

Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now



February

- 6 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg.
- 8 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Yankees Mtg. at WS Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 18 YQCA Training 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Extension office
- 18 Sign-Up Deadline for Speech & Demonstration Contest
- 21 YQCA Training 10:00—11:00 a.m. at Extension office
- 21 Speech & Demonstration Contest at Farm Bureau 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 26 Shooting Sports Mtg. 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- 28 Farm Credit Community Improvement and Scholarships due

March

- 1 Farm Bureau Young Leader's Collegiate Scholarship Apps. Due
- 1 **4-H Project Deadline**
- 1 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
- 8 Cardinals Meeting Mtg. Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Apps. Due
- 15 Farm Bureau Technical and Trades Scholarships Due
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I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Shooting Sports/Environment



NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining



2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

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GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>



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Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

If you see your county shaded in green and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

Black History Month



Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

National Opportunities



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.



Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

Edwards Co. Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 3 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All members needing to take QAEC will receive a notice in the mail.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please contact Debra at djc@illinois.edu

YQCA CERTIFICATION

If you are enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats this certification is required to show your animals for the 2022 show season. There is a \$3.00 fee for instructor led training, which will need paid by a credit card. There are 2 scheduled February trainings: Friday, February 18, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and Monday, February 21, 10:00-11:00 p.m. at the Edwards County Extension office.

Off Premise Forms

If your livestock is not housed at your home you need to get a livestock Off Premise Form have it signed by proper signatures and turn it in to the office.

This needs to be done even if you house your livestock at a grandparents home!

Leaders have forms or they can be found on the Extension website.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. **Applications are due February 28, 2022.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. **Applications are due February 28, 2022.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship

2022 Edwards County Farm Bureau Scholarships

Young Leaders Scholarship: Due March 1, 2022

\$750 or more will be awarded in a scholarship or scholarships for students who will be a freshman or sophomore in college studying agriculture and/or have been in 4-H and/or FFA for their entire high school career. Must have an Edwards County address. Scholarship application is online and link will be sent upon contacting us.

Foundation Scholarship: Due March 15, 2022

At least one scholarship in the amount of at least \$1000, for students who will be a junior or above in college studying agriculture. Scholarship application is online and link will be sent upon contacting us.

Technical and Trades Scholarship: The Edwards County Farm Bureau Foundation is accepting applications for their new technical and trades scholarship. The applicant must be working towards a technical or trades degree or certificate during the 2022-2023 academic year. The applicant must have graduated from Edwards County High School or be a resident of Edwards County, Illinois. The application can be found online and the link can be emailed to potential applicants. Due March 15, 2022.

For the complete criteria for each scholarship or for a direct link to be emailed to you: email managerecfb@gmail.com



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Edwards County 4-H

Edwards Co. Fair date is SET!

Our fair date has been set and will be July 20-July 30. Shows are being finalized and the schedule will soon be available. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Lease Forms

If you will be leasing an animal this year, you need to fill out the lease form. Your leaders have these forms or they can be found on the Extension website. They need to be returned to the office.

Scrumptious Science

Scrumptious Science will be held each Tuesday in February, at the Edwards County High School Home Ec. Room from 3:30—5:00 p.m.. Be sure to sign up to learn the science of cooking. The link to register is: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24753>

Speech Contest Changes

If you are a beginner at Public Speaking you are in luck! This year the Formal and Illustrated Speeches will have a beginner and advanced division. Beginners must be 8 years of age on or before September 1, 2021. Participating youth turning 14 years of age on or before April 30, 2022 must enroll as advanced. Beginners will have a 2-4 minute time limit, advanced have a time limit of 4-6 minutes. The guidelines are on page 10 of the newsletter.

Important Reminder-4-H Project Deadline March 1st, no projects can be added beyond this date!

Farm Bureau Women's Grants Due

Are you a young 4-H member ages 8-12 years old? If so this is a great opportunity for you. Fill out a simple grant form and have the chance to receive money to help assist you in your 4-H project. Examples: art supplies, display boxes, halters, cages etc. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee has offered this grant for several years, and helps youth prepare and have the supplies they need for a successful 4-H project. Be sure to turn your application in to the Farm Bureau office by March 1 to qualify.

Tag-A-Long Cloverbuds

We are really excited to see our Tag-A-Long Cloverbud program growing! If you know of anyone else who would like to join, it is not too late. Official age is 5-7 years old as of September 1, 2021.

4-H in a Bag

Members have the opportunity to take part in activities through the month of March. Activities and links are posted on Edwards County 4-H Facebook page! These activities are for members and non-members in the 5 county unit.

February—Crystal Snowflakes

March—Garden in a Glove

Enrollments

If you haven't enrolled for the 2021-2022 4-H year get this completed soon! Contact Debra if you need help with enrollment.

Speech & Demonstration Contest

We are looking for youth from each community club to participate in our annual speech and demonstration contest on Monday, February 21, 2022 starting at 5:30 p.m.

You don't have to have experience, or be a polished speaker to give this a try! We want to really encourage you to participate. Call the office with your name, the name of your speech or demonstration, and what category it falls under and we will save you a spot!! Come on don't be shy, this will be fun! Official guidelines are below:

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 2- 4 minutes (Beginner) | 4-6 minutes (Advanced)

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 2- 4 minutes (Beginner)| 4-6 minutes (Advanced)

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 18!

Call Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Original Works | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published Work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Demonstrations—(not eligible for state fair)

Demonstrations may pertain to any topic. Demonstrations may be given by an individual or a team of two members. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies needed. Demonstrations must be 8-10 minutes in length.