



Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



August 2023

Calendar of 4-H Events

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August

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Unit #25—Edwards, Lawrence,
Richland, Wabash, & Wayne

- 8 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Christian Church
- 12 General Project Day at the Illinois State Fair
- 15 Ambassador Applications due
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 16 Yankees Mtg., 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 23 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC
- 26 Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club



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you need a reasonable
accommodation to participate in
this program please contact the
Edwards County Extension office
at 618-445-2934. Early requests
are strongly encouraged to allow
sufficient time for meeting you
access needs.

**We appreciate the support of all the leaders, volunteers and families
that helped make the Edwards County 4-H shows a success!**

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Edwards County 4-H



Award Forms

It will soon be time to have award forms completed for the 2022-2023 4-H year. All forms for County Awards can be found on the Extension Website:

<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> If you are planning on applying for an award, please plan on attending Achievement Night.

Project Books

If you have project books that are gently used and not written in, please return them to the Extension office. They will be put to good use, another member can use them.

Sr. Federation

All high school age 4-H members are urged to join Sr. Federation. If you want more information, contact Debbie Fearn or attend the next meeting. Watch the Edwards Co. 4-H Facebook page for date of the next meeting.

4-H Year Begins September 1

The new 2023-2024 4-H year begins September 1, 2023. Youth ages 8-18 by September 1, 2023 may enroll as a 4-H member. Youth ages 5-7 by September 1, 2023 can enroll as a Tag-A-Long. Invite a friend to your next meeting and encourage classmates to join the fun of 4-H!

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports is held the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. If you need more information contact the Extension office at 618-445-2934. New members are welcome!

Record Collection Coming Soon!

Records collection date is not decided. You can be getting them completed to turn back into the office. They will have to be turned into the office to show completion of your projects and to get a pin at Achievement Night. Please note: All secretary and treasurer books MUST be turned in by this deadline!

Achievement Night

Achievement Night date has not been set at this time. But, we hope all members and families will be in attendance. We will be celebrating the great year we have had in Edwards County 4-H!

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Doug Bunting, he was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Doug will receive recognition on Saturday, August 12 at the Illinois State Fair!

Youth Auction

There was a great turn out for the Youth Auction. Thanks to the Federation kids for putting on a great Celebrity Showmanship Event! We appreciate your efforts in making it a great evening.

State Fair Day

Edwards County will be represented well on State Fair Day, on August 12. We have several of our youth going to participate with their General and Food Projects that were named State Fair Delegates at the local shows. GOOD LUCK to all!

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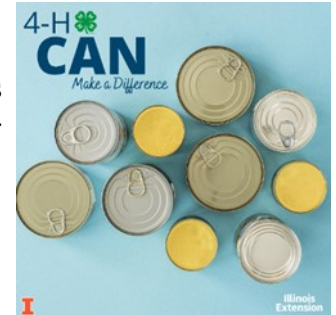


Statewide Newsletter Coming this Fall

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!

4-H CAN Make a Difference Food Drive

The 4-H Can Make a Difference Can/Non-Perishable Food drive is back at the Illinois State Fair this year! This year we will be collecting food by weight to see which county brings in the most items. The top three counties in the state will receive a prize of which you can distribute in your county by your own discretion. We will be located inside the Orr building this year by the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Booth on the South Side of the building. We will be collecting on each county fair day where projects are being shown (August 11-13). We cannot wait to see the huge amount of items that counties bring in!



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. Fee: \$20 [Register here.](#)

Illinois **Ducks Unlimited** 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL. Fee: \$15 [Register here.](#) *Sponsored by Illinois Ducks Unlimited*

Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. Fee: \$40 [Register here.](#)

Learn more about all our state shoots here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>

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. Learn more here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteer/shooting-sports-volunteers>

Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Fairfield Gun Club in Wayne County. Your 4-H staff person MUST preregister you at <https://form.jotform.com/223146977290059>



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4-H Camp Registration



FAMILY CAMP AT 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP

Family Camp is back for 2023! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. Sept. 8-10, 2023 we will be holding a Fall Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Dates: September 8-10, 2023

Fees:

Cabin Rental- \$215

Participant Fee-8 years old and older: \$84/person

4-7 years old: \$56/person

Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>

If you have any questions, please contact:

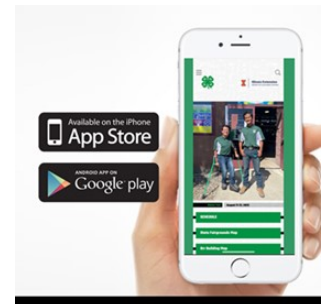
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Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!

Headed to the Orr Building in August? The State Fair Illinois 4-H General Project Show has gone mobile! View the schedule, maps, exhibitor info, and more. Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Illinois_4-H or view [App Download Instructions](#) (en Español también) for more information.



Become a Healthy Living Ambassador!

Applications are open for the Healthy Living Ambassador Team! This team works to assist with healthy living programs and workshops in communities while developing leadership and collaborative skills as you serve on this statewide team. If you're creative, outgoing, and a positive role model, this might be the team for you!

Applicants must be in grades 9-11 and enrolled in 4-H. Apply here by August 11: go.illinois.edu/HLAapplication

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Edwards County 4-H Dog Show Results

In the Dog Care portion of the Edwards County 4-H Dog Show held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Kay-sen Kelsey was named the Dog Care Champion. He was awarded a trophy donated by Albion Moose Family Center. Makayla Carrell was the Reserve Dog Care Champion.

In the Obedience portion, Reagan Bogle was named Beginning Novice I Champion and received a trophy donated by Lyndle and Charlotte Barnes. Jaycey Buerster received the Beginning Novice I Reserve Champion ribbon. In the Beginning Novice 2 class, Elaina Kearbey won the Champion trophy donated by The First National Bank of West Salem. Alyssa Smith received the Beginning Novice 2 Reserve Champion ribbon. Kwade Sawyer was named Preferred Novice Champion and received a trophy donated by Judge Jerry Crisel. Elizabeth Spillman received the Reserve Champion ribbon for Preferred Novice. The Novice Champion trophy donated by Prairie Farms Dairy; Inc. was awarded to Kwade Sawyer. The Reserve Champion ribbon for Novice went to Elizabeth Spillman. Thank you to our judge Mike Claypool for judging our show.

Edwards County Equine Show

The Edwards County Equine show was held Friday, July 28. The Senior Showmanship winner was Olivia Bosecker who received a belt buckle donated by Bailey Enterprises, Inc. The Junior Showmanship winner was Josie Shelby who received a belt buckle donated by Shane Pritchett, of United Mutual Insurance. The Novice division belt buckle, donated by Bunting Quarter Horse, Don & Nancy Bunting was awarded to Waylon Pritchett. Thank you to our judge Regan Wright from Mt. Carmel, IL for judging the show and to Dustin Hawkins Integrity Real Estate for providing the sound system.

Edwards County 4-H Rabbit Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Rabbit show was held Sunday, July 30th at COUNTRY Financial Hall. In the New Zealand division, Kylar VanMatre showed Best of Breed and the Best Opposite. In the Californians, Aleya Bare was named Best of Breed and Olivia Bosecker Best Opposite. In the Mini-Rex division, Trenton Jefferson showed Best of Breed. In the Lops, Hannah Perry showed Best of Breed and Aleya Bare Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Small division, Hannah Bare was the Best of Breed and Josie Shelby showed the Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Large division, Lane Abbott was named Best of Breed and Eli Compton the Best Opposite. In the Mixed Breeds division, Josie Shelby showed the Best of Breed and Hannah Bare Best Opposite.

The Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Lane Abbott. He received a banner donated by Steve Thomson - Country Financial. The Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Trenton Jefferson.

In the Market class, Grand Champion Market Rabbit was awarded to Aleya Bare. She received a banner donated by Herschel Johnson Implement, Inc. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit was shown by Kylar VanMatre. Kamryn Trowbridge was awarded the Rabbit Showmanship belt buckle donated by Jo Rector and Family. Thanks to J.C. Morgan for judging the show.

2023 Edwards County 4-H Small Pets

The Edwards County 4-H Small Pets Show was held on Sunday, July 30th. Don St. Ledger was the judge. Oakley Sawyer was chosen as the Jr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy presented by Colyer Coffeehouse and Brayden Sanford was chosen as the Sr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy from Rigg Family Care Pharmacy.

Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show was held Monday, July 31st. In the Hampshire Division Gabe Wyatt showed the Champion and the Reserve Champion Ewes. In the Corriedale Division the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes was shown by Jesse Spray. In the Cheviot Division JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion Ram and Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the Ewe classes. Davina Witte had the Champion Ram in the Polled Dorset class. Davina Witte, also, had the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Polled Dorset Ewe class. JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Montadale Rams and the Champion and Reserve Champion Montadale Ewes. In the Suffolk Ewe class Davina Witte showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes. Kenleigh Garrett had the Champion Ram and the Reserve Champion Ram was shown by Gabriella Spencer, in the Other Breeds class. Kenleigh Garrett had the Champion Ewe and Gabe Wyatt showed the Reserve Ewe in the Other Breeds class. The Champion Crossbred Ram was shown by Sydney Williams. Gabe Wyatt had both the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Ewes. Davina Witte showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Non-Registered Rams. Gabe Wyatt was awarded Champion and Reserve Champion in the Non-Registered Ewe class.

The Grand Champion Ram was awarded to JW Simms-Reisner and he received a banner donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The Reserve Grand Champion Ram was shown by Kenleigh Garrett.

The Grand Champion Ewe was shown by JW Simms-Reisner. Gabe Wyatt showed the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. JW Simms-Reisner received the banner donated by Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic.

In the Market Class, Gabe Wyatt showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb. The banner was donated by Farm Credit Services Illinois. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb was shown by Sydney Williams.

In the Showmanship Classes, the Senior division winner was Gabe Wyatt who received a belt buckle donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Sydney Williams won the Junior Showmanship belt buckle donated by Farm Credit Illinois. The Wesley and Kelly Fryman Novice Showmanship belt buckle went to Jesse Spray.

2023 Edwards County 4-H Poultry Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Poultry show was held on Thursday morning, August 4. In the white egg layers division, Liam McKinney showed the best of show rooster, Olivia Bosecker had the best of show hen, Liam McKinney had the best of show cockerel, and Natalie Shelby had the best of show pullet. In the colored egg layers, Lane Abbott showed the best of show rooster and Natalie Shelby the best of show hen, Liam McKinney had the best of show cockerel and the best of show pullet. In the fancy breeds division, Liam McKinney showed the best of show rooster, Matthew Bare had the best of show hen, Liam McKinney showed the best of show cockerel, Emily Spray the best of show pullet. Kylar VanMatre showed the best of show turkeys. Lane Abbott best of show waterfowl, and Kylar VanMatre best of show game birds. The best of show young pen went to Liam McKinney. The best of show older pen went to Olivia Bosecker. The barnyard special went to Kylar VanMatre. The Grand Champion Over All Breeds was shown by Liam McKinney, Matthew Bare received the Reserve Grand Champion Over All Breeds.

In the market class, Kylar VanMatre was named Grand Champion and received a banner donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois. Natalie Shelby was named Reserve Grand Champion. One dozen eggs best of show went to Emily Spray. Liam McKinney won the Showmanship class, which was judged on presentation and knowledge. He received a belt buckle donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois.



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Edwards County 4-H Bucket Calf & Beef Show Results

The Bucket Calf and Beef Shows were held Wednesday, August 2 at the 4-H arena on the Edwards County Fairgrounds. The Champion Beef Bucket Calf was shown by Ava Perkins who received a trophy donated by First Bank-Grayville. Ty Smith showed the Reserve Champion Calf.

Ava Perkins received the Showmanship Belt Buckle, donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion.

In the Beef Show, Davina Witte showed the Champion Hereford Female and received a trophy donated by Lawrence and Holly Speir. Tyler Knakmuhs showed the Reserve Champion Hereford Female. In the Angus Breed Aly Williams showed the Champion Female, receiving a trophy donated by Ray Livesay-Windy Hill Farm. J.W.Simms-Reisner received the Doug Raber, Agent – State Farm Insurance trophy for his Champion Simmental Female. Elizabeth Spillman showed the Reserve Champion Simmental Female. Kelly Hinderliter showed the Champion Shorthorn and received the trophy from Citizens National Bank. The Reserve Champion ribbon went to Chase Shelton. In the All Other Registered Breeds Female, Kelly Hinderliter won the Champion trophy donated by 5B Simmental. The Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Female was shown by Tyler Knakmuhs. The Champion Crossbred Female was shown by Aly Williams the trophy was donated by Les Smith, Attorney at Law. Aly Williams was the Reserve Champion in the Crossbred Female class. The Grand Champion Beef Female banner, donated by Ray Livesay – Windy Hill Farm, was awarded to Kelly Hinderliter. The Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female was, also, shown by Kelly Hinderliter.

The Grand Champion Market Steer was shown by Lidia Kelsey. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors. Jaxon Kelsey showed the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.

In the Showmanship Division, Lidia Kelsey was awarded the Senior Showmanship belt buckle donated by Donald St. Ledger, DVM. The Junior Showman was Zeb Ankenbrand, who won a belt buckle donated by the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club, In Memory of LuLu Kelsey. The Novice Showmanship belt buckle, donated by COUNTRY Financial – Doug Hortin, Agent was awarded to Kelly Hinderliter.

2023 Edwards County 4-H Goat Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Goat Show was held Tuesday afternoon, August 1. In the Dairy Goat division, Parker Biggs showed the Grand Champion Dairy Female. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Ag in the Classroom. Adalynn Potter showed the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Female. In the Meat Goat division, JW Simms-Reisner showed the Grand Champion Meat Female and Ellie Troyer showed the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Female. JW received the banner donated by the JTK Services Inc. The Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Ellie Troyer who received a banner donated by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Davina Witte.

In the Showmanship division, the Senior Showmanship Belt Buckle donated by Terry Mewes and Ashley Craig was awarded to JW Simms-Reisner. Chloe Iles won the Junior Showmanship Belt Buckle donated by Ingram/Meridith Funeral Home. In the Novice Class, Ellie Troyer won the belt buckle donated by the City of Albion.

2023 Master Showmanship

The Edwards Co. Master Showmanship Contest was held on Wednesday, August 2, at the 4-H barn. The 2023 Winner is Gabe Wyatt. The reserve is Tori Thompson. Trophy was presented by Neil and Debbie Fearn.

2023 4-H Food & Clothing Show

The Edwards County 4-H Food and Clothing Show was held Monday, June 19, 2023. Thank you to Sharlee Aaron and Bonita Thomason for judging the food exhibits, and to Colleen Kensler for judging clothing.

In the clothing show, Claire Doelling was awarded Best of Show, in Clothing I and was chosen as a State Fair Delegate. Jennica Kitchene and Alivia Houser were also, chosen as State Fair Delegates in Clothing I. Brooklyn Kitchene is a State Fair Alternate, in Clothing I. Lillian Bare was awarded Best of Show and State Fair Delegate in Shopping in Style. Lillian took part in Fashion Revue and will receive the Fashion Revue trophy.

In the food show, Best of Show designations were awarded too: Alyssa Smith - Cooking 101; Emily Spray - Cooking 201; Emily Spray - Cooking 301; Addison Anderson - Cooking 401; Alyson Williams - Food Preservation and Hayley Perry - Food Science III; Addison Anderson - Sports Nutrition. Seven exhibitors were chosen as State Fair delegates: Addison Anderson, Emily Spray, Hannah Perry, Hayley Perry, London Kirkpatrick, Alyson Williams and Landon Loyd. State Fair alternates are Brayden Sanford, Keira Willett, Hallie Shelton and Kamryn Trowbridge.

2023 General Project Show

The 4-H General Projects Show was held Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the Country Financial Hall Building on the Edwards County Fairgrounds. 4-H members exhibited their projects for judging. The results for the 4-H General Show are as follows:

4-H members receiving Best of Show award in their class: Sydney Williams-Floriculture A, Evelyn Edwards-Vegetable/Fruit Display, Hannah Perry-Electricity I, Aiden Houser-Electricity II, Brandt Metcalf-Tractor A, Anthony Houser-Shooting Sports, Conner Perkins-Woodworking I, Chase Shelton-Woodworking III, Adalynn Potter-Health II, Zoey Bare-Health I, Hannah Perry-Intercultural, Keira Willett-Visual Arts Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Jackson Shelby-Visual Arts Metal, Evalynn Edwards-Visual Arts Scrapbooking, Aiden Houser-Visual Arts Clay, Hallie Shelton and Elaina Kearbey- Visual Arts Quilting, Kylar VanMatre-2D Visual Arts Paper, Cara Robertson-Visual Arts Beginning Food Decorating, Zoie Ankenbrand-Visual Arts Intermediate Food Decorating, Madison Miller-Video/Filmmaking, Hanna Waggoner-Entomology Beekeeping II, Lucas Troyer-Sportsfishing II, Hannah Perry-Wildlife III, Chloe Hammond-Photography I, Jaycey Buerster-Photography II, Zoie Ankenbrand-Photography III, Lydia Shelby-Creative Writing, Gracie Fenton-Family Heritage, Cody Greathouse-Welding, Kylar VanMatre-Geology, Outdoor Adventures I-Jackson Miller.

The following 4-H members were chosen as State Fair Delegates: Sydney Williams and Zoie Ankenbrand-Floriculture A, Evalynn Edwards-Vegetable/Fruit Display, Hannah Perry, Aiden Houser and Kylar VanMatre-Electricity, Anthony Houser – Shooting Sports, Conner Perkins and Chase Shelton-Woodworking, Adalynn Potter and Zoey Bare Health, Hannah Perry-Intercultural, Keira Willett-Visual Arts-Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Keira Willett and Reagan Bogle-Visual Arts/Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Matthew Bare-Visual Arts Metal, Hayley Perry and Evalynn Edwards-Visual Arts Scrapbooking, Hannah Perry-Visual Arts Clay, Hallie Shelton-Visual Arts Quilting, Kylar VanMatre-2D Visual Arts Paper, Cara Robertson and Zoie Ankenbrand-Visual Arts Food Decorating, Madison Miller-Video/Filmmaking, Hanna Waggoner-Entomology Beekeeping II, Lucas Troyer-Sportsfishing II, Hannah Perry-Wildlife III, Zoie Ankenbrand, Brayden Childers and Jaycey Buerster Photography, Lydia Shelby-Creative Writing, Gracie Fenton-Family Heritage, Cody Greathouse-Welding, Kylar VanMatre-Geology. Thank you to all the leaders, parents, volunteers, and judges who helped during the show. These volunteers are what makes this program successful for our youth. We really appreciate your support.

END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



The 4-H Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events from club to national events. Available levels you can qualify for include Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, and Emerald. Head here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships> to learn more and apply!



Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Gardening, Agriculture & Food Access, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, or STEM/Robotics?

Apply for a scholarship honoring your experience and passion in these areas!

Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-19 as of 9/1/2023. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2022-2023 4-H year and applicants can only win one scholarship per program year and can only win once in each of the different award areas.

Apply now through November 1 when you head here: <https://form.jotform.com/231274184793159>



Does your 4-H club excel in community service, leadership, or project mastery? Submit your club for a 4-H Club Recognition Award! Learn more and submit your application before October 1st here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We want to thank everyone for attending and participating in the 4-H shows this year. We are always looking for ways we can improve your 4-H experience, whether you are a 4-H member, leader, volunteer, parent or community member. We have created an anonymous Post 4-H Fair survey for everyone that attended any part of this year's 4-H fair shows. We encourage everyone to participate in this quick survey as it helps us to better everyone's 4-H experience for next year! Just go to: <https://go.illinois.edu/EdwardsPostFairSurvey2023> to fill it out. We appreciate your honest feedback as we are always looking for ways to improve!



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State Events

August 2023

- August 1 Deadline to apply for National 4-H Congress
- Superior Young Producers Contest at State Fair
- August 11-13 General Projects days at State Fair

September 2023

- September 1 4-H New Year Begins
- September 16 State Archery Shoot
- September 23 State Shotgun Shoot
- September 30-October 1 Changemakers Conference

October 2023

- October 1-7 National 4-H Week
- October 7 State Rifle Shoot

November 2023

- November 3-4 Junior Leadership Conference
- November 24-28 National 4-H Congress

January 2024

- Junior Livestock Conference

Reminder!

If you received a trophy or banner at the fair be sure to send them a thank you!

Our donors are a very important part of Edwards County 4-H!

**Buyers Cards will be available soon!
Please thank your buyers and the businesses or individuals that added on!**