **Sheridan Ag:** Sheridan High School
3. **Carmel Colleens and Gents:** Cornerstone Lutheran Church Carmel
4. **Carmel 4 C's:** Carmel Lions Club
5. **H4:** King of Glory Lutheran Church
6. **Clover Kids:** St. Vincent Professional Building
7. **Fishers Showstoppers:** Christ the Savior Lutheran Church
8. **Jolly Rogers:** St. Vincent Fishers Hospital
9. **Husky 4-H'ers:** Arcadia Town Hall
10. **Jackson Hotshots:** Beck's Hybrids
11. **Shamrock Shakers:** Westfield Library
12. **Westfield City Slickers:** Westfield Lions Club
13. **Westfield Cloverleaves:** New Joy Lutheran Church
14. **Westfield Whiz Kids:** Washington Woods Elementary School

County Project Clubs (Clubs mainly focused on one specific project**)**

(1) The following clubs meet at different buildings on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds:

Dog Obedience
Four Leaf Clover Cloggers
Giddy-Up Gang
Hamilton Cty. Junior Sheep Association
Harey Hoppers
Llama Trekkers

Hamilton County 4-H Club information: http://bit.ly/HamCo4HClubs **Map on back**

15. **Shooting Sports Range Location** -Fox Prairie Gun Club

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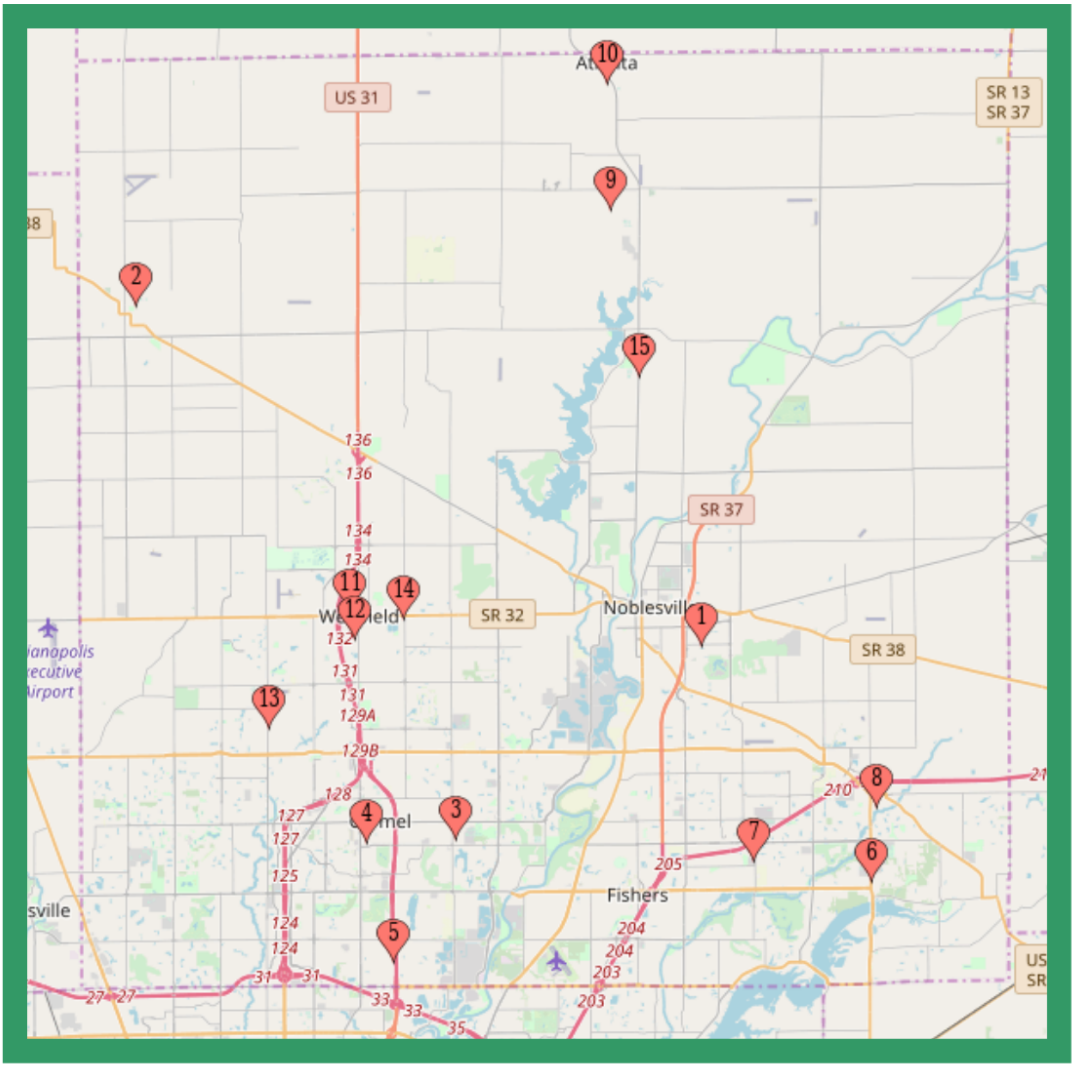
Hamilton County 4-H

4-H Club Meeting Map



Hamilton County 4-H Club information:

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Scan for more 4-H info. or visit:
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4-H Projects

MORE THAN 60 PROJECTS!

There is no limit to the number of projects youth can sign up for, but start slow.
We suggest starting out with one or two your first year.

4-H Projects Include:

- Achievement Resume
- Aerospace
- Arts & Crafts
- Beef Barbecue
- Beekeeping
- Bicycle
- Cake Decorating
- Chicken Barbecue
- Child Development
- Clogging
- Collections
- Computer
- Construction Sets
- Consumer Clothing
- Creative Writing
- Crops
- Demonstration
- Electric
- Entomology
- Floriculture
- Foods
- Forestry
- Garden
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Gift Wrap
- Health
- Home Environment
- Junior Leaders
- Microwave
- Model Tractor Pull
- People In My World
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Recycling
- Robotics
- Scrapbook Album
- Sewing
- Shooting Sports
- Small Engines
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Sportfishing
- Strawberry
- Tractor Maintenance
- Travelogue
- Veterinary Science
- Weather
- Wildflowers
- Wildlife
- Woodworking

4-H Livestock Projects Include:

- Beef
- Bucket Calf
- Cats
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Goats
- Dog Obedience
- Horse & Pony
- Llama
- Meat Goats
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Pygmy Goats
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

Add or change projects at in.4honline.com
by May 15!

4-H GROWS HERE

Mini 4-H Projects

It's time to enroll in

Mini 4-H!

GRADES K-2
FREE TO PARTICIPATE

Enroll today at: in.4honline.com!

-ARTS & CRAFTS-

Show your creativity

-BUGS-

Learn what makes a bug a bug

-CLOGGING-

Show off your dancing skills

-COLLECTIONS-

Show off your collection

-FOODS-

Learn kitchen basics & pepare simple foods

-HORSE & PONY-

Learn about horses & ponies

-LLAMA & ALPACA-

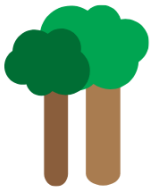
Learn about the llama family

-SEWING-

Learn basic stitches & how to sew on buttons

-SPACE-

Explore like an astronaut



-TREES-

Learn about the parts of tress & what they do

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4-H Definitions

4-H Enrollment

• Each 4-H member enrolls online at the beginning of the 4-H year to join a 4-H club. The 4-H projects to select for the year are listed on our Web site as well.

4-H Club

• A 4-H Club is recognized as at least five eligible youth from at least three families that have completed the annual 4-H enrollment process. A 4-H club has by-laws, a constitution, club officers, and abides by Indiana 4-H policies.

4-H Project Workshop

• Workshops in 4-H are an opportunity to learn more about the skills needed to complete a project. You will not finish a project at the workshop but gain knowledge and understanding of what is expected.

4-H Handbook

• The book which lists the Hamilton County Rules for every project exhibit. A new book is published annually. It is very important that all 4-H families read and are familiar with this book available in December or January each year.

Project Manuals

• 4-H member and leader guides are typically written by university specialists and serve as suggestions of areas to study in your 4-H projects. These manuals typically contain a record sheet with a set of questions for the member to record his or her experiences in the project.

4-H Fairbook

• The book which lists all of the fair schedule, ten year members, 4-H Livestock Auction rules, open contest rules and Extension Homemakers Open class exhibit requirements. The Fairbook is available in May.

Newsletters- Clover Chatter

• The County 4-H newsletter, Clover Chatter, is emailed to every 4-H family. This gives information about county-level 4-H meetings and activities offered to 4-H members, leaders, and parents. For most events, this will be your only source of information.

Completion

• Completion in 4-H is achieved when a 4-H member enrolls in 4-H, selects and prepares a project, completes project manual activities, and submits a finished record sheet of his or her accomplishments.

"My Record of Achievement" White Cards

• This is a form on which the member records his or her projects and describes the member's experiences and knowledge gained. Members also record the activities, meetings, and committees they have participated in during the year. An example and directions for completion are available in the 4-H Handbook or the County Extension Office.

Exhibition

• Exhibition in 4-H is the culmination of 4-H project work, often held in conjunction with the County 4-H Fair. Each project submitted for exhibition is evaluated on the degree to which it meets current year project requirements.

YQCA

• All 4-H members who exhibit livestock are required to have a current YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certificate. Information on training and registration will be sent to livestock exhibitors and will be in the newsletter.

People in 4-H

Local Level

4-H Member
• Anyone in grades 3-12 who participates in a local 4-H group or activity.

4-H Club Leader
• A volunteer who is responsible for the organizational part of the club.

Activity Leader
• A volunteer who is responsible for organizing and conducting special club activities.

Junior Leader
• A 4-H member who is in grades 7 -12 and is willing to assume additional leadership and mentoring responsibilities within the 4-H program.

Parents
• Parents are very important to the success their children will have in the 4-H Program. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and project workshops with their children. All countywide events are open and parents are encouraged to attend.

SPARK Club Volunteer
• Coordinates a 6-hour experience for 4-H members based on a topic of interest to the members and within the volunteer's area of expertise.

Teens as Teachers
• Youth in grades 8-11 who have been trained to teach their peers on a specific topic.

Local Level

At-Large Representative
• A volunteer who is recruited to assist with a specific program, often on a short-term basis.

County Level

Project Superintendent
• A volunteer who helps 4-H members as they learn, make or do something. This person can be a 4-H parent who agrees to help with a project. It may also be a Junior Leader or a person from the community who has knowledge in a particular subject matter area.

4-H Council
• This is the 4-H policy-making group, as well as the private funding source for a number of county-level 4-H programs including the County Fair.

County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator
• Represents Purdue University Extension as the county-based professional responsible for the day-to-day operations and decisions of the county 4-H Youth Development Program. He or she helps interpret 4-H policies and works directly with volunteers in the development of the county 4-H program.

County Extension Director
• Provides overall leadership to the county Extension program areas.

Extension Staff
• They are the professionals who guide, teach, and administer the Extension Programs. They are staff members of Purdue University and Hamilton County Government.

People in 4-H

State Level

Purdue University

· Purdue is a land-grant university that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of the directive in the State 4-H Office housed in the College of Agriculture.

Program Leader

· The State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader has the responsibility for 4-H programming at the state level.

State 4-H Specialists

· State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H Youth Development Program on a statewide basis. Each specialist is responsible for 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 Youth Development Program Leader.

Indiana 4-H Foundation

· This nonprofit organization works to provide additional resources for the 4-H Program. They sponsor scholarships, fund county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Volunteer recognition program, and support educational awards trips for outstanding youth on the state level. Forms for donations 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.

National Level

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

· A federal agency within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - is part of USDA's Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area. The agency administers federal funding to address the agricultural issues impacting people's daily lives and the nation's future.

National 4-H Council

· Cooperates with local and state 4-H programs as it provides funding for national initiatives. Located in Washington, D. C.

4-H Parents

How Can Parents Help?

Parents can be encouraged to share their different talents, means, and available time with the 4-H program. Not all people do the same thing well. It takes some analysis to find who can and will do certain tasks. For example, the parent who will never appear in a public meeting may be willing to build a booth or float, etc.

The most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents or another caring adult. Often parents are willing to help but are not sure how, when, or where they may get involved. Below are some suggestions for how parents can support 4-H members at home (1-9) and beyond (10-14). Share these suggestions with parents of your 4-H members so that they are aware of and understand the ways to help. If you think of others, do not hesitate to add to the list.

1. Learn about 4-H, what it stands for; how it operates; how it is funded.
1. Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects. Help your child understand how many projects will be reasonable to complete in a given year.
2. Show your interest in and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
3. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
4. Encourage your 4-H member when they succeed and even more when they fail. Help them see progress achieved and knowledge gained; not just the end result.
5. Be an example! Help your 4-H member be a good sport and appreciate the successes of others.
6. Stay informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family. Be a 4-H booster in your community.
7. Make 4-H club work FAMILY work. Encourage youth to do their work and carry their own tasks to completion. Be their guide only.
8. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. Or, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Don't wait to be asked, just volunteer this help!

10. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.

11. Help your 4-H member find a way to participate in special events that interest them such as county contests, camps, fairs, displays, or shows.

12. Support your local 4-H volunteers. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

13. Offer your services to assist the local volunteer. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.

14. If the need arises, help find local volunteers for your 4-H club. Several kinds of volunteers are needed: organizational, project, and activity volunteers. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Applications are available in your local Extension office.

Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop your children into outstanding, productive adults. The way they do their activities and projects and conduct themselves at competitive events and meetings will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.

Source: 4-H Mentor Manual

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know which projects to choose?

- Check out our project list online or in the 4-H Handbook.
- Find projects that relate to your child's interests.
- Check out Project Workshops.
- Ask friends who are in various projects.
- Talk with your Club Leader.

Once you have decided, enroll in projects on in.4honline.com by May 15!

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 - Time for hands-on learning and demonstration
- Project Superintendents , Clubs, & Club Leaders - Provide guidance and support

How do I exhibit my projects at the 4-H Fair?

In order to exhibit at the fair, the online enrollment must be completed. The projects must be chosen within the online enrollment. The projects must also be entered into Fair Entry. The 4-H Handbook outlines the dates in which the projects are due for delivery to the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds for the 4-H Fair.

What can Mini 4-H members do?

Mini 4-H is a club that has meetings and project choices. Some clubs are project specific and have meetings or workshops in addition to the Mini 4-H meetings. Project manuals are available and outline the project requirements. Mini 4-H members can exhibit a maximum of two projects at the fair. An additional learning opportunity is Exploring 4-H Day Camp in June for youth in grades K-2.

Where can I go for help?

Online: puext.in/hamco4h
Email: bohde@purdue.edu
Visit or call the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office at 317-776-0854.
The handbook contains all the project requirements as well as contact information for all project superintendents and club leaders. We are all here to help!

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IMPORTANT DATES

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JAN

- 15 — Enrollment Target Date
- 25 — 4-H Foundation scholarship applications due to extension office.

FEB

- 5 — New 4-H Parent Orientation Meeting
- 7 — 10 Year Member Bio's Due
- 29 — 4-H Beef & Dairy Steer ID Day

MARCH

- 1 — Trip Applications Due
- 1 — Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 17-19 — Hamilton County Ag Day

APRIL

- 1 — in.4honline registration deadline for steers & commercial heifers
- 3 — Camp Applications Due
- 14 — New 4-H Parent Orientation Meeting

MAY

- 9 — Sheep ID Day
- 13 — Sheep & Goat ID Day
- 15 — Livestock Registration Deadline
- 15 — Add/ Drop project deadline - in.4Honline
- tbd — Performing Arts Contest

JUNE

- 1 — 4-H Camp Counselor Meeting
- 10-12 — 4-H Camp at Shakamak
- 16-17 — Exploring 4-H Day Camp

JULY - FAIR TIME!

- 7 — Fair Entry Deadline
- 10 — Queen Pageant
- 11 — Fair Set-Up
- 12 — Project Check-in
- 13-15 — Pre-Fair Judging
- 16-20 — Hamilton County Fair
- 21 — Auction
- 21 — Pick up Projects

AUG

- 7-23 — Indiana State Fair

SEPT

- tbd — Handbook Cover Design Contest Opens

OCT

- 1 — Enrollment Opens

Dates are subject to change. Consult the newsletter for any changes.

Notes

Do you know...

1. The name of your club? _____
2. What is your club meeting schedule? _____
3. What projects are you taking this year? _____

   _____

   _____
4. When are your project workshops? _____

Additional Notes: