Richland County 4-H
February 2023 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February
1-Market Beef Ownership Deadline
1-Fly to The Sky Workshop
4-Beef Weigh In 8AM
8-Fly to The Sky Workshop
15-Fly to The Sky Workshop
18-Shooting Sports 9AM
19-Federation Meeting 2PM
22-Fly to The Sky Workshop

March
1-New 4-H Member enrollment deadline
1-Deadline to add or drop projects
1-Fly to The Sky Workshop
8-Fly to The Sky Workshop
11-Tractor Safety in Edwards County
15-Fly to The Sky Workshop
18-Shooting Sports 9AM
19-Federation Meeting 2PM
27-Public Speaking Contest

If you have something you would like to highlight about your club or a picture please send it Sheri's way!

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Richland County Federation

All 8th-12th Graders are invited to join Federation!
Meetings are the third Sunday of the Month at 2 PM in the Extension Office Meeting Room.

PROJECT BOOK RECYCLE

If anyone has books that they have received in the last few years and you NEVER wrote in it. Can you please bring them back to the office to let someone else use them. Typically you use the same book for 3 years before you get a new one so if you still need it please keep it. But if you are not planning on using it or are out of that level please bring them back to the office!

Southern Smilers 4-H Club has Richland County 4-H hats for sale here at our office. They are $20; come by and get you or someone else one.

Tractor Safety

March 11, 2023
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Edwards County Extension Office

Questions?
Contact Debra Collier
(618) 445-2934 or djc@illinois.edu
Class will be taught by:
Ryan Littlejohn
Wayne Co. 4-H Program Coordinator

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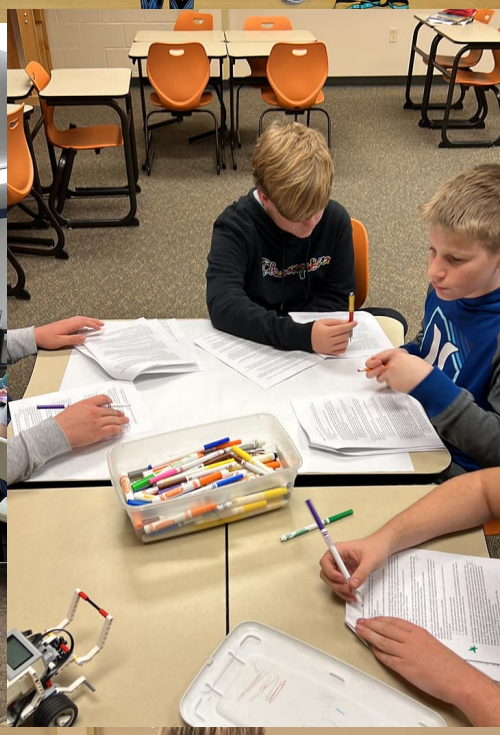
Project Books

In 2023 we are doing 2 Project Book orders. One in January after returning members enroll and one in March after new members finish enrolling. **Reminder Project Books are designed to be used for 3 years.** Please check the 4-H Fair Book for which projects need a book. All members have until March 1 to make final project decisions.

Each 4-H member will get 3 project books covered by the Extension Office. If you need more then three books please contact the office to place your order. If you have questions please contact us at the office. 618-395-2191 or spitts@illinois.edu **Please use this form to order them: https://go.illinois.edu/ProjectBooks**

Richland County 4-H Happenings



YQCA & QAEC

Starting this year **YQCA** will be taught at club meetings starting in January. Everyone taking Beef, Dairy, Goat, Swine, or Sheep are required to take it. Watch for the schedule on when Ryan will be attending your club meeting. If you are not there, 2 make up sessions will be offered.

QAEC will still be offered in an online format. QAEC must be completed by May 1 2023. You can access the QAEC Training at https://web.extension.illinois.edu/admin/qaec/

ILLINOIS SHOOTING SPORTS
LEARN BY DOING

One day is all you need to become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor
Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

· Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.

· Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/special-interest/shooting-sports

Richland County 2023 4-H Show Schedule
All shows will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted

Monday, March 27, 2023

7:00 PM	Public Presentation Contest at the Extension Office

Friday, June 30, 2023

9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Dog Show-Sheep and Goat Barn Cat Show at the Extension Office

Thursday, July 20, 2023

6:00 PM	Barns and Community Building Set Up

Friday, July 21, 2023

8:00 AM	General Projects Show

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Horse Show Swine Weigh In

Monday, July 24, 2023

10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sheep and Goat Weigh In Beef Weigh In
12:00 PM 12:00-3:00 PM 3:00 PM	ALL ANIMALS ON GROUND 4-H Animal Check In-Beef Arena Barnyard Olympics-Beef Wash Rack

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM	Swine Show Dairy Show Poultry Show

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Beef Show Rabbit Show Sheep Show 4-H Auction Sign Up Deadline

Thursday, July 27, 2023

8:00 AM 3:00 PM	Goat Show Auction NON-JUNIOR FAIR ANIMALS RELEASED 30 MINUTES AFTER AUCTION

Friday, July 28, 2023

8:00 AM 3:00 PM	Master Showmanship ALL ANIMALS ARE RELEASED

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8:00 AM	Fair Grounds Clean Up

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4-H Camp Registration

4-H Memorial Camp

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is $315 for 4-H Club members, $355 for non 4-H Club members.

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ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES IS BACK!

SUMMER 2023

Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!

Get your bird feeders ready; download free awesome bird I.D. and species reporting apps; and decide if you want to report as an individual or a group! Do this as a 4-H Club activity!

When? The official count is February 17-20, 2023

Learn more at: www.birdcount.org