



Shelby
County

4-H

April

News



Public Speaking Contest



Calendar of events

April

- 1.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- 3.... Lawn Mower/Tractor Workshop, 6 p.m.
Barker Imlement, Shelbyville
- 8.... Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 9.... Dog Obedience, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 class
begins, Show Arena
- 13.... Cloverbud Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 13.... Poultry Workshop, 1 p.m., 4-H Center
- 20.... YQCA training, 9 a.m., 4-H Center
- 27.... Small Engines Workshop, 1 p.m., Full Throttle,
Shelbyville

May

- 1.... Horse Ownership & Leases due into Extension
office.
- 18.... 4-H Day with the Cardinals, 6:15 p.m.
- 20.... Fair Entry Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 23.... YQCA Training, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

June

- 1.... Fiber- Felting Workshop, 9-11:30 a.m., 4-H
Center
- 3.... 4-H Entries submitted in Fair Entry (online
program)
- 3.... Junior Fair exhibitor and entries due into
Extension office
- 3.... Scholarship applications (college & camp), due
into Extension office
- 13.... Cloverbud Rocket Workshop, 9-12 p.m., 4-H
Center
- 13.... Clay Workshop (session 1) 1-3 p.m., 4-H
Center
- 20.... Rocket Workshop, 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 27.... Legobotics Workshop, 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 29.... Shelby County 4-H BBQ

July

- 2.... Clay Workshop (Session 2) 9-11 a.m., 4-H
Center
- 13.... Fair Clean-up, 8 a.m.
- 20.... 4-H Foods, 4-H Photography 9 a.m. judging
- 20.... Lawn Mower & Tractor Driving Contest, 6 p.m.
- 21.... Move-in day at the fair
- 22-24.... 4-H & Junior Fair
- 25 Clean-up

Aug

- 9.... Shelby County General Projects Judging at the
IL State Fair

May 1 - Deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites

Log-in and confirm your enrolled projects in ZSuites! May 1 is the deadline to add or drop project.

Summer workshops are starting to be scheduled. If you plan to attend, don't forget to add that project in ZSuites.

No projects will be added after May 1! It is up to families to verify enrolled projects.

Lilah Bonny attends Ignite by 4-H Summit

Lilah Bonny was one of eighteen Illinois 4-H members selected to attend the Ignite by 4-H Summit held in Washington D.C., March 13-17.

Teens experienced four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment and created amazing connections. Lilah represented the delegation through the Healthy Living track.

Here is what Lilah had to say about her experience.

"I got the amazing opportunity to attend [#igniteby4h](#) in Washington D.C. Some major highlights of this trip included my first ever flight, a night tour of the monuments, learning from various workshops, listening to inspiring keynote speakers, meeting people from all over the country, getting to visit the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, and seeing the White House just to name a few.

I never would have imagined that something like this could have even been a possibility. 4-H has given me so many opportunities, and it is a place where I can learn and grow as a person. Through 4-H, I have made lots of new friends and truly found a place where I belong. I am so proud to be a part of this program! I want to thank all of my sponsors and mentors who have helped get me here today! I can't wait to see where 4-H takes me in the future!"

Rabbit Workshop

Monday, April 8

Shelby County 4-H will be sponsoring a Rabbit Workshop on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Rabbit judge, JC Morgan will be the speaker. 4-H members may bring a rabbit.

Items being discussed will include:

- Picking a rabbit for show
- Caring for your rabbit
- Types of feed
- Preparing for the rabbit show
- Showmanship tips

RSVP by Friday, April 5 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Small Engines Workshop

Saturday, April 27

Youth interested in learning more about small engines should plan to attend the Small Engines Workshop being planned for Saturday, April 27 at Full Throttle Small Engine Repair in Shelbyville. The workshop will start at 1 p.m.

In this workshop, youth will learn to read a model #, tools needed, filter maintenance and how to create a small engine display.

RSVP by April 24 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Youth who participate in this workshop will be eligible to participate in the Lawnmower, Tractor Driving Contest being planned for July 20.

Fiber Workshop

Saturday, June 1

Trish Purcell, will be leading a Fiber Workshop. The workshop is being planned for Saturday, June 1 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Youth will be making a variety of felting projects. More details will be shared on an upcoming flyer. **The cost of the workshop is \$5 and is limited to 20 members.**

Take home felting kits will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5. RSVP to Yolanda by Tuesday, May 28.

Poultry Workshop

Saturday, April 13

Shelby County 4-H will be sponsoring a Poultry Workshop on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m., at the 4-H Center. Poultry judge, Mandi Donaldson, will be the speaker.

Items being discussed will include:

- Hatching process
- Choosing bird types
- Where to purchase your birds
- Care of birds
- Fair prep
- Showmanship techniques

RSVP by Wednesday, April 10 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Lawnmower/Tractor Workshop

Wednesday, April 3

The second workshop for the Lawnmower/Tractor Driving Contest is being planned for Wednesday, April 3 at Barker Implement in Shelbyville. The workshop will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Youth will learn about tractor and lawnmower safety, basic components, basic operation and operating a machine.

RSVP by Tuesday, April 2 via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Youth who participate in this workshop will be eligible to participate in the Lawnmower, Tractor Driving Contest being planned for July 20.

Clay Workshop

Thursday, June 13 (1st session) 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday, July 2 (2nd session) 9-11 a.m.

In this two day workshop, youth will create their project on June 13. This session will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the 4-H Center. 4-H members will learn three techniques: pinch pot, coil and slab and then will design and create their project.

Session two will be held on July 2 from 9-11 a.m. At this session, youth will glaze their project.

Space is limited! Cost is \$20 and is due to the Extension office by June 7. RSVP by June 7 to nation2@illinois.edu or call 217-774-9546.

Kris McEuen will be the instructor.

Cloverbud Fire-Up

Saturday, April 13

The Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Members will need to be accompanied by an adult. Members will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of hands on 4-H projects. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Cloverbuds must RSVP by April 5.

Cloverbud Rocket Workshop

Thursday, June 13

When: Thursday, June 13

Where: 4-H Center

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

What: Cloverbud members will build a basic model rocket. Following the workshop, Cloverbuds will be able to launch their rocket (weather permitting). Cloverbuds must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$15

RSVP: RSVP to nation2@illinois.edu or call 217-774-9546 and pay the workshop fee by June 3.

Jim Sparks will be the instructor.

Legobotics Workshop

Thursday, June 27

When: Thursday, June 27

Where: 4-H Center

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

What: This is a beginner level robotics workshop. Youth will learn basic programming skills using a Lego Mindstorms Robot.

RSVP: RSVP to nation2@illinois.edu or call 217-774-9546 by June 24

Jim Sparks will be the instructor.

Rocket Workshop

Thursday, June 20

When: Thursday, June 20

Where: 4-H Center

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

What: 4-H members will build a model rocket. Members will need to finish painting and adding decals at home.

Cost: \$20

RSVP: RSVP to nation2@illinois.edu or call 217-774-9546 and pay the workshop fee by June 3.

Jim Sparks will be the instructor.

After judging on July 22, youth will be able to attend the Rocket Launch in the hayfield, north of the 4-H Center. Approximated launch time is noon.

Fair Entry Workshop

Monday, May 20

Do you need help with your fair entries? If you said yes, this workshop is for you! We will discuss making your 4-H entries vs. junior fair entries.

6:30 p.m. 4-H Center
RSVP by May 17!

Public Speaking Results

Shelby County 4-H held its annual Public Speaking Contest on Sunday, March 17. There were 6 participants, who all gave awesome speeches. Thank you to Alex Walden for judging our contest. We love seeing our 4-H alumni come back and share their knowledge with 4-H'ers.

- Overall Grand Champion - Kristin Partlow (Champion - Formal Speech) "Ag Benefits in IL and the United States"
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion - Corbin Perry (Champion - Illustrated Speech - beginner) "Whatever it takes - Caring for Cattle"
- Original Works Champion - Esmi Small "Iridian Glory"
- Illustrated (Advanced) Champion - Caden Perry "Advocating, Media and Marketing in the Beef Industry"
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Champion - Corbin Perry
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Reserve Champion - Kyndall Bennett "Chile the Country"
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Top Project - Emery Miller "Demonstration on Martial Arts"

Kristin, Corbin and Kyndall will represent Shelby County 4-H in the State Public Speaking Contest on April 27.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Wednesday, May 1

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Wednesday, May 1. Two pictures (each side) of horse to be shown or as a back-up horse must accompany lease/ownership papers.

If you are planning to show at the State Fair as well as the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair, TWO sets of pictures must be turned in. The correct lease and ownership papers are available at the Extension office or on the website.

Dog Obedience

Tuesday, April 9

Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 9 and run for 8 weeks with graduation at the end of the series. Practice will continue until the fair. Classes will run from 6:30-7:00 each Tuesday night.

Registration on April 9:

- Registration is open from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- Parent/Adult needs to attend registration.
- Dogs should be at least 6 months old.
- Bring proof of rabies and distemper-parvo vaccinations.
- Training collar and lead \$15

Who is eligible to attend:

- Youth must be 8 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before 9/1/23.
- Shelby 4-H Club members enrolled in other clubs do not pay the program fee twice.
- Tailwaggers only members must pay the \$10 program fee.

Questions – Sandy Brix 217-774-4229

Classes are sponsored by Shelby County Tailwaggers 4-H Club

2024 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Books

Club leaders will be picking up the 2024 4-H & Junior Fair Books. This is a great resource to use when planning projects.

4-H ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA FAIR ENTRY.

Junior Fair entries:

- Complete exhibitor card with current information including address and age as of 9/1/23.
- Complete a junior fair entry form for each projects area.

The entry deadline for online submission (4-H entries) and Junior Fair forms is Monday, June 3. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Online ethics certification required for cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry

Deadline - Monday, June 3

First time animal exhibitors enrolled in cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry need to complete QAEC. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is a one time training for youth exhibiting projects in the following: cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. Members who don't complete the certification by June 3 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show.

The QAEC training can now be accessed in the Clover Academy section of the ZSuite Enrollment System.

ZSuite can be accessed at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>. Families can access directions for completing the course at <https://go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC>.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep are required to take the YQCA training. This training is required to be taken each year. In-person training is \$3 and the On-line training is \$12.

Shelby County 4-H is offering 3 in-person training sessions. The training is set up to be completed in approximately one hour. All training sessions will be held at the 4-H Center in Shelbyville. Don't wait to get signed up, class size is limited! Families will need to register at the YQCA website, sign up for which training they would like to attend and pay the registration fee.

REMEMBER - Youth will need to complete the Pre-Test before attending the training. Youth will need to complete the Post-Test before printing the certificate. ***DO NOT SEND YOLANDA AN EMAIL TO SIGN YOUR 4-H MEMBER UP.***

- Saturday, April 20 9-10 a.m.
- Thursday, May 23 7-8 p.m.

The deadline to complete the training to be able to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair is Monday, June 3! No exceptions to this rule.

If completing the training online, email Yolanda a copy of the certificate. If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda for help.

Link: yqcaprogram.org

Spring Clean-up

Monday, April 1

Spring Clean-up day at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds is being planned for 6 p.m. on Monday, April 1. We will be picking up sticks, raking leaves, doing repairs, painting, etc. Bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, etc.

This will count as a county activity for 4-H members and will also count on year-end records.

National Day of Service

Saturday, April 27

While April 27, is the designated day for National Day of Service, 4-H Clubs that do a community service project in the month of April should register their event as part of the National Day of Service Campaign.

Clubs need to register their event and complete a follow-up report once the activity has been completed.

If your club meets these requirements, this activity would count as a national activity on the Illinois Experience Award.

Clubs are doing great things, why not register your event!

Contact Yolanda with any questions.

Link:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service>

Scholarships Available

Due June 3, 2024

Shelby County scholarship applications are due in the Extension office by June 1.

- Shelby County Pork Producers
- Chris Barker Memorial
- 4-H Scholarships
- 4-H Federation
- Keegan Virden Memorial

Scholarship information and applications are available on the Shelby County website. Link - <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county> Click on the tab, Shelby County Awards and scroll to scholarships.

Please note eligibility requirements. 4-H'ers may only win the Foundation and 4-H Federation scholarships twice. Forms can be emailed or dropped off at the Extension office. If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda.

4-H Camp Scholarship Opportunities

There are two scholarship opportunities for Shelby County 4-H members who are planning to attend 4-H Camp this summer. Shelby County 4-H Federation offers a \$50 scholarship.

4-H members must complete the Federation scholarship form located on the website <https://go.illinois.edu/FederationScholarshipApp>

Shelby Extension Foundation offers 4-H'ers a \$30 scholarship. Members can write a short essay about why they would like to attend 4-H Camp or may create a poster about why they are looking forward to going to 4-H Camp. Scholarships will be reimbursed after the 4-H member has attended camp.

Essays, posters and scholarship forms are due into the Extension office by June 3. Questions - contact Yolanda.

Project manuals!

The following project areas should have project manuals to go with their fair projects. Check the fair book for full details. If you are enrolled in these projects, you should consider ordering a project manual.

- Clothing (non-sewn)
- Collectibles
- Communications
- Consumer Education
- Entomology
- Food & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Health
- Outdoor Adventures
- Fishing & Wildlife
- Photography
- Plants & Soils
- Tractor
- Dogs
- Small animals
- Woodworking

Go fish!

The 2024 Illinois 4-H Hooks Us Together Fishing Tournament is on with April through June challenges!

Prizes Sponsored By: Steve Moffitt, 4-H Fish Camp All-Star Volunteer

Eligibility and Rules: Open to all 4-H members from Illinois, but to win prizes these requirements must be met:

1. Must be a current year Illinois 4-H member and enrolled in a 4-H Sport Fishing Project.

2. All Illinois Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations must be followed.

You will need a smart phone to take a picture of your catch (use this link once the tournament opens in April: go.illinois.edu/fish4H)

In the picture, you must clearly show the length of the fish in inches (take a picture of the fish with a tape measure for proof).

Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for the longest fish each month!

The dates are as follows:

- April 1-30, Crappie
- May 1 – 31, Largemouth Bass
- June 1-30, Channel Catfish

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Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photography Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>
Youth must be enrolled in their state 4-H program.

Challenge summary-To prepare for the county fair, choose your best photo and write up to two sentences explaining why it's special to you!

Submission guidelines:

Choose your best picture (with no or minimal editing) and write up to two sentences explaining why it's special to you. Submit your jpg or jpeg image and statement via email to fourhphoto@umn.edu by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024. **Photo must have been taken during the current 4-H year (2023-2024).** In the email, use the subject line "4-H Best Shot Photo Contest" and in the body, please include the member's name, grade and state. Once your email submission has been received and your registration verified, you will receive a confirmation email (please be patient as a staff member does this).

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Subject matter is OPEN, but must be appropriate!

Additional information on the [U of M webpage](#).

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.

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