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Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike and Schuyler Counties



ONLY 2 MORE MONTHS OF SCHOOL MEANS SUMMER FAIR AHEAD FOR YOU!

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ONLINE RESOURCES

- www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14
- <https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>

PROJECT WORKSHOP AND INTEREST SURVEY



Help us gather input to create effective workshop ideas and identify project resources needed. Please take this brief (5 minute) survey! We are excited to help you reach 4-H project goals!

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://go.illinois.edu/WorkshopSurvey>



4-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PIKE - SCHUYLER IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 4/6 - State 4-H Awards Celebration in Champaign
- 4/7 - Hancock County Oak Tree Planting (Register by April 5)
- 4/10 - Hancock County First Dog Obedience Class
- 4/13 - State 4-H Hippology Contest and 4-H Horse Speaking Contest
- 4/14 - State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 4/15 - General Project Enrollment Deadline - ZSuite
- 4/17 - Hancock County Dog Obedience Class
- 4/22 - Start of the 4-H Nature Day Challenge
- 4/23 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Federation Meeting
- 4/24 - Hancock County Dog Obedience Class
- 4/24 - Adams County Leaders Meeting
- 4/27 - State Public Speaking Contest
- 4/27 - Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

May

- 5/1 - Hancock County Final Dog Obedience Class
- 5/7 - Hancock County - Fair 101 Zoom Meeting for New 4-H Families
- 5/11 - Shooting Sports Volunteer Training (Monticello)
- 5/15 - Brown/Schuyler & Pike Project Registration deadline for Fair Entry
- 5/23 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting
- 5/24 - Final day of 4-H Nature Day Challenge
- 5/30 - Pike County Visual Arts Workshop
- 5/31 - Hancock County Project Registration Deadline for Fair Entry
- 5/31 - YQCA and QAEC Completion Deadline for Brown/Schuyler, Hancock, and Pike Counties

June

- 6/5 - Electricity School
- 6/9 - Pike County 4-H Fair Set-up
- 6/12-14 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Fair
- 6/18-21 - Pike County 4-H Fair
- 6/24-28 - Hancock County Cooking 101 School
- 6/30 - Fair Entry, YQCA, and QAEC Deadline for Adams County

July

- 7/1 - Hancock County Fair Clean-up
- 7/8-11 - Hancock County 4-H Fair
- 7/16 - Adams County 4-H Fair Clean-up
- 7/23-30 - Adams County 4-H Fair

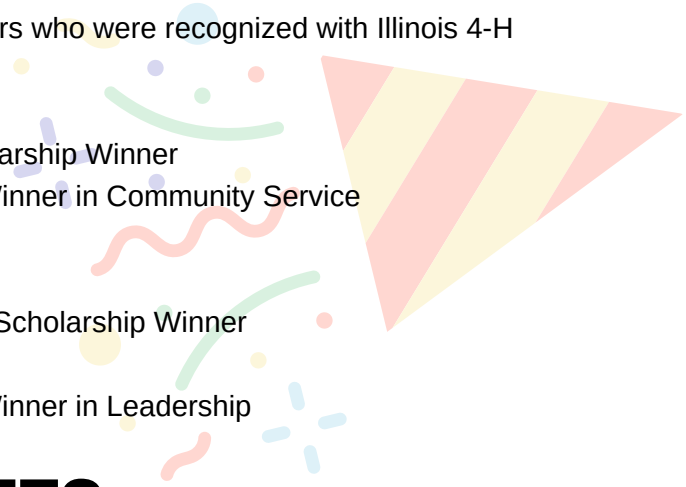
This list of dates will continuously be updated in each newsletter. Please pay attention to emails and our Facebook page for the most updated information.

RECENT NEWS

>>> CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were recognized with Illinois 4-H Scholarships and Awards:

- Andrea Schaffnit
 - \$1,000 Illinois 4-H Leadership Scholarship Winner
 - Illinois 4-H Emerald Clover Award Winner in Community Service
 - Sustaining the Future Award
- Hayley Lair
 - \$1,000 Healthy Living and Nutrition Scholarship Winner
- Lance Woolam
 - Illinois 4-H Emerald Clover Award Winner in Leadership



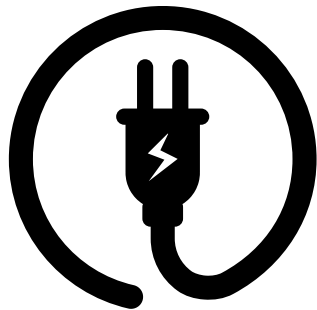
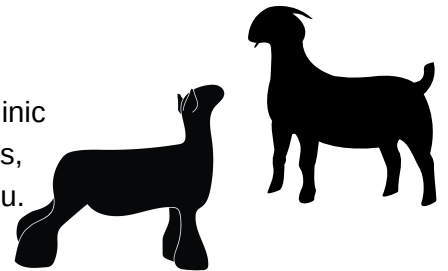
UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> LEADERS MEETING

The Adams County 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held at the Adams County Extension Office on April 24, starting at 5:30 pm.

>>> SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN

April 27, starting at noon, the Western Illinois Veterinary Clinic will host the sheep and goat weigh in. If you have questions, please contact Siera Duesterhaus at snthomps@illinois.edu.



>>> ELECTRICITY SCHOOL

Illinois Extension and Adams Electric Cooperative are excited to host the annual electricity school. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 5 in Camp Point. More details to come, but please reserve that date on the calendar if you are interested in attending!

>>> FAIR ENTRY PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 30

>>> FAIR CLEAN UP

Join us for Fair Clean up on July 16th starting at 8:00 AM. Please wear work clothes and closed toed shoes/boots. Please bring brooms, dust pans, shovels, gloves to pick up trash, buckets, and cleaning rags. Meet by the 4-H Barn at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Working together, we will get ready for the fair!

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

April 7 | 2:30 pm | Hamilton Pool | Register by April 5

Members and families are asked to volunteer to plant oak trees at the pool in Hamilton. Members will learn the importance of oak savannah habitats and simple tree identification as well. The 25 oak trees are donated by a collaboration between the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the University of Illinois Extension to increase oak savannah habitats throughout Illinois. Families are asked to bring a shovel and gloves. Visit: registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/bringing-back-oak-tree-savannahs-in-hancock-county-il-1



DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING REMINDER

April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 | 5:15-6:15 pm | Hancock Co. Extension Office | \$10 (4-H Members Only) | Registration information was sent to all members enrolled in the dog project area

Members exhibiting in the obedience course in the Dog Show at the fair must participate in our Dog Obedience Training classes. Other members are welcome to attend training classes as well. A class open to the public will be held 6:45-7:45 PM. Please contact Danette Phelps at 309-255-2572 to register for public classes.

FAIR ENTRY PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: MAY 31ST

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Hearts of Hancock County Humane Society is looking for volunteers to help with various tasks around the building as well as trainings in the spring. If you are interested in helping at the Humane Society, please contact Donna Bainter at bainterdonna@gmail.com.

4-H FEDERATION

4-H members 13 years or older are welcome to join Federation to help with various fair activities, learn leadership and communication skills, and participate in community service events. If you are interested in joining Federation, please email Holly (hscharpe@illinois.edu) or Madeline (mdavis13@illinois.edu).

RECENT NEWS

WIU LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Five members of Hancock County 4-H participated in Western Illinois University's 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, March 23.

Danielle Beeler competed in the Senior division, while Emma Morey, Connor Roskamp, Nick Beeler, and Adelaide McMillen competed as a Junior team and received 2nd place in swine! Nick Beeler received 4th place individually in swine as well! Congratulations to all – we are so proud to have you representing Hancock County 4-H!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Emma Whitaker who received the Sustaining the Future Award presented by Illinois 4-H to recognize members who have exemplified outstanding leadership within the agricultural industry. Emma will have the opportunity to attend the Premier 20 Leadership Conference, as well as receive a plaque and certificate. We're so proud of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> BROWN/SCHUYLER COUNTY 4-H FAIR INFORMATION

Brown/Schuylers 4-H Shows will take place June 12-14 at the Schuyler County Fairgrounds. Shows the morning of June 12 will take place at the merchant building, while the afternoon will be at the Schuyler County Extension Office. Shows June 13-14 will take place at the Schuyler County Fairgrounds livestock arena. The fair schedule is on the first page of the fairbook.

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETING

Enjoy time with peers during the next Brown/Schuylers 4-H Federation Meeting on Tuesday, April 23. The meeting will take place at the JWCC Mt. Sterling location, starting at 6:00 pm. We are excited to see you!

FAIR ENTRY PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: MAY 15 (FOR BOTH)

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETING

Join us for our next Pike County Federation meeting on Thursday, May 23. We will meet at the Griggsville Fairgrounds at 6:00pm. See you there!

>>> **SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER! VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP**

Wooden block decorations, burlap decorated lights, and dipped pretzels are on the agenda for this red, white, and blue themed Visual Arts workshop. 4-H members are invited to kick off summer with this make-and-take workshop on Thursday, May 30, from 9-11 AM, at the Pike County Farm Bureau Auditorium. Each participant will take home 3 completed visual arts projects, all centered around a patriotic theme to celebrate summer! Cost for the workshop is \$15 per person. Register for this event by May 22! For more information, contact Kristin Huls: khuls@illinois.edu



Register by scanning the QR code or visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/PikeV-A-Workshop>

>>> 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW SET-UP DAY

All members exhibiting livestock at the Pike County 4-H Fair (Western Illinois Fairgrounds, Griggsville) will set-up the livestock barn on Sunday, June 9th at 4pm. Gates will need to be moved to set up pens and the livestock arena. Bring wire and pliers for your pen(s).

>>> PIKE COUNTY 4-H FAIR INFORMATION

Pike County 4-H shows take place at the Western Illinois Fairgrounds in Griggsville. The 4-H fair runs June 18-21. Project exhibiting will take place at the American Legion building. Check the fair schedule on the first page of the fairbook. See you at the fair!

STATE OPPORTUNITIES

>>> SOLAR ECLIPSE CAMPING OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to witness the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024? Do you need a camping spot and would also like to support 4-H? We have you covered! The Franklin County Fairgrounds is right in the path of the Solar Eclipse. Individuals can book an RV spot, open-air tent spot, or covered tent spot, with all proceeds going to Franklin County 4-H. Campers can check in as early as noon on Saturday, April 6, and stay through Tuesday, April 9. Check out more details on the event website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2024-04-08-solar-eclipse-camping-fundraiser>



>>> 4-H HOOKS US TOGETHER: FISHING TOURNAMENT

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

>>> SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

May 11 at Memorial Camp in Monticello

If interested in registering, contact your local Extension office to get signed up. This is a 9-hour “field day” which teaches range management. An additional 3 hour online 4-H training will complete the certification process.

>>> ALUMNI AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Illinois 4-H Alumni Award: The highest honor is bestowed upon a 4-H alumnus by the Illinois 4-H Association and Illinois 4-H program on behalf of the University of Illinois. This award recognizes an elite group of Illinois 4-H alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.

Illinois 4-H Young Alumni Award: The Young Alumni award is bestowed upon alumni by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association and Illinois 4-H program on behalf of the University of Illinois. This award recognizes young alumni that have demonstrated significant accomplishments and are emerging leaders in their professional or civic contributions to their community. They have proven to be ambassadors for the Illinois 4-H program and the 4-H young alumni community.

Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award: The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit award recognizes an Illinois 4-H family who has substantially benefited from and continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over at least three generations

To nominate alumni and families:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/alumni/alumni-awards-and-recognition>



PAST EVENTS

>>> 4-H RABBIT CLINIC - LEAPING TOWARDS SUCCESS!

The 4-H Rabbit Clinic, held March 9th, was a leap towards success; especially thanks to the sponsorship of Titan International Inc.! Eleven 4-H members and their families attended the clinic, hosted by experienced rabbit breeders and show judges.

Members learned about responsible pet ownership and the specific needs of rabbits, including diet and health care. Highlights included the giveaway of door prizes, including essential rabbit care items. One lucky attendee even won two rabbits - congratulations Aria Courtney!

>>> 10 PROJECT AREAS FEATURED AT SUPER SATURDAY!

Over 40 4-H members from Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler counties attended Super Saturday on March 16. Members chose three, 50-minute sessions to attend. Sessions included Cloverbuds, Your First Fair, Drones, Flower Arranging, Weather, Food Decorating, Child Care, Crops, Natural Resources, and Food Science. During each session, members learned general information about the project area as well as new skills to enhance the project they bring to the fair. Super Saturday is hosted each year in the spring, so be sure to register next spring!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

>>> ZSUITE PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: APRIL 15

Fair season is right around the corner, and we can't wait to see what you've learned about your project area. Make sure to login to ZSuite and enroll in your project area by April 15. Contact your 4-H Coordinator with any questions!

>>> 4-H NATURE DAY CHALLENGE | APRIL 22 - MAY 24

Check out the 4-H Nature Day Challenge on the back page of this newsletter! Challenge details, a checklist, and prizes are listed.

CHECK THE BACK PAGE FOR PRIZES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION!

>>> ERUPT YOUR CREATIVE SPARK WITH JOANN!

Have some sewing or craft project ideas? Bring them to life while helping empower youth! Our friends at JOANN are giving you a chance to support 4-H'ers with a donation in stores through May 4th. Help inspire kids to create while doing some creating of your own. Here are nearby, participating stores:

Quincy Location:
425 N 32nd St
Quincy, IL 62301
217-224-6008

Galesburg Location
1920 N Henderson St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
309-344-1918



Springfield Location:
3051 Wabash Ave.
Springfield, IL 62704
217-546-6339

Burlington Location:
3200 Agency Street, Ste 110
Burlington, IA 52601
319-752-4103



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We hope you enjoyed this copy of the printed newsletter! Please remember to check your emails, our website, and Facebook page, for all your latest 4-H news!



ATTENTION ALL COUNTIES!

>>> 4-H NATURE DAY CHALLENGE | APRIL 22 - MAY 24

We are challenging your 4-H Club to a litter clean up in honor of the National Day of Service (April 27)! Get your club members together, head outdoors, and pick up trash!

To Do:

- have your 4-H leader complete the required registration form by April 12. Members' shirt sizes will be needed for the form. See below.
- pick a day that works for your club members between April 22 and May 24.
- choose a location where members can easily and safely spread out and cover more ground. Parks are great locations!
- collect all bags of trash at the end of the day and weigh them. Send a picture of the final weight and of your club in their Nature Day t-shirts to your county's 4-H coordinator.

We will have scales available at each county office for check-out if you do not have access to a scale.

WIN 'LIVING LANDS AND WATERS' SWAG!

The club in each county with the highest weight of trash will win a \$50 Shop 4-H voucher and Living Lands and Waters swag!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR EVENT INFORMATION AND A SPECIAL CHALLENGE VIDEO FROM LIVING LANDS AND WATERS!



[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CHALLENGE](https://go.illinois.edu/challenge)

