

# Hamilton County 4-H Clover Chatter March 2020



This past weekend 15 youth and 4 adult mentors from Hamilton County traveled to Camp Tecumseh to participate in Teens as Teachers. This is an opportunity for teens to learn about a particular topic and bring the curriculum back to the county to teach. Topics include:

- **Animal Biosecurity**  
The team received a kit of hands-on and “maker” activities to teach the community about food sources and safe food processes.
- **Healthy Living**  
Teams focused on physical activity and social/emotional health activities and lessons.
- **Teen Leadership**  
Teens learned skills to lead community-based activities designed to help their peers develop leadership life skills.
- **Computer Coding**  
Teens focused on teaching computer coding in many different ways. Everything from using physical activity and puzzles to teach youth important computer science concepts and problem-solving skills to specific computer coding programs.

These youth are working on their county's implementation plans. If you are a club or project leader that would like to schedule a Teens as Teachers team to come present at your next program contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu).



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## NEW 4-H PARENT ORIENTATION

**We are New to 4-H! Help!**  
**What do we do next?**  
**What should we expect?**

Please join us for our New 4-H Parent Orientation Meeting on **April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room** behind the Exhibition Center. The Exhibition Center is the large meeting hall behind the main office on the 4-H Fairgrounds. If you are parked in front of the main office, go down the outdoor breezeway on either side. Enter through the double doors and pass through the halls, to the open hall way, and to the Dining Room. This meeting is specifically for 4-H parents/guardians of first year 4-H members. Youth may attend but they are not the focused audience. We will have a brief presentation and time to ask questions. 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator Kathleen Bohde and several 4-H Volunteers will be available for your questions and concerns.

The New 4-H Family Resource Guide has been mailed to first year members and their families. If you missed the email announcing the guide, [click here](#). The email contains the guide and other helpful information.

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## 4-H & JOANN Stores

### "Pay it Fourward"

March 1 – April 30, visit a local JOANN store and purchase Clovers for Kids for \$1 or \$4. The purchase helps equip local 4-H clubs with resources needed to teach more youth. With the \$4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for their next purchase.

## 4-H Rewards Card

Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards on in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 5% of eligible transactions to 4-H.

## Custom 4-H Fabric

Purchase a variety of custom 4-H fabric at JOANN Stores nationwide or online and visit the [JOANN website](#) for unique 4-H inspired crafting ideas. For each fabric sold, 4.5% will go toward creating more hands-on programs for youth in

local communities. Share your creations on social media with **#JOANNLOVES4H!**

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**The Game of Life**  
**March 13**  
**5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

Join Junior Leaders from Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby Counties take a chance with "The Game of Life"! Area VI youth educators are hosting a fun and interactive way to meet other youth in the Junior Leader project. **Registration is due March 6!**

The Game of Life event will consist of 3 breakout sessions to help prepare you for life. The breakout session topics are Budgeting & Money Management, Stress Relief, and Communication. The evening will wrap up with group recreation and a community service project! [Click here](#) for more information and the enrollment form.

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## 4-H Leather Craft Workshop Saturday, March 21

Friends Forever 4-H Club will be hosting a leather craft workshop on **Saturday, March 21** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Annex. This come-and-go workshop is a great opportunity to complete a Basic Craft Project! There are project ideas and kits available at [tandleather.com](http://tandleather.com). If you would like a kit, please email the 4-H'ers name, item number and item description by **March 11** to 4-H Volunteer Rosalie Alvey at [brianandrosalie@yahoo.com](mailto:brianandrosalie@yahoo.com). More details can be found on the [4-H workshop page](#).

## 4-H SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS



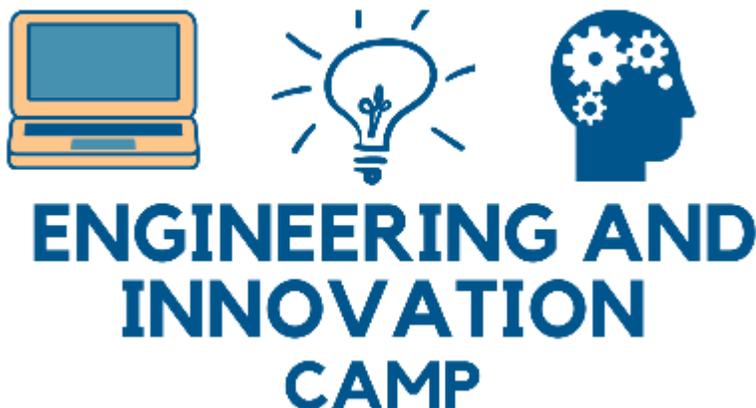
## Candy Company Day Camp April 6 - 7

Do you like candy? Ever wonder how candy is made? Join us as we learn how to make jolly pops, candy coating, hard candies, chocolates, and more! The program is for youth in grades 3 through 6. The day camp will be held 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on April 6 and 7 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. For more information and the registration form [click here!](#)



## Copy Cat Day Camp April 8

Do you have a favorite food from Texas Roadhouse, Chick-fil-a, Panda Express, or other restaurants and wish you could create these dishes at home? Ever wonder how they make their food taste so great? Join us in this one day camp as we learn how to make these foods during a hands on cooking class. Everyone in grades 3 though 6 are welcome. The camp will be held 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on April 8 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. For more information and the registration form [click here!](#)



## Engineering and Innovation Day Camp April 9

This one day camp is for youth interested in engineering and innovation! They will participate in activities with stem challenges, computer science, aerodynamics, and robotics. All youth in grades 3 through 6 are welcome. The camp will be held 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. on April 9 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. For more information and the registration form [click here!](#)

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### 4-H & Tractor Supply Co. March 29 - April 10, 2020

Beginning March 27, visit your local Tractor Supply and purchase a paper clover to help Hamilton County 4-H members attend 4-H camps and leadership events.

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[link to Youth for the Quality Care of Animals](#)

**4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine MUST be certified ANNUALLY through YQCA to exhibit at the county and state fairs.**

The purpose of YQCA: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

Hamilton County and surrounding counties will offer in-person training (\$3) or online modules (\$12). For more information about the program and/or to complete your online training go to <http://yqca.org>. 4-H'ers may count this certification as one of their livestock project manual activities in each animal species they are exhibiting. 4-H'ers who are still current with the youth pork quality assurance will be considered compliant with YQCA until their current certification expires.

Hamilton County on-site training will be April 28, May 28 and June 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. [Click here](#) for more information.



**2020 Queen Pageant**  
**How can you be a part of the pageant?**

A contestant must be a current member of Hamilton County 4-H or completed their previous year in Hamilton County 4-H. To be eligible, a contestant must be 16 years old and no more than 20 years old by June 1, 2020. ***More information will be coming soon.***

## Activities & 4-H Opportunities

### 4-H Project Workshops

As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2020. Be sure to check our [4-H Workshops webpage](#) for updates. Recently added workshops / schedules:

#### Achievement Resume

Beef BBQ

Bicycle

Cake Decorating

Cat

Electric

Poultry

Recycling

### Want to be a 4-H Volunteer?

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, [click here](#) for more information and the application.

### Fair Committee Sign-Up

The Hamilton County 4-H Council is supported by many 4-H Fair Committees. Have you ever wondered how all that “behind the scenes stuff” happens at the 4-H Fair? Volunteers! It takes more than 300 volunteers working together to put on our fabulous action packed fair! We are always looking for new volunteers to help us “make the best better.” Contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu) if you are interested.

### State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers

Approximately 60 youth are hired to work in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Indiana State Fair. These youth are responsible for checking in exhibits, setting up displays, staffing the 4-H Exhibit Buildings, releasing exhibits, and cleaning up the buildings. These youth workers also serve as Indiana’s 4-H Ambassadors as they interact with more than 900,000 guests at the Indiana State Fair. Youth

are paid minimum wage and gain great leadership experience. Youth must be in grades 7-12. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Exploring 4-H Day Camp

**June 16-17, 2020**

Exploring 4-H Day Camp is a fun-filled educational program designed for youth in Mini 4-H. The day camp is two days in length, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **June 16-17, 2020** at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Registration and \$25.00 fee are due **May 8**. During camp, youth have the opportunity to learn about many different topics all related to 4-H. Camp classes and activities from past camps have included model rocket launch, outdoor cooking, cookie decorating, character education, wildlife, magic of nature, care of small animals, group recreation, and much more! For more information, [click here](#).

## Important Dates

### March

- The Game of Life Registration Deadline - March 6
- Junior Pork Day - West Lafayette, IN - March 7
- The Game of Life Event - March 13

### April

- 4-H Candy Company Camp - April 6 & 7
- Copy Cat Camp - April 8
- Engineering and Innovation Camp - April 9
- Community Easter Egg Hunt - April 1
- Good Friday - Office Closed - April 10
- National Day of Service - April 25
- YQCA Training - April 28

### May

- Primary Election - Office Closed - May 5
- Exploring 4-H Day Camp Registration Due - May 8
- Sheep ID Day - May 9

- Sheep & Goat ID Day - May 13
- 4-H Livestock Enrollment Deadline - May 15
- Queen Pageant Applications Due - May 15
- Memorial Day - Office Closed - May 25
- YQCA Training - May 28

## June

- 4-H Camp Shakamak - June 10 - 12
- Exploring 4-H Day Camp - June 16 - 17
- YQCA Training - June 22

## Upcoming Events

*Add these dates to your calendar!*

- Hamilton County 4-H Fair - July 16 - 20, Auction - 21
- Indiana State Fair - August 7 - 23

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## Get Connected!

Make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see updates and upcoming events. Have a 4-H meeting, activity, or event? Take a picture or two, post it, and tag us so we can see it and re-share it!



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Instagram



Twitter

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