



Coles Coun<sup>ty</sup>

# Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

May 2023



## 2023 4-H BBQ

We served 2,852 meals at the BBQ this year! Huge thank you to those who helped contribute to the cookies, potato prep & banking, and the serving lines!



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<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/staff>

- Family Life
- Horticulture, Natural Resources
- Illinois Nutrition Education Programs

# Calendar

## May

- 1 – 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1 – Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
- 2 – YQCA Training @ Extension Office 5 pm
- 6 – Goat Check-In & Sheep Weigh-  
@ Coles County Fairground
- 31 – Update your 4-H Records Day

## June

- 1 – YQCA & QAEC Due
- 1 – FairEntry Closes
- 1 – Teen Leadership Closes
- 17 – Horse Show @ Cumberland County
- 30 – Update your 4-H Records Day

## July

- 13 – Aerospace & Cat Show Day
- 18 – Home & Family Show Day
- 20 – Set up 4-H Center & Prep for Dog  
Show (Beef Barn) 6 p.m.
- 22 – General Project Show Day
- 22 – Dog Show Day (Coles, Moultrie, &  
Douglas County Show Day)
- 25 – Fairground clean up and Barn  
Set up 5 p.m.

## SPIN Club Meetings

### Shooting Sports: Air Rifle

Meeting at 9:00 am

- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12



### Shooting Sports: Archery

Meeting at 1:30 pm

- May 28
- June 25
- July 23
- August 27

### All Things PAW-sitive

Meeting at 6:00 pm

- May-18
- June-22
- July- 20



## Goats & Sheep

Saturday, May 6



- Goat Check-in 8 am @ Coles County Fairgrounds Goat Barn.
- Sheep Weigh-in 9 am @ Coles County Fairgrounds between beef barn & 4-H Pop Stand. Weigh-in is for Rate of Gain.
- Contact Jess with any questions at JNHays@illinois.edu

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

Go to the Goat Forms Folder      This Box link requires no account.

## 2022 4-H Premium Checks

The 2022 4-H Premium checks were made out last week. Check MUST be cashed by

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

Checks will be marked void after this date.



**TIME  
SENSITIVE**



YQCA is required **yearly** for all 4-H members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine. YQCA training must be completed in order to exhibit at the 2023 Coles County 4-H Fair.

Online Training (\$12)  
In-Person Training (\$3)

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>  
Complete by June 1, 2023

**RESCHEDULED**  
Next In-Person Training

**May 22, 2023**

Coles Extension  
Office  
5:00pm - 6:30 pm

Find log-in instructions by going to

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

Go to the YQCA Folder

This Box link requires no account.

## 4-H Seniors

Are you a 4-H Senior? We want to give you a shout-out on our Facebook page Email the following information to Jess at JNHays@illinois.edu.  
Email Subjsut Line: "2023 Senior"

- 4-H Members name
- 4-H Club
- Years in 4-H
- Favorite Project:
- Favorite 4-H Memory
- Future Plans



## Teen Leadership

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](https://go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp)

## 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.



**IMPORTANT!**

**QAEC**

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Required **ONCE** for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, & rabbits

All members who do not have this on file have been notified by email on 3/1/23. See the email with "QAEC: MUST READ" in the subject line.



Failing to complete this training & submitting the certificate to Jessica by June 1, 2023, will disqualify you from participating in the 2023 4-H Fair.

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



# 2023 Horse Show

This year we are combining the Horse Show in Coles, Cumberland, and Moultrie-Douglas Counties. The Horse Show will be on June 17, 2023. The show will be held in Cumberland this year, at the new fairgrounds in Toledo (205 S New York St. Toledo, IL 62468). This show will be hosted each year by one of the participating counties.



# Horse Papers

All 4-H members participating in the Livestock horse project must have County ownership or lease papers on file at the Extension Office.

If you plan to participate in the 2023 IL State Fair, you must submit Ownership or Lease papers as well.

All County and State ownership and lease papers are due on May 1, 2023. Submit forms to the Coles County Extension office.

Find horse papers by going to

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

This Box link requires no account.  
Go to the Horse Papers Folder



COLES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH ARE  
GOING PLACES!



**KUYLER MILLER**  
IS HEADING TO...

ILLINOIS  STATE 4-H  
**PUBLIC SPEAKING  
CONTEST**

Illinois  
Extension



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Out

## Food, Fun, & 4-H

4-H Families! Are you ready to cook up some fun this summer? You are in luck!

Oklahoma State University's popular summer cooking program, Food, Fun, 4-H, is back with exciting new content straight from their kitchen to yours! This free program is perfect for 4-H members of all ages. Experienced 4-H chefs can test their independence and culinary skills as they participate in Food, Fun, 4-H, while younger members can work with a parent or caring adult to create their recipes! Cook up fun all summer long - as this program runs from May through August! Participants will receive four monthly themed recipes for one complete meal, educational information, nutritional facts, conversation starter topics, and ideas for a family activity.

After you register through Z-Suites, you will need to register with Oklahoma State University. A link will be emailed to you! Sorry for the extra step - but we want to have a record of your participation in this activity!

Registration is free and open to all 4-Hers and closes on May 11th.

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## Illinois 4-H

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 2000s growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story!

**4-H BY THE DECADES 2011 – Present**

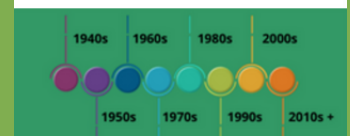
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

**Register by Friday, May 19**

<https://www.jotform.com/build/230640732381147>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, May 22.

*4-H By the Decades*





## 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 of how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages.

In this webinar, you will learn more about Child Development from Jill Tompkins and Sarah Isaacs. Jill and Sarah are both 4-H alum who currently work at the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse at University of Illinois.

Ready to start exploring? Registration is open NOW for 4-Hers in grades 3 and up! The deadline to register is Monday, May 8. Register at **<https://4h.zsuite.org/>**

Be sure to bring a kitchen utensil that you think a young child would enjoy playing with for a “show and tell” activity that may surprise you!

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

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## State Events

### May 2023

- May 13 State Robotics Competition

### June 2023

- June 4 on – 4-H Camp
- June 25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies

### July 2023

- July 2-7 Citizenship Washington Focus
- July 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
- July 10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
- July 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course

### August 2023

- August 13 General Projects days at State Fair

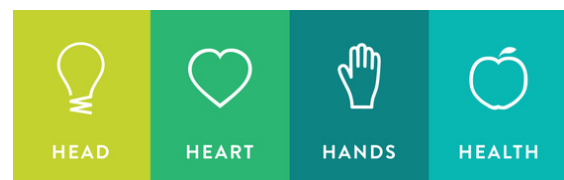
Questions about a State 4-H Event Contact  
Jess at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu).

## 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>



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.ngrrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

Contact your local Extension Office at 217-345-7034 with any questions.

## Records Corner

Start working on your 2022-2023 4-H member records now! Find a list of all our workshops, contests, Record books, and more by going to:

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

This Box link requires no account



**Member and Livestock Records can be found in the Member Records Folder**



**The Records List for workshops and contests can be found in the Member Record file under Records List**



Feel free to contact the Extension Office at 217-345-7034 if you need a copy of the Record book or the Record List.

## FairEntry

FairEntry is now Open!

You will need to create a new account. Please see Step by Step FairEntry Instructions for help.

You will need animal information such as Scrapie Tag number, Tattoo, and more at the time of registration.

**Closes June 1**

Find FairEntry instructions by going to

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

Go to the 4-H Fair Folder This Box link requires no account.

FairEntry instructions can also be found at

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

Under Fairs & Shows

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## 2023 4-H Fair

### FClean-up Days

- Thursday, July 20 –Set up 4-H Center & Prep for Dog Show (Beef Barn) 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 25 – Fairground clean up and Barn Set up 5 p.m.

### Thursday, June 1

- Deadline to submit 4-H show entries (FairEntry.com)

### Saturday, June 17

- Horse Show – Cumberland County Horse Arena 9:00 am Multi-County Horse & Pony Show

### Thursday, July 13

- Aerospace & Cat Show Day (model rockets only) (4-H Center: Coles County Fairgrounds)
  - 12:30 pm Live Cat Show
  - 2:00 pm Aerospace Show

**Find the full Schedule**

