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# Richland County 4-H NEWSLETTER



## Calendar of Events

### March

- 2 YQCA Training
- 4-9 Richland County 4-H Week
- 6 Public Speaking Contest
- 9 Goat Workshop in Wabash County
- 13 Spark at the Library
- 13 YQCA Training

### April

- 8 Office Closed to the public - working remotely
- 10 Spark at the Library

## Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals are as follows:

**January 1, 2024:** Market Beef, Dairy cows, Dairy Goat milking does

**April 15, 2024:** All Swine

**May 1, 2024:** All breeding beef, bucket calf, all meat goats, all novelty goats, all Horse, all poultry, all rabbit and all sheep

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects must have the animals in their possession.





# GOAT WORKSHOP

## March 9th

at the

## Wabash County Fairgrounds

### 10 am - noon



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University of Illinois, 118 Department of Agriculture - Local Extension Councils Co-sponsoring  
The University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.  
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact your  
local Extension office. Fair by request, not a priority. We encourage you to attend in person, but  
we will accept your needs.

Wabash County 4-H will be hosting a Goat Workshop on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10 am- 12 pm at the Wabash County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn located at 15039 Four H Lane, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

This is a hands-on experience for youth to learn about goat selection and how to get your goat project started. Topics such as early care, feed, facilities, health, and more will be covered. The main focus of this workshop will be on meat goats and dairy goats but information on pygmy goats can be provided. This workshop is open to all of Unit 25 (Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne).



### QAEC Training

For members enrolled in **horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:**

This would be your first year in one of the above projects. If you are required to complete the YQCA, it will count for the QAEC—you **do NOT need to complete both.**

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ [web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/). NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. This certification is a one time certification and does not need to be redone every year.

### YQCA Training

Attention youth enrolled in **Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, and Swine.** It is that time again to get certified in YQCA. For new members enrolled in these species this is a yearly certification you must complete by June 1, 2024 to exhibit livestock at the 2024 Richland County Fair.

There are two ways you can get certified, the first is an online course and second being a face-to-face training. If you pick the online course visit [YQCAprogram.org](http://YQCAprogram.org) and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the face-to-face training also visit [YQCAprogram.org](http://YQCAprogram.org) and select in-person training and then find the date you are wanting to attend and register for it online. You must register for an in-person training online and pay the \$3 there. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office for assistance. Check out the following dates; Saturday, March 2 at 10 am; Saturday, March 2 at 1 pm; March 13 at 6 pm. All trainings will be held in Mr. Vandyke's Classroom at Richland County High School.





# 4-H Week



## March 4th-9th

Monday

Ag Beyond the Classroom. We are partnering with Richland County Young Leaders and will be touring Gallagher Profab at 6pm 3815 IL-250, Olney

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Tuesday

Movie/Game Night. Come enjoy playing a game or watching a movie from 6pm-8pm at the Extension Office Meeting Room

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Wednesday

4-H Wear green day. Wear your club shirt or other green clothing to school or work. Be sure to tell everyone who asks, what 4-H is all about!

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Thursday

Spring Workshop. Come make edible nests, fill Easter eggs and make cards for a local nursing home. 6 pm at the Extension Office meeting room.

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Friday

Dodgeball/Athletic Night. Come join us at the High School gym from 6pm-8pm.

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Saturday

Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230. Each car's driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 3:30. Any person driving in the road rally must show a valid driver's license & proof of current insurance.

# Window Display Contest

The theme is I ❤️ 4-H. Clubs should have their displays in place no later than Monday, March 4 by 4pm. Judging will take place Tuesday, March 5. Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 displays. Please call the office and let us know where your display will be, no later than 4 pm on Monday, March 4.

 **All non 4-H members will need a completed risk form in order to participate in any 4-H Week activities.** 

## Public Presentation Contest

Wednesday, March 6

At Extension Office at 6 pm

Youth enrolled in Public Presentation will exhibit on

Wednesday, March 6 at the

Extension office Meeting room at 6 pm. Youth will receive the

requirements for exhibition in public

presentations. In the mail. Parents

and family members are allowed to attend and listen to the great

speeches. If you have any questions

please contact the Extension office

at 618-395-2191.



Bee Watering Station- In this activity, we will learn about bees and why it is important for us to have bee watering stations for them at our homes. You will also get the opportunity to try some local honey!

**\*\*Classes will begin at 4:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm\*\***

Students 2nd grade and older are eligible. Class size is limited so sign up today!



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