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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Happy National 4-H Week! We can't wait to celebrate 4-H across the nation during the week October 2-8, 2022. This year's theme is "Opportunity for All". I want to challenge each of you to invite a new friend to join and help us spread the word about 4-H programs. During the week of the 2nd-8th, we will be highlighting 4-H in a number of ways. Check out our Facebook to see how you can show your support!

As a reminder, enrollment is not yet open., Be on the lookout for an email from Shelby mid-October letting you know ZSuite is open and ready!

As we move into a new 4-H year, take time to celebrate your successes this past 4-H year and identify goals for 2022-23. Have fun during your celebration, and let's work together to build a better world.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

Thank you!

We want to thank Tractor Supply Company and Hy-Vee on National Blvd. for their support of 4-H. The 4-H Federation painted windows at these Galesburg stores to celebrate National 4-H Week. Catch the pictures on page 5 of this newsletter.

Paper Clover Drive

Tractor Supply Company will once again will be holding the paper clover drive. If you stop in the store from October 5-16, be sure to support 4-H. 90% of the funds raised stay in Illinois! Thank you TSC!



I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program, and help you find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration is open. Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info> for details and a video on how to enroll in 4-H with ZSuite.



National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!).

Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>



4-H Spirit Week

Join the fun with a National 4-H Spirit Week! Encourage your friends and family to participate.

10/2 — **Service Sunday**

10/3 — **Member Monday**

10/4 — **Time Machine Tuesday**

10/5 — **Why 4-H Wednesday**

10/6 — **Thankful Thursday**

10/7 — **Favorite Project Friday**

10/8 — **Spirit Saturday**

What Does It Mean?

Have you ever heard a term in 4-H and thought what does that mean? We are here to help! 4-H is an amazing youth program that has been active for over 100 years. In some families, 4-H is a tradition they pass on to the next generation with excitement. Some families are starting their 4-H journey for the first time this year. To help better understand our "4-H Lingo", we have provided a terms list in new members green folders and this newsletter for our 4-H families. You will receive them during your first 4-H meeting. We are also going to highlight a few terms each newsletter, as different terms will be used more frequently at different times of the year.

Projects: What members want to learn about over the 4-H year. Signing up for a project DOES NOT mean that they have to bring that project to the fair, just that they want to learn more about it.

There are 2 types:

General Show Project: All projects not related to showing live animals. Selection Deadline of March 1.

Livestock Project: All projects related to showing a live animal at the Fair: Beef, Cats, Dairy, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. Selection Deadline of January 1.

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend, the paperwork needs to be turned in the Extension office drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK form need to be completed. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2023 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. **This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance.**
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration.** However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs and cats) Project Enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock project** and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is **required of all livestock project members** (aside from cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **4 weeks before show** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

Registering for Events:

4-H has so many opportunities for its members to take part in. Did you know the local extension office will help cover the cost of state conferences and events? It's true! Make sure you follow the correct procedure so you don't miss out on any opportunities. The Extension office will cover half of the fee up to a total of \$300 per year per member. The local 4-H Foundation may choose to cover more of the cost.

- Contact your local program coordinator and let them know about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Let your program coordinator reach out to the 4-H Foundation
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining balance
- Please do not pay until you have been invoiced for the total remaining cost



Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop

Interested in competing in the Superior Young Producers Contest or just interested in livestock in general? Join the Livestock Skillathon Contest and Workshop on Saturday, 11/5 from 9am-noon!

This event will be held at the Animal Sciences Lab on the UIUC campus and is open to all 4-H'ers and FFA members ages 8-18! There is a \$5 registration fee, and lunch is provided.

Get ready to compete in a traditional livestock skillathon contest with a workshop immediately following.

More details and registration information is available at: go.illinois.edu/LivestockSkillathon

4-H Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!

It's 9/15-10/15/22. What can you and your club do to get involved this month? Read!

There are millions of books by talented Hispanic/Latino authors waiting to be discovered. Ask for recommendations at your local library. Make it a mini book club and discuss your pick with friends or at your club!

Head here: go.illinois.edu/4HHispanicHeritageMonth for more ideas!



Project (There is that word again) Spotlight: Theatre

Get ready to command the stage!

Theatre Arts opens the world of theatre to youth with activities in communication, improvisation, pantomime, script writing, cultural and historical influences, stage design, and costume design. Life skills and workforce development concepts are woven throughout the curriculum as youth master more sophisticated theatre techniques and ideas.

In 4-H, members choose projects that interest them.

View our full project guide to explore more projects <https://go.illinois.edu/ProjSel21-22>

#GOALS

The beginning of every 4-H year is the best time to set your goal or goals for your 4-H year. It can be project goals, community service, or roles in your club. Not sure where to start? Ask your fellow club members, 4-H leader, or the 4-H office. We are all here to help you succeed and make 2023 your best year ever!

I PLEDGE...MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING

Federation Celebrates National 4-H Week



Inviting Others to Join

Have you invited a friend to join 4-H? How can you invite others to explore how 4-H provides Opportunity for All? Flyers have gone home in several schools, and our ROWVA and Williamsfield area clubs even represented 4-H in their homecoming parade. Do you think you have a great opportunity to support 4-H? Let us provide the flyers, candy, or more!

Keeping up with 4-H

Have you liked or followed Knox County 4-H? We know - there is a lot to keep up with, but we are here to help! Stay up-to-date with all things 4-H on our social media!



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SPIN Club Corner

4-H State Shoot News:

New for 2022....4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior (the old rule was age 13 by Sept. 1st).

Want to learn more about 4-H Shooting Sports? Talk to Julian at jinniss@illinois.edu or 309-342-5108.

FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

A white four-leaf clover on a green background. Each leaf contains a black letter: 'H' on the top-left, 'H' on the top-right, 'H' on the bottom-left, and 'H' on the bottom-right. The text '18 USC 707' is written in small black letters along the bottom-right leaf.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH 4-H?

A Beginner's Guide to Surviving 4-H

What is 4-H?

We are America's largest Positive Youth Development organization - empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. and nearly 200,000 across Illinois with the skills to lead for a lifetime. We do this through clubs, camps, school enrichment, afterschool and special interest programs.

Who Should I Send Questions to?

Your 4-H Leader is a great place to start with your questions. You can also contact your local 4-H Staff at the Extension Office!

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Who Runs 4-H?

4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension - a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. In the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program we have a network of 4-H staff, volunteers, alumni and partner organizations who serve youth in all 102 counties across the state.

Where do I Contact 4-H?

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WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH 4-H?

A Guide to 4-H Terms

ZSuites: The NEW 4-H Enrollment system. Members sign up for 4-H in this system.

Projects: What members want to learn about over the 4-H Year. Signing up for a project DOES NOT mean that they have to bring that project to the fair, just that they want to learn more about it.

Fair Entry: The system used to tell us what projects you plan to bring to the fair. Closer to fair time, we will share a specific date that all the projects you plan to bring will be entered in Fair Entry.

YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual livestock ethics training that must be completed May 1st by members planning on showing cattle, goats, swine, and sheep at the fair. *This is a requirement to show at the fair.*

QAEC: Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification. This a livestock ethics training required one in a 4-H career by members planning on showing cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, and poultry at the fair. *This is a requirement to show at the fair.*

4-H Newsletter: Your monthly source of information about all things 4-H. Goes out digitally to the email you provide and on ZSuites dashboard, but a hard copy can be requested by contacting our office.

SPIN Club: Special Interest Club. In these clubs, members meet to learn about one topic such as robotics or shooting sports.

4-H Fair/Show: The event where members showcase all that they have learned through the 4-H year. This might be general show or livestock projects.

Showbook: Your go-to guide for all things related to the 4-H Fair. This book details the requirements for showing each project.

General Show Project: All projects not related to showing live animals.



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Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in October! We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."



October 2022

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October 2-8

October 8

October 9

October 15-16

November 5

November 25-29

December 1

2023

January 1

January 13-15

March 1

April 1

April 8

April 22

National 4-H Week

4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington

4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

Junior Leadership Conference

Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop

National 4-H Congress

Re-Enrollment Deadline

Livestock Project Deadline

Youth Livestock Conference

General Project Deadline

State Awards Banquet

State Robotics Competition

State Public Speaking Competition