

Shelby County 4-H June Newsletter



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Project Manuals

4-H members must email Yolanda or call the Shelby County Extension Office to order project manuals. Some projects require the manual to be completed as part of the 4-H exhibit, so be sure to check your project requirements with your 2026 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Book. **The LAST book order is June 10.!** Let Yolanda know if you have any questions. Email: nation2@illinois.edu or call: 217-774-9546

4-H Club Auction Donation

The Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Board is asking clubs to donate a basket of goodies, pies, themed baskets, etc. to auction during the Youth Livestock Auction on July 22. The goal of this effort is to encourage participation from multiple clubs to help raise additional funds that will be used for improvements to the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. Funds raised through the basket auction will directly support projects that enhance the fairgrounds for youth exhibitors, families, and the community.

Clubs interested in participating are asked to notify Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu of the type of basket they plan to donate by July 10, to assist with planning and organization for



the auction. The Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Board appreciates the continued support of local 4-H clubs and their role in making positive improvements to the fairgrounds.

Confirmed clubs: Coldspring Copperheads, Moweaqua Rustlers, and Silver Spurs

BBQ Winners

Top Club – Silver Spurs 4-H Club

Top Salesman: Amberlee Hudson (Silver Spurs)

2nd place Salesman: Brooke Schumacher (Silver Spurs)

3rd place Salesman: Piper Corzine (Rural Feeders)

Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Clean-up

Fairground clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 beginning at 8 a.m.

Please bring necessary working tools (rakes, hammers, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc.).

- 4-H Center clean-up will start at 8 a.m.
- Produce Building clean-up will start at 8:30 a.m. to give the Poultry/Rabbit exhibitors time to move the cages from the building.

This is everyone's fair and we need everyone there to help!

Chit Chat with a Cloverbud

- If you made fair entries to display Cloverbud Projects and/or veggies and flowers, Chit Chat is another fun opportunity for the Cloverbuds to enjoy at the fair.
- Registration closes on June 29!
- Registration link: <https://go.illinois.edu/ChitChatwithaCloverbud>

Master Showmanship Contest

To be eligible to participate:

1. Exhibitors who are enrolled in the 4-H beef, sheep, or swine projects are eligible to participate in the Master Showmanship contest. Exhibitors do not need to qualify to participate.
2. Exhibitors will need to pre-register with the provided link by July 13. There will be a maximum of 10 exhibitors. If more than 10 exhibitors sign up, additional exhibitors will be placed on a waiting list.

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must exhibit at least one of the following species: beef, sheep, or swine at the Shelby County 4-H Fair.
2. Must be at least 14 years of age as of 9/1/25.
3. It's your responsibility to find your own animals to compete in the county contest if you

are not enrolled in that species. For example, if you are a beef exhibitor but do not have sheep or swine, you must use your own beef and find a sheep and swine to borrow for the contest.

4. A special judge will be used for the Master Showmanship contest.

Awards: Prizes will be awarded, as well as a Grand Champion Master Showmanship trophy. The Grand Champion will be eligible to compete in the Master Showmanship Contest at the IL State Fair on August 14.

Click here to sign up: <https://go.illinois.edu/MasterShowmanshipContest>

Junior Master Showmanship Contest

To be eligible to participate:

1. Exhibitors who are enrolled in the 4-H beef, sheep, or swine projects are eligible to participate in the Junior Master Showmanship contest. Exhibitors do not need to qualify to participate.
2. Exhibitors will need to pre-register with the provided link by July 13. There will be a maximum of 18 exhibitors, split into three classes broken by age. If more than 18 exhibitors sign up, additional exhibitors will be placed on a waiting list.

Rules:

1. Must be at least 8-13 years of age as of 9/1/25.
2. Junior exhibitors will exhibit only swine. If not enrolled in swine, the youth must find their own animal to exhibit.

Awards: The top two exhibitors in each class will be recognized with a special award.

Signup here: <https://go.illinois.edu/JuniorMasterShowmanshipContest>

4-H Pool Party

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be hosting the annual swim party at the Shelbyville Aquatic Center on Saturday, July 25 from 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. This is a private party for 4-H families so bring your friends and family and pack the pool.

Health Papers

Health papers will be checked by the vet on Sunday, July 19 starting at 3:30 in the Sheep Barn and working her way around the fairgrounds. Exhibitors should be with their animals with their health papers. Check your fair book on pages 11-15 to determine if you need health papers for your project.

State Fair General Projects

4-H general projects must qualify at the Shelby County 4-H Fair to exhibit at the IL State Fair. Those who qualify will need to complete paperwork at the fair and turn in by Wednesday, July 22. 4-H members may only take one project to the State Fair.

If you are a multiple State Fair winner, please note on the form which project you would like to take so that alternate exhibitors may be contacted.

Shelby County 4-H day at the State Fair is Saturday, August 16.

- Exhibitors 12 and under get in free at the State Fair.
- Exhibitors 13-18 years of age will receive a free ticket.
- Adults 18-59 can purchase discounted tickets for \$5.

Livestock competing at the IL State Fair do not have to qualify. Entries and payment are made online via the State Fair website. All livestock entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2026.

4-H Pop Stand

Sunday—July 19

3:00 to 5:00 - Coldspring Copperheads

5:00 to 8:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers

Monday—July 20

8:00 to 9:00 - Federation

9:00 to 11:00 - John Jordan Jaybirds

11:00 to 1:00 - F.A.R.

1:00 to 3:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers

3:00 to 5:30 - Rural Feeders

5:30 to 8:30 - Strasburg Tailtwisters

Tuesday—July 21

8:00 to 9:00 - Federation

9:00 to 11:00 - Ful-O-Pep

11:00 to 1:00 - Oconee Eager Beavers

1:00 to 3:00 - Strasburg Tailtwisters

3:00 to 5:30 - Coldspring Copperheads

5:30 to 8:30 - Shelby Showstoppers

Wednesday—July 22

8:00 to 9:00 - Federation

9:00 to 11:00 - Findlay Feeders

11:00 to 1:00 - Rural Feeders

1:00 to 3:30 - Ful-O-Pep

3:30 to 6:00 - Silver Spurs
6:00 to 8:30 - Shelby Sparklers

Building Sitters

4-H Clubs need to provide at least one older 4-H member or parent to stay in the designated building and work the time listed below. This is for the protection of 4-H exhibits and make sure projects do not leave early. Please contact Yolanda if you have any questions.

4-H Center

Monday—July 20

3:30 to 6:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers
6:00 to 8:30 - F.A.R

Tuesday—July 21

4:00 to 6:00 - Coldspring Copperheads
6:00 to 8:30 - Strasburg Taitwisters

Wednesday—July 22

3:00 to 5:00 - Silver Spurs
5:00 to 6:30 - Shelby Sparklers
6:30 to 8:00 - Coldspring Copperheads

Produce Building

Monday—July 20

3:00 to 5:00 - Findlay Feeders
5:00 to 6:30 - F.A.R.
6:30 to 8:30 - Ful-O-Pep

Tuesday—July 21

3:00 to 5:00 - Ful-O-Pep
5:00 to 6:30 - Strasburg Taitwisters
6:30 to 8:30 - Moweaqua Rustlers

Wednesday—July 22

10:30 to 12:00 - Shelby Sparklers
12:00 to 2:00 - John Jordan Jaybirds
2:00 to 4:00 - Oconee Eager Beavers
4:00 to 6:00 - Shelby Showstoppers
6:00 to 8:00 - Rural Feeders

Cook Shack

This year the Cook Shack will be open during the 2026 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair. On the menu is hot dogs, burgers, taco boats, chips, pulled pork, and homemade pies. Each evening an organization will be serving a meal from 5-8 p.m. If you would like to donate a fruit pie, cookies, cake or volunteer to work, let Sherry Beals know at 217-460-2083. All profits will go back to the Shelby County 4-H Fair. Thank you for your support.

Calendar Photo Contest

Each year, The Equity creates a calendar for their customers, and this year they are hosting a contest to feature photos from local 4-H members. 4-H'ers help The Equity design their calendar with your agriculture photos including rural landscapes, farm equipment, and livestock. Each winning member will receive an equity merchandise bundle, and their club will receive a \$50 prize. Submit photos by Friday, June 19 at <https://qrco.de/eqphoto>

Calendar:

June

- 8 – Card/Scrapbook Workshop, 1-3, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville
- 9 - Clay Workshop – design 1-3 p.m., 4-H Center
- 11 - Cloverbud Rocket Workshop – 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 11 -Barker Implement Lawn Mower & Tractor Driving– 6 p.m.
- 13 – The Clover Chase – check-in at 4-H Center 3:30-4, 4:00 kick-of, 6:30 cookout Forest Park
- 13 – Cloverbud Scavenger Hunt – 5:45 Scavenger Hunt, 6:30 cookout Forest Park
- 15 – Clover Camp – 9:30-1:30 Forest Park
- 17 – Cookie and Cupcake Decorating – 1-3, 4-H Center
- 18 – Rocket Workshop – 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 19 – Office closed
- 23 – Clay – glaze project, 1-3 p.m., 4-H Center
- 25 – Legobotics Workshop 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center

July

- 3 – Office closed
- 11 – Fair Clean-up
- 17 – Lawn Mower and Tractor Driving contest
- 18 – 4-H Foods, Photography (a.m.), 4-H misc. Visual Arts (p.m.) 4-H Center
- 18 – Horse Show 4 p.m.
- 19 – Move-in day, animals in place by 4 p.m.
- 19 – Sheep Show 5 p.m.
- 20-22 – Fair

- 23 - Fair Clean-up
- 25 – Pool Party 6:15-8:15 p.m.

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- 16 – General project day at the Il State Fair

Office Information:

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Find us on Facebook: Shelby County IL 4-H

Website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension office.