

4-H Clubs in Kankakee



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Aim for the Game Shooting Sports & Outdoor Skills Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in Momence

Main Leader: Jeremy Roberts, tjmilitary@att.net

This club focuses on learning the proper safety, handling and use of air pistols as a sport in addition to outdoor skills and activities to include hunting and trapping.

Cabery Specials 4-H Club

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm in Kempton

Main Leader: Tammy Richie, jjtrichie@yahoo.com

Our club resides in the southwest corner of the county. Yearly, our community service project is cleaning either the Cabery or Kempton parks (rotates each year), Memorial Day weekend we put flags up at the local cemeteries, and in December we make cards for local nursing homes. We participate in window decorating to showcase the clubs projects. We have a monthly agenda that the members look forward to including bowling, painting, talks, gingerbread houses, pizza making, and community service. All 4-H'ers and their families are welcome to attend to fun.

Cabery Specials Cloverbuds

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm in Kempton

Main Leader: Tammy Richie, jjtrichie@yahoo.com

Chebense Ag. 4-H

Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00pm in Chebanse, Herscher, Kankakee, or Bonfield

Main Leader: John Adams, jradams@daca.net

Our clubs does community service projects. We also have many projects to include animals (livestock, birds, sheep, goats, rabbits), horticulture, cooking, photography history, crafts, archery, hiking, and safety. We usually have food at our meetings. Families are involved bringing a dish. Members should like to be involved with activities and fundraisers. Parent involvement is important. No Cloverbuds.

Kankakee County 4-H Federation

Federation meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in Bourbonnais

Adult Advisors: Bobbi Buza, Bbbuza@att.net

Kankakee County 4-H Federation is a leadership club comprised of a variety of youth leaders from different clubs around the county. This club plans and hosts a variety of countywide events for all 4-H youth in Kankakee County.

Grant Park LL SS & Grant Park Spuds (Cloverbuds)

Meets the 1st Monday at 6:30-7:30/8:00pm in Grant Park

Main Leader: Julie Thompson, jamt77@yahoo.com

Monthly meetings are focused around community service and engagement, group projects, and having fun. Our youth participate in a wide variety of animals and general projects. We typically engage in one fundraiser per year. Community projects tend to focus on military assistance and church yard maintenance. There's room for everyone, all ages are integrated into meeting participation. This club has approximately 30 youth ages 8-12.

For more information, please contact club leaders Julie Thompson at 815-791-5945 or Jeremy Roberts at 815-791-6585

Herscher Hustlers & Herscher Hustlers Cloverbuds

Meets the 4th Sundays at 6:00pm in Herscher

Main leader: Kelly Knobloch, herscherhustlers4h@gmail.com

Herscher Hustlers is a melting pot of members involved in diverse interests from livestock to cake decorating, robotics to sewing. The club meets monthly but also offers workshops for members to expand their skills each month. Cloverbuds, through senior members, learn leadership skills, community service and public speaking. Our members enjoy fun group activities and outings.

Kids with Kids & Kids with Kids Cloverbuds

Meeting times and locations will be given directly from the leaders.

Main leader: Jennifer Bauer, bauerclifton@aol.com

Livestock focus with general projects.

Limestone Leaders & Limestone Leaderbuds (Cloverbuds)

Meets the 2nd Sunday of most months at 5:00pm in Kankakee

Main Leader: Bonnie Buckley, Buckley3385@comcast.net and Heather Ruel for Cloverbuds, njajbare@yahoo.com

Many of our club members have animals but there are about 6 kids that have general projects. We do community fundraisers for needy kids for Christmas. We also help with the Limestone Fire Chicken BBQ every year. We collect pop tabs for Ronald Mc Donald house, plastic bags for homeless mats and plastic caps for benches.

Manteno Best Pioneers

Meets the 2nd Saturdays at 1:30-3:00 PM in Manteno. No meetings June, July, and August.

Main Leader: Lois Meyer, ljmrcm@sbcglobal.net

Our club does 3 service projects per year. The main focus of our meetings is public speaking and working with the members so they feel comfortable in front of their peers. They all help each other with this. We usually try to have them speak about their projects. No Cloverbuds. This club has about 32 members of all ages.

For more information, please contact Melissa Saathoff, NMSaathoff@gmail.com

Momence Troopers & Momence Mini Troopers

Meets the 3rd Monday of most months at 7:00pm in Momence

Main Leader: Phyllis Burwell, phlbmom@sbcglobal.net

Our club participates in at least 5 community service projects each year. Our families are involved with our service projects. We have no restrictions. We will help find people to assist our members with projects if need be. We have had a lot of poultry and visual art projects the last couple years. We understand life is busy and work with families involved in sports and other club meetings. We have occasional Sunday events for families.

Momence Mini Troopers

Meets the 3rd Monday of most months at 6:30pm in Momence

Main Leader: Phyllis Burwell, phlbmom@sbcglobal.net

River Valley Sharp Shooters SPIN Club

For more information on the *general* 4-H shooting sports program, visit the state 4-H website at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects/shooting-sports>.

Rifle & Pistol

Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month October through June at 2:00 PM in Kankakee.

Main Leader: Tina Odle 200target@gmail.com For more information call Tina at 815-450-7162

The goal of this club is, first, to teach firearm safety. Secondly, they teach 4-Hers competitive marksmanship - part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Beginners are on air rifle in 3 events and progress to .22 in 3 events. There is an Illinois State 4-H Championship and the winners go to the National 4-H Championships. Youth can enroll at any time however, progressive shooting (builds on previous skills) starts in October. Youth will start with air rifle then move to small bore events.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: The next "Intro to shooting sports" program is **Sunday, May 7, 2-4 PM.**

Contact leader Tina Odle, 200target@gmail.com or call 815-450-7162.

Archery

Meets various Saturdays at 10:00 and 11:00 AM in St. Anne

Main Leaders: Mike Costello 708-250-2660 and Pat Farman 815-427-6280

Are you interested in archery but don't know what to do? Think archery sounds like fun but don't know where to go? Join the Kankakee County 4-H Shooting Sports Spin Club. We supply the bows, arrows, targets, and 4-H certified instructors. The Archery club meets on a Saturday of the month to shoot. We usually have sessions at 10 & 11 AM for 4-Hers to choose from. Each month an email is sent out for signups with the date and times available. We shoot inside at Antler Ridge Archery, St. Anne. The monthly cost is \$5.00 to cover range fees. Come join us and have some fun!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Certified instructors Pat Farman & Mike Costello will be hosting an Intro to Archery & More programs on Saturday, **May 6, June 10, and July 15** at 10:00 AM at Antler Ridge in St. Anne. Please contact Mike Costello at 708-250-2660 for more information. Please share with your youth.

St. George Dragons & Les Petite Dragons Cloverbuds

Meets the 3RD Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Bourbonnais

Main Leader: Janice Blanchette, jmb4446@hotmail.com

The Dragons are made up of mainstream education and *home-schooled* members. Members are enrolled in large animal, small pets, STEM and general projects. They have two fundraisers a year to cover members' program fees and a variety of service projects to include DCFS Foster Kids at Xmas, Food Pantry, tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Manteno Veterans Home, and Care Boxes for Military. They have a fall party at Camp Shaw and a two-week workshop for clothing construction in June. They meet once a month.

Town & Country

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Essex.

Main Leader: /Alissa Claassen, alissaclaassen@gmail.com and Emily Dockery, emily.dockery@uhc.com

Ready Rascals Cloverbuds (Town & Country)

Meets 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00pm in Essex.

Main Leader: /Alissa Claassen, alissaclaassen@gmail.com and Emily Dockery, emily.dockery@uhc.com