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## Fall 2022 4-H Newsletter

### GENERAL INFO

**Holiday Closings:** The Extension Office will be closed on November 8 for Election Day, November 11 for Veterans Day, November 24-25 for Thanksgiving, December 23-26 for Christmas and December 30 for New Year holiday.

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**Awards Celebration:** Save the Date for the 2022 4-H Awards Celebration on Saturday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m. This free event is open to all 4-H families. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Extension Office at 765-641-9514.

### 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

**Don't miss out – sign up for 4-H now!** Online enrollment is available at <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you need assistance, please call the Extension Office. We are happy to help. The program fee for grades 3-12 remains at \$25 per member, and you are not officially enrolled until the fee is paid. There is no program fee for Mini 4-H members (grades K-2.)

**Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse** is a fun emergency preparedness event on Saturday, October 22 from 9-11:30 for youth in grades 3-6. This event is FREE to 4-H members OR it is \$25 and includes a year of 4-H membership! Registration is available on <https://v2.4honline.com> under "Events."

**Junior Leaders** is a 4-H club open to members in grades 7-12 focusing on developing leadership skills, promoting community service and offering social development within 4-H. Meetings are held once per month. For more information, email Bill Decker at [wdecker@purdue.edu](mailto:wdecker@purdue.edu) or call 765-641-9514.

**4-H STEM Spark Clubs** are being held at Purdue Polytechnic—Anderson from October 18 until May 23. Three separate clubs will focus on rockets (October and November), robots (December—March), and drones (April—May). Clubs are limited to the first 15 to enroll. For more information, email Bill Decker at [wdecker@purdue.edu](mailto:wdecker@purdue.edu) or call 765-641-9514.

**Stock the Trailer:** The Madison County Junior Leaders participated in the Stock the Trailer food drive during the county fair. They came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America by collecting 7080 pounds of food. They were awarded \$2000 to impact their community and were able to donate all of that food to Madison County food pantries.

**2023 4-H Camp Counselors** (grades 9-12) are needed for 4-H Camp May 31-June 2. 4-H Camp is a fun filled overnight experience for youth in grades 3-5. If you are interested in being a camp counselor, please email Jessica Scholer at [jaschole@purdue.edu](mailto:jaschole@purdue.edu). Camp counselor experience is a great activity to put on scholarship applications!

**Fair Dates:** The 2023 Madison County 4-H Fair will be held July 16-22. A detailed schedule of events will be released in the spring.

**Night of Lights:** 4-H Junior Leaders will be decorating a camp site in the holiday decoration event at Mounds State Park this year. If you have decorations that can be donated for use, please contact Bill Decker at [wdecker@purdue.edu](mailto:wdecker@purdue.edu).

**Mandatory Volunteer Training** contributes to the safety and protection of our 4-H members. All adult volunteers are required to complete annual training as part of the re-enrollment in 4Honline or in-person from Purdue staff. We encourage you to re-enroll as soon as possible so that you can lead opportunities for the 4-H members. Bill and Jessica will be offering in-person training for anyone who would prefer on October 22 after the Awards Celebration and again in November during club leader training.

**Club Leader Training** for all club leaders and any other interested volunteers on Thursday, November 10 from 7-9 PM. We will be focusing on keeping the club meetings FUN. Club leaders who attend will leave with practical ideas and physical resources to use at their club meetings. In addition, club leaders will be shown how to access their on-line club member lists.

**4-H Scholarship** applications will be available soon! Watch your email for information.

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