



JANUARY 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- Jan. 9 - Future of Ag Award
- Feb. 1 - Beef Weigh-in Registration
- March 1 - Enrollments
- April 1 - Project Selections

Events:

- Jan. 21 - Clay Workshop
- Jan. 28 - eSports Workshop
- Feb. 4 - Beef Weigh-in
- Feb. 12 - LEGO Workshop
- Feb. 18 - Sewing Workshop
- March 4 - Cloverbud Academy
- April 1 - Horse Bowl
- April 29 - State Public Speaking



BEEF WEIGH-IN

ALL Steers must weigh-in and be tattooed. This includes steers showing at county fairs as well as State Fair. Here are the details for this year's weigh-ins. As always, the date may be moved if the weather does not cooperate.

Henry, Stark & Peoria - Saturday February 4, 2023

Location: Iliff Vet, 8165 Twp Rd 1500 E. Wyoming, IL

Time: 8 a.m. - Noon (Be on the grounds by 11:30)

Register: Contact Jennifer by **Feb.1** at (309) 932-3447 or jpetersn@illinois.edu with how many steers you are bringing.

Note: There is no separate Henry County site this year because the Iliff Vet building is heated and they would prefer not to move locations.

Mercer & Rock Island - Saturday, February 4, 2023

Location: Mercer County Fairgrounds

Time: 8 -10 a.m. (Be on the grounds by 9:30)

Register: By February 1 with number of steers and phone number of person bringing the steers to:

Mercer County - Tracy Pestle (309) 513-3100 or fowlerpe@illinois.edu

Rock Island - McCala Crawford (309) 756-9978 or mmmille@illinois.edu



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Important Information

- If you have not RE-enrolled in 4-H through the ZSuite system (4h.zsuite.org), please do so ASAP.
- If your club does not collect enrollment fees, you must pay the \$20 fee before your enrollment will be approved.
- Fee waiver requests are available by contacting the office or your leader.
- NEW members need to complete their enrollments by **March 1**.
- Project updates may still be made after the March 1 enrollment deadline.
- Last year's fair books are up on Zsuite if you need to see exhibit requirements for project enrollment. New books will be out in the March/April time frame.

Winter Workshops

Registration links will be coming soon. Watch Facebook and our website for links.

Clay - January 21th, 9-10:30 a.m. @ DeSoto Arts Building - 2317 4th Ave. Rock Island

- **Cost:** \$8

- **Limit:** 12 youth

E-Sports - January 28th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. @ WIU QC Campus. Meet in Building C

- **Cost:** \$5

- **Limit:** 10 youth

- Papa John's pizza will be provided.

LEGO Design - February 12, 2-4 p.m. @Great Brick Lab - 337 2nd Avenue E, Milan

- **Cost:** \$10

- **Limit:** 10 youth

Sewing - February 18, 9-12 @ Milan Office

- **Cost:** \$5

- **Limit:** 12 youth

Club News and Notes



Buccaneers Report Submitted by Bethany Priaulx

The Buccaneers 4-H club met for their December meeting on December 4th, 5:00-6:30 in Port Byron. They started off with pizza and drinks for their awards banquet, then opened the business meeting with the pledges. The club leader and the president announced the winners of all the 4-H awards and gave out certificates and prizes. They talked about old business, which included decorating trees at the Arsenal. The Port Byron Christmas Walk is planned for Friday, December 9th. 4-Her's and adults signed up to help with the games that the Buccaneers are providing there. New business was about project enrollment as well as deciding what to do at the January meeting - the members voted on ice skating.

For fun, the club had a gift exchange. Each member brought a gift to trade. Members played rock-paper-scissors to find out who



would keep the gift and who would trade with someone else. They played a few rounds and in the end they left with all kinds of gifts from cactuses and gummy worms to a gingerbread kit. (Photos by Hannah Priaulx)



Trail Blazers Club Notes Submitted by Gracelyn Viall

Happy New Year! Hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. For our December meeting, the Trailblazers met at the QC Entertainment Center in Moline for a game of bowling, pizza, fun gift exchange, and friends. The club is also hosting practices for the State Horse Judging Contest at Blackhawk East on Feb. 18 and the Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest at Blackhawk East on April 1.



Annawan All Stars 4-H Submitted by Ella Anderson

The Annawan All Stars have been very busy over the last month! We collected multiple different spices and birthday supplies that we donated to the Annawan Food Pantry. We hosted our monthly meeting on Sunday, November 20. At this meeting, we had a great talk led by Lydia Carton. Lydia taught us all about her dairy bucket calf project.



Geneseo Jr Leaders Report Submitted by Lucy Wolf

On Thursday, December 8, the Geneseo Jr Leaders met at the Geneseo Fire Station. We had our regular meeting and a hot chocolate bar. To conclude our fun evening, we had a white elephant gift exchange. Next month, our group is looking forward to a pizza party and movie night.



Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Mason Gray

WRMJ Tree in Central Park - Theme of Home for the Holidays. Club awards presented to members.





NEWS & notes

Club Information



Livestock Ethics Training

The animal ethics trainings are still required. There are two different trainings. Please follow the rules for the one that fits the type of animal you show. If you plan to show animals in both categories, you are required to complete both trainings.

QAEC - for cats, dogs, horses, poultry & rabbits.

This training is only required ONCE per 4-H career. It is free and can be accessed here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

YQCA - for cattle, goats, sheep & swine

This training is required once per YEAR. It is \$12 to complete online at yqcaprogram.org. Remember that this is a new website as of last spring. In person trainings are being discussed.

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers Wanted!

Shooting Sports Leader Trainings are coming. Here are the dates and details:

Saturday, February 25, 2023 @ Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. Disciplines offered: Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator

Saturday, May 6, 2023 @ 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello
All disciplines offered

Registration will be open from Dec. 15, 2022 - Feb. 15, 2023.
Contact your local office to register.

State Events

Legislative Connection - Two dates will be selected between March & May 2023. Any youth who is trained in Speaking for IL 4-H will be invited to attend.

State Public Speaking Contest - April 29, 2023
Held at Parkland College in Champaign. Formal Speech and Illustrated Speech categories will now have two age divisions:

Beginner: 8-13 as of Sept. 1, 2022

Advanced: 14+ as of Sept. 1, 2022

Poetry/Spoken word is now a separate category under the Original Works heading.

State Robotics Competition - May 13, 2023

Illini Summer Academies - June 25-29
Held at the University of Illinois. Open to youth who have completed 9-11th grades. Graduating 8th graders and graduating seniors are no longer eligible to attend.



HORSE JUDGING SEMINAR

The Illinois State Horse Judges' Seminar is open to all youth and open horse show judges, potential judges, exhibitors, and spectators. It is designed to encourage uniform standards for judging and exhibiting horses at Illinois youth and open horse shows. It will cover criteria for judging standards of halter, showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, ranch riding, and ranch trail. Aaron Callahan, from Black Hawk East, will be the clinician.

Date: March 4, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: 131 Animal Sciences Lab, 1207 W Gregory Drive, Urbana. (On the U of I Campus)

Cost: \$20 for youth; \$30 for adults; \$50 for adults wishing to take the judging exam.

Backyard Bird Count

Get your bird feeders ready for the backyard bird count. All you have to do is download the bird I.D. and species reporting apps. The official

count is February 17-20 and can be done as a club activity. Learn more at: www.birdcount.org





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Around the State



Spark your imagination and passion! Ignite by 4-H is an inclusive teen event held in Washington, D.C., March 9-12 for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment, and creating amazing connections.

Illinois 4-H is looking for fifteen youth delegates to represent Illinois at this one-of-a-kind national event! At Ignite by 4-H, you'll explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living and Emotional Well-Being. Discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to help create real change in your community. It's an experience you won't want to miss! Age range for delegates is 14-19 years old. Ready to apply? Head to go.illinois.edu/national4hyouthsummit before 1/25!



Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:
June 4-8
June 11-15
June 25-29
June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non members.

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy a weekend of camp fun. Registration will open in February.



Illini Summer Academies

The Academies are back in person on the UIUC campus!

June 25-29

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 this spring.



A new Illinois 4-H Alumni Awards program will launch on January 9. It will recognize alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their profession, service to community and loyalty to the Illinois 4-H program.

Awards will include:

Illinois 4-H Alumni Award

The highest honor bestowed upon a 4-H alumnus. This award recognizes an elite group of Illinois 4-H alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.

4-H Young Alumni Award

This award recognizes a young alumnus that has demonstrated significant accomplishments and is an emerging leader in their professional or civic contributions to their community. They have proven to be ambassadors for the Illinois 4-H program.

IL 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit award recognizes an Illinois 4-H family who has substantially benefited from and continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over at least three generations.

Nominations for all awards are due March 1, 2023.

Information and nomination forms will be available here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/alumni/alumni-awards-and-recognition>

Women Changing the Face of Ag

The 2023 WCFA conference is scheduled for Friday, March 3 at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. Registration is open now for high school girls interested in agriculture careers. For a list of events and registration information visit: womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com.

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closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Milan Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Welcome to 2023. If the weather remains on this warmer trend, it will be a good start to a new year. We have lots of fun workshops and activities planned for the winter months. Members and clubs did a lot of great things to start this 4-H year and we look forward to continuing that momentum in 2023.

If you have not enrolled, yet, please do so as soon as possible. Keep checking your email and social media as we continue to announce workshops and put up registration links. There are a few other state opportunities below. If you want more info on them, contact your local office.

Here's to a great 2023.

Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

The image contains three promotional banners. The first banner on the left is green and white, titled "2023 YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES" and lists dates: "January 21 | February 11", "February 18 | March 3". The middle banner is dark green with white text: "Digital Ag apps due 1/25" and features a four-leaf clover logo. The right banner is green with white text: "Little Roots is back!" and also features a four-leaf clover logo.



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Programs and activities sponsored by University of Illinois Extension are open to anyone. If a special accommodation must be addressed in order for any individual to participate, please contact Jenny Garner at 309-932-3447 in advance of the event.