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Richland County Illinois 4-H

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Calendar of Events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

May	
1	Ownership of Bucket Calf Fair Entry Opens
15	Federation Meeting Ownership of Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep
26	Spark at the Library- Lightning Bug
June	
1	Deadline for YQCA & QACE Certification Ownership of Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry
25	Unit Livestock Showmanship Clinic

Congratulations Graduates

High School	8th Grade	
Jenna Bare	Cassidy Brown	Truman Ridgely
Emma Brown	Brooklyn Diel	Tuff Troyer
Rayne Goff	Molly Fehrenbacher	Jakoby VanDyke
Jazzmyn Johnson	Claire Ginder	Charles Workman
Alec Steber	Mack Graves	Natalie Zwilling
Olivia Steber	Robert Graves	
Chase Travis	Gus Hancock	
Kindergarten	Olivia Johnson	
Brayson Brinkley	Kylie Kocher	
Gracie Colwell	Owen Kocher	
Gemma Glover	Ethan Mclaughlin	
Kalvin Glover	Hope Mills	
Averie Ochs	Levi Ochs	
Braelyn Snyder	Jace Paddock	
Ryker Sterchi	Karlee Piercefield	
Graysen Wille		





Federation News!

We will hold a Federation May 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, May 1

2 p.m.

In Extension office

Leader's News!

A new 4-H Program Coordinator will be joining our team this month. Please stop by the office and introduce yourself to Ryan Littlejohn.

We will be scheduling a leader's meeting in June to discuss fair, introduce Ryan and answer any questions you have. Watch your mail for an invite.

Save the Dates!

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

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

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!

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!

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

Project Books and Fair Show Books

If you have ordered a project book and have not gotten it yet please contact the office.

Fair Show Books have been passed out to leaders and you should have gotten them at your last club meeting. If you have not gotten one please contact your leader then the office for a copy.

Multi Specie Livestock Showmanship Clinic

June 25, 2022 9 a.m.—Noon

At Lawrence County Jr Fairgrounds

Sheep, Goats, Beef, and Swine

Lawrence County Federation members invite you to attend a Large Animal Livestock Showmanship Clinic on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Youth who attend will be entered in a drawing for show supplies. You may come for only the species that you show. Order will be Sheep and Goats from 9–10:30 a.m. and Beef and Swine from 10:30 a.m.– Noon. Register at

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25821>



Fair Entry is now open!

Fair Entry is open from now until June 1, follow the link to register what you will be bringing to fair. Reminders that you will only be allowed to enter one animal per class for livestock.

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SighIn/16583>

Tips for Fair Entry:

****When entering multiple youth do not hit complete until you have entered all registrations for your children. If you hit complete before entering an other child's registration you will be locked out of the system until staff approve the first child's registrations for fair.**

****You will only be allowed to register for projects you are enrolled in.**

****If you need to make changes after you have submitted please let the office know so they can assist you.**

****Questions about classifications for livestock classes please reference your 2022 Richland County Fair Show Book or contact the office.**

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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 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 you have completed a face-to-face training please log back into your account and take the pre and post test (survey). If you do not do this the system will not count you as complete and generate a certificate for you. If you have questions, please contact Samantha Gaither or Jamie Vandyke for assistance.



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.

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.

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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!



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.



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/>



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.

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Richland County Youth Participate in State Public Speaking Contest

April 30, 2022 Dane Steber, Levi Clodfelter and Seth Clodfelter represented Richland County at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. They all did a wonderful job speaking and had fun with several other 4-H members from across the state. Great Job!



Poultry Update:

The Illinois Department of Ag has put an emergency rule that poultry and products are not to be sold, transported or exhibited for 150 days. They will be checking in 45 days to see if the ruling can be lifted. If the band is lifted, we will be able to exhibit birds at the fair. If it is not, we will have the option for youth enrolled in poultry to show in an animal less project. The Richland County Foundation has stated that a youth enrolled in poultry will be allowed to sell in the auction by just holding a picture of their bird. There is another option that youth who are only enrolled in poultry they can enroll in rabbits and exhibit a rabbit at the fair. If you have questions, please contact the office.



The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on July 14-15, 2022. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages 8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 3, 2022. [Full schedule and educational session information is available online.](#)



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!

State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! 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

Crop Scouting Competition, August 4, 2022

Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874

Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

The competition is open to high school students

completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2022. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult

coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture

teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others.

No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club).

This will be an outdoor event.

Meals: Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided.

Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

Questions? Contact program coordinator Chelsea

Harbach at harbach2@illinois.edu.

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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 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., 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.



2022 4-H State Shoots – SAVE THESE DATES (but keep practicing now!)

4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois

4-H State Rifle Shoot- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois

4-H State Pistol Shoot- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

Save the Date June 4, 2022 Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club Hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports
Registration opens April 25, 2022– closes May 24, 2022 <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>

Our target is fun and we aim for a bullseye!

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