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# Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

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## April

- 9 Robotics Mtg. Bone Gap Christian Church 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church at 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Deadline for Cardinals tickets
- 16 Informational Dog Meeting 6:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 16 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 17 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church West Salem
- 17 YQCA training 6:00 p.m. at Moravian Church West Salem
- 24 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 27 State Public Speaking Contest  
Little Wabash Ramblers TBA

## May

- 1 Fair Entry Open

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 21 – 27

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 21– 27. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Edwards County, there are numerous volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.



**I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**

# Congratulations to the 2024 4-H Project Grant Recipients



**\$2,375 in grants  
awarded to help  
4-Hers with supplies  
for their projects**



- Kelly Hinderlilter
- Sarah Spray
- Lucy Harrison
- Jackson Miller
- Xander Trowbridge
- Emerie Moore
- Isabella Jones
- Zoey Bare
- Evalynn Edwards
- Ty Smith
- Hannah Perry
- Myah Miller
- Emersyn McVaigh
- Ava Perkins
- Emmitt Spray
- Clay Smith
- Emmalyn Jones
- Kayson Kelsey
- Kylar Vanmatre
- Gracie Fenton
- Reagan Bogle
- Cole Smith
- Kyntlee Kelsey
- Sarafina Henson
- Cash Trowbridge
- Brier Lynch
- Waylon Pritchett
- Allivia Houser
- Rosen Bell
- Hannah Bare
- Josie Duncan
- Owen Schuh



A YQCA certification training will be held before the Yankees meeting on April 17, starting at 6:00 . If you are from another club and missed the two previous trainings you are welcome to sign up for this one.

Register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

**I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY**

## 4-H Hooks Us Together Fishing Tournament is back!



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 Resource 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](http://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

**I PLEDGE... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE**



Head to Illini Summer Academies this summer for a one-of-a-kind experience! Read on to learn what ISA is all about...

- Who? Open to all Illinois youth entering 10th-12th grade in the Fall of 2024

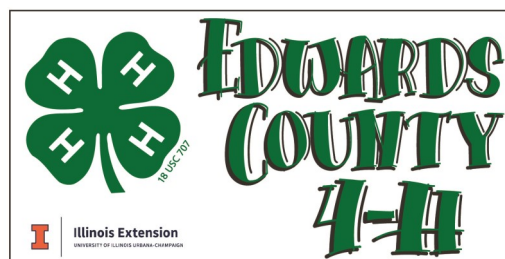
- What? This is your chance to try college on for size! Stay in a dorm,

make new friends, work with U of I professors and get hands-on experience in the subjects that interest you!

- When? June 23-27
- Where? University of Illinois campus in Champaign
- Why? This is your chance to learn about what matters to you in the ultimate college prep experience!

Get more information and review all 11 (!) academies being offered this year at [go.illinois.edu/ISA2024](http://go.illinois.edu/ISA2024) -- registration is open now through April 21.

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the registration office.



## National Day of Service is Saturday, April 27

4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4<sup>th</sup> “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please register your event on the [Illinois 4-H Community Service page of the website](#). Once your event is over you can also report what you accomplished through your service outreach and upload photos which can be highlighted through the Illinois 4-H Social Media channels!

Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.



**There will be an informational dog meeting, on Tuesday evening, April 16, 6:00 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall. Do not bring your dogs to this meeting! This meeting is for members and parents.**

### **\*All Fair Entries will be done On-Line Again This Year\***

4-H Fair entries will be done online by the 4-H Families.

Starting May 1st you can go online to:

<http://edwards4-hfair.fairentry.com>

All entries must be complete by June 1st. All 4-H members will receive a cheat sheet in the mail soon!





# Southern Region 4-H Showcase

## General Project Show

**Saturday, Aug 17**

*(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)*

## Livestock Shows

**Friday and Saturday,**

**Aug 23 and 24**

*(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)*

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There will be no premiums paid for projects or livestock entries. At University of Illinois Extension, we believe in giving our youth the opportunity to show off their skills and knowledge. We are partnering with DuQuoin State Fair to give the 4-H youth of Illinois another opportunity to show their skills and knowledge. At the 2024 DuQuoin State Fair, Illinois Extension will sponsor a General Projects Show and Livestock Show. There will be no premiums paid for projects or livestock entries. No general project fee \$5 stalling fee per livestock entry A \$10 parking fee is due at the gate on Saturday, August 24.

Disclaimer - Extension staff reserves the right to combine or split classes based on the number of entries and space in the show arena. Please look for and expect class revisions from Extension Staff to be posted/announced in advance of the show.

For more information or to register, go to [go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase](http://go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase) Deadline is August 1.

## Fish Camp

Ready for a "reel" adventure? Registration is open for our 4-H Reel Adventure Family Fish Camp happening May 3-5!

Whether you have been fishing for years or you are just learning, this camp is for you! Our 16 acre restricted access lake at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello has plenty of space for everyone attending this event. Fishing volunteers, including an IDNR Urban Fishing Program Coordinator, will be here to help those who are learning to setup their poles, get them baited, and take those first fish off.

For those not fishing or who just need a rest after pulling in so many fish, we will have arts & crafts, rock climbing, hayrack rides, S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, snacks around the campfire, and a lot of other fun camp activities just like our other Family Camps! We will send out the schedule prior to the event.

At least one participant per family must be 4-H age (5-18 years old). Due to the nature of Family Camp, a parent, guardian or responsible adult must stay with the children in their care for the duration of their camp session.

To register or for more information, head to [go.illinois.edu/fishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/fishcamp). If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the 4-H Camp Office.

## Soy Amazing Webinar

Jaidyn Miller, Marketing Development Coordinator for Illinois Soybean Association and a former 4-Her will co-host our It's Soy Amazing Webinar held virtually on April 30 from 6pm-7pm. Get ready to hear her story and explore pathways to career opportunities with the Illinois Soybean Association!

This event is geared toward older youth, but all 4-H age youth are welcome to register. Register using Zsuite starting April 12 -- once you register, you will receive an email with Zoom link to the event.

## 2024 Spring Volunteer & Teen Leader/Officer Learning Experiences Available!

The Illinois 4-H Volunteerism Work Group is excited to bring you multiple opportunities this Spring for you to participate in Volunteer Training and Café Conversations! This is a great opportunity for you to strengthen your skills as a volunteer; gain a greater understanding of how to support positive learning experiences for youth; and to engage in conversations with volunteers across the State. We also see this as a great learning opportunity to encourage teens serving in leadership roles and/or as 4-H Club Officers to participate in since many of the topics provide content that will support them in their leadership roles. Encourage your teens to register!

Use the unique link provided with each Volunteer & Teen Leader/Club Officer learning experience to register in Zsuite – once you sign it you should be taken directly to the event registration page!

- **Thursday, April 18: 7 - 8:15 PM**

***Stick to the Code! The Code of Conduct Creates an Environment Where Youth Thrive! – Virtual 4-H Volunteer Training*** Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/26465>

- **Thursday, May 9: 7 – 8:15 PM**

***School's Out for the Summer – Share Strategies to Keep Kids Engaged!- Virtual 4-H Café Conversation*** Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/26468>

- **Thursday, June 6: 7 - 8:15 PM**

***Sneak Peek at the New Extension Volunteer Website & Moodle Course Training Opportunities! – Virtual 4-H Volunteer Training*** Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/26466>

## HEALTH PAPER CHANGES

**Steers will be required to have health papers for the 2024 4-H shows**





## Off-Premise Forms

If you are housing livestock off of your own premises, remember you must fill out an off-premise form and turn it in to the Extension office by June 1. You can find this form on our website, ZSuite or by emailing [djc@illinois.edu](mailto:djc@illinois.edu). This rule applies to animals that are even on grandparents property! If it is not legally your property, you need to have an off premise form.

## Local County Fair Dates

Wayne: July 7-13

Lawrence: July 8 —14

Wabash: July 12-20

Richland: July 19-27

Edwards: July 23—August 3

## Goal Sheets and Livestock Records

If members and families have questions about goal sheets or livestock records, be sure to call the office or ask your leader for help. Goal sheets will need to be completed and brought to the shows with your project. Livestock records will need to be completed and turned in at Fair Clean-up.

## Flower Basket Workshop

Be watching for the registration to open for the Flower Basket Workshop. It will be held on May 2nd, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau.

## State Fair

- **YQCA** is mandatory for livestock projects.
- **Jr. Show entries** will need to be signed by County Extension Staff before the exhibitor mails entry forms to State Fair Entry Office. Deadline is July 1 to the state.
- **Horses**-Ownership, Lease papers, & pictures are due to the State by June 1, 2024. **The County office needs this information by May 24th!!**

## More State Fair...Important!

Registration papers (pedigrees) will be required in all purebred classes. Registration papers must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers. The entry form itself still has to be in the individual exhibitors name.

## Swine Workshop

If you would like to attend a swine workshop to learn more about your swine project. Make plans to attend the workshop at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. It will be Saturday, May 4th from 10:00—12:00 pm. Register at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/swineworkshop>

## Local and State Equine Show

ALL youth that are mounted on a horse must be wearing a helmet. This is for your safety and we are required to go by this State rule.



## Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, cats & all other small animals. **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. **All members needing to take QAEC have been sent a notice by email, mail and your leader has been notified.**

**This is your responsibility to complete.**

**The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.**

You can find the online training at:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

### Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 3 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

If you haven't received book from leader go the Extension Website:

<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww>

### Lamb & Goat-Illinois State Fair

### Tattoo & Weigh-In Locations-

**Anyone needing information contact the office ASAP for details!**



**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!**

Search "Edwards County 4-H" and be sure to LIKE the page!

## Animal Leases

Don't forget!! If you are leasing an animal you need to fill out a lease form and have it turned in to the Extension office by June 1st.

## Upcoming Fair Shows and Events

Soon it will be time for fair shows and events. Everyone is welcome to attend the shows and watch all that is happening in the Edwards Co. 4-H program. Help spread the word and bring your family and friends out to the fair this year!

## Very Important!

Around the first of May you will receive an envelope in the mail about how to register your 4-H projects online for the upcoming fair events. Be sure you get this done by June 1st to be eligible to show! This is an absolute deadline, no excuses. Also, make sure you have completed the QAEC, YQCA and attended 2/3rds of your club meetings. (If you are a college student you are required to attend 3 meetings). If these requirements are not met we will not be able to let you show and participate at the fair. We don't want anyone to miss out, so get your registrations in ASAP!

## Coggins Testing/Health Papers

It is standard procedure you must have coggins testing done on your horse prior to the Equine Show on July 26, 2024. Bring your papers with you that day, we will be checking them when you register.

Health Papers for animals-talk with your leader. Many clubs do the testing as a group to cut down on costs. Some prefer to do it on an individual basis. It does not matter how you do it, just make sure you have it done if it is required for your animals. Health Papers will be checked after weigh in.

Health Papers are required for Sheep, Goats, Swine, Steers and all female cattle over 6 months. No health papers are required for 4-H 1-day poultry shows where the entries are taken to the show and returned home the same day. Rabbits do not require health papers for our fair.

## Cemetery Clean Up

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the cemetery clean up a success. We received many kind words for the great work that was put forth that day!



## **This information will be in each newsletter until the fair!**

### **2024 EDWARDS COUNTY 4-H FAIR CHANGES**

There are a few changes that have been made this year, for the 4-H shows. We want to make members and families aware of these changes. All changes will be in the 2024 Project and Activity Book.

- General Project show will be held on Saturday, July 13th, starting at 8:00 a.m. This year the General Project show will be judged by clubs. Each club will get an assigned time to be at COUNTRY Financial Hall for judging. Exhibitors will need to arrive at least 30 minutes early to register their project(s) OR they may bring their projects on Friday, July 12th, between 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to register and place them on the judging tables. Projects will be left after being judged. Judging of all clubs will be completed by 12:00. Public viewing will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. awards, pictures and project pick up will be held.
- There are some changes in the General Projects, all changes can be found in the Project and Activity Book. Members will need to read the guidelines, on each of the projects, they are enrolled in.
- Poultry show has been changed to Thursday, July 25th, at 5:30 p.m., at the 4-H arena.
- A change has been made in the classes of the Swine show. The purebred gilt classes will be omitted. If a member has a purebred gilt, they can enter them in the crossbred gilt class and will be shown by weight. The purebred barrows will still have the same classes. A Grand Champion Barrow will be selected from the purebred barrows and the market barrows.
- Auction will return to Thursday morning, August 1st, at 9:00 a.m.
- Auction Eligible Animals: This year if a member does not show a market animal, but they have another non - market Food Animal they showed in a 4-H show, members may put an animal, of any specie in the Auction. The non-market animals can only go through the auction one year, the only animal that can repeat selling in consecutive years is a Bucket Calf, the following year they could go through as a Steer. If you have a market animal(s) you must select one market animal to be sold at Auction. All animals going into the auction must have the appropriate records kept on those animals.
- Animals will be sold in the same order as before, small animals first, ending with swine. One change will be the order animals will sell for each specie. In the past we have started with the lowest placing and ending with the Grand Champion. This year the Grand Champion animal will sell first, Reserve Champion, highest placing to the lowest, then the Non- Market Animal(s), will be sold last in each specie.
- Animals can leave the fairgrounds after the Auction. Livestock pens and areas will need to be cleaned.