



Coles Counthy

Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

November 2023



Achievement Night 2023

Join us on Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Christian Church, Mattoon, for the 2023 4-H Achievement Night. 4-H Members will be recognized for their hard work during the 2022-2023 4-H Year. The Coles County Federation Club will provide hot cocoa and cookies.

If you have not RSVP for this event, let us know you are coming by calling the Coles Extension Office at 217-345-7034.



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Calendar

November

- 4 - RSVP for the Club Gingerbread House Contest.
- 6 - Achievement Night,
Location: Broadway Christian Church
Mattoon, 6:30 pm
- 11 - Public Speaking Workshop. 10 am, *RR
- 15 - Deadline: Awesome Autumn Photo Contest
- 23 & 24 - Happy Thanksgiving - EO Closed
- 30 - Deadline: Project Book Order 1 Due

December

- 2 - Winter Craft Workshop (Visual Arts)
Hosted by Federation Club
- 4 - Gingerbread Houses drop off @ Cross
County Mall 5:30 p, - 6:30 pm
- 13 - Deadline 4-H Enrollment
(for Incentive Shirt)
- 22 - 31 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS - EO Closed

January

- 1- January 1 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS - EO Closed
- 1 - RSVP First Aid Workshop
- 13 - First Aid Workshop, 10 am, *RR
- 22 - Superintendents Meeting, 6 pm
- 28 - Skating Party, Silver Star, Mattoon 5:30 -
7:30 pm (Coles, Cumberland, & Mo-Do)

EO -Extension Office *RR= Registration Required

NEED MORE BBQ SPICE?

Stop by the Coles
Extension Office to pick
up a bottle today!

**\$12
each**



Proceeds support the
Coles Federation 4-H Club



Enrollment is Open!

Go to <https://go.illinois.edu/ZSuiteEnrollmentInfo>
to learn more about Enrolling in 4-H today!

4-H is for youth ages 5- 18
as of September 1, 2023

SPIN Club



Shooting Sports: Air Rifle
Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

No meeting
for November

Shooting Sports: Archery
Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

- November 26

All Things PAW-sitive
Meeting Spring 2024

Contact the Extension Office at 217-345-7034
to get involved in a SPIN Club!



Coming Soon

Check
it
Out

Public Speaking

Saturday, November 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Coles Extension Office

Registration Required

Contact the Extension office at
217-345-7034 if you would like to
register.

For Youth
age 8-18

4-H Members

\$ 5

Non Members

\$ 8

County (C)

Winter Craft Day

For Youth
age 5-18

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:30 a.m. - Noon

4-H Center

Registration Required

Register by 11/20/2023

Register at:

https://go.illinois.edu/Coles4H_WinterCraftWorkshop

County (C)

4-H Members

\$ 8

Non Members

\$ 10

Health: First Aid

Register at

<https://go.illinois.edu/Coles4-HFirstAidWorkshop>

Register by 1/1/2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. - Noon

4-H Center

Registration Required

For Youth
age 8-18

County (C)

4-H Members

\$ 8

Non Members

\$ 11

SAVE
-THE-
DATE-

Health: Youth CPR

Register by 5/1/2024

County (C)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

4-H Center

Registration Required

For Youth
age 8-18

4-H Members

\$ 5

Non Members

\$ 8

REMEMBER

4-H members must participate
in 1 County Workshop or
Activity to participate in the
upcoming 4-H Fair.

All workshops are for 4-H
members and non members.



If you have questions call
217-345-7034.

**All workshops must have a
minimum of 5 participants registered.

Record Keeping

Club (L)

County (C)

Multi-County (M)

Regional (R)

State (S)

National (N)

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accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension Office. Early requests are strongly
encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Stay in the Know



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@ColesCounty4H

@UniversityOfIllinoisExtensionUnit19

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@Illinois4H

Gingerbread House contest

Hey, clubs, are you ready for the gingerbread house contest? Join the Holiday fun by bringing your club together to design and decorate a gingerbread house. Each club that signs us will receive the following:

- 1 Gingerbread kit
- 1 13" X 19" cake sheet to display gingerbread house on.

Clubs can add to your gingerbread house however they would like, with extra candy, icing, or other items. Clubs must have their name displaced with their gingerbread house.

Gingerbread houses are due **Monday, December 4**, at the Cross County Mall. Drop-off time is 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Meet at the old Radio Shack location.

1st place winner will receive a \$50 prize and will be announced on our Facebook page on December 21.

One club leader per club can register at:

https://go.illinois.edu/244-HClubGingerbread_house_Contest

Club leaders will then be notified when they can pick up gingerbread house items at the Coles Extension office.

Register by 11/4/2023



2023-2024 4-H Calendar

Did you know we have a 4-H year-at-a-glance calendar? Check it out by going to

<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county>

Find the calendar under the New 4-H Year Tab at the bottom of the site.

Disclaimer: Information Subject to Change

Become a 4-H Volunteer!

Judge Projects

Serve as a judge for 4-H exhibits, competitions, or performances providing encouragement and ways to improve.

Lead or Assist a Club

Help make it a great club experience by starting your own club or assisting a leader with organizing meetings, helping to arrange speakers or helping with meeting logistics!

Share Your Experiences

Become a guest speaker or short-term instructor by sharing your experiences. Talk about your career path, share your educational path, or share how you got where you are today.

Teach a Skill

Whether you have 1 hour or more, you can share your skills! Teach a one-time workshop or series or start a limited time special interest club in an area like sailing, knitting, fishing and more!

Serve on a Board

Sit on a local advisory or governing board. Advise on program priorities and growth strategies to help shape the program's future.

Help with Programs

Volunteer at 4-H programs like after-school, summer, camps, or meetings. Help with one meeting or program, or help for a season -- whatever fits your schedule!

Sign up or learn more about being a volunteer at

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

**Coles County
Extension Website**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county>



Record Corner



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

This Box link requires no account.

2.) Go to the folder named *Member Record*

3.) Select the year *2023-2024*

Items you will find:

- Record List - list of events, workshops, and more
- Helpful Resources (Coming Soon)
- Livestock Records
- Member Record Book (Coming Soon)

What has your 4-H Program Coordinator been up to? Key highlights

Program Coordination & Development

- Applied for 2024 NRA Grant.
- Planning & Implementing FarmBot Harvest
- 4-H Year End Reporting
- Review Clubs financial Statements
- ZSuite Prep & launch
- Grading of 4-H Records
- Scheduled meetings for new school programs.
- Assisted in Poverty Simulation Program
- Coordinate Gingerbread House Contest with Cross County Mall

Volunteer Recruitment/Training/ Development

- Volunteer Interview
- Onboarding / Merging new volunteer leader
- Finalized & Launched Volunteer Campaign
- Update Volunteer Records and files for current Volunteers

Marketing & Networking

- Update 4-H Workshop in Registration System
- Manage County Facebook Page & Check in on club page/ groups.
- 4-H Workshop Flyers

Professional Development

- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Weekly Unit 4-H Program Coordinator Meeting
- Served on hiring committee
- Civil Rights Training
- Ethics Training



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Check out Illinois 4-H State Events at

https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter_November

