

# **April 4-H County and State Events**

# **Federation News**

Federation will meet at the Extension office on Wednesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. We will be planning spring and summer workshops as well as some fun fair activities. If you are in 8th grade and up and would like to join federation please attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

# Leader's News

Lawrence County Fair Handbooks are done and ready to be picked up in the office by families. If you had club members who ordered publications they are also in the office ready to be picked up. If you would like to view the Lawrence County Fair Handbook you can by going to our <u>website</u>.



#### **Livestock News**

#### **Quality Assurance and Ethics Training**

Youth enrolled in Cats, Dogs, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, and Small Pets

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 <u>website</u> is open year round, but the deadline to complete is June 1. 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



#### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

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, 2022 to exhibit livestock at the 2022 Lawrence County Fair.

There are two ways you can get certified, the first is an online course and second being a faceto-face training. If you pick the online course visit <u>their site</u> and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the face-to-face training also visit <u>YQCA site</u> 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 Samantha Gaither for assistance. Check out the following date; Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office in Lawrence County.

#### Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- January 1st Market Beef and Market Dairy
- April 15th Purebred and Commercial Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May 1st Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;

Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams

- June 1st All Poultry and Rabbits
- All Horses

All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates.

#### **Off Premise Form**

Off Premise Form are required for any youth who doesn't house their animals at their house. Forms are located online at our website. Please fill these forms out, as well as, have the owner of the location where your animals are being housed complete the form. These forms will be due to my office by May 1, 2022. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.

Watch your mail for identification papers. They will be mailed out April first and **Due May 2**, **2022.** If this is your first year in a livestock project please make sure you check your mail and read the papers that are inclosed. If you have questions please contact the office.

# Workshops



# **Illinois Extension**

#### **Cloverbud Spring Fun Workshops**

Cloverbuds are invited to join us virtually on Facebook for a fun four week series about Farm to Fork. Each Wednesday in April at 5 p.m. on 4-H Lawrence County Illinois Facebook page cloverbuds all over the unit will join together to do an activity. You can register for each event listed below and then the Friday before the Facebook live pick up your supplies. Check out the list of activities below.

April 6 - Food Journal (<u>Click here</u> to register)

April 13- Windowsill Greenhouse Garden (<u>Click here</u> to register)

April 20- Make Your Own Butter (Click here to register)

April 27- Sourdough Starter (Click here to register)

If you have any questions about the sessions contact Samantha Gaither at <a href="mailto:sgaither@illinois.edu">sgaither@illinois.edu</a>



#### **Other County Workshops**

Wabash County will be holding a Rabbit workshop on Saturday, April 23 from 9-10 a.m. at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. It will be a fun morning of learning about how to be a successful rabbit showman. They will be going over how to get your rabbit ready for show and animal welfare. Be sure to bring any questions you might have. Please register <u>here</u> by April 15.

Edwards County will be holding a Swine clinic on Satruday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. It will be a fun morning of learn how to be a successful swine showman. They will be discussing showmanship tips, daily care for your

swine, and nutrition. Be sure to bring any questions you might have. Please register <u>here</u> by April 15.

# **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Tri-County Saddle Club is looking for volunteers to help with their horse shows that are held at Red Hills State Park horse arena. The show dates are May 15, June 19, August 21, September 18 and October 16. If you are interested in helping or would like more inforamtion about the shows please contact Kaylea Mills at 618-508-3171 or email <u>millskaylea@gmail.com</u>

# **4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Wanted!**

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

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



Sat., May 7, 20224-H MemorialCamp, 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.

### 4-H Memorial Camp Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

#### **Camp Dates**

June 5-9, 2022 June 12-16, 2022 July 5-9, 2022 July 17-21, 2022



Program details and registration materials are available on our website: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our Facebook page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt <u>hammersc@illinois.edu</u> or Andy Davis <u>ardavis1@illinois.edu</u> (217) 762-2741

# Family Camp Spring 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! 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. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring 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 <u>Facebook Page</u>.



Dates: May 20-22

#### Fees:

Cabin Rental- \$210 Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person 4-7 years old: \$54/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 on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website <u>https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt <u>hammersc@illinois.edu</u> (217) 762-2741 or Andy Davis <u>ardavis1@illinois.edu</u> (217) 762-2741

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!

# 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! 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.

# Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old

minimum) **Dates**: Mid May-July 29 **Details:** This paid position includes room and board.

### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum) Dates

May 31-June 4TrainingJune 5-9Youth Camp Session 1June 12-16Youth Camp Session 2June 26-July 1Camp Corral



July 5-9 Youth Camp Session 3

July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May thorough Mid-August

**Duties:** Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned.

Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp <u>website</u> towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

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

## Shop Illinois 4-H apparel!

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our <u>Illinois pop-</u> <u>up shop</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page!



### New 4-H at Home Activity

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes. <u>Get</u> <u>started here.</u>



### **4-H Equity Challenge**

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Learn more here.



# **Teen Leaders in Equity Institute**

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. Register Now.



## Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice. Learn more here.



# Help Support 4-H When You Visit Your Local JOANN!

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to 4-H. Find out more: joann.com/4-H/

Get your 4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H!

# **4-H Family Spirit Award**

4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:

Illinois 4-H Foundation Family Spirit Award



Please <u>contact us</u> with any questions. The deadline to apply

for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022. We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

# State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!





Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-hhooks-us-together-fishingtournament

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. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H

- April Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

### The Oak Trees Are Scheduled to Arrive by April 1st!



Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the <u>4-H Green Communities</u> <u>Tree Program</u> 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 below and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday by mid-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

# **Illinois RiverWatch**

Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <u>http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/</u>

This is a tremendous opportunity become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!

### **State Events**

#### April

•	April	Crappie State 4-H Tournament
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- April 6 and 7
  Legislative Connection
- April 9 Awards Ceremony
- April 16 Robotics Competition
- April 23 & 24
  State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
- April 23 True Leaders day of service day
- April 30 State Public Speaking

#### May

٠	May	Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
•	May 7	Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial
	Camp	

#### June

٠	June	Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
•	June 5-9	Memorial Camp
•	June 12-16	Memorial Camp

• June 20

#### July

•	July 5-9	Memorial Camp
•	July 16	Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's
	Club, Colona,	

- July 17-21
  Memorial Camp
- July 24 30
  Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

#### August

•	August 10	SYPA General Livestock
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- August 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
  - August 13 15 Illinois State Fair General Project Show
  - August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
    - August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- August 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

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