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4-H Newsletter

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**4-H Lawrence
County Illinois**

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Calendar of Events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

March

10	YQCA Training
14	4-H in a Bag
18	Federation Meeting
31	4-H Grant Due

April

2	YQCA Training
4	Public Presentation Exhibition
30	State Public Presentation

March 4-H Tip

If you are register in a livestock project, our tip of the month is to make sure you know the ownership date and how old your livestock can be. How do you find this out? Check out the Lawrence County 4-H Page at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Lawrence4-H> Click on the Fair tab and find the 2022 Fair Handbook that has been uploaded. And check out the classes and ages of livestock. If you still have questions, contact the office at 618-943-5018.

A paper copy of the 2022 Fair Handbook will be ready in April. We will let you know when you can stop by the office and pick one up.

Lawrence County 4-H



Federation News!

We will hold a federation March meeting for any youth in 8th grade or up who would like to lead events, and bring new ideas to Lawrence County.

Friday, March 18

1:30 p.m.

In Extension office

Publications

Debbie has been working on getting publications together and will contact you when she has them ready. If you would like your club leader to pick them up please contact them.

If you have not ordered your publications please call the office and make an order. All orders must be done before May 1, 2022.

Save the Dates!

Monday, April 4 at 6 p.m. Public Presentations

Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. Decorated Foods

Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m. Dog Show

Saturday, July 23 at 9 a.m. General Projects

Friday, July 29 at 6 p.m. Horse Show

Saturday, July 30- Thursday, August 4 Fair

Friday, August 12 Lawrence County Day at

Illinois State Fair



4-H members needing some assistance with 4-H projects might want to apply for the Farm Bureau Young Leader 4-H Grants. Applications are online, and at the office. Applications due back to the office on March 31 at 4:30 p.m. Members can find the online grant at : <https://go.illinois.edu/Lawrence4-H> Scroll to the bottom of the page to the County Awards tab. You will find the grant in there. If you have questions please contact Samantha

4-H in a Bag — Garden in a Glove

Youth will get all the supplies needed on March 11 at the office. Join us on Monday, March 14 on Facebook live at 5 pm to learn how to make a garden in a glove.

Please use registration:

go.illinois.edu/Gardeninaglove

I March 4-H in a Bag 🍀

GARDEN IN A GLOVE



Conservation is the use of Earth's natural resources while protecting their ecosystems at the same time.

In this activity, kids will learn more about conservation by creating their own ecosystem. By the end, they will have their very own garden!

Register Today using this link:
go.illinois.edu/Gardeninaglove

We will be going live on our unit Facebook page (Illinois Extension-Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne Counties) Monday, March 14, 2022, at 5 p.m.

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Public Speaking Workshop Rescheduled

You are invited to attend a Public Speaking workshop on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Lawrence County Extension office. There will be some hands on activity and an opportunity to get some tips before the Public Presentations Exhibition at the end of the month.



Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- April - 15 Purebred Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May - 1 Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams
All Horses
- June - 1 All Poultry and Rabbits

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, 2021. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.

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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, 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 face-to-face training. If you pick the online course visit YQCA.org and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the face-to-face training also visit YQCA.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 Samantha Gaither for assistance. Check out the following dates; Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 at 9 a.m. All trainings will be held at the Lawrence County Extension office. If you cannot make these times please call the office to find out when other counties are holding trainings.

QAEC Training

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

This would be your first year in one of the above projects.

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/. 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.

Public Presentation Exhibition.

Monday, April 4

At Extension Office at 6 p.m.

Youth enrolled in Public Presentation will exhibit on Monday, April 4 at the Extension office Meeting room at 6 p.m. Youth will receive in the mail the requirements for exhibition in public presentations. 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 618-943-5018.



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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 [contact us](#) 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!



Photography Contest



Photos due
11:59 p.m. on
March 31, 2022

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H

photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules [here](#).



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

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 Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

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Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18.

go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We are currently looking for Judges and Volunteers for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Registration for Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Volunteers & Judges: go.illinois.edu/4hpublicspeakingvolunteer

Types of Volunteers needed

Judge (Types of Speeches – Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation)

Assistant to the Judge – assist the judge with scoresheets, time keeping, etc.

Door Monitor – Assist with opening/closing speaking room doors at appropriate times and keep track of room schedule.

Registration Table – Assist with check-in of participants. Escort participants to the room where they will speak.

If you have questions please contact us:

Cindy Ogwal, College & Career Readiness Specialist, State Public Speaking Contest Director: covusu@illinois.edu

Carla Blue, State 4-HEvents, blue1@illinois.edu, 217-244-6916.

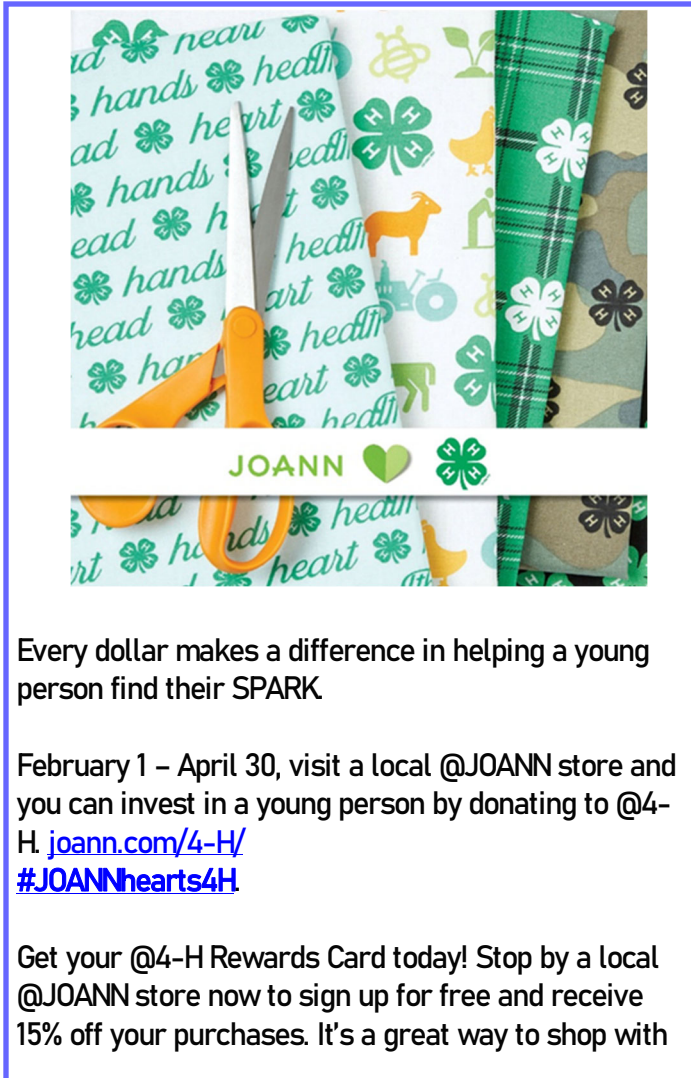
Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program. Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.



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. joann.com/4-H/ [#JOANNhearts4H](https://twitter.com/JOANNhearts4H)

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

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: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

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!



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 July 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 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.

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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 UofI 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.

Planting Dates Are Being Planned for April 2, April 9, or April 16!

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 below 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 ½ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

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



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