

Indiana 4-H Mission

JUNE 2026

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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FairEntry is Open!

Register All Animals &
Projects in FairEntry

By
June 22

FAIRENTRY.COM



**Fair Entry is separate
from 4-H Online.**

**While we understand
that it feels redundant, it
is very important that
ALL of your projects are
registered by June 22**



Important Information



10-Year 4-H Members

Don't forget to fill out your 10 Year Member Questionnaire that you received by email. The questionnaire is used to highlight your 4-H tenure via Facebook, the Benton Review, and the 10 Year Member Recognition Program on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30pm. **Notice the time change!** There will be more information when we get closer to fair time.



Arts & Craft Record Sheet

Those doing Arts & Craft, please check your record sheet. There should be a front and back. It was noticed that some copies may have been sent out that only had the front and the back page was omitted.

Food Stand Reminder

Be looking in your emails for a SignUpGenius link for Food Stand Sign up.

Depending on the amount ADULT help for a shift, we will either close the food stand or shut down the grill and fryer. This can make it difficult for our patrons.

Please remember that working the food stand not only helps fund the 4-H programs or provides 529 incentives, but it's really about giving back to our community and letting the sponsors see the youth learning life skills of hard work, volunteering, and giving back.

Please remember while working in the food stand to wear enclosed shoes and hats for safety and sanitary purposes.

If you have any issues getting signed-up in SignUpGenius, please reach out to Amanda Benner at 765.714.4715 text/call



What's Happening in 4-H?



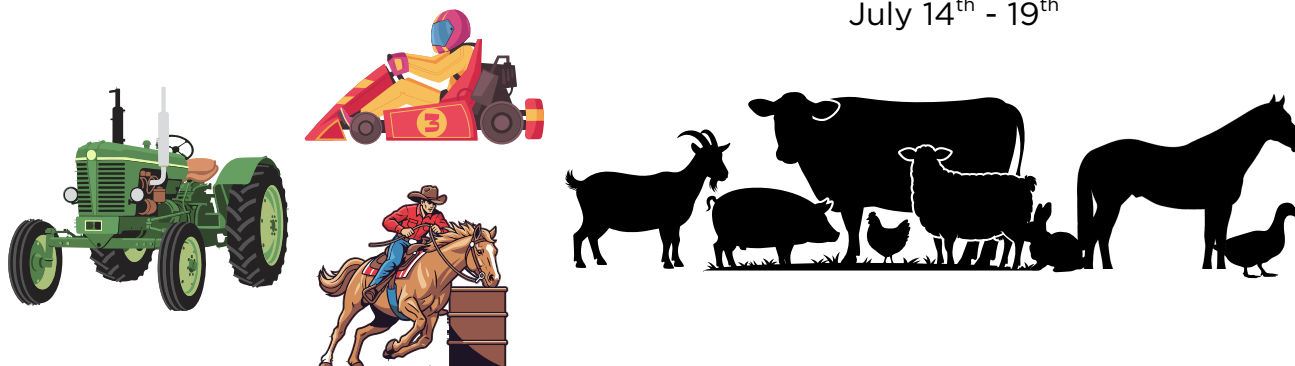
**SAVE
THE DATE**

June 22nd - FairEntry Deadline

ARE YOU WORKING
ON YOUR
Bingo ??
DUE BY JULY 19TH

Benton County Fair

July 14th - 19th



4-H Council Meetings
2nd Tuesdays @ Ext. office @ 7 pm

July 7



For other state level 4-H programs go to :
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>



JUNIOR LEADERS

NEW LOCATION

NEWS

2026 Meeting Dates

Meeting at the Benton County
Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m.

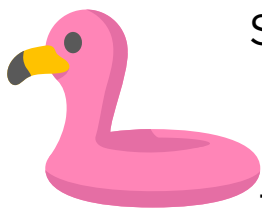
June 26



Get involved by participating in one of the following committees: **Community Involvement, Mini 4-H Committee, Stock-the-Trailer, Junior Leader Stand, Battle of the Barns, Adult Showmanship**



If you are in one of the subcommittee mentioned above, please make sure you are taking care of what you agreed to take care of or signed up to do.



Send Kelly an email (wallpe2@purdue.edu) with the phone number you want it to be sent to, so that you can be added to the Jr. Leader Group Me if you aren't already. This is where you can stay up to date on all the Jr. Leader meetings, committee updates and opportunities.

**Don't
Forget!**

**When enrolling in 4-HOnline,
please sign up for
Junior Leader Club and
Junior Leader Project.**

2026 Benton County Pre-Fair & Fair Schedule - Tentative

Fair Dates: July 14 - July 19

PRE-FAIR EVENTS

Sunday, June 28

2:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Tuesday, July 7

5:00-7:00 pm Fairgrounds Clean-Up

Thursday, July 9

5:00-7:00 pm Mini 4-H Project Check-in & Sharing - SEH

Friday, July 10

5:00-7:00 pm 4-H Project Check-in (ALL) – SEH

Saturday, July 11

8:30-9:00 am 4-H Foods Project Check-In - SEH

9:00 am 4-H Project Judging - SEH

Noon 4-H Consumer Clothing, Fashion Revue, Sewing,
Project Check-In & Judging – Conference Room

1:00 pm 4-H Aerospace Launch

1:00 pm 4-H Ag Tractor Contest

3:00 pm 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor, Zero-Turn Mower
Contest

Sunday, July 12

4:00 pm 4-H Cat & Pet Show - SEH

6:00 pm 4-H Dog Obedience Show – Show Arena

FAIR WEEK EVENTS

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 am-Noon 4-H Animal Check-In

Noon–10:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open – SEH

11:30 am 4-H Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

2:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Show – Show Arena

6:30 pm 4-H Fashion Revue – Show Arena

4-H 10 Year Member Recognition – Show Arena

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 am 4-H Goat Show

10:00 am- 9:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open – SEH

1:00 pm 4-H Poultry Show

4:00 pm 4-H Beef Weigh-In

Thursday, July 16

9:00 am 4-H Beef Show – Show Arena

10:00 am–9:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open – SEH

1:00 pm 4-H Sheep Show – Show Arena

4:00-5:00 pm Mini 4-H Day Activities – SEH

7:00 pm Swine Weigh-in (in Swine Barn)

Friday, July 17

7:00-10:00 am Castongia's Breakfast – 4-H Food Building

9:00 am 4-H Horse & Pony Show – Horse Arena

10:00 am–9:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open – SEH

4:00 pm Mini 4-H Day Activities – SEH

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am 4-H Horse & Pony Contesting

11:00 am 4-H Swine Show – Show Arena

10:00 am–9:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open – SEH

3:00 pm Adult Showmanship

4:00 pm Mini 4-H Day Activities – SEH

6:00 pm 4-H Auction Sign-up Deadline

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am–7:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open - SEH

3:00 pm 4-H Supreme Showmanship – Show Arena

3:30 pm Herdsman Awards – Show Arena

4:30 pm 4-H Group Pictures – Show Arena

4:30 pm 4-H Battle of the Barns

5:00-7:00 pm 4-H Project Release – SEH

6:00 pm 4-H Animal Release

POST-FAIR EVENTS

Monday, July 20

9:00 am 4-H Livestock Auction – SEH

SEH – South Event Hall

LIVESTOCK

NEWS

Checklist

- ☒ Have possession & ownership of your animal(s) by May 15
- ☒ Enter Animal ID in 4HOnline by May 15
- ☐ Enter animals in FairEntry by June 22
- ☐ Complete 4-H QLC or YQCA (turn YQCA certificate to wallpe2@purdue.edu)
- ☐ Complete record sheet and submit to your Barn Superintendent at fair check-in
- ☐ Attend, beef, goat, sheep, and/or swine weigh-in at the fair

2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

DON'T FORGET

**June 22nd - FairEntry
Deadline**

All projects must be
registered in FairEntry by
June 22nd



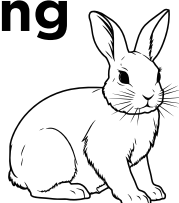
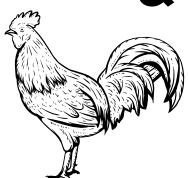
Dog Obedience Meetings

Every Wednesday
6 - 7 p.m.
@ the Fairgrounds



Poultry Blood Testing & Rabbit Tattooing

Thursday, June 18th
7 - 8:30 p.m.



Barn Superintendents

Beef

Kalob Weigle
765.421.8970

Goats

Melissa Fox
765.404.0969

Horse & Pony

Cassie Dalton
765.404.4038

Poultry

Kelly Wallpe
765.884.1588

Rabbit

Alex Ardapple
765.430.2056

Sheep

Kristi Kretzmeier
765.426.1127

Swine

Jeff Fields
765-426-5708

QLC

all workshops are at 6pm

June 23rd - Tippecanoe
sign up on **4-HOnline** under
Events - Benton, Fountain,
Tippecanoe, Warren - IN 4-H
Quality Livestock Care

MINI 4-H

NEWS

NEW LOCATION

2026 Meeting Dates

Meeting at the Benton County
Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m.

June 26



Benton County Mini 4-H



May's Mini 4-H Meeting

- Genealogy
- Solar Energy
- Decorate Adult Showmanship Ribbons

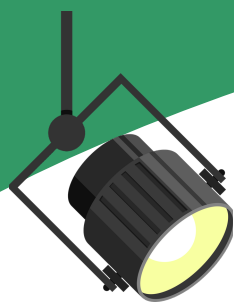


4-H Mini Project Woodworking

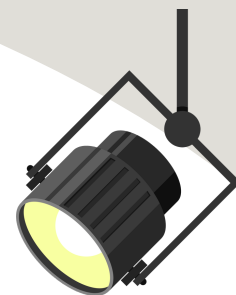
This project is an introduction to the wonderful world of woodworking! For this project, members get to assemble and finish (stain/paint) a basic woodworking kit. The final product is displayed at the fair. Check out your Mini 4-H Handbook for details!

If you have not received the Mini 4-H Handbook, it is available at:

Benton County Mini 4-H Handbook
or stop by the office.



BENTON 4-H SPOTLIGHTS



4-H Members

Raegan Musser

How many years have you been in 4-H? - 4 years

What is your favorite project? - Showing Pigs

What is your favorite part about 4-H? - Learning about all the different projects, taking pictures and working on my basket.

What advice would you give someone who's interested in joining 4-H? - Have fun, work hard, and start on your projects early.



Kathlyn Cox

How many years have you been in 4-H? - 9 years

What is your favorite project? - Livestock - Goats

What is your favorite part about 4-H? - My favorite part of 4-H is being a part of many hands-on experiences and showcase my love for animals through showing them at the fair.

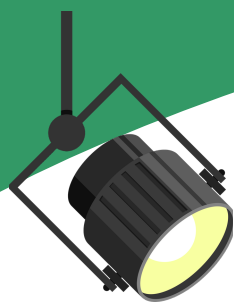
What advice would you give someone who's interested in joining 4-H? - Join 4-H! 4-H is such a unique, incredible thing to be involved in, and 4-H has allowed me to connect with my community in ways I never would have if I didn't join.



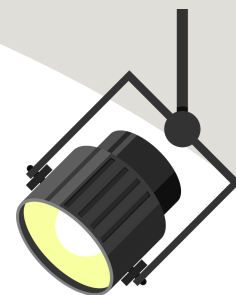
4-H Project

Forestry

The 4-H forestry project will help you to learn how to identify different species of trees, learn about their uses and benefits, and understand the importance of our woodlands. A better knowledge of trees and woodlands leads to greater enjoyment of the outdoors. Understanding tree characteristics will allow future landowners to choose the best varieties for urban or rural benefits that include cooling, wildlife habitat, and reducing erosion and other types of pollution.



BENTON 4-H SPOTLIGHTS



4-H Volunteer

Kalob Weigle

How many years have you been volunteering for 4-H? - 8 years

What is your favorite part about being a 4-H volunteer? - I genuinely enjoy interacting with the youth throughout the year and take a great deal of pride in helping them exhibit the projects that they have invested so much time and effort into.

What is your volunteer role? What interested you in being active in this role? - Beef Cattle — Our family has been involved in 4-H, specifically the beef barn in Benton County going back decades. I was humbled and excited when the opportunity came to give back to a community that has given so much to our family.

What would you tell someone who is interested in becoming a volunteer? - Do not hesitate. Life is busy and committing your time may seem challenging, but what you will find is that you do have the time and you will not regret it.



4-H Volunteer Opportunity

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is a rewarding volunteer opportunity that helps guide 7th–12th grade youth as they develop confidence, leadership skills, and a commitment to service. Adult volunteers mentor support participants as they plan and lead club meetings, organize activities, coordinate fundraisers, and complete community service projects.

By volunteering with Junior Leaders, you're doing more than giving back to your community—you're helping the next generation learn how to do the same. Your guidance and encouragement can have a lasting impact as teens grow into capable, responsible leaders.

2026 4-H SPONSORS

GOLD LEVEL

Alliance Bank Oxford & Otterbein
Warren County REMC
Keystone Cooperative

SILVER LEVEL

Evolve Ag
Fowler State Bank
Geswein Farm & Land
Ron & Lynda Freeland
Ryan & Annee Snodgrass

thanks
for your
support

GREEN LEVEL

7 HD - Winners Drink Milk
Barce & Redlin PC
Brouillette Heating, Cooling, & Plumbing
Curt & Tracy Albertson
Doug & Karyn Musser
Dwenger Excavating Contractors, Inc.
Fowler Family Dentistry
Gibson Furniture
Griffin Farmland, LLC
Judd & Cris Burgett
Junior Farmers 4-H Club
Katrina Molter, State Farm Insurance
Kentland Veterinary Clinic, LLP
McFall's Service Station
Oxford Lions Club
Pat & Jennifer Zink
Roger & Janice Worley
Ron Charlesworth Family
Shane & Sara Gretencord Family
Sheets Family Dentistry
Steve & Lana Wallpe
Stockland Grain Co Inc
Strasburger Trucking, Inc
Terry Harman Family
Tom & Janet Gretencord
Tom & Patty Suiter
Walt Smith

Club Information

Dan Patch

Emily Matthys Bennett
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ematthysbennett@gmail.com

Meeting at Oxford Public Library
all meetings at 6:00pm on the 3rd
Wednesday

June 17

Fowler's Finest

Anne Snodgrass
765-543-4098
suitera@hotmail.com

Ryan Snodgrass
765-588-8923
suitera@hotmail.com

July 9
6-7pm @ Monarch Commons -
Book Signing only

Hometown Hubsters

Alex Ardapple
765-430-2056
lilardapple@gmail.com

Meeting at Boswell Town Hall
at 7:00 pm

June 10

Horse & Pony

Cassie Dalton
765-404-4038
cdalton@benton.k12.in.us

June 14 6pm @
Fairgrounds/Open Ride
June 28 6pm @
Fairgrounds/Open Ride

Junior Farmers

Kristi Kretzmeier
765-426-1127
kretzmeier5@msn.com

Karyn Musser
765-427-5121
karyn.musser@lanxess.com

Meeting at OUMC
405 E Oxford St., Otterbein
all meetings at 5:00pm

June 14
June 28

Junior Leaders

Carrie Buck
765-491-1772
buck.carrie@gmail.com

Kelly Wallpe
765-884-1588
wallpe2@purdue.edu

Dilynn Harmon
765-884-0140
hamil224@purdue.edu

June 26

Lucky Pines

Ryan Pyke
812-890-9017
rpyke552002@yahoo.com

Genessa Robinson
765-210-7212
genessab3@hotmail.com

Meeting at St. Patrick Church
Hall except on 6-4
all meetings held 6-7pm

July 1

Parish Grove

Carrie Buck
765-491-1772
buck.carrie@gmail.com

Lynn Lucy
219-869-1574
lsondgeroth@gmail.com

June 14 7pm @ Buck's
June 28 7pm @ Wallpe's

Discover
Yourself
in 4-H 



BINGO

Turn in by Sunday,
July 19th

Sign up for 4-H before Jan 15th	Learn by Doing - learn a skill	Walk 10,000 steps	Read information about your project	Go to 3 club meetings
Turn in your Ugift code	Participate in a workshop/ 4-H camp	Sign up to work the food stand	Send someone a thank you card	Complete all record sheets
Make the Best Better - improve something	Volunteer for at least 1 hr in your community	Discover Yourself in 4-H 	Help someone	Participate in a second workshop
Sign up projects in FairEntry	Read your 4-H newsletter	Do a demonstration	Drink 24 oz of water for a week	Complete your project(s)
Help with fairgrounds clean-up	Send a volunteer a thank you card	Teach someone the 4-H pledge	Tell a friend about 4-H	Sign up for more than 1 project

- Complete one row, either horizontal, vertical, or diagonal and receive a \$5 gift card to a local ice cream shop
- Complete the whole card and receive an admission and kid's combo at the Fowler Theatre.