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Happy Turkey Day! The holidays are here and looking busy! Don't forget to enroll- Zsuites is open!

Step one: pick a pathway you want to explore. A pathway is your learning journey about things that interest you and could involve picking a project, making a wishlist of experiences, or talking to your leader about your goals and plans. Not sure where to start? Take our 4-H personality quiz in the Find Your Spark Guide to learn more about everything Illinois 4-H:

go.illinois.edu/FindYourSparkGuide

And get ready to rock your 4-H year!

- Re-enrolling? Click here Re-Enrollment Video Tutorial: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HReEnroll>
- Re-Enrollment Step-By-Step Guide: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HHowToReEnroll>
- New Member? Check out the Illinois 4-H page for detailed information <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

CALENDAR

November

11/23 Thanksgiving

11/25 Horse Club trip to meet Clydesdales

12/2 Spirit of Shawneetown Ice Fishing booth 12-4

Decorate Silo pavilion in Ridgway by 12/6

12/9 Holiday Ornament Workshop

12/9 Ridgway Christmas Parade

12/22-1/2 Office Closed

Awards Banquet TBD

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Kassy at kscates@illinois.edu Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

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The **Spirit of Shawneetown** invites you to a holiday community celebration on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Kick off the festivities at 10 AM with Breakfast with the Grinch, and conclude the day at 4 PM with the grand lighting of the Town Christmas Tree. Enjoy a day packed with various festive events for the whole community! 🎄🎉🍷🍷🌟RSVP for Breakfast <https://forms.gle/z9F6b9KdmHe9F9166>

Gallatin County 4-H will host an Ice Fishing booth. We need volunteers to sit inside the “iceberg” and place prizes on the end of the line when participants go fishing. Ideally you will only need to work a 30-45 minute shift. Please sign up for shifts at <https://forms.gle/3baTazHkBYMiT7GZ7>



THE SPIRIT OF SHAWNEETOWN
CHRISTMAS
Presents
Saturday, December 2nd

FREE Holiday Activities

10am- Breakfast with the Grinch-Click link to sign up
<https://forms.gle/z9F6b9KdmHe9F9166>

11am-4pm- Holiday Movie with Popcorn & Snacks
Gingerbread House Workshop
Musical March Game
Sock Ice Skating
Wreath Making
Santa Letter Writing
Ornament Making
Ice Fishing

4pm-Town Tree Lighting, Hot Cocoa/Cider & Cookies, and Santa arriving on the fire truck with photo opportunities.

Paid Activities Below

11am-4pm Horse and Carriage Ride \$5 per person
Food Trucks: Mama Fried and 1st Street Sweets



Ridgway's Village Christmas

We've been asked to decorate the silo pavilion at the Ridgway Community Park! Some Supplies are available. The silo needs to be decorated by December 6. Please email Kassy at kscates@illinois.edu or message on Facebook to let us know your availability. Ideally, we could do this one day after school. Thanks in advance!



**VIRTUAL
ORNAMENT
WORKSHOP**

12/9 @ 10:30 AM
REGISTER BY 12/1

https://go.illinois.edu/GHHPSW_ornament_23

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The annual Ornament Workshop is Saturday, December 9th at 10:30 AM. This year we are offering in person at the Gallatin County Farm Bureau Building or Zoom option.

Grab bags are \$5 per person and will be available for pick up through your local Extension office for Zoom participants or available on location. Families are more than welcome to purchase kits for more than just enrolled 4-H members. Sign up closes on December 1.

Can the QR code or click https://go.illinois.edu/GHHPSW_ornament_23



Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up

Gallatin County 4-H is proud to have Raegan Smith coaching members of the Gallatin County 4-H Saddle club at the national level! Annsley Healy, Hannah Wenzel, Maya Woodard, Sydney Woodard and Eliza Engelhardt represented the state of Illinois in Horse Bowl at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, KY this past weekend. They competed against 14

other teams from all over the country and placed 4th against some of the top teams in the nation! If you have kids that would be interested in the 4-H horse bowl/hippology program please contact Raegan Smith at smitgirl997@gmail.com

**Come meet the
Budweiser
Clydesdales**
Saturday, November 25
at 1:00pm in Marion, IL

If you plan on coming or need more information contact
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smitgirl997@gmail.com

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Molly Kitchens, Murphie Horton
and Jacie Heath

4-H members ignite their future leadership path

[Carissa Nelson](#)

Decatur, Ill.-- Over 100 seventh and eighth grade youth learned ways to improve their leadership skills at the 2023 space-themed 4-H Junior Leadership Conference held Nov. 4-5 at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center in Decatur.

“This event helps youth from all over Illinois gain a new experience at the state level,” says University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development educator Johnna Jennings. “They gain essential life skills like networking, independence, and all the skills we are hoping for our next generation of leaders.”

Seventeen Youth leadership Team members worked together to plan and lead the conference with the goal of helping youth to feel empowered to go back to their clubs with stronger leadership skills.

“Participants gain confidence and skills they need to step up and start being leaders in their clubs and communities,” says Katie Duitsman, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist. “It gets them learning about themselves and hopefully gaining the courage to continue to get more involved in their home communities.”

The two-day conference put leadership skill-building into action with space-themed workshops that helped youth to build public speaking skills, learn how to effectively overcome obstacles, and how to be community leader. Team mixing and team building activities helped youth forge new friendships and build their 4-H network.

Part of leading is serving, and attendees also worked together to package 12,744 meals to take back and donate in their home communities after the conference ends.

“I helped plan the community service workshop “says Andrea Schaffnit, a first-year Youth Leadership Team member from Adams County. “This will help teach youth about hunger in their communities and how they can make a difference and impact.”

The conference was organized and taught by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team, a team of uniquely-trained high school and college-aged 4-H members and young adult 4-H alumni.

“The Youth Leadership Team members gain program planning experience that includes everything from budgeting, designing, and leading,” says Duitsman. “They put their leadership skills into practice and are mentors to the participants on site.”

A portion of the conference expenses was covered by the [Illinois 4-H Foundation](#) which raises private funds to support the Illinois 4-H program. Additional sponsors included [Growmark FS](#).

About Illinois 4-H: Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement,

and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

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