



McLean County 4-H Club Directory

Traditional Clubs, Cloverbud Clubs, & SPIN Clubs

The 4-H program is organized into clubs throughout the county in rural and urban communities. Families can choose traditional or SPIN (**SP**ecial **IN**terest) clubs for youth aged 8–18 as of September 1. Traditional clubs offer a variety of opportunities for leadership, community service and project area topics, whereas SPIN clubs offer the opportunity to focus on a specific theme or project. Youth ages 5–7 may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud clubs. Cloverbud clubs offer more hands-on learning opportunities that are developmentally appropriate for younger members. *Club information listed is subject to change. Contact the McLean County Extension Office for additional information.

4-H Traditional and Cloverbud Clubs

BLOOMINGTON & NORMAL

Bloomington Busy Bees

Traditional, multi-project club with a mix of member ages 8–18 interested in general projects at the 4-H show.

Leader: Andi Grimes

Email: andig515@icloud.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

Dry Grove

Traditional, multi-project club whose members explore a wide range of interests with an emphasis on developing leadership, teamwork, social skills and volunteering in the community.

Leader: Marie Denzer-Farley

Email: marie.denzer@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Home Grown & Home Grown Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs for homeschoolers with a focus on providing learning enrichment and hands-on activities.

Please reach out to the Extension Office if you are interested in connecting with club leaders.

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

Learn & Lead

Traditional, multi-project club whose members focus on general projects topics and preparing for the 4-H show.

Leader: Amber Liu

Email: amber2jones@yahoo.com

Meeting Time: 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Linden Lead'Em & Linden Learning Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs rich with history, serving both urban and rural families and incorporate various guest speakers at meetings.

Traditional Club Leaders: Ray and Carol Ropp

Email: rayandcarol1965@gmail.com

Cloverbud Leader: Larissa McIlvain

Email: larissa7362@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

McLean County STEAM Team & Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs focus on shared leadership while giving youth a variety of experience that highlights different general project topics.

The club is currently at capacity; contact the Extension office for more information.

Silverleaf Let's Go & Silver Buds Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs with a rich history, focus on family, community, volunteering, citizenship, and leadership.

Leader: Diana Ropp

Email: diana.ropp@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Stylistics

Traditional, multi-project club with an emphasis on sewing, modeling, and community service. Members should be familiar with their sewing machine and able to sew straight seams.

Leader: Jeanne Parks

Email: sjparks_family9@mymetronet.net

Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of the month at 4 p.m.

BELLFLOWER

Pride of the Prairie

Traditional, multi-project club that is new this year with youth from Bellflower and surrounding communities! The club plans to include tours and experiences outside of the traditional meeting. If you are interested in more information, please contact the McLean County Extension office.

Leader: Lee Bergfield

CARLOCK

Ardent Tillers & Carlock Clever Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs with varied interests in animals, general projects, and community service.

Leader: Jill Ascher Mohr

Email: jadrie_66@yahoo.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Cloverbud Meeting: TBD

CHENOA

Space Age Pioneers & Space Age Pioneers Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs that provide an inclusive environment with families from Chenoa and surrounding communities. The club strives to have engaging meetings and focuses on community service.

Leader: Rachel Kridner

Email: spaceagepioneers@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 p.m.

COLFAX

Blue Ribbon Kids

Traditional, multi-project club

Leader: Trisha Donaldson

Email: trishadonaldson1974@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

DANVERS

Big Dreams & Big Dreams Cloverbuds

Traditional, multi-project and cloverbud clubs

Leader: Shannon Killion

Cloverbud Leader: Richard Killion

Email: kranch4@yahoo.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Friday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., and May at 6:30 p.m.

DANVERS CONT'D

Danvers Industrial Youth & Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs focusing on leadership, community service, and supporting all youth showing livestock and general projects at the 4-H show.

Leader: Jill Yoder

Cloverbud Leader: Callie Yoder

Email: jbyoder15@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Cloverbud Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

DOWNS

Downs Top Notchers & Downs Little Notchers Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs focusing on hands-on learning, community service, and leadership.

Leader: Jenna Smith

Email: jesmith6@illinois.edu

Cloverbud Leader: Brittnay Haag

Email: bhaag@illinois.edu

Meeting Time: 2nd Sunday of the month at 4 p.m.

Emerald Leaders

Traditional, multi-project club that promotes community service and a variety of opportunities to make the 4-H experience fun.

Leader: Theresa Chambers

Email: techamb317@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Tip Toppers & Ellsworth Tip Toppers Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs with mostly rural and livestock families. Planning is youth driven, offering a variety of experiences, including tours and social activities.

Leader: Joyce McKeon

Email: jtmags13@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Wednesday of the month (Sept.-May) at 7 p.m.

GRIDLEY

Gridley Golden Banner

Traditional, multi-project club

Leader: Beth Gaddy

Email: Beth.gaddy@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

HEYWORTH

3-F (Funk Farm Feeders) & 3-F Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs

Leader: Nicole Quinton

Email: quinton@husd4.org

Cloverbud Leader: Courtney Hohulin

Email: chohulin@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

County Capri & Heyworth Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs

Leader: Karen Maharas

Email: heyworthcountycapri4h@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

HUDSON

Bridle Path

Traditional, multi-project club with a focus on equestrian topics and activities.

Leader: Mindy McReynolds

Email: mindybishop476@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Hudson Ag & Hudson Ag Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs with a focus on agriculture, while offering opportunities to explore different general project areas and to serve the community.

Leader: Kourtney Jontry

Email: kourtchloe@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

LEROY

LeRoy 4-H & LeRoy 4-H Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs with varied interests in livestock and general projects.

Leader: Krista Kuipers

Email: kristakuipers@gmail.com

Cloverbud Leader: Pam Munster

Email: munster87@frontier.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

LEXINGTON

Lexington Leprechauns

Traditional, multi-project club with a focus on community service. The club plans a special activity or meal during most meetings.

Leader: Julie Leake

Email: lexingtonleprechauns@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of the month at 5 p.m.

MACKINAW

Hearts & Hoofbeats & Hearts and Hoofbeats Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs striving to enrich each member personally while serving the community and helping others. While some enjoy showing horses, horses are not the primary focus.

Leader: Katie Rader

Email: katierader@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

SAYBROOK

Saybrook Willing Workers & Saybrook Willing Workers Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs that draw in youth from many surrounding communities.

Leader: Mary Kerber

Email: mloukerber@hotmail.com

Meeting Time: 4th Sunday every other month at 4 p.m.

STANFORD

Olympia Pacesetters & Olympia Pacers Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs engaged in many service projects, including a local food pantry and garden. The club supports youth from the surrounding communities with a variety of projects.

Leader: Kathy Weinzierl

Email: kweinzierl@gmail.com

Cloverbud Leader: Hannah Ruestman

Email: hannah.weinzierl94@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Stanford Silver Stars & Stanford Silver Stars Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs

Leaders: Loren and Debra Miller

Email: lorendmiller@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

TOWANDA

Towanda 4-H & Towanda 4-H Cloverbuds

Traditional multi-project and cloverbud clubs that provide experiences focused on a different project area each year, in addition to community service.

Leader: Jeanie Wager

Leader: Carrie Green

Email: towanda4hclub@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

4-H SPIN CLUBS

ANIMAL SCIENCE

4-H Mighty Mutts

SPIN club focused on learning about dog events, fun interactions with dogs, and dog training.

Owning your own dog is not required to participate.

Leader: Stephanie Froidcoeur

Leader: Kara Froidcoeur

Email: mightymutts4h@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:45 or 2:45 p.m.

Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology

SPIN club focused on preparing youth interested in Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, or Hippology contests.

Leader: Katie Rader

Email: katierader@ymail.com

Meeting Time: Virtually, based on participants

LEADERSHIP

4-H Federation

SPIN club for 4-H youth 8th grade and older to develop leadership and teamwork skills while planning activities for clubs and youth throughout McLean County.

Staff Contact: Mikayla Peters

Email: mp50@illinois.edu

Meeting Time: Last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

SEWING

Super Sewers SPIN Club

SPIN club focused on teaching beginning skills and the joy of sewing while working towards completing projects for sewing 1 or 2 for the 4-H show.

Leader: Jeanie Wager

Email: jean.wager63@gmail.com

Meeting Time: TBD

Stylistics

If you are looking for a traditional club that has a large focus on sewing, check out Stylistics in the traditional club listings.

ROBOTICS

Power Surge

SPIN club focused on First Lego League competition teams while developing skills in coding, teamwork, presentation, and problem solving. Due to participating in a competition season, team rosters are organized June–August.

Leader: Devanand Chatrathi

Email: powersurgerobotics@gmail.com

Meeting Time: Each Sunday Sept.–Jan. at 2 p.m.

Team Metal Cow Robotics

SPIN club focused on participating in First Robotics Competitions (FRC) by developing design, mechanical, electrical, and coding skills while building large scale robots from scratch as well as enhancing teamwork and leadership skills.

Leader: Chris Tabor

Email: chris@metalcowrobotics.com

Meeting Time: Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

SHOOTING SPORTS

CIPS Kids SPIN Club

SPIN club focused on using 4-H concepts to teach air rifle and air pistol precision shooting in addition to firearm safety.

Leader: Kurt Willoughby

Email: krazkurt@gmail.com

Meeting Time: Each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

McLean County Shooting Sports

SPIN club focused on teaching youth archery and shot gun techniques, skills, and safety. Additional session registration info will be sent to youth enrolled in the club.

Archery Leader: Michelle Ratcliff

Email: mrats8@yahoo.com

Archery Meets: 2nd/4th Mondays at 6:15 & 7:15 p.m.

Shotgun Leader: Sid Parks

Email: sjparksfamily9_family9@mymetronet.net

Shotgun Meets: TBD

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