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NEWSLETTER

Pope & Hardin County 4-H News and Events



April 2023

Time to select your project!

May 1—DEADLINE—Project enrollment, 4-H enrollment (to be able to participate in the 2023 4-H shows), and dues paid. I am sure some of you already know what projects you would like to select. While others probably haven't even thought about a project yet... That's OK! Now is the time to be making those decisions. If you have questions about any of the projects do not hesitate to reach out to me or another 4-H member. Sign up for your projects in ZSuites! On June 4th Federation members are going to put on a 4-H General Show Workshop providing 4-H members with the opportunity to get help with their projects. This will be a great time to bring your project for some help, or just come and see what different projects require. We will also be offering mock project interviews for any member that would like one.

National Day of Service

April 22

Register today!

**Visit ZSUITES for 4-H Enrollment
for the 2022-2023 Program Year!**

**Enter all your project information in
ZSuites! <https://4h.zsuite.org>**



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LOOK WHAT YOU CAN DO IN 4-H



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.



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!

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>



4-H Hooks



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 participate are here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the ***Speaking for Illinois 4-H*** team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Monday, April 10.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20152>. **Registration will close April 7.**

State Public
Speaking is 4/29




Congratulations to Remington Barnhill for qualifying for State Public Speaking!

The State Public Speaking Show will be held April 29th. The event will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign, IL.

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Become an IL 4-H Influencer

Ready to try a social media career on for size? 

 Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers team!

Are you ready to try a social media career on for size? Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers!

On this team, you will receive university-level social media management training as you get hands-on experiences and portfolio pieces for college/future careers in this awards-eligible statewide leadership team. You'll also strengthen your communications and marketing experiences ahead of college, award, and job applications. Apply here: go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers

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Save the date!

Are you ready to help shape the next generation? Learn about careers in the child development field while you learn best practices for caring and working with children in our upcoming virtual webinar on May 11 from 6pm-7pm. In just an hour you can grow your understanding on how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages. Ready to start exploring? Watch for registration info coming soon!

This webinar is part of the Explore 4-H series which consists of virtual statewide experiences for 4-H members to learn more about different areas of interest.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MULTI COUNTY KAYAK CLUB

SPRING PADDLING DATES AND LOCATIONS WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Safety course must be completed before paddling. Contact Kassy at kscates@illinois.edu for more information on completing the course.



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 to check out all the activities!

4-H Camp Information

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!



Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Are you ready to get outside for a fun family weekend? We are kicking the summer off with **Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp**. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, zip lining, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, tie-dying t-shirts, building model rockets and so much more!

Dates: May 19-21, 2023

Fees:

Cabin Rental- \$215

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$84/person
 4-7 years old: \$56/person
 Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>

If you have any questions, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741 or

Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741

You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!



Teen Leadership Camp

Save the date July 6-8! More information to come!

4-H Camp Information

Registrations open

Camp Corral- Camp for Children of Military Families

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding Camp Corral, July 16-21, 2023. Camp Corral offers Summer Camp Opportunities to children of wounded, ill, and fallen military and veterans. Kids will find adventure, build confidence, challenge their fears, and make life-long friends. Open to children ages 8-15, this incredible week of adventure is offered at no cost to the family. Spots are available on a first come/first served basis so don't wait. More information and a link to the application site are available at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs/camp-corral> . You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. Please share this information with anyone or any organization you think would be interested. For more information or to receive advertising pieces to share with others, please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741.

4-H Memorial Camp- Counselor and Lifeguard Job Opportunity

We are still accepting applications for camp counselors (16+ years old) and Waterfront Program Staff (18+ years old, must have or are in the process of getting a Lifeguard Certification). Employees receive a monthly paycheck, housing, and meals. Apply for a job where you get to be outside leading activities, have fun, meet a lot of new people, and feel a real sense of accomplishment. Details (including employment dates), application and reference forms can be found at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities> . Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

There are still spots available for Summer Youth Camp, June 30-July 4 at 4-H Memorial Camp. Check-out is at 11am on July 4th so you can still celebrate the Holiday! We anticipate all spaces filling. Details and a link to the online registration are available at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs/4-h-memorial-summer-camp> . There is also information concerning placing your child on the waiting list for one of the full weeks should any space open up. Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu , (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

Fall Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

We just opened Spring Family Camp registration and everyone is already excited about the Fall Family Camp as well! Dates for the Fall Family Camp are Sept. 8-10, 2023. Registration will open Monday, June 5th with Fall registration materials available on our website starting that morning. Spring registration is currently open. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>



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 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
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.

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. QAEC may be completed online at

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

LIVESTOCK SHOW & HORSE SHOW

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



Pope-Hardin County 4-H Federation:

Next Federation meeting April 10 @ 6 PM, Extension Office

LOOKING FOR UPCOMING MEMBERS! WE INVITE ALL 7th & 8th GRADE 4-H MEMBERS THAT WOULD LOVE A LEADERSHIP ROLE NEXT 4-H YEAR TO ATTEND!

Federation is a leadership club open to all 4-H members in 7th grade and up. This club plans and leads fun events and activities for Pope and Hardin Counties. If you would be interested in sharing your ideas you are welcome to join the next meeting. All 4-H members are welcome to attend Federation meetings at any time. They are always welcome to guest and new ideas. Reach out to any Federation member for more details or email Kendra.

4-H members that would like to be a part of a video Federation is making to promote Pope County 4-H needs to attend April meeting. We will be using this meeting for filming.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1	YQCA Training—Saline County
April 16	Diamond & Emerald Experience Award Banquet
May 1	DEADLINE—Project Enrollment
May 6	YQCA Training, Livestock Skil-A-Thon—Hamilton County
June 1	DEADLINE—YQCA and QAEC trainings due
June 1	Summer Youth Garden Class (Thursdays in June and July)
June 1	Summer Youth Cooking Class (Thursdays in June and July)
June 4	General Show Project Workshop
June 24	General Show
June 29	Rabbi/Poultry Show—Multi County, Show in Hamilton County
June 30	Livestock Show—Multi County, Show in Hamilton County



GENERAL SHOW

JUNE 24, 2023

DIXON SPRINGS AG CENTER

9:00 AM

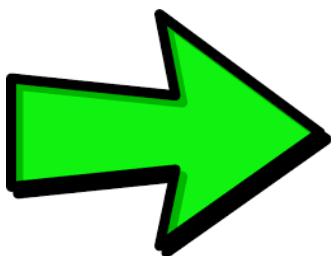
POULTRY, RABBIT, LIVESTOCK, & HORSE

MULTI COUNTY EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE SHOWING A LIVE ANIMAL!

POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW AT HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS ON 06/29

LIVESTOCK SHOW AT HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS ON 06/30



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.