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4-H NEWSLETTER

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Wayne County 4-H**

Wayne County 4-H Families,

A new 4-H year is here! We are so excited to bring your 4-H members a variety of opportunities and experiences that we are sure will help you see them thrive. As we start out the year I wanted to take a moment to share with you things that we are doing to make sure you and your member(s) stay informed.

Included with this month's Newsletter is a 4-H Family Guide that includes everything you need to know about Wayne County 4-H. Other ways you can stay informed about what is going on in our 4-H Program are: Reading the Monthly Newsletter and any other papers mailed to you, Following and Liking our Facebook Page, Reading Emails from Jessica or I, and reading the Illinois 4-H Emails. We hope that your member(s) take advantage of some of our new programs and workshops we hope that this is the best 4-H year yet!

If you have any questions or want to share an idea to help our 4-H program, please reach out to me at rclittle@illinois.edu or call the Wayne County Extension Office at 618-842-3702.

I hope to see you all at a National 4-H Week Event and Achievement Night. Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,

Ryan Littlejohn

Ryan Littlejohn
Extension Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development
Wayne County



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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4-H Record Books Due Enrollment Opens	2
3	4 Office Closed	5	6 Ambassador Training 6 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting	14 Tech Fest for 5th Grade	15	16 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 4-H Staff at Fall Conference
24 2 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	25	26 <u>Robotics Club informational meeting</u> 6 PM	27 <u>Federation Meeting</u> 7 PM	28	29	30

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Pickleball Night 6 PM	3 Dodgeball Night 5:30 PM	4 Family Night	5 Board Game/Movie Night 7 PM	6 4-H Carnival Night 6 PM	7
8	9 Fall Workshop 10-11 AM	10	11 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting	12	13	14 Foundation Fish Fry
15 2 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
22	23	24	25 Federation Meeting 7 PM	26	27	28 Shooting Sports Instructor Training
29	30	31				



Awards ✨ *Food* ✨ *Fun* ✨

YOU ARE INVITED!!
Wayne County
Achievement Night
NOVEMBER | 10 | 2023

6:00 PM DINNER
6:30 PM AWARDS
PRESENTATION

CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
1700 OUTER W
DELAWARE ST,
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837



Please RSVP by emailing
jasimpso@illinois.edu or calling 618-842-3702 by
October 1, 2023

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NEW THIS YEAR!

Thanks to the generosity of the Wayne County 4-H Foundation, we will have a Spaghetti Dinner served at our Achievement Night! Every 4-H member and their family are invited to attend and to be recognized for the hard work our members have done over the last year and see their accomplishments. Volunteers and their families are invited as well, as we will recognize their hard work in our program as well.

Please RSVP by October 1 to the Extension Office.

WAYNE COUNTY WORKSHOPS 2023-2024

New Member Workshop/Club

Officer Training

Christmas Ornaments Ages 5-18

Clothing and Textiles-Sewing

Candle Making



Charcuterie Boards

Cloverbud-Animals

Livestock Workshops



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Federation Kick-Off Night

Join Ryan, the Wayne County EPC, and the Federation Team at our Federation Kick-Off Night. Come prepared to WIN as we take on Minute to Win It Games. The winner of the most games will get to take home a NEW Backpack!

4-H members in 8th grade and older are welcome to join our team!

Our next Federation meeting is
September 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Wayne County Extension Office Meeting Room



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

4-H IS A FEELING OCTOBER 1ST-7TH, 2023

MONDAY PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Join the Pickleball Players of Wayne County for Family Pickleball Night! No Pickleball experience is needed, WCPP will provide everything needed to play and teach everyone how to play. We will meet at the Lakeside Tennis Courts at 6 PM. Registration is limited so sign up today! Registration Link is found on the back of this page. Risk Form needed.

TUESDAY DODGEBALL NIGHT

Dodge Ball Tournament at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 4-H'ers and their friends age 8 and older. 7th grade and younger will play in separate games from the 8th grade and older. Games are from 7:00-8:00 pm with registration being at 5:30 pm. Drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own as long as it has a lid. Must bring a canned good to participate. Risk Form needed.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

4-H Green Day & Family Night, wear your club shirts or other green clothing to school or work. Be ready to tell everyone who asks what 4-H is! Then go home and discuss with your family things you would like to see in Wayne County this year and share with us your ideas and pictures on our Facebook Page University of Illinois Extension-Wayne County 4-H.

THURSDAY BOARD GAME/MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at the Wayne County Extension office for all the Board Games you can imagine while we watch a movie and enjoy snacks! Bring a friend to show them all the fun things we do in 4-H.

FRIDAY 4-H CARNIVAL NIGHT

4-H Members and anyone in Wayne County are invited to come to the 4-H Carnival to end our 4-H Week Celebration. There is no cost to participate and there will be games for all ages! If you know of anyone interested in joining Wayne County 4-H, invite them to come and talk to our Leaders and Extension Staff! We invite 4-H Members to bring projects for the community members to look at to get an idea of what 4-H offers.

This will be such a fun week and we hope to see everyone there! Be on the look out for things around the community from our Wayne County 4-H Ambassadors!



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National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, 4-H Is A Feeling, we are lifting up youth voices and showing families that 4-H is more than a feeling, 4-H provides empowering experiences that create confidence and foster a sense of real belonging for kids everywhere. 4-H provides youth a place to feel valued, heard, and connected. Be part of something bigger.

Members, volunteers, and alumni show your 4-H pride and wear a clover!
Use the #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media

Participate in Spirit Week and share your photos! Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook Messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed:
Service Project Sunday 10/1 – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.

Member Monday 10/2 – Show that you are a proud 4-H member!
Post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.

Time Machine Tuesday 10/3– Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.

Why 4-H Wednesday 10/4 – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.

Thankful Thursday 10/5 – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!

Favorite Project Friday 10/6 – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project.

Spirit Saturday 10/7 - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today!

Family Pickleball Night Registration Link



go.illinois.edu/Waynepickleball





Wayne County
4-H Visual Arts
Workshop

OCTOBER 9, 2023

Anyone ages 5-18 is
invited to come and make
Visual Arts Projects with
a Fall Theme!

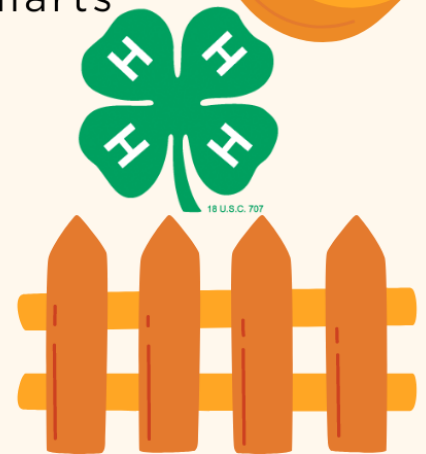
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Wayne County
Extension Office
Meeting Room

Register by scanning the QR code
or going to
go.illinois.edu/Waynefallvisualarts

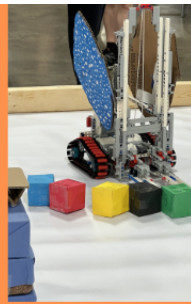


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WAYNE COUNTY ROBOTICS CLUB

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING OR ROBOTICS? MAYBE YOU ARE CREATIVE AND WANT TO BUILD AND DESIGN THE ROBOT AND THE PLAYING BOARD. ALL THESE THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THE ROBOTICS CLUB!



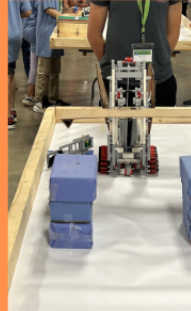
JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6:00 PM FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT THE WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT RYAN AT RCLITTLE@ILLINOIS.EDU OR 618-842-3702



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YOU'RE INVITED! TO PART 1 OF 2 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP SERIES

WHEN: NOVEMBER 18TH

WHERE: WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

TIME: 9-11 AM

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15TH BY CALLING THE
EXTENSION OFFICE

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H CLUB

OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday November 18, 2023

1:00-3:00 P.M.

ALL Club Officers are expected to attend
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Statewide Newsletter Coming this Fall

The State 4-H Office is excited to launch a statewide newsletter starting in September!

What does this mean for you? You'll get all the info you count on from your county plus bigger highlights of statewide and national experiences. We'll use our current enrollment list and you can easily opt-out, but we hope this will be a great way to make sure you don't miss a thing!



Illinois 4-H State Shoots in rifle, pistol, archery, and shotgun are intended to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to compete with those with like interests from throughout Illinois. Registration is open on Zsuite! 4-H'ers must be 12 years by Sept. 1, 2023 and currently enrolled in an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club. All participants will receive a shirt.

Illinois 4-H State Archery Shoot, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL.

Illinois Ducks Unlimited 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL. Fee: \$15

Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. Fee: \$40

Become a 4-H Shooting Sports Club Leader

Help youth in your county! A 4-H Shooting Sports Club leader may be a parent or other adult in the community who is interested in working with young people on basic shooting skills and safety. Interested adults don't have to be expert marksmen to become involved in the program.

Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Fairfield Gun Club in Wayne County. Your 4-H staff person MUST preregister you.