

4-H FAMILY



ST. CLAIR COUNTY

MARCH 2023

NEWS



4-H CLUB NEWS

CREATIVE CRITTERS 4-H CLUB



In the Creative Critters group photo with filled Red Cross kits, L-R back row: Morgan Waller, Jasmin Brown, Calli Lowrance, Abigail Odunfa-Jones, and Julie Erickson; L-R front-row: Jayce Huels, Quinn Dickerson, and Faith Haas.

Creative Critters at their February meeting learned what goes into Red Cross emergency kits and how these are used when disasters strikes. BIG THANKS to Legrand <https://www.legrand.us/> for donating the materials and Nick Huels (Jayce's father) for demonstrating efficiency with group participation.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4-H SENIORS!

As you embark on a new chapter upon graduating high school, the Illinois 4-H program is PROUD of your accomplishments. You have excelled in your 4-H work and beyond. You have managed and overcome challenges. You have given back to your families and communities.

We ask that you complete a 4-H Senior Survey. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path, and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions.

Deadline March 15, 2023.

Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H program AND be entered into a drawing for 1 of 4 \$50 VISA Gift Cards.



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4-H JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM AT ATKINS' ACRES



The mission of the University of Illinois Junior Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resource specialists and young people to foster an understanding of Illinois's plants, water, soils, and wildlife. This program will give local youth the opportunity to discover the outdoor world through hands-on activities and outdoor investigation. The classes will be held at Atkins' Acres Educational Farm in Millstadt, IL.

The Junior Master Naturalist program will engage children in experiences exploring the environment, geology and soils, ornithology, pollinators, an Earth Day field trip, and how to enjoy hiking trails.

The program is open to youth ages 8 – 12.

Time and date: 8:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. | March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Kimberly Atkins: atkinacres7@gmail.com

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS: AIR RIFLE 4-H BLASTERS

FIRST MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT 1:30P.M.

O'FALLON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
1018 SCOTT TROY RD, LEBANON, IL

All youth, ages 8-18 are invited to join us. Come out and help us build some targets and meet **Ryan Stoks**, the 4-H certified shooting sports instructor.

In this club, you will have an opportunity to learn the following:

- the components of rifles and equipment
- rifle safety
- how to use an air rifle
- how to get involved in shooting sports competitions

SAFETY TRAINING for new members will be **April 8 at 12:30 P.M.**



For more information please contact Ryan Stoks at ryan.stoks@us.af.mil

★ 20th Annual ★ 4-H DAY

with the

Cardinals

TICKET ONLY

\$30

*All sales final

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY

20
MAY

CARDINALS

VS

LA DODGERS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the LA Dodgers!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)
- **New option** to purchase a ball cap for \$10.00 to commemorate the **20th Anniversary** of this event (limit one per order).

REGISTER HERE:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023>

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu



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Youth Cooking School 2023

June 12-15



Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family! Reducing food waste will be our theme in 2023.



June 12-15
12:30-3:30 pm

St James Catholic School

412 W. Washington
Millstadt, IL

Register at:

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

For more experienced Chefs,
register for the:

FOOD CHALLENGE

Ages 11-15

Cost \$75

July 17-20 Waterloo, IL

Immanuel Lutheran Church



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4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in ZSuites by **February 17, 2023**.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS



The 2023 Award Applications will be provided to members soon!

In the meantime, please keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some background in training dogs?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**



We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can lead Dog Obedience trainings and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Dog Show.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu

DOG SUPERINTENDENT

SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some knowledge of shooting sports and event coordination?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**



We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can attend Shooting Sports trainings in the Spring (see next page) and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu





Hosted by the Waterloo FFA Livestock Judging Team, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, on March 18, 2023.

Registration:

- two teams allowed, 5 members each
 - only top 3 scores count
- deadline is March 13, 2023
- starts at 9 a.m.

Open to all 4-H clubs and FFA chapters

Livestock Judging Clinic

Reasons clinic for High-School aged kids

Judging clinic for Jr. members

Clinic starts at 8

Livestock Judging Competition

8 classes: 2 classes of Cattle,

Sheep, Goats, and Hogs

Judging starts at 10

We will break for lunch after judging concludes, and give placings at 1:30 pm.



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

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

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2023** for evaluation.

LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR TEAM

Grab the reins on the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team ~ team applications are open!

Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences? The Livestock Ambassador Team might be for you! Become a role model and advocate for the livestock industry.

On this team you'll help with ...

Statewide Junior Livestock Conferences, Regional Livestock Clinics, Livestock Skillathons , Assisting with State 4-H Livestock Events, Advocating for the livestock industry, Serving on agricultural youth boards (YEA, Junior Association, State Fair), Involvement State Fair activities (Commodity Carnival, Governor's Auction, Ag Day, Tours, etc.)

Applications will close April 1. Apply through this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201406843593153>



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COUNTY/STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW REQUIREMENTS



Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

Taking QAEC training is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal projects. Please visit:

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

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QAEC via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

The YQCA training is mandatory each year for all 4-H beef, dairy, goat, sheep and swine exhibitors.

Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for upcoming YQCA training date options.

Trainings must be completed by June 1.

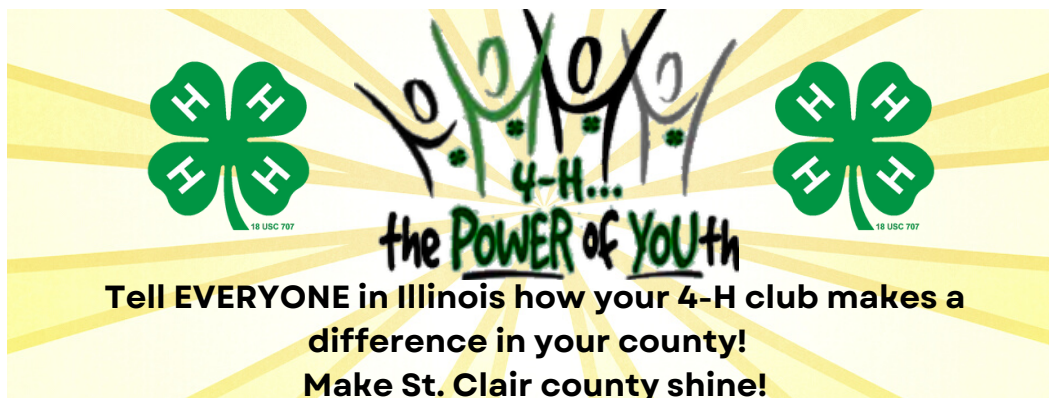




TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE

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/participate/4-h-community-service>. To be identified as having participated in the National 4-H Day of Service, you first must click on the “Register You 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 accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link to document your positive efforts. Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: *Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery;*
Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

These dates are 9-hour "field days" which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.

If interested, contact Emily Reece at ereece@illinois.edu or 618-344-4230

LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2023

Requirements:

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
- A permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County.
- The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities.

JOIN ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

The St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors are planning to meet on **Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Turkey Hill Grange in Belleville.** This leadership group is open to all St. Clair County 4-H youth ages 13-18.



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

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 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp website closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration **will open up in late February**. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is “To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs.” To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



CAMP EMPLOYMENT

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our website. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

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.





SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMCREDITIL.COM/EN/ABOUT/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://www.farmcreditil.com/en/about/community-engagement/scholarships)

Thirty \$2,500 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.

Selection criteria includes academic achievement, participation and leadership within school and community organizations, and a commitment to pursuing an agriculture-related career.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMCREDITIL.COM/ABOUT/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/IMPROVEMENT-GRANTS](https://www.farmcreditil.com/about/community-engagement/improvement-grants)

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.



IAA SCHOLARSHIP

The 2023 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is NOW OPEN! The lineup includes 100 scholarships totaling \$201,501 in tuition support. Students can apply between now and February 15, 2023. Many of our scholarships prefer or require the student to be a former or active 4-H member.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility details can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 18 St. Clair County Public Speaking
- March 16 Ambassador Meeting
- March 25 State Horse and Hippology
- April 29 State Speaking Contest
- May 20 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- June 12-15 Youth Cooking School
- August 3 St. Clair County Show-A-Rama
- August 4-6 St. Clair County Livestock Shows
- August 12 St. Clair County Day at State Fair



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