



MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY



JUNE 2026

NEWS

4-H SHOW-A-RAMA: JUNE 27, 2026 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 522 S. Church Street, Waterloo

Have you registered to exhibit at the 4-H Show-a-Rama yet?

If you are enrolled in any general projects, you will need to register to exhibit by:

June 15.

How do you do this?

1. Review the 4-H Showbook for class guidelines:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeShowbook-General>

2. Register here:

<http://monroe4-hfair.fairentry.com>

*Do not "submit" until all members in your household are registered. If you do, you will have to wait for staff approval before the system will allow you to enter additional members.

3. Follow these instructions:

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

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used, or you can reset your password.

** See next page for show day instructions.

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What Do You Do on the Day of Show-A-Rama?

1. Arrive at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall (522 S. Church St., Waterloo) between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 27.
2. Sign in with 4-H staff in your appropriate project categories and attach the provided show tag to your project.
You may have to sit and wait until your judge is available.
3. A 4-H staff member will tell you when it is your turn; then, you will talk to a judge about what you learned about your project this year.
4. The judge will award a Blue, Red, or White ribbon after evaluation is completed. They will also make selections for State Fair Representatives or Alternates after all projects are judged.
5. Public viewing of projects will be open at 12:30 p.m., with a short Project Recognition at 12:45 p.m., where winners will be announced, and photos will be taken.
6. Projects may be taken home by 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator, at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 618-939-3434.



4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

To exhibit projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year in your primary club.
 - Give a talk or demonstration at your 4-H club meeting.
 - Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2026.
- All livestock project members must show their leader an in-progress Livestock Record Book at their May, June, or July Club meeting before the county fair AND complete their book by September 15.
- Additional show and livestock auction requirements are found in the 4-H Showbooks.



MONROE COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOWS: JULY 19-26

Register for livestock, crops and horticulture by:

JUNE 24

1. Review the 4-H Fair Showbook for class guidelines for Livestock, Horticulture & Crops:

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

2. Register here:

<http://monroe4-hfair.fairentry.com>

3. Follow these instructions:

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

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If you do not have computer access to complete your entries online, you may use our computer at Livestock Entry Night at the Fairgrounds on June 24, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

QAEC TRAINING



Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in:
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET
projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>
Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Certifications only need to be completed one time.
Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

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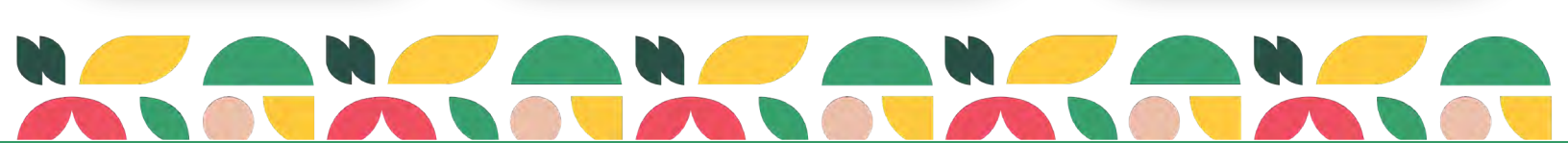
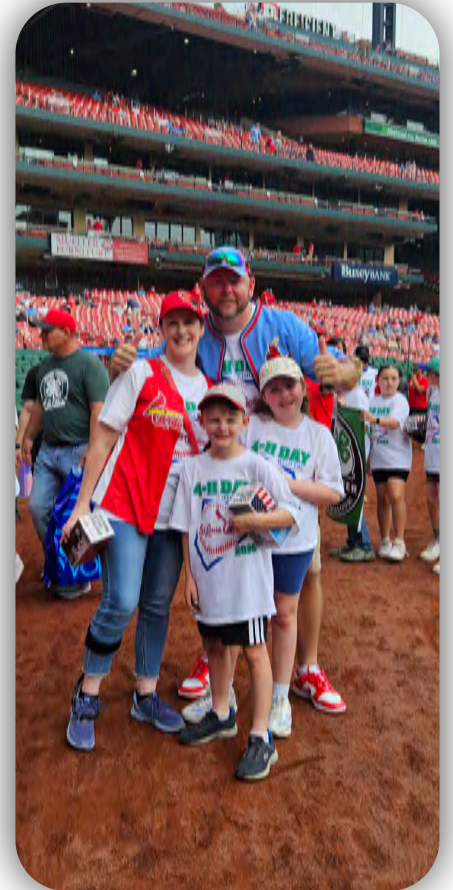
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4-H members exhibiting **poultry, rabbits, or horses**, must complete their QAEC training through <https://4h.zsuite.org> if they have not done so already. This only needs to be taken once in your 4-H career.



4-H Day with the Cardinals

We had another great day at Busch Stadium, celebrating 4-H Day with the Cardinals. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces wearing their shirts on the field! The Cardinals brought home a win as well!



4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation

Scholarships:

Kayleigh Luter (Monroe County Hoofbeats), Ellie Landeck (Golden Eagles), Cohen Brandt (Maeystown Clovers), Keegan Yearian (Maeystown Clovers), and Eli Johanning (Bushy Prairie).

Congratulations!

Ellie Landeck (Golden Eagles) is the 2026 recipient of the Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a 4-H member from Madison, St. Clair, or Monroe County in memory of Lucille & Lester Korsmeyer. Ellie plans to begin her college career at John A. Logan Community College, then transfer to SIU-Carbondale.



FEDERATION SENIOR RECOGNITION

The Monroe County 4-H Federation recently celebrated graduating Seniors: Keegan Yearian, Eli Johanning, Caleb Kern, and Cohen Brandt with a trip to The Edge in Belleville.



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: GRADES 9-12



Women's Leadership Summit
EMPOWERING WOMEN,
Developing Leaders

Register Today!
9th - 12th grade girls



Keynote:
Dr. Andrea Frazier

Free Lunch

June 24, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location:
500 West South 4th St
Red Bud IL 62278

Presented by State Representative David Friess
143 South Main St. Red Bud, IL 62278 / 618-282-7284

4-H HORSE SHOW

The 4-H Horse Show was held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16. Great job to all participants and a big THANK YOU to our parent volunteers and judge, Melisa Williams!



EDUCATIONAL HIKE SERIES FOR YOUTH & ADULTS!



Monroe County Outdoor Explorers

Guided walks and talks in nature for youth and adults of all ages!

Wildflowers

April 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Salt Lick Point Land & Water Reserve, Valmeyer



Geology

May 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Rescheduled to Fall**

Camp Vandeventer, 3463 Trout Camp Rd., Waterloo

Trees

June 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Baebler Educational Farm, 4022 JJ Rd., Waterloo

Please register in advance:

April 7: go.illinois.edu/OutdoorExplorersWildflowers

May 5: go.illinois.edu/OutdoorExplorersGeology

June 9: go.illinois.edu/OutdoorExplorersTrees



Bring a drink and appropriate shoes/clothing for light hiking.

*All youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



National 4-H Animal Science Career Night



Presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, Animal Science Working Group

Join us for an evening to hear from noted speakers in the animal science industry as they share career exploration insights, advice, and more! Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

Open to youth in grades 7-13 (ages 12-19)

**June 18,
2026**

**at 7-8:30p.m. EST
via Zoom
*Classes and Clubs
encouraged to join**



**Register by June 17 at
11:59p.m. EST
at [go.illinois.edu/
CareerNight](https://go.illinois.edu/CareerNight)**



**For more information contact:
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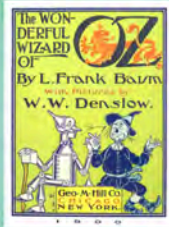


4-H Sparks at the Library

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz STEM Adventure!

Step onto the Yellow Brick Road and into a world where imagination meets innovation. In this hands-on STEM workshop for ages 9-12, young makers help Dorothy and her friends overcome challenges using science, engineering, and creative problem-solving.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
10:00 a.m.



- In this workshop, youth ages 9-14 will learn:
- Weather Science
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Robotics
 - Simple Circuits

Elements of Wings of Fire

In this hands-on STEM workshop, participants dive into the world of Wings of Fire by exploring how each dragon tribe's abilities are shaped by their environment. Young scientists ages 9-13 will investigate real-world biology, physics, and earth science concepts that inspire the habitats and powers of the dragons they love.

Monday, July 6
10:00 a.m.



- In this workshop, youth ages 9-14 will learn:
- Earth Science
 - Natural Energy
 - Water Quality



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Wednesday, June 17, 2026
2:00 p.m.



- In this workshop, youth ages 9-14 will learn:
- Earth Science
 - Natural Energy
 - Water Quality

The Wild Robot

Step into the exciting world of technology, nature, and creativity with our Wild Robot Workshop! Youth will discover how robots can solve problems, protect the environment, and work alongside nature while developing STEM skills, teamwork, and creativity. Get ready to build, design, and explore like a true wild robot inventor!

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
2:00 p.m.



- In this workshop, youth ages 9-14 will learn:
- programming Ozo Bots,
 - creating their own "Can Can Robots," and
 - building a mini greenhouse



Register today by contacting Columbia Public Library at (618) 281-4237 or email columbialibrary.events@gmail.com



FREE Monroe County Fair Livestock Exhibitor T-Shirts



Scan the QR Code to order!



Free for livestock exhibitors 18 & under; available for purchase for ages 19+



STATE & COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The 2026 State and County Fair Livestock Health Requirements from the Illinois Department of Agriculture are posted online:

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



GENERAL LIVESTOCK INFO

Livestock Birth/Ownership/Tattoo Dates:
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockOwnershipDeadlines>

Livestock Exhibition Health Guidelines:
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

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

It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are selling at the Youth Livestock Auction.

Members must complete a livestock record book in the current year to be eligible to sell in the preceding year, except for new members or members not previously enrolled in that project.

In-progress Record Books should be shown by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before 4-H Shows.

The PDF versions of the books are available 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 available 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 for evaluation.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025-2026 4-H Award Applications are available on our website:

https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

Before filling them out, you can keep track of your 4-H activities throughout the year with the 4-H Experience Log:

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





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1	Food Demo Show, 6:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
June 9	Monroe Co. Outdoor Explorers: Trees @ Baebler Educational Farm
June 10	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz STEM Adventure, 10 a.m., MT Library
June 17	Elements of Wings of Fire, 2:00 p.m., Columbia Library
July 6	Elements of Wings of Fire, 10 a.m., MT Library
June 24	4-H Livestock Entries Due Online/Jr./Open Entry Night, Fairgrounds
June 24	The Wild Robot, 2:00 p.m., Columbia Library
June 27	Show-A-Rama, 8:30 a.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
July 19-26	Monroe County Fair (Livestock, Horticulture, Crops)
August 15	Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair, Springfield



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out about STATE EVENTS here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/72/1068290572.html>



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