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4-H Newsletter

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Calendar of events *(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

May

- 1 Fair Entry opens for fair registration
- 6 YQCA Training 10:00 am @ Extension office
- 6 Photography Workshop 2-4 PM @ Lawrence County
- 17 Deadline for Livestock Ownership forms to be turned in
- 19 Canning Workshop 6-7:30 PM @ Wabash County Fairgrounds Meeting Room
- 29 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

June

- 1 Deadline for Off-premise forms to be turned in
- 1 Deadline to complete QAEC training for horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cat projects
- 1 Deadline to register in Fair Entry to show projects at Fair.
- 10 Unit 25 Tractor Driving Contest 8 AM @ Edwards County fairgrounds

Livestock Ownership forms due to the office by May 17, 2023

STATE FAIR NEWS

- **Jr. Show entries /nominations—All livestock entry papers** will need to be signed by County Extension Staff before the exhibitor mails entry forms to State Fair Entry Office.
- **Horses-**Ownership, Lease papers, & pictures are due to the State by June 1, 2022. **The County office needs this information by May 24th!!**

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Important Reminders:

- Every 4-H'er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H meetings this year, by July 1, in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts.

Quality Assurance and Ethic Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a **ONE TIME** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and or any members who have not taken it before. **The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1**. You can find the online training at: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

Off-Premise Form

- In certain instances, members may keep their livestock on property other than their own. The member is required to submit a livestock Off-Premises Form to the Extension office for approval (including horses). This form will indicate where the animal is being kept and must be signed by the 4-H member, the member's parent, the property owner, the 4-H club leader, and an Extension 4-H staff person. As noted on the form, the 4-H member is responsible for the daily care and feeding of his or her animal project. This form must be submitted to the extension office by June 1st, 2023. Go to https://go.illinois.edu/WabashOffPresmisesForm or you can contact the office to get a copy.

YQCA
YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

CHANGE OF DATE!

Saturday, May 6 @ 10:00 AM

At the Extension Office

YQCA is a training that is required by the state for **all 4-H'ers who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats.** You are required to take this training each year. YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND THE TRAINING! Create a new account, do not use your previous username/password.

Go to https://yqcaprogram.org.

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Registration for Fair

Starting May 1, Fair Entry is open!

*All Fair Entries will be done On-Line Again This Year By The 4-H Families.

Starting May 1st you can go online to: http://wabash4-hfair.fairentry.com
All entries must be complete by June 1st.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

An instruction sheet is available online at https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/4-h-wabash-county. (Expand the Fair and Show Information section to find the instructions.) These instructions will also be mailed to 4-H families.

Canning Workshop:

We will be holding a canning workshop on Friday, May 19 from 6-7:30 PM at the Wabash County Fairground meeting room. This is a hands on learning experience for kids who are wanting to learn the basics of canning.

To register for the workshop go to https://go.illinois.edu/wabashcanning

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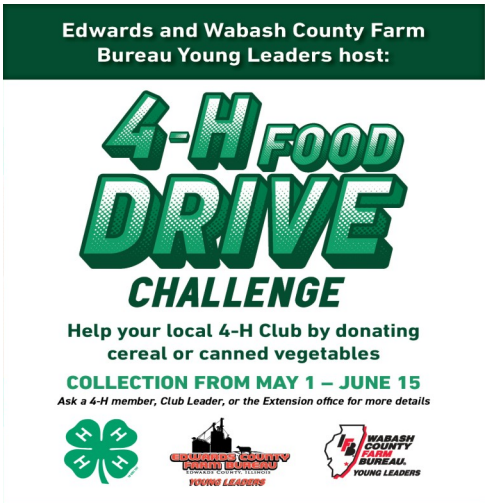

2023 Edwards & Wabash County Farm Bureau Young Leaders — 4-H Food Drive Challenge

Edwards & Wabash County 4-H club members connect with their family, friends, neighbors, and fellow 4-Hers to collect cereal and canned vegetables for local food pantries. **Check with your club leaders for more information.**

Goal: To supply both the WADI facilities in Edwards & Wabash County Counties food pantries each with over 150 boxes of cereal and over 300 cans of canned vegetables

Collection Time Frame: May 1, 2023 until June 15, 2023 - Items can be collected by the club or dropped off at the Wabash County Farm Bureau office, just remember to tell them which club should get credit for the donation.

Livestock Judging Team

The Livestock Judging team traveled to a couple of competitions in April. They won 2nd high team at the Joliet Junior College contest and 3rd high team at the Murray contest. Congratulations to the team members on a great season!

Allendale Twisters Receive Food Advocacy Grant

Congratulations to the Allendale Twisters 4-H Club! They received a $1000 4-H Food Advocacy Grant this year and were able to donate food to The Lunch Wagon for the summer lunch program.

Watch next fall for opportunities for other clubs to apply for this grant!

4-H OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Unit 25 Tractor Driving Contest

4-H members ages 8-18 are invited to participate in the 2023 Unit 25 Tractor Driving Contest. Registration is open May 1-26 and the Tractor Safety Test must be taken at your local extension office June 1-7, 2023. (Once you have registered, more information will be sent to you about the safety test) Driving contest will be held on June 10, 2023 from 8 am - 12 pm at the Edwards County Fairgrounds located at 90 W Pine St, Albion, IL 62806.

Prizes will be given out for the top driver in each county and in Unit 25.

To register go to: go.illinois.edu/tractordrivingcontest

Registration Closes: May 26, 2023

Questions? Contact Ryan Littlejohn, Wayne County 4-H Program Coordinator at 618-842-3702.

Lawrence County Photography/Photo Editing Workshop

Lawrence County 4-H invites you to join them for an evening full of photography and photo editing! You will learn all things from photography angles, lighting, posture, how to get started in photography, to understanding how to edit your photos. You will learn all of these tips from a professional photographer, Anna Johnson, who owns her own business and started in 4-H just like you! Please bring your camera if you have one.

This workshop will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 2-4 pm at the Lawrence County Extension Office located at 10722 Cherry Blvd, Lawrenceville, IL 62439

If you would like to attend, please register at https://go.illinois.edu/lawrencephotography

Questions? Contact Maisie McClure, Lawrence County 4-H Program Coordinator at 618-943-5018

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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 Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

2023 4-H Camp registration is open for members (with open registration starting February 6)!

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

Teen Leadership Camp

Ready for the ultimate cool summer camp?

Illinois 4-H Leadership Camp is an opportunity for 9th-12th graders to participate in a variety of activities designed to help them understand the fundamentals of leadership, practice effective communication, work as a team, and become self-confident and motivated individuals. And it's all happening July 6-8!

PLUS youth will experience everything they love about camp like swimming, hiking, campfires and more at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello!

Register by 6/1 when you head to go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp

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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.

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.**

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State Fair National Anthem

Sing the National Anthem at State Fair! We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link: https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem Please submit by June 15, 2023 and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details: Need to be available the morning of August 11th, 2023 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. Must be a 4-H member to audition.

4-H Hooks Us Together

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 later this month!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Where could a Career & Leadership 4-H Pathway take you?

To the Youth Leadership Team, to Teen Teacher training, to national conferences … and that's just a start! Make goals, set your pathway for 2023, and explore everything 4-H has to offer using our Find Your Spark Guide at go.illinois.edu/LetsSparkSomething or contact your local Extension Office to learn more!

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Become an IL 4-H Influencer

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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Illinois RiverWatch Network

Looking for a serious citizen science project with your 4-H Club? The Illinois 4-H Foundation will fund your training with the Illinois RiverWatch Network (a $40 value) for the first 20 members. Learn more about when and where training sessions will be in 2023 at: http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/

Save the Date for
Explore 4-H: Child Development

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.