



Shelby County 4-H

Annual Report

2024-2025



Highlights

- Enrollment reached 422, matching the 2023-2024 record - the highest in 29 years.
- Fair entries continue to rise! From 1,722 entries in 2023 to 2,157 entries this year, an increase of 435 exhibits in two years.
- Second year in a row - Three 4-H members were recognized for achieving the Emerald Experience Award. This is the highest level in the Experience Award a member can achieve.
- Clover Camp was a big hit for the second year in a row. Liam said, "Clover Camp should be held every day. This was the best day ever."
- New workshops were introduced including, the Multi Species - Beef, Swine, and Goats, Water Color, and Candle making.
- Illinois 4-H State Club Award winners - Community Service: Shelby County 4-H Federation, Silver Spurs, Shelby Showstoppers Project learning - Moweaqua Rustlers



Club Update

Club Enrollment

- 330 4-H members (8-18 years old)
- 87 Cloverbud members (5-7 years old)
- 46 Club leaders

Types of Clubs

- 13 Community Clubs
- 6 Cloverbud Clubs
- 4 SPIN Clubs: SPIN stands for Special Interest. These are clubs that focus solely on a particular project. Shelby county SPIN Clubs include:
 - Sew Fun
 - Scrap O'Maniacs
 - Shelby Shooters
 - Tailwaggers



School Programs

Health Jam

Health Jam Program – Promotes healthy eating with six 45 minute classroom visits. Students learn about preparing healthy snacks, discuss fast food fats, sugary drinks, review My Plate and brain fitness. 191 students were reached.

- Central A & M 5th grades – 41 students
- Cowden Herrick 5th grades – 28 students
- Moulton 5th grades – 104 students
- Trinity Lutheran 3rd & 4th grades – 18 students

Rise Above - Shelbyville HS

- Shelbyville High School – 35 students

STEM Activity: Can Can Robots

- Shelbyville 3rd grades – 97 students



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4-H Fair

- 4-H members (8-18 years of age)
 - 263 4-H members
 - 2,049 exhibits
- Cloverbud members (5-7 years of age)
 - 46 members
 - 108 exhibits
- State Fair General Projects
 - 66 entries exhibited
 - 13 Champion
 - 15 Reserve
 - 3 Inspire



Community Service

- 41 youth along with 10 Federation members spent a November evening making 190 crafts that were shared with residents at The Manor, Shelby Rehab, Hawthorne Inn, and Peace Meals.
- Achievement Night collection – 74 4-H members donated 200+ items for the Sarah Bush Lincoln Pediatric Floor.
- Multiple club members worked the Shelbyville Festival of Lights working the donation booth.
- Federation was awarded a \$1,000 IL Food Advocacy Grant for Project Backpack - Head Start preschools in Windsor and Cowden-Herrick received backpacks full of kid friendly food at the beginning of school. 90 backpacks were delivered.
- Multiple 4-H clubs made a variety of crafts, Veterans Day cards, packed food boxes for their communities, Valentine's cards for nursing homes, provided petting zoos to name a few.



Workshops



4-H Member Workshops

- 29 Project Workshops were offered:
 - New workshops in 2024-2025 included:
 - Water Color
 - Candle Making
 - Multi-species - Beef, swine, goats
- 498 youth attended workshops throughout the year. (duplicates included)

Cloverbud Member Workshops

- 7 Project Workshops were offered:
 - Workshop offered in 2024-2025
 - Little Roots, Rockets, Fire-Up, Winter & Spring Craft Day, Canvas, Clover Camp
- 138 youth attended