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## Happy March!



Good day families! I had a great time with the kiddos at Cosmic Bowling. We were part of a group of nearly 90 4-H members from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline and White counties. We were able to bring back bags of hygiene items to distribute to local food pantries. If you need to reach me don't hesitate to call/text my new number (618) 313-1460 as well as email [kscates@illinois.edu](mailto:kscates@illinois.edu) or via Facebook messenger.

*Kassy*



## CALENDAR

- 3/3-4 Farm Bureau Hunter Safety
- 3/2-10 Kassy Out of Office
- 3/23 Public Presentations-Carmi
- 3/4-5 4-H Changemakers
- 3/9-12 Ignite by 4-H
- 3/15 Deadline to enroll in Communications for Public Presentations
- 3/25 Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology
- 4/1 YQCA Training Saline County
- 4/22 4-H National Day of Service
- 4/29 State Public Speaking Competition
- 5/6 Multi-County Skill-a-thon introduction & YQCA training in Hamilton County
- 5/13 State Robotics Competition
- 5/20 4-H Day out With the Cardinals
- 6/4 on – 4-H Camp
- 6/25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies
- June, exact date TBD Citizenship Washington Focus
- 7/ 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
- 7/10 Multi County Horse Show
- 7/10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
- 7/ 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Kassy at [kscates@illinois.edu](mailto:kscates@illinois.edu) or [618031301460](tel:618031301460). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

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# *Annual Hunter Safety*

MARCH 3RD 5 PM - 9 PM (FRIDAY)

MARCH 4TH 8 AM - 4 PM (SATURDAY)

ENDING TIMES MAY CHANGE

CLASS LOCATION - SIC- G120 ON SOUTH SIDE OF CAMPUS

MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS

RSVP BY 2/28/23

RSVP TO GALLATIN CFB AT 618-272-3531

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH CHILDREN

## **Test Your Knowledge at Trivia Night**

Hamilton County 4-H will host a **Unit 24 4-H Trivia Night** on **Thursday, March 9** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the Hamilton County Courthouse basement.

All clubs from Hamilton, Hardin, Gallatin, Pope, Saline and White counties are invited and can enter as many teams as they like. There is no fee to participate and prizes will be awarded.

All ages are encouraged to play along. There will be many different topics and categories.

You may be surprised by the amount of useless knowledge you have stored in your brain. Please contact the office at 618-643-3416 or [pjhatfie@illinois.edu](mailto:pjhatfie@illinois.edu) by **March 5** with your entries.

A taco bar meal will be provided at 5:30.

Youth are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.



**Unit 24**

# **Public Presentations Contest & Demonstrations**

Galatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope,  
Saline and White Counties



**Open to 4-H participants enrolled in  
Public Presentations**

and

**Demonstrations open to enrolled  
Horticulture and Foods 4-H participants**

**March 23, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**White Co U of I  
Extension Office:**

1715 College Ave  
Carmi, IL 62821

**Deadline to enroll: March 15, 2023**

**Contact your local Extension Office to enroll  
and for any questions.**



## **Community Service Project**

Donations of non-perishable food  
items will be accepted for the  
White County Blessing Boxes



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access needs.

# 4-H CLOVERBUDS

How can Cloverbuds learn about everything 4-H has to offer? The Illinois 4-H Cloverbud Activity Book is a great resource for introducing Cloverbuds to all of the projects they can explore ~ with a fun activity from Aerospace to Woodworking and everything in between. Not a Cloverbud yet? Contact your local Extension office to learn more about 4-H experiences for youth ages 5-7. Head to [go.illinois.edu/CloverbudBook](http://go.illinois.edu/CloverbudBook) to check out all the activities!

## Animal Science

### 2023 YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES

January 21 | February 11  
February 18 | March 3



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES!

The Illinois Association of Meat Processors and the University of Illinois Meats Judging are collaborating to continue a youth meat judging series in spring 2023 that is open to all 4-H and FFA youth.

Each invitational is a clinic with more information to come. Mark your calendars for:

- February 18 at Wenneman meat Company in St. Libory
- March 3 is the State 4-H Contest at the University of Illinois

For questions, please contact Jesse Faber at [jfaber@pontiac90.org](mailto:jfaber@pontiac90.org).



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2023 CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

## 2023 4-H Camp registration is open!!

Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCamp2023>

Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp in Monticello during the following sessions:

- June 4-8
- June 11-15
- June 25-29
- June 30- July 4

If you need reasonable accommodation to attend, please contact the registration office. We can't wait to see you at camp!





**GAIN SKILLS IN**

- Leadership
- Studying
- Critical Thinking
- Decision Making
- Public Speaking
- Goal Setting
- Time Management
- Teamwork
- Confidence

Learn in a welcoming environment where you'll make lasting friendships with peers who share your passion for horses.

**4-H HORSE PROJECT**



**CHECK OUT THESE 4-H EQUINE OPPORTUNITIES**

Explore the science of horses, including anatomy, physiology, nutrition, health, breed identification, behavior, and more!

**4-H HORSE BOWL**

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school. Have fun with friends while you study and compete as a team.  
go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl

**4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY**

In this fun, competitive contest, put your equine knowledge to the test. Categories include: anatomy, diseases, breeds, breed history, color, and patterns.  
go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology

**4-H HORSE SPEAKING**

4-H horse speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage, and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about the horse industry and the 4-H horse project!  
go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking

**4-H HORSE JUDGING**

4-H horse judging contests challenge youth to evaluate and rank horses from highest to lowest quality based on the horse's breed characteristics, conformation, and performance.  
go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging

ASK YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE



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**Horse Club-**

Gallatin County 4-H leader Raegan Smith has found some fantastic learning opportunities for youth interested in learning more about horses. youth DO NOT need to own a horse. Participants have the chance to learn more about horses and their care, as well as experience hands on learning. Hippology and Horse Bowl study sessions are held at the Saline County Extension Office.

**Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology**

The Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests will be held on **Saturday, March 25**, at SIU-Carbondale. Regional contest entries for Horse Bowl and Hippology are due **March 2**. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The **State 4-H Hippology** contest and the **4-H Horse Speaking** contest are scheduled for **Saturday, April 22**. The **State 4-H Horse Bowl** Contest will be held **Sunday, April 23**. These events will be held at the U of I Campus.

For more information contact Raegan Smith at [smithgirl997@gmail.com](mailto:smithgirl997@gmail.com)



Mark your calendars for the National 4-H Day of Service April 22!

On this day, 4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are True Leaders in Service, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th "H" and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please share your story of how you and/or your club are supporting your community by going to the Illinois 4-H website's Community Service page, <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/.../4-h-community-service>.



Click on the "Register Your 2023 Event" box and share your plan for positively impacting your community. Once you have completed your service outreach efforts, then be sure to go back to the webpage use click the "Report 2023 Community Service" box and report what you accomplished and how you and your club made a difference.

The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities makes Illinois communities stronger; by it helping support unity among community members, and providing valuable support to those in need!



We are pleased to announce that the registration for the **20th annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals** is now open and will run through 11:59 p.m. March 31. Game day is May 20 at 6:15 p.m. against the LA Dodgers. Tickets are \$30.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt. Raffle chances are \$1.00 each for the chance to throw out the first pitch (must be a 4-H member), all others can win autographed baseballs and tickets to future games. **\*\*New** – option to purchase a ball cap for \$10.00 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of this event (limit one per order). A shipping and handling fee will be added to each order.

Everyone will have the chance to participate in a parade around the field. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed May 4 with more instructions for the day. Please note – groups

that wish to sit together, must submit one order. Get tickets here: <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023>



## Citizenship Washington Focus

Through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Illinois 4-H teens have the opportunity to experience Washington D.C. like never before. Using the nation's capital as their classroom, CWF connects youth leaders from across the nation in an opportunity to gain the skills and experiences to:

- Better understand the legislative process
- Recognize their views and opinions matter
- Develop a mindset of who important it is to be involved in decisions that will impact them both now and in the future
- Exploration into career opportunities available to them
- Travel around Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area to visit and experience

firsthand a living history which represents the combined efforts of the people to establish the governmental process under which the United States operates

Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for the 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip and teens will be able to experience their nation's capital during one of the most amazing weeks to experience Washington D.C. as they travel **July 2 – 7, 2023!** The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. **Register by March 6, 2023 to reserve your spot!**

### Important Details:

Target Audience	4-H members ages 14 – 18 (by May 1 the year they travel)
Estimated Cost	\$2,000 (three installments; last payment could be slightly less depending on final numbers)
Space is Limited	Illinois currently has 10 spots available; <i>with a possibility of increasing that number</i>
Contact for Registration Details:	Registration opens 2/22: <a href="https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/">https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/</a> 19340
	Patricia McGlaughlin, <a href="mailto:patm@illinois.edu">patm@illinois.edu</a>



**New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System!**

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 find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration will open in this new system in early October. Look for emails from your local 4-H staff at that time with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.



**4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns for 2023!**

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>



Get your tackle ready! The 2023 **4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament** will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



**YQCA Certification**

**Attention Beef Cattle, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Exhibitors!**

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification (YQCA). This statewide certification must be completed annually. Youth MUST complete this training prior to 4-H livestock shows. This does not apply to youth exhibiting animal or vet science poster projects.

Youth have two options to be certified. Youth may attend a certification program hosted by the Extension office and pay \$3, or youth may complete the training online and pay \$12.

To Complete the Certification for either Instructor-Led training or Web-Based training:

1. Visit [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) and Click on Log In/Register
2. Select "Register"
3. Set up Family Account - put birthday of parent setting up the account.
4. Complete registration information as requested. Select "Create New Account"
5. Go to the email account that you gave and look for "YQCA: Account Confirmation". Confirm.
6. Return to [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)
7. From the homepage select "Add Child"
8. Complete the registration for your child. Select "Submit" or "Submit and Add Another Child"
9. Repeat as many times as needed to get all youth registered.
10. Go to home page, scroll down, and select the course based on current 4-H age as of 9/1/22
11. Select appropriate blue box for Instructor-Led Training (\$3) or Web-Based Course (\$12). For In Person training - Select Illinois. Scroll down until you find the correct training and select.
12. Make certain course details are correct. Enter credit or debit card information to finalize purchase.
13. Go back to home screen and click on blue box with your username. Select either "Enrolled in ILT Training" or "Enrolled in Web-based Training". Click on blue box labeled Pre-Test and complete.
14. Following either Instructor-Led or Web-based trainings, log back in to access your certificate. From the home page click on the blue box with your username. Select "Course Certificates". Under either Instructor-Led or Web-Based training (depending on what you did), click the small + button. Select post-test and complete.
15. From the home page click on the blue box with your username. Select "Course Certificates" again. Click on the small + button. Click on the small blue box to download a copy of your certificate.
16. Email a copy of your certificate to Lois Jones at [ljones@illinois.edu](mailto:ljones@illinois.edu).

An Instructor-Led YQCA training is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st beginning at 2 pm (or immediately following the Swine Weigh-in) at the Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building.

Hamilton County has an in person certification scheduled for May 6, 2023. This will be held in conjunction with a livestock skill-a-thon. All youth interested in livestock are welcome to a fun hands on day of learning! There is a small fee tied to YQCA training-this fee goes directly to YQCA.

### **QAEC Certification**

Exhibitors of horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) training. QAEC training is only required **once** in the member's career and is offered free of charge. More QAEC information will be included in the next newsletter.

### **LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Youth interested in showing livestock need to enroll in their livestock projects as soon as possible. Please email Kassy for more information- we will need to get paperwork completed ASAP.

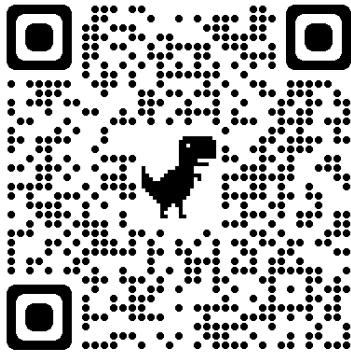




## Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

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