

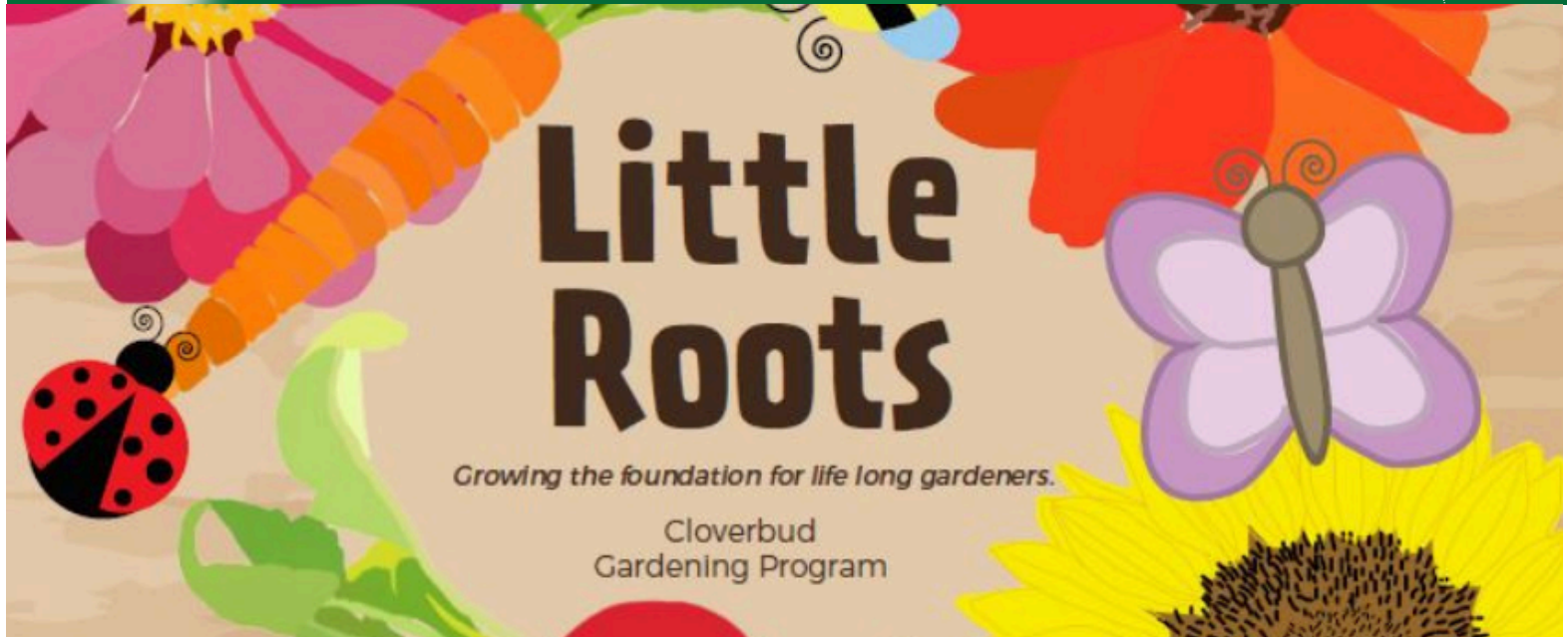


Coles County

Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

May 2024



Little Roots

Growing the foundation for life long gardeners.

Cloverbud Gardening Program

Mattoon, IL 61938

NEW: Little Roots Cloverbud SPIN Club

Little Roots is a program for Cloverbud youth aged 5-7 years old. This program allows youth to explore gardening in a hands-on educational experience. Youth will increase their knowledge of plant growth, plant development, and the importance of soil and water in plant production. In addition to increasing environmental awareness and developing science process skills, including observation, taking measurements, and problem-solving.

If your youth would like to join this SPIN club, please contact Jess at JNHays@illinois.edu or call our office at 217-345-7034.

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Find other Extension program areas at

<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/staff>

- Family Life
- Horticulture, Natural Resources
- Illinois Nutrition Education Programs



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Calendar



May

- 1 - Deadline Project Add/Drop (in ZSuite)
- 1 - Deadline Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due (see Coles 4-H Website)
- 2 - Sheep weigh-in/ Registration
- 6 - RSVP Youth CPR Workshop
- 18 - Youth CPR Workshop, 10:30 am, *RR
- May 2- 31 - 4-H Photo Contest Display at Jackson Avenue Coffee

June

- 1 - Deadline QAEC Training
- 1 - Deadline YQCA Training
- 1 - ISF Horse Entries Due
- 1 - Deadline Fair Entry Closes
- 8- Visual Arts Workshop
- 24 - Deadline Fair Eligibility Information Due from Leaders

July

- 1 - ISF Livestock Entries Due
- 4 - Pet Parade @ Morton Park, Charleston
- 11- Multi-County Dog Show (FG)
- 14 - Multi-County Horse Show (FG)
- 16 - Home & Family Show @ Cross County Mall
- 18 - 4-H Center Set-up Night: 5:30 pm (FG)
- 20 - General Projects Show (FG)
- 23 - Fairground Clean-up/Barn Set-up: 5:00 pm (FG)
- July 28 - August 2 - 4-H Fair Week

EO -Extension Office

***RR= Registration Required**

FG - Fairgrounds

SPIN Club



Check the Shooting Sports Facebook Page for updates.

Shooting Sports: Air Rifle
Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

- Check Facebook Group for updates

Shooting Sports: Archery
Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

- May 26
- June

Weather Permitting

Watch the Shooting Sports Facebook Page for Updates.



All Things PAW-sitive

Meeting Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

- May 16
- June 13
- June 27

Contact the Extension Office at 217-345-7034 to get involved in a SPIN Club!



Photo Contest

Check out the 4-H photos Displayed at the Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop during the month of May!



YQCA

In-Person Training

May 20, 2024 5:30 PM

Meeting at Coles Extension Office

Registration Required: Go to

**4-H Members
age 8-18**

IMPORTANT

Online Training

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

In-person \$3

Online \$12

Required for Youth exhibiting in
beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine.

QAEC

Training required for youth ages 8-18 exhibiting
in cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits.

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/>.

Find the QAEC directions at
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/media/3634/download?inline=true>.

Contact Jess at JNHays@illinois.edu or call the
office at 217-345-7034 with any questions.

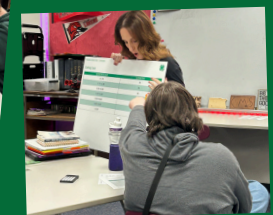
Welcome to the Real World Program

The 4-H Welcome to the Real World program gives youth
the experience of exploring careers, making consumer
choices related to future independent living, learning
skills needed to manage their finances, evaluating their
success in managing their monthly income
and expenses, & exploring alternatives to
balance a budget.

*Thank
you!*

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and Ross Osterday, Illinois Extension, for volunteering your time and
sharing your experience, & knowledge with our youth.



Workshops & Events

Check
to
Out

Health: Youth CPR

Registration Closes 5/6/24

County (C)

Saturday, May 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
4-H Center

For Youth
age 8-18

Free

For
4-H Members
&
Non Members



Find details & register at

https://go.illinois.edu/Coles_HealthYouthCPR

Summer fun Art Day a Visual Arts Workshop

For Youth
age 8-18

\$5
4-H Members

\$8
Non Members

Saturday, June 8, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
4-H Center

County (C)

Find details & register at

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

If you missed the Registration
and still want to join contact
Jess at JNHays@illinois.edu or
call our office at 217-345-7034.

Rabbit Showmanship Workshop

**This Event is being
Rescheduled for
June. More details
coming soon!**

THANK YOU!
Volunteers

YQCA

For Youth
age 8-18

See Page 3 form more details.

Required for Youth exhibiting in
beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine.

All workshops are for 4-H
members and non members.



If you have questions, call
217-345-7034.

**All workshops must have a
minimum of 5 participants registered.

Record Keeping
Club (L)
County (C)
Multi-County (M)
Regional (R)
State (S)
National (N)

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Consumers, and Environmental Sciences

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accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension Office. Early requests are strongly
encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

2024 4-H Fair

Find the below items at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county>
Under the Coles County Fairs/Shows section.

- Fair Book
- Fair Schedule
- Fair Entry New Family Log-in Info Sheet
- Fair Entry Log-in Info Sheet for Returning Exhibitors



4-H Fair Eligibility Requirements

- 1.) To be eligible to exhibit at county 4-H shows and to receive premiums, a 4-H'er must have been enrolled on ZSuite by March 1 of the current year.
- 2.) The member must meet attendance requirements to exhibit in any project area, receive 4-H premiums or other 4-H awards, and recognition. To meet attendance requirements, members must attend a majority (more than half) of their Coles County 4-H club's meetings.
- 3.) All projects, including livestock animals, must have been owned, personally cared for, and completed by the 4-H member within the current 4-H year.
- 4.) The member must have completed a talk or demonstration within their club, school, or other organization.
- 5.) Participate in at least one county activity.



Do not forget

**Deadline to Enroll in
Fair Entry is June 1**

**Printed Fair Books
coming Mid May 2024
for each family.**

**If there is a
highlighted spot in the
fair book this was a
change from last year.**



2024 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

(Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats)

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will take place at the Stock Pavilion, 1402 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Urbana, IL. Monday, June 17, 2024. Registration 8:30 am, Contest Starts at 10:00 am, participants must be there and checked in by 9:30 am. There is limited Street parking in front of the Stock Pavilion, and it is all metered parking, so if you wish to park close, please bring quarters! Bagged meters are for officials only!

For more information and to register go to

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/illinois-4-h-livestock-judging-contest>

What has your 4-H Program Coordinator been up to?

Key highlights

Program Coordination & Development

- Visual Arts Workshop Planning
- Tri-County College & Career Day
- School Programming:
 - Welcome to the Real World
 - Educate Corse
 - Walk in My Shoes.
- Prep YQCA Training
- Accepted Cross County Mall Coin Collection Donation.

Volunteer Recruitment/Training/Development

- Follow up Dog SPIN Club
- Collaborate and update School Programing Volunteers
- Little Roots SPIN Club Update
- Follow up: Cloverbuds at the 2024 4-H Fair
- Shooting Sports Equipment needs and updates

Marketing & Networking

- Schedule Email Reminders & Updates.
- Manage County Facebook Page & Check in on club page/ groups.
- Workshops
- Volunteer Spotlight

Professional Development

- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Extension Volunteer Engagement Conference
- 4-H Campapalooza Event

Local Extension Newsletter

Serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties



https://go.illinois.edu/LocalExtensionNewsletter_May

Illinois 4-H Newsletter

Check out Illinois 4-H State Events at

https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter_May



Find Information About:

- Become an Illinois 4-H Influencer!
- 4-H Hooks Us Together Fishing Tournament
- All things 4-H Camp
- Spring Volunteer & Teen Leader/Officer Learning Experiences Available!
- & More



Find State Events (S)

