

MADISON COUNTY 4-H FAMILY May 2026 NEWS



Hello 4-H Families and Friends,



We are so excited to see what this summer has in store!

Fair Entry Registration is open until June 1. Please register for your exhibit opportunities at:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23039>. If you are looking for the Madison County 2026 Showbook, you can find it here: go.illinois.edu/2026MadisonCounty4-HShowbook.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find information on upcoming workshops and events we will be offering. Please take a look and be sure to register for anything that interests you!

I, Meghan Cope, would like to inform all 4-H members, families, and supporters that I will be beginning my maternity leave in mid-June. I expect to be out for approximately 12 to 14 weeks. During my absence, please direct any questions to our unit email at uie-mms@illinois.edu.

We are excited to welcome Erin Nemsy back as Madison County 4-H Extra Help this summer. We are also pleased to have Alyssa Elliott and Savannah Hellon join us as Summer Extra Help staff. Additionally, Kylie Ketcham will be serving as our Summer Intern, assisting across all three counties in all Extension program areas.

Thank you,
Meghan Cope
4-H Educator serving Madison and St. Clair Counties
mawolff@illinois.edu

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2026 Madison County 4-H Showbook

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view, including show dates and project guidelines:

go.illinois.edu/2026MadisonCounty4-HShowbook

*Hard copies of the showbook have been given to your club leader.

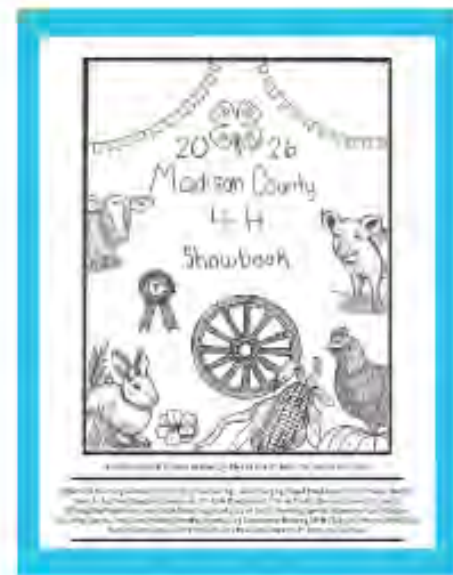
Madison County 4-H



4-H 2026 Showbook Available

The Madison County 4-H Showbook contains all the information you need for showing a project at the 4-H shows.

- The show schedule can be found at the front of the showbook.
- Some projects may require a publication—please review your project requirements carefully.
- Be aware that some project requirements may have changed from previous years.
- Superintendent contact information is located in the back of the showbook under each livestock category.



Contact your club leader or view online at:
go.illinois.edu/2026MadisonCounty4-HShowbook

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4-H Fair Entry is OPEN!

It's time to register your projects for the fair! Don't wait, get your entries submitted before the deadline.

- Register here: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23039>
- Deadline: **June 1, 2026**

All 4-H members planning to exhibit projects or livestock must complete Fair Entry to participate in the 4-H Shows. This system is used to enter your projects, select classes, and prepare for judging and shows.

Need help getting started? Check out the Fair Entry guide here: <https://extension.illinois.edu/media/8878/download?inline>

The 2026 Madison County 4-H Showbook can be found here: go.illinois.edu/2026MadisonCounty4-HShowbook

- Be sure to enter ALL projects you plan to exhibit
- **Double-check your entries before submitting**
- If you plan to participate in 4-H Master Showmanship, you must register in FairEntry
- If you plan to participate in the Livestock Auction, you must register in FairEntry

Don't wait until the last minute—get your entries in today!





FairEntry for Families

Bringing a project to your 4-H Show?

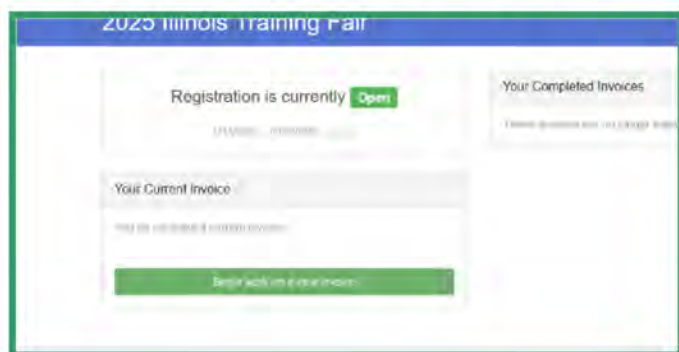
We use FairEntry to keep track of every exhibit that comes to our county fair, from sweet rolls to steers!



Go to fairent.com/Public/FindYourFair and search for your county, or scan the QR code.

Sign in with the email and password you used last year or use the password reset option.

If this is your family's first year in 4-H, create an account.



Click Begin Work on a New Invoice and select a 4-H'er from your list OR add a new Exhibitor.



New to 4-H? Start by creating an account!



Enter your email, then fill out the next page with your account info.



Click on the green Begin an Invoice button and start by registering an Exhibitor (your 4-H'er).



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On the Personal Details page, fill in County and current grade, if they are missing. Hit continue and fill in a phone number in the home phone number line.

Confirm that the address listed is correct. This is important - it is where your premium check will be mailed!

Next, choose which project(s) your 4-H'er will bring to the 4-H Show. Select the correct project(s). You may need to select your 4-H Club here as well.

General Projects is where most of your options can be found.

You may be asked to answer other questions, and enter information about animals, such as breed and EID/Scrapie Tag/Tattoo number.

Your county may allow you to enter multiple projects/animals in the same Class at the same time. If so, you will need to change the quantity.

For additional 4-H'ers and projects, repeat as many times as needed.

The last step is to review your entries. THIS STEP IS VERY IMPORTANT!! Please make sure they are correct as you will not be able to change them after the Fair Entry deadline. Continue through the payment page (there is no fee).

Finally, you will click the green submit button. After you hit submit, you may not be able to add projects OR additional children until county Extension staff approve your submission.

Need Help? Contact your local 4-H staff!





If a youth is no longer participating in a project that they signed up in on **Fair Entry** after June 1, they need to contact 4-H Staff (vie-mms@mx.uillinois.edu) as **soon as possible**.

This is necessary for accurate counts in each project category to accommodate youth appropriately.

Thank you



4-H Master Showmanship Reminder

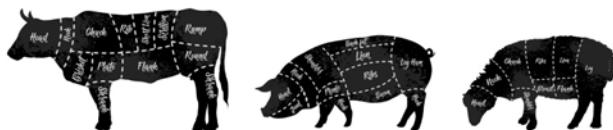
To participate in the 4-H Master Showmanship, please sign up in Fair Entry when you are entering your 4-H projects.

Deadline June 1, 2026

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23039>

Each 4-H member will show one animal from each area (beef, sheep, swine). More information in the 2026 4-H Showbook.

Prize money is distributed based on available funds.



Youth Livestock Auction Reminder

To sign up for the auction, please sign up in Fair Entry when you are entering your 4-H projects.

Deadline June 1, 2026

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23039>

Animals that can be sold in the auction:
steer, barrow, and wethers (sheep & goat)

**EACH 4-H EXHIBITOR MAY SELL NO MORE
THAN ONE ANIMAL.**

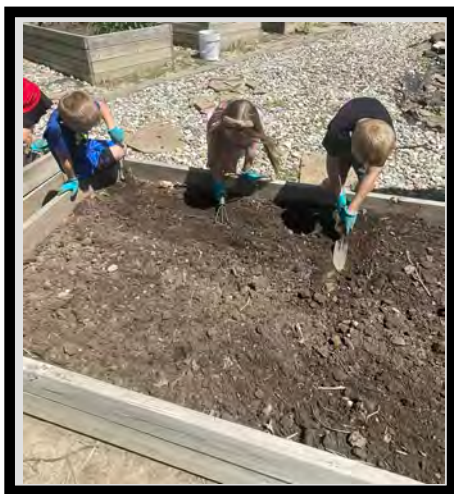


Earth Day

On April 22, at Alhambra Primary School, we spent the day cleaning up the school garden to get everything ready for planting with the kindergarten classes. It's always exciting to help create a space where youth can learn, grow, and get their hands in the soil!

Our 4-H Educator, Meghan Cope, was assisted by Master Gardener Theresa Jarden and our amazing 4-H Teens as Teachers—Alyssa Elliott, Amelia Reding, and Savannah Hellon. Their hard work and dedication made a big impact!

After finishing up in the garden, Meghan and the Teens as Teachers continued the day by helping clean up the pavilions at Alhambra Park. Thank you to everyone who helped make today a success and for giving back to your community!



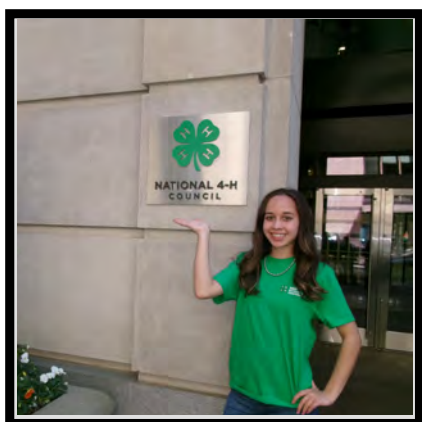
National 4-H Conference

One of our outstanding 4-H members, Alyssa Elliott, received another incredible opportunity to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC!

We are so proud of Alyssa for representing Madison County 4-H on a national level.

Read below to learn more about her experience and all she was able to accomplish during this amazing conference!

"My time up in DC consisted of many different events, but the main one was working together with my roundtable discussion group to make a presentation for the USDA NIFA. The USDA asked us how they can partner with 4-H to promote healthy eating and lifestyles among youth. We spent the first three days in DC researching information and creating a slideshow presentation. Then, on Monday, we actually went to the USDA and presented to their federal agency. Getting the opportunity to present to the USDA was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and something I am very grateful I got to do. When we were not working on our presentation, I was able to meet and talk with over 250 youth from the 50 states and over 3 territories. I was also allowed to tour the National 4-H headquarters, which was extremely cool. The 4-H headquarters is also called Clover Capital, and it has been a dream of mine to see it in person. When I got the opportunity, I was so excited. Overall, this trip has provided me with so many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, and I couldn't be more grateful to be able to represent not only the state of Illinois but also Madison County."



4-H State Public Speaking Contest

Great job to Alyssa Elliott, Hadassah Hobson, and Aynsleigh Shelton for representing Madison County 4-H at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest this past weekend!

A special congratulations to Aynsleigh on earning **Reserve Champion**—what an incredible accomplishment!

We are so proud of all three of you for your hard work, confidence, and dedication in representing our county so well!



Madison County Conservation Day

A total of 249 youth joined us at Alhambra Park for an incredible day of hands-on learning and outdoor exploration!

Thank you to the [Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District](#) for helping make this event such a success.

Youth had the opportunity to learn about food waste, composting, mammals, tree identification, Farm Bureau & Agriculture, food webs, fishing, conservation & police, pollinators, rainscapes, and soil health.

A special thank you to our amazing educators and staff from University of Illinois Extension (4-H, Commercial Agriculture, Horticulture, and Nutrition & Wellness) for sharing their expertise.

We're also grateful for our partners and volunteers: Master Naturalists, University of Illinois Extension: Madison County 4-H, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Madison County CAREE/Ag in the Classroom, Green Schools Program, Illinois Conservation Police, Treehouse Wildlife Center, NGRREC, Good Dirt Composting Collective, and Madison County Farm Bureau

Your support made this day meaningful, engaging, and fun for all!



4-H Rock Painting Fun for Everyone!

Calling all youth ages 5–18! Come get creative with us!

Join us for a fun and creative rock painting event as we prepare for the Madison County Rock Scavenger Hunt! Participants will design and paint their own unique rocks to hide around the community for others to find. Plus, everyone gets to take one home as a special keepsake!

Register here: go.illinois.edu/4-HRockPainting



Open to ages 5-18 years old!

4-H Rock Painting Fun for Everyone

Register at
go.illinois.edu/4-HRockPainting

*Free to attend!
All supplies will be provided.
Please wear clothing that you can paint in.*

Tuesday, May 12
6 pm - 7 pm
Madison County Farm Bureau
900 Hillsboro Ave Edwardsville IL 62025

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4-H NATURE WALK

Join the SIUE Master Gardeners and Naturalists for a guided nature walk around The Gardens!

**Meet at the gardening shed
(6 Arboretum Ln,
Edwardsville, IL 62025)**

**SCAN QR CODE TO
REGISTER BY JUNE 8**



Participants will explore a variety of habitats, including prairie, woodland, and pond areas, while learning about the unique ecosystems each one supports. Along the way, they'll highlight Illinois state symbols found throughout the gardens.

The walk will also cover topics such as pollination, basic tree identification, and even a look at how maple syrup is produced from the trees during the winter months.

Come ready to learn, explore, and enjoy the beauty of nature!



June 11

9 AM - 10 AM

Open to ages 5-18 years old (you do not have to be a 4-H member to sign up)

AT THE SIUE GARDENS



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to attend contact the registration office at 618- 344-4230.



4-H Cloverbuds Gardening with Little Roots Kit

Madison County Farm Bureau

Join us for a fun, hands-on gardening experience designed especially for our youngest 4-H members! In this Cloverbuds program, youth will explore the basics of gardening and learn how plants grow from seed to harvest.

Thursday, June 11
1 pm - 3 pm

Only for 4-H
Cloverbuds ages
5-7 years old

No cost

20 limited spots

Each participant will receive their own **Little Roots Kit** to take home, which includes:

- A gardening calendar to track growth and activities
- A packet of seeds to plant and care for
- 1 live tomato plant
- 1 live pepper plant



Kids will get the chance to dig in, observe plant growth, and build responsibility while caring for their own mini garden at home.

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REGISTER BY JUNE 8



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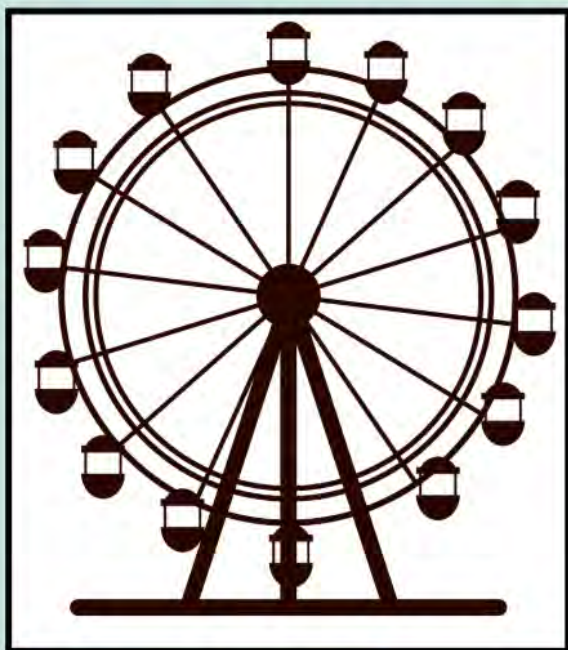
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Explore the Fairgrounds with 4-H



Open to Cloverbuds and 4-H members ages 5-18!



Join us for a guided tour of the **Madison County Fairgrounds** to help you feel prepared and confident for 4-H fair week! During the tour, you'll get a better understanding of where general show judging and exhibits will take place, as well as the locations of livestock barns and show rings.

At each stop, experienced 4-H members will be available to share helpful tips and walk you through what to expect from arrival and unloading to setting up and showing your project.

We Highly encourage first and second-year members to attend. We also encourage parents to stay and participate.

All 4-H youth ages **5-18** are welcome to attend!

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER BY JUNE 8



JUNE 24 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
2025 PARK HILL DR, HIGHLAND, IL 62249



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2026 4-H General Project Show Club Schedule

Project drop and judging are during your club's timeslot.

Big projects that need to come early, please notify 4-H Staff ahead of time by emailing uie-mms@illinois.edu. If you need accommodations, please email us at uie-mms@illinois.edu.

Cloverbud times are set for the same time as their regular club (unless otherwise noted).

Drop-Off & Judging Time	Clubs
5:30 pm	4-H Members who are Superintendents
6:00 pm	Willoughby Wanderers, Good Producers, Fosterburg Ag
6:25 pm	Pin Oak Progressors, Marine Stars Jr. Ag, Quercus Grove
6:45 pm	St. Jacob, Brier Bank, Grant Prairie, New Douglas Cloverbuds,
7:15 pm	Alhambra Morning Glories, Prairie Youth, Cloverleaf Ag.

Please do NOT come 10 or 15 minutes early.

When you arrive, your club will have a table labeled where you will check in with your leader this year. Your leader will give you your exhibit tag. Please tape the tag to your projects before entering the judging area.

Parents are **prohibited** from entering the judging area. 4-H Teens as Teachers and 4-H Staff will help assist 4-H members to the judging area with their projects.



4-H Club Watch Schedule for General Projects

Make sure to mark down when your club project watch is. Club leaders will have more information for you.

Club	Date	Time
Extension	Monday, July 20	3 pm-8 pm
Fosterburg Ag	Tuesday, July 21	11 am-2 pm
Alhambra Morning Glories	Tuesday, July 21	2 pm-5 pm
Marine Stars Jr. AG	Tuesday, July 21	5 pm-8 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 22	11 am-2 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 22	2 pm-5 pm
New Douglas Cloverbuds	Wednesday, July 22	5 pm-8 pm
Brier Bank	Thursday, July 23	11 am-2 pm
Good Producers	Thursday, July 23	2 pm-5 pm
Good Producers	Thursday, July 23	5 pm-8 pm
Pin Oak Progressors	Friday, July 24	11 am-2 pm
Quercus Grove	Friday, July 24	2 pm-5 pm
St. Jacob	Friday, July 24	5 pm-8 pm
Cloverleaf Ag	Saturday, July 25	11 am-2 pm
Prairie Youth	Saturday, July 25	2 pm-5 pm
Prairie Youth	Saturday, July 25	5 pm-8 pm
Willoughby Wanderers	Sunday, July 26	11 am – 1 pm





Youth Cooking School

Flavors Around the World

Pack your passport and grab your apron! Join us for a hands-on culinary adventure where young chefs will explore flavors around the world while building real life kitchen skills.

Grades: completed 3rd-8th grade

Cost- \$70

Sessions	
Morning	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon	12:30-3:30 p.m.

Dates	Location
June 1-4	Immanuel Lutheran Church Waterloo
June 8-11	Immanuel Lutheran Church Waterloo
June 15-18	Madison County Farm Bureau Edwardsville
June 22-25	Turkey Hill Grange Belleville

Registration opens April 1st!

go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2026Ages9-14

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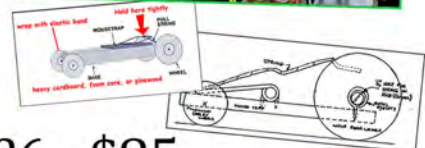
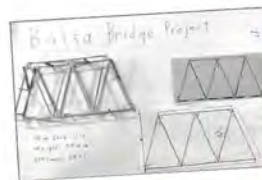


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2026 Madison County ROE

STEM CAMP



June 8-12, 2026 - \$85
from 9:00AM to 3:00PM per camper

Directed by the Madison County ROE
Rachel Lewis - rlewis@madisoncountylil.gov
Office 618-296-4535 ~ Cell 618-979-1843
Brad Bevis - bbevis@roe41.org



201 Staunton Road, Troy, IL 62294
Register your 2nd-6th grader at
<https://roe41.org/page/student-events>



The Madison County ROE STEM Camp goal is to introduce STEM education as an interdisciplinary approach as we integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Our curriculum uses real-world applications, driven by problem solving, discovery, exploratory project/problem-based learning and student-centered development of ideas and solutions.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



2026 MADISON COUNTY ROE AGRICULTURE CAMP

Open to all Fall 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders - \$85
July 6-10, 2026 - 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Directed by the Madison County ROE
Rachel Lewis - rllewis@madisoncountyiil.gov
office 618-296-4535 cell 618-979-1843



Register your fall 3rd - 5th grader at
<https://www.roe41.org/o/mcroe41/page/student-events>



Look for registration to open in March



* Camp includes daily farm visits & hands-on activities organized by the Madison County ROE

* Camp Location - Miner Park
194 S. Main St., Glen Carbon, IL 62034
(park is tucked in behind the library next to the covered bridge)



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Madison County Farm Bureau

SEE YOU SOON





2026 MADISON COUNTY ROE CONSTRUCTION CAMP



Location - 201 Staunton Road, Troy, IL 62294

Directed by the Madison County ROE

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June 8-12, 2026 - \$85
from 9:00AM to 3:00PM per camper

Register your 7th-12th grade student at

<https://www.roe41.org/omcroe41/page/student-events>


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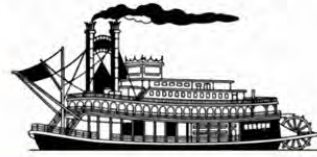


SUMMER HISTORY CAMP

JULY 13-16, 2026

TRANSPORTATION ADVENTURES

EXPLORING RIVERS, ROUTES, & RAILS



FOUR DAYS OF FIELD TRIPS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

AGES 9-12

9 A.M. - 3 P.M. DAILY

\$200 online registration at:

<https://www.roe41.org/o/mcroe41/page/student-events>

Information at madcohistory.org or call 618-656-7569.

MCHS Summer History Camp is staffed by professional teachers and educators.

Transportation is on school buses with experienced bus drivers.

Fee includes snacks, entry fees, and educational materials.

Campers should bring a daily lunch.



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Celebrating Our 4-H Seniors

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to recognize all of our 4-H seniors!

Whether or not you submitted a senior form, your time, dedication, and involvement in 4-H have not gone unnoticed. Each of you has contributed to your clubs, your communities, and the program in meaningful ways.

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished both in 4-H and beyond. Thank you for the impact you've made. We know you have bright futures ahead!

Congratulations to the Class of 2026, and best of luck in your next chapter!

Bryce Hartlieb 
Grant Prairie 4-H Club



Congratulations



9 Years in 4-H 

Alanna Bourgeois 
Cloverleaf AG 4-H Club



Congratulations



3 Years in 4-H 

Alan Winte 
Cloverleaf AG 4-H Club



Congratulations



10 Years in 4-H 

Molly McCalla 
Prairie Youth 4-H Club



Congratulations



9 Years in 4-H 

Karlie Knebel 
Good Producers 4-H Club



Congratulations



5 Years in 4-H 





4-H Livestock Record Book Common Questions

Who has to turn in a livestock record book?

It is mandatory for any 4-H member who is participating in a livestock market class to complete a livestock record book.

What are the market animal classes that require a livestock record book?

- Rabbits: class RA 5: meat pen and class RA 6: single fryer
- Goats: class DG 7: dairy wether, class PG 6: pygmy wether, and class MG 7: meat goat wether
- Swine: SW 4: Barrow #1, SW 5: Barrow #2, and SW 6: Barrow #3
- Beef: BE 8: Steer and BE 9: Rate of Gain Steer
- Sheep: SH 5: wether

Where do I find the livestock record book?

You can get the livestock record book on the Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties web-page at https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf.

Is there a tip sheet on how to fill out the livestock record book?

Yes, the tip sheet can be found here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf

If I show in multiple livestock species for a market class, do I have to have one per each species?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple species in a market class, they must fill out a separate livestock record book for each species.

If I have more than one market animal in same species, can they be put on the same livestock record book?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple animals within the same species for a market class, they can choose to fill out the livestock record book for just one market animal, both market animals, or for the entire herd. For example, if a youth is showing two market wethers in the goat category, they can choose to fill out the record book for only one of them or include both animals in the same book. They can even add in their whole herd to the livestock record book if they want to.

When are livestock record books due?

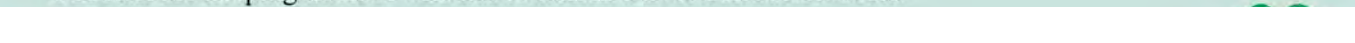
4-H members must submit their record books to the Extension Office by September 15, 2026.

What happens if I do not submit my livestock record book?

4-H members who do not submit a livestock record book by Sept. 15, 2026, will not be able to show in that livestock market class for the 2027 4-H Show.

Who is keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book?

4-H staff are keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book.



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are highly encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects exhibiting at a 4-H Show.

It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are showing in a market class.

Members must complete a livestock record book for the current year to be eligible to show in a market class for the preceding year.

The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>. They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fill them in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide. It will help you through the process of filling out the book.

Books are due at the Extension office by
September 15.



840 TAGS IN BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, AND SWINE

All swine, beef, and dairy cattle are required to have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (840 tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically readable. We know that there will be many questions, so here are a few answers to some basic questions:

Who must have the 840 tag?

Beef – all heifers, all cows, and all steers being exhibited at the fair

Dairy Cattle – all heifers, all cows, all steers, and all calves being exhibited at the fair

Swine – all gilts and all barrows being exhibited at the fair

Where do I get the 840 tag?

Breeder in which you purchased your animal from (up to breeder)

Purchase tag from a farm supply store (Valley Vet, Nasco)

Purchase from Department of Agriculture:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>

How do I purchase my own tags?

The location where the animal is being kept will have to have a registered Premise ID from the state of Illinois. With the Premise ID, you can purchase tags from a farm supply store such as Valley Vet, Nasco, or the Department of Agriculture.

We don't have a Premise ID, which hasn't been updated. What do we do?

You can obtain an application from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and send it in. The turnaround time is very quick.

If you have a Premise ID but need it updated, contact agr.premises@illinois.gov, and she will help you!

If you need a new Premise ID, you can log onto <https://agr.illinois.gov> and search for "Fillable Premise Form," then fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form.

Will tags be checked when we arrive at the show?

Yes, superintendents will be checking that all beef, dairy cattle, and swine have the tag.

If an animal does not have a tag, they are not allowed to be on the fairgrounds.

There is a chance that a State employee will be at the show monitoring that tags are checked, and if they are not, then 4-H and the fairgrounds can be fined.



Check out the Madison County Foundation's 4-H Event Scholarship!

Interested in trying a new 4-H experience but not sure about the cost? Think about applying for a 4-H Event Scholarship! The Madison County Extension Education Foundation is offering up to five half-fee scholarships for this 4-H program year for members to help cover costs to attend 4-H events such as the 4-H camp, the Illini Summer Academies, Outdoor Adventures Camp, or the Jr. Leadership Conference. Maximum scholarship amounts are \$100.

This is a “post-event” scholarship, meaning you must register, attend the event, and complete the requirements before receiving the funds for the scholarship. Applications are due 2 weeks before an event’s registration deadline, along with a separate reference letter from your 4-H leader. (Restrictions on who can serve as a reference are noted on the application.) If a member is selected for a scholarship, they must attend the event and, within 2 weeks after the event, provide a follow-up report on what they learned and how they plan to share the information.

Registrations for Memorial 4-H Camp will open January 13. If you are interested in applying for the camp scholarship, the new application should be available shortly on the Madison County 4-H webpage: [4-H in Madison County | Serving Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties | Illinois Extension | UIUC](#). Scroll down to Scholarships and click on the Madison County Foundation 4-H Event Scholarship link.

4-H members may only be accepted for only one scholarship per program year. Should a member be selected for a scholarship but not complete the requirements, that member will not be eligible for future scholarships. Please remember that a limited number of scholarships are available each 4-H program year.



MADISON COUNTY 4-H SHOWS



- 4-H Public Speaking – **March 23 at 6 pm** Madison County Farm Bureau
- Unit 4-H Horse Show - **May 9 at 9 am** Monroe County Fairgrounds
- 4-H Mini Fair (dogs, cats, and small pets)– **June 20 Dog starts at 8 am, Cat starts at 10 am, and Small pets at 11 am** Madison County Farm Bureau
- 4-H Food Show – **June 23 at 6 pm** Madison County Farm Bureau
- Set Up- **July 15 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H General Project Show - **July 20 at 5:30 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Bottle Bucket/Calf - **July 21 at 10 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Dairy Show - **July 21 immediately following Bottle Bucket/Calf** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Rabbit Show - **July 22 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Poultry Show - **July 23 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Master Showmanship - **July 23 at 3:30 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
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- 4-H Beef Show - **July 24 at 12 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Sheep Show - **July 25 at 9:30 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- 4-H Project Pick Up - **July 26 at 11 am** Madison County Fair Grounds

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2025-2026 4-H HANDBOOK

Here is this year's 4-H handbook for all 4-H members and families.

<https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCounty4-HHandbook>.

The handbook covers what 4-H is, its policies, what clubs do, the event calendar, and so much more. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu

2025-2026 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth **five through seven years of age, on or before September 1** of the current 4-H year, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Youth who are **eight years of age and have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a Madison County 4-H club must:

- **Attend at least four meetings** to be called a 4-H member. Youth who do not comply are not eligible to participate in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or receive other 4-H awards and recognitions available to 4-H members. **(College students can be enrolled when they live away from home and must attend at least one meeting when they are home on breaks or virtually.)**
- **Present a talk or demonstration at a club meeting during the project year.**
- **Youth enrolled in a livestock market class must turn in a livestock record book by September 15. If not completed by September 15, the youth will not be able to participate in a livestock market class the following year.**
- Complete enrollment by **January 15 to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.** Youth may enroll after this date, but are not eligible to exhibit projects at shows. Projects can be added up to this deadline, but the addition of projects is not accepted online after this date (except for SPIN Clubs).



BOARD MEMBERS WANTED



Join the Madison County Extension Education Foundation Board of Directors. We are looking to fill current vacancies and positions of Board Members that will soon reach the end of their term..



HELP SUPPORT THE MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION COMMUNITY

Our Purpose and Mission: MCEEF was created solely for charitable purposes to provide the necessary assistance for the promotion and implementation of University of Illinois Extension education programs in the areas of enhancing youth, family, and community well-being; environmental stewardship; sustainable and profitable food production and marketing systems; and healthy society in and around Madison County, Illinois.

We Need Help For:

- Driving the mission forward
- Committee Involvement: member and committee chair
- Fundraising brainstorming
- Fundraising and event support

Meetings:

- Quarterly and As Needed

Address:

- 900 Hillsboro Ave
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Benefits:

- Helping make the community of Madison County better
- Emotional fulfillment
- Earning volunteer hours for annual MG and MN certification

Commitment: 3-year term



Madison County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs



Are you interested in joining a Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports Club? Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu.

▼ Grant Prairie Shooting Sports

Meeting: Seasonal
Discipline- Shotgun
Location: New Douglas
Leader: Jennifer Mucklow
(j.mucklow07@yahoo.com)

▼ Open Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: Seasonal
Description: Archery
Meeting Date: Every other Friday
at 2:30 pm in Dorsey
Leader: Mindy Cory
(mindy.j.cory@gmail.com)

▼ Iron Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Rifle
Location: Alton
Leader: Darrell Chrisenberry
(darrell.chrisenberry59@gmail.com)

▼ Staunton Road Rangers Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Pistol, Rifle, and
Shotgun
Location: Edwardsville
Leader: Max and Tamsey Bremer
(maxandtams@gmail.com)



4-H General Show Projects Public Viewing

LOCATION:

**Expo Hall Basement at the
Madison County Fairgrounds
2025 Park Hill Dr,
Highland, IL 62249**



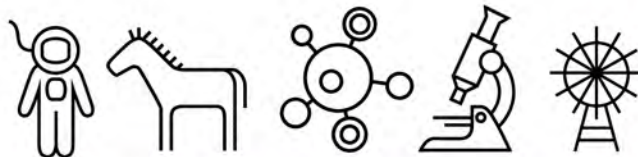
**Tuesday, July 21, 2026 to Sunday,
July 26, 2026 from 11 am to 8 pm**

**Come explore the amazing projects created by our Madison
County 4-H members!**

- Judging: July 20 (closed to the public)
- Open to View: July 21 to July 26 at 11 am to 8 pm, stop by to see the projects and awards!

**Discover the creativity of youth across a variety of areas,
including:**

- Aerospace
- Cooking
- Visual Arts
- Welding
- ...and much more!



**Celebrate the talent and hard work of our 4-H members,
there's something for everyone to enjoy!**



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4-H Livestock Shows Public Viewing

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**Madison County Fairgrounds
2025 Park Hill Dr,
Highland, IL 62249**



Show Times

- July 21** 10:00 AM- 4-H Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in the Show Barn
Immediately Following the 4-H Bucket/Bottle Calf Show - 4-H Dairy Show in the Show Barn
- July 22** 6:00 PM- 4-H Rabbit Show in the Show Barn
- July 23** 9:00 AM- 4-H Poultry Show
3:30 PM- 4-H Master Showmanship in the Show Barn
5:30 PM 4-H Goat Show
- July 24** 8:00 AM- 4-H Swine Show
12:00 PM - 4-H Beef Show
- July 25** 9:30 AM- 4-H Sheep Show



Come out and experience the excitement of the Madison County 4-H Livestock Shows!

Watch local youth showcase their hard work and dedication as they present their animals in a variety of shows. It's a great opportunity to support the community, learn more about agriculture, and see the skills 4-H members have developed throughout the year.



Fun for all ages!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- May 1 - Deadline to complete YQCA and QAEC
- May 9 - Unit 4-H Horse Show
- May 12 - 4-H 4-H Rock Painting Fun for Everyone
- May 16 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals

June

- June 1 - Fair Entry Deadline
- June 11 - 4-H Nature Walk
- June 11 - 4-H Cloverbuds Gardening with Little Roots
- June 15 - 18 - Youth Cooking School
- June 20 - Mini Fair
- June 23 - Food Show
- June 24 - Explore the Fairgrounds with 4-H

July

- July 15 - Fair Set Up Night
- July 20 - 4-H General Project Show at 5:30 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 21 - 4-H Bottle Bucket/Calf at 10 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 21 4-H Dairy Show - immediately following Bottle Bucket/Calf Madison County Fair Grounds
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August

August 15 - Madison County State Fair Day



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/42/1495356942.html>



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