

# Hamilton County 4-H Clover Chatter

## September 2020



Sometimes in life we just keep going on to the next thing. The next meeting. The next activity. The next school year. You get the idea. I hope that each 4-H family takes some time to reflect on this 4-H year. It was certainly memorable for all of us. For Purdue Extension, it was a time of pivoting our methods of access to programming delivery, but we never pivoted in our priority of providing positive youth development programming.

- Hamilton County 4-H program included educational programming on over 60 subject matter areas for 1,595 youth in 2020.
- 4-H Volunteers created Zoom meetings, social media platforms, videos, and limited in-person meetings to share their content knowledge on projects.
- Virtual 4-H Camp Shakamak was launched with camp counselors creating 43 virtual camp lessons.
- Virtual Exploring 4-H Day Camp was launched with activity supply bags and daily Zoom calls with camp counselors.
- Hamilton County 4-H Fair Exhibit included a safety plan for a limited in-person judging, closed judging, virtual submissions judging, and virtual conference judging of 3,400 4-H projects. This was the first time in our 4-H history for virtual submissions judging and virtual conference judging.

We know it has not been easy - even downright frustrating as plans were constantly being updated. We built the plane as we were flying this year but we did it together! Take a

moment and reflect on all our accomplishments.



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## Highlights

### We Can Meet!

As we start a new program year on October 1, our event restrictions are gradually loosening. We can now have in-person programming with a safety plan approved by Purdue Extension. Volunteers should contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu) at least 3 weeks before the event so plans can be submitted. We will continue providing virtual programming as well.



National 4-H week is October 4-10 and Indiana 4-H is proud to celebrate the doers of the community who will become the leaders of our nation. Show your 4-H pride by sporting your 4-H shirts, clovers, and green on National 4-H Spirit Day Wednesday, October 7. Share photos of how you are an inspired doer in your community with the hashtag #Opportunity4All and tag us @HamiltonCo4H on Instagram and @HamiltonCountyIN4H on Facebook.



The race to land humans on Mars is on! The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars with the activity, *Mars Base Camp*. Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, *Mars Base Camp* is a collection of activities that teaches youth ages 8 - 14 STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture. Want to participant in the 4-H STEM Challenge? There are different ways to get involved in this year's challenge:

- At home: Insight from Mars Coding Challenges <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/insight-from-mars-activity/>, the online portion of the 2020 STEM Challenge.
- At a 4-H Club meeting: contact the Extension Office to reserve a kit to participate in the offline activities. Kits can be used in spaces where physical distancing can be followed.
- Family-sized kits can be purchased at [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org) Search Mars Base Camp 4-H STEM Challenge.

## State 4-H Showcase Results

### **Special Merits**

Kailey Alanis, Food Preservation

Cora Anderson, Cake Decorating

Eli Bales, Woodworking

Alexander Blanch, Food Preparation

Harrison Bledsoe, Entomology  
Cole Burkman, Small Engines and Sportfishing  
Isaiah Christian, Veterinary Science  
Lydia Crouch, Food Preparation  
John Crowder, Shooting Sports Education  
Ryan Finkbeiner, Arts & Crafts Models  
Allison Greig, Arts & Crafts Fine Arts  
Reagan Hart, Soil & Water Science  
Timothy Higginbotham, Photography  
Avery Hills, Sewing Wearable  
Delaney Howard, Garden Education  
Sophia Hulen, Llama Poster  
Cooper Jaeger, Weather and Wildlife  
Madisyn Jewell, Arts & Crafts Basic Craft  
Evelyn Kimble, Sewing Non-wearable  
Paul Kiser, Arts & Crafts Models  
Katherine LaReau, Public Speaking  
Addyson Lehman, Home Environment  
Lainey Mendenhall, Floriculture  
Lauren Meyers, Arts & Crafts Fine Arts  
Elizabeth Miller, Cake Decorating  
Elizabeth Munson, Food Preservation  
Rebecca Patton, Llama Poster  
Olivia Perkins, Rabbit Poster  
Jenna Peterson, Food Preservation and Home Environment  
Audrey Ratcliffe, Public Speaking  
Chloe Rumble, Arts & Crafts Needlecraft and Cake Decorating  
Seth Salgado, Photography  
Isabella Sharples-Gordon, Public Speaking  
Annie Sheller, Consumer Clothing  
Cooper Sims, Llama Poster  
Cassandra Spidel, Cat Poster  
Josie Taylor, Food Preservation  
Jacob Thifault, Electric  
Evelyn Vanderpool, Sewing Wearable  
Rebekah Vanderpool, Sewing Non-wearable  
Laura Vaughan, Photography  
Timothy Wallwork, Computer  
Whitney Waterman, Sewing Wearable  
Amelia Wiggins, Llama Craft

Bridget Williams, Arts & Crafts Basic Craft

**Fashion Revue Top 12**

Grace Dunnuck, Formal Wear

**Sweepstakes/Grand Champions**

Sam Harpham, Best in Show Rabbits

Kylie Schakel, Public Speaking

## Activities & Opportunities

### 4-H Handbook Cover Design Contest

Attention all artistic 4-H'ers! We are searching for a design to be the cover for the 2021 4-H Handbook! The design must be no larger than 8" x 10" and will be printed in only black, green and white. The design may be created on the computer or by hand, If you have a creative idea, turn it in to the Extension Office by October 16 with your name and phone number on the back. Your design could be the next Hamilton County 4-H Handbook cover!

### Help Us Promote 4-H

Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of other cool stuff to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood, Contact Bernie Huber for more information at [bchuber@purdue.edu](mailto:bchuber@purdue.edu) or 317-776-0854.

### Thank You Notes

It's not too late to send thank you notes to your plaque sponsors. Showing appreciation to our donors is extremely important to ensure their continued support of 4-H.



4-H Council's nomination committee is working on securing the candidates for the upcoming 4-H Council election. Current township openings are Adams, Delaware, Fall Creek, Jackson, Noblesville, and White River. In 2019, Hamilton County 4-H Council updated their by-laws to add at-large 4-H Council member positions if township representatives are not able to be secured.

Hamilton County 4-H Council Responsibilities:

- To evaluate the 4-H Program and make appropriate recommendations.
- To determine policy and operating procedures for the 4-H Program.
- To secure, maintain, and improve adequate facilities for the 4-H Program.
- To plan, prepare for, direct, and supervise the 4-H Fair.

If you are in a current township that has an open position or would like to submit your name for an at large position, please contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu) and she will pass your information onto the nomination committee.

### **Looking for Project Superintendents**

As we gear up for a new 4-H year, we are looking for some new project superintendents. A project superintendent is a content specialist for a project area. They organize workshops, answer 4-H'ers' questions, and help with 4-H Fair activities (duties vary widely based on the project). If you are interested please contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu) or 317-776-0854. Our current openings include:

Child Development  
Health  
Sportfishing  
Swine  
Travelogue  
Weather

## **Fall Break SPARK Clubs**

Hamilton County 4-H is excited to offer Fall Break Spark Clubs Oct.

13-15, 2020! Register online at <http://bit.ly/FallBreak4HSparkClubs>.

Pick any single day Spark Club for \$25. Pick any two Spark Clubs for \$45. Pick all three Spark Clubs for just \$60! Not a current 4-H member? An additional \$25 member fee will be added to each participant's total and will include 4-H enrollment. Member benefits include club membership, newsletters, and more. Cash or check payable to Purdue Extension Hamilton County must be received by Monday, October 5, 2020. Payment may be dropped off or mailed to Purdue Extension Hamilton County, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

### **Lego Spark Club**

Calling 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders who love to build! The Lego Spark Club will meet Tuesday, October 13, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. A variety of building materials will be used throughout the day leading up to the final Lego Challenge. Each participant will receive their own Lego kit to take home as part of the registration fee. Only 12 in-person spots available. Masks provided. A virtual option is available. Please contact Emma or Erin at 317-776-0854 or [mendez28@purdue.edu](mailto:mendez28@purdue.edu) with questions. Be sure to include Lego Spark Club as the email subject line.

### **Virtual Spooky Science Spark Club**

Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders who love spooky experiments! The Virtual Spooky Science Spark Club will meet Wednesday, October 14, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Zoom meetings will be set up throughout the day to watch spooky experiments with facilitators. Participants will then have an opportunity to do their own experiments at home. Each participant will receive their own Spooky Science Kit that includes most of the materials needed as part of the registration fee. Kits must be picked up prior to the event in order to participate. Please contact Emma or Erin at 317-776-0854 or [mendez28@purdue.edu](mailto:mendez28@purdue.edu) with questions. Be sure to include Virtual Spooky Science Spark Club as the email subject line.

### **Taco Cook-Off Spark Club**

Foodies in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade ready to sharpen their cooking skills - grab a partner to join the Taco Cook-Off Spark Club on Thursday, October 15, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Kitchen safety and a variety of food prep techniques will be highlighted as participants work toward the Taco Cook-Off. Teams of two will work together to prepare a chicken taco plate. A prize will be awarded to the winning team. Each participant will

receive their own 4-H cutting board to take home as part of the registration fee. Only 12 in-person spots available (total of six teams). Masks provided. A virtual option is available. Please contact Emma or Erin at 317-776-0854 or [mendez28@purdue.edu](mailto:mendez28@purdue.edu) with questions. Be sure to include Taco Cook-Off Spark Club as the email subject line.



## Hamilton County to Host State Soils Contest October 17

Hamilton County will be a host site for the State Soils Contest on October 17, 2020 in northern Hamilton County. We will give you the exact address as the date approaches. Here is a list showing the number of volunteers needed and the time slots:

Wave 1	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	12 volunteers
Wave 2	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	12 volunteers
Wave 3	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	12 volunteers

Volunteers can choose to work as many waves as they like. All volunteers should be dressed for the weather conditions. There will be three volunteers assigned to each of the four soil pits.

To sign up to help at the event,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B49A4AB2FA5FE3-state>

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# Important Dates

## October

- 2021 4-H Enrollment Begins - October 1
- National 4-H Week - October 4-10
- 4-H Handbook cover design contest deadline - October 16

## Looking Ahead

- 2021 Hamilton County 4-H Fair July 15-19, Livestock Auction July 20

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