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Calendar of Events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

1	Ownership of Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses
2	YQCA Training
6	Cloverbud Workshop; Food Journal
13	Cloverbud Workshop: Windowsill Greenhouse
16	YQCA Training
20	Cloverbud Workshop; Make your own Butter
21	Spark at the Library
27	Cloverbud Workshop: Sourdough Starter

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

January 1, 2022: Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

April 1, 2022: Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

May 1, 2022: Bucket Calf

May 15, 2022: Market lambs, Breeding sheep

June 1, 2022: Dogs, rabbits, poultry

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



Federation News!

We will hold a Federation April meeting for any youth in 8th grade or up who would like to lead events, and bring new ideas to Richland County. Will be planning events and electing officers. Sunday, April 24

2 p.m.

In Extension office

Leader's News!

The 4-H Richland County Fair Show books will be ready to be picked up after April 1, 2022. If you missed our leaders meeting please contact Samantha Gaither at sgaither@illinois.edu to see what you missed. Also, some of the youths publications are in the club mail boxes.

You can find the fair show book at <https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/4-h-richland-county> and scroll to the bottom.

Save the Dates!

Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. Public Presentations

Friday, June 10 at 9 a.m. Dog Show

Friday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Cat Show

Friday, July 22 at 1 p.m. General Projects

Sunday, July 24- Thursday, July 29 Fair

Friday, July 29 Tractor Driving Contest

Friday, August 12 Richland County Day at Illinois State Fair

Rabbit Workshop

Wabash County Fairgrounds

Saturday, April 23

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 at <https://go.illinois.edu/rabbitworkshop> by April 15.

Swine Clinic

Edwards County Fairgrounds

Saturday, April 23

Edwards County will be holding a Swine clinic on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. It will be a fun morning of learning 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 at <https://go.illinois.edu/barrowboostersshowpig> by April 15.

Richland County 4-H

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 (<https://go.illinois.edu/foodjournal>)

April 13- Windowsill Greenhouse Garden (<https://go.illinois.edu/windowsillgreenhousegarden>)

April 20- Make Your Own Butter (<https://go.illinois.edu/makeyourownbutter>)

April 27- Sourdough Starter (<https://go.illinois.edu/sourdoughstarter>)

If you have any questions about the sessions contact Samantha Gaither at sgaither@illinois.edu

SPARK at the Olney Library: 4-H program on Wind Energy

What ignites your child? Here is a chance to allow them to explore and create something new each month, helping them find their spark. Monthly free classes will be held at the Olney Public Library and led by a University of Illinois Extension educator. Classes will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. Students 2nd grade and older are eligible. Class size is limited so sign up today!

Wind Energy - Do you know the wind is a source of energy? In this activity, you will build a pin-wheel wind turbine and harness the power of the wind.

April 21 <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24260>

SPARK at the Olney Library: 4-H program on Creating a Lightning Bug

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Create a Lightning Bug - Have you ever wanted to make a cute lightning bug stay on a stick? Now you can with a simple circuit and a popsicle stick!

May 26 <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24261>

Richland County 4-H

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 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 and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the face-to-face training also visit 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 Samantha Gaither or Jamie Vandyke for assistance. Check out the following dates; Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 16 at 11 a.m. All trainings will be held at Mr. Vandyke's Classroom at Richland County High School .

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.

Livestock Changes for Fair

Goats have added more classes to give youth more opportunity to show. Please see page 84 for the listing of those classes in the fair showbook.

Poultry has added more classes and has age requirements for classes. This will give the youth the opportunity to show more poultry at the fair. Please see pages 86 and 87 for the listing of the new classes in the fair showbook.

Rabbits have added age requirements for show. There is now a junior and senior division in each division. Another change is that in the market rabbit class there is now a weight limit and there must be three rabbits for the meat pen. Please see page 87 and 88 for a full listing of rabbit classes in the fair showbook.

Swine breeding classes have been changed that they will now be broke down for purebred into NSR breeds and CPS breeds. In the commercial breeding classes they will be broken down by weights at fair. To see a full listing of the swine classes please see pages 90 and 91 of the fair showbook.

If you are **only** showing in the Richland County 4-H shows you may leave after the auction on Thursday. However if you are showing in the Richland County Jr. Fair shows you must abide by their rulings and leave on Friday.

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

4-H at Home

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. <https://4-h.org/about4-h-at-home/internet-basics/>



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+. To learn more check out the National 4-H website.



True 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 at the National 4-H website.

Illinois 4-H



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-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

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



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:

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



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

Shop Illinois Apparel



Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our [Illinois pop-up shop](https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop) (<https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>)

and scroll to the bottom of the page!

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

Family Camp

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 [Facebook Page](#).

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 <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>.

Illinois 4-H

Shooting Sports/Environment



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

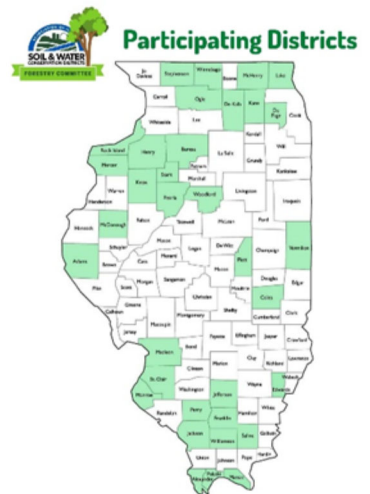
Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

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

Edwards County will be planting trees in early April.

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