

4-H NEW YEAR CHECKLIST 2026-2027

ENROLLMENT

- Complete online enrollment for 2026-2027
- Pay the annual Program Fee (\$20/member; financial assistance is available)

PROJECT WORK

Cloverbud 4-H members do their project work as a group. Older members do their project work independently.

- **Choose at least 1 project** to work on this year
 - April 15 - deadline to add/change most projects
- Order my **project books**
- Use the **DeKalb County 4-H Record Book** to keep track of my goals and accomplishments (available at go.illinois.edu/DeKalb4-H)
- Give a **talk/demonstration** to my club about one of my projects
- If doing Public Speaking or a live animal project, **watch my email** for important additional details
- If doing a live animal project, complete **ethics training**
 - YQCA required annually if exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, or Swine
 - YQCA required once if exhibiting Cats, Dogs, Horses, Poultry, or Rabbits

PARTICIPATION

- **Attend at least 1 club meeting** (Parents are encouraged to attend meetings and volunteer when the club needs help.)
- Read the **newsletter** and watch **email** for important information
- Like us on **Facebook** to see announcements and reminders
- Keep track of what I do during the year for my **4-H Records**

EXHIBITING

- Watch for **show dates** to be announced; exhibitors must be present for in-person judging
- Read the Exhibit Requirements for my projects in the **Fair Book**, which is emailed to families in spring
- **Register** which of my projects I plan to exhibit in Fair Entry (Being enrolled in a project does not automatically mean you will exhibit it, so registration is required.)

4-H General Project Show - July 8, 2027

4-H Livestock Fair - August 6-8, 2027

Watch for emails with details for Public Speaking, Horse, and Dog Shows.

- **Prepare my exhibits** (Parents can guide and assist with project work, but members are expected to complete their exhibits themselves.)

Where do I find...

ENROLLMENT

ZSuite

- 4h.zsuite.org

Email: _____

Password: _____

Pin: _____

PROJECT BOOKS

To request project books:

go.illinois.edu/DeKalbProjectBooks

Thank you to Resource Bank for covering the cost of 4-H project books!

ANIMAL ETHICS TRAINING

YQCA (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine)

- yqcaprogram.org

Username: _____

Password: _____

QAEC (Cats, Dogs, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits)

- web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec

SHOW & FAIR REGISTRATION

FairEntry

- DeKalb - dekalb4-Hfair.fairentry.com

Email: _____

Password: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

All important information is sent via **email**. The 4-H Update is emailed every month.

Like us on Facebook, Instagram & Snapchat!

- <https://go.illinois.edu/DeKalbCounty4-H>
- <https://www.instagram.com/dekalbcounty4h/>
- <https://go.illinois.edu/DeKalb4-HSnapchat>

FORMS & RECORDS

DeKalb 4-H website

- go.illinois.edu/DeKalb4-H



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are happy to help!

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