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**It's beginning to feel a lot like Fall!
The new 4-H year is here and
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>

See ya soon,
Kassy

CALENDAR

October

1-7 - It's National 4-H Week! Invite a friend to your 4-H club meeting. Wear your 4-H shirt to school.

4-28 Enter Pumpkin Decorating Contest

13- JLC Registration Closes

14- Family Movie Night- Ridgway Park

19- String Art Workshop Carmi Office

28- Haunted Trail- Hamilton Co 4-H

28 - Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Fairfield, IL

31 - Happy Halloween!

November

2- RSVP for Fall Party

4-5 JLC in Decatur

9-Fall Party with Saline Co.

Awards Banquet TBD

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The Gallatin County Farm to Table Dinner was fantastic. Gallatin County Illinois 4-H is privileged to be a part of such a wonderful event.

A big thanks to [Amanda Brinkley Austin](#) and her class and [Jennifer Mesker Dyhrkopp](#) for making our 4-H aprons. A shoutout to [Melissa Heath](#) and our county director [Angie Messmer](#) for helping organize the members at the different stations.

Lindsay Adams, Educator, 4-H Youth Development, shot and edited a great bit of film highlighting event sponsors and 4-H- you can go to the group Facebook page and find the links to watch them.

I'm so proud of how our members represented our community. I received several compliments on how polite and helpful our members were the night of the event and the accolades keep coming. Well done all!



4-H FAIR RESULTS

Lexi Browning Cloverbud Project-Green

Lydia Browning: 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Vegetable Gardening Herb Display-Blue, Visual Arts Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue, Food Preservation Fruits/Vegetables-Blue-State Fair, Vegetable Gardening Vegetable/Fruit Display-Blue-State Fair

Harrison Drone Cloverbud Project Green

Anthony Dyhrkopp 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Collectibles-Blue, Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue

Benjamin Dyhrkopp Visual Arts Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue, Visual Arts Scrapbooking-Beginning-Blue, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue

Lauren Dyhrkopp 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Floriculture A-Blue, Visual Arts Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue

Natilie Foshee Small Pet Care-Blue-County Champion

Jaci Heath 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Maker-Blue, Computer-Generated Art-Blue, Visual Arts Wood-Blue-State Fair, Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue, Photography 1 Blue-State Fair Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass-Blue-State Fair

Murphie Horton Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue-State Fair, Visual Arts Wood-Blue-State Fair, Computer-Generated Art-Blue-State Fair, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Visual Arts Metal-Blue-State Fair, Small Pet Care-Blue, 4-H Cooking 301 Cake-Blue-State Fair, Glass-Blue-State Fair

Caroline Hunt Small Pet Care-Blue-County Champion, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue

Maddy Kitchens Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue, Dog Care-Blue-County Champion, Visual Arts Wood-Blue-State Fair Alternate, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass-Blue-State Fair Alternate

Molly Kitchens Passport to the World-Blue, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Small Pet Care-Blue-County Champion, Visual Arts Wood-Blue-State Fair Alternate, Natural Resources or Outdoor Adventures Innovation-Blue-State Fair, Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue

Ella Lydick-Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue-State Fair Alternate, Heritage Arts-Blue-State Fair, 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass-Blue

Nora Lydick Cloverbud Project-Green

Emersyn Smith Horse and Pony HorseSr. Horsemanship/Equitation-any tack-Red, Sr. Single Barrel-Blue, Water Glass-Blue, Egg and Spoon-Blue, Sr. Flags-Blue, Sr. Barrels-Red, Sr. Trail-Blue, Sr. Showmanship-Blue-County Champion, Catalog Race-Blue ,Sr. Ranch Pleasure-Red

McKellyn Smith Horse & Pony: Sr. Ranch Pleasure-Red, Sr. Trail-any tack-Blue, Catalog Race-Blue, Egg and Spoon-Blue, Sr. Flags-Red, Single Barrel-Blue, Water Glass-Blue, Sr. Showmanship-Blue, Sr. Horsemanship/Equitation-any tack-Red, Sr. Barrels-Blue

Isabelle Wargel 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars-Blue-State Fair, Visual Arts Metal-Blue-State Fair Alternate, Dog Care-Blue, Computer-Generated Art-Blue-State Fair Alternate, Food Decorating-Beginning-Blue, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass-Blue





FAMILY MOVIE & NIGHT

Location: Ridgway Park

October 14, 2023

Playing: Haunted Mansion

**Bring your lawn chairs
and blankets!**

ACTIVITIES • POPCORN • SNACKS

MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK

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UNIT 24
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WORKSHOP

NEW DATE & TIME

October 19, 2023

5:00

White Co. Ext. Office

Boards are 15in. x 6.5in.
perfect for your name or a long
narrow design.

Please send design to
amccarty@illinois.edu by Oct. 4
so she will have it printed.

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POSTPONED



4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

We are hoping to bring Shooting Sports back to Saline County 4-H.

There is an Illinois 4-H Level 1 County Instructor Certification Training scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023 in Wayne County. Disciplines included

in the training are Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills, along with a Coordinator Certification.

It is an easy drive to Fairfield, IL, and this is one of the closest trainings to Gallatin County that the state has scheduled.

If you are interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Instructor please contact the Extension Office and we will get you registered.

2023 Junior Leadership Conference



The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

Fallon Scates attended this twice and had a great time- I encourage everyone in 7th or 8th grade to consider attending!

Conference Date: November 4-5, 2023

Conference location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 US 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522; Hotel phone: 217-422-8800

Open to: any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$200 (lodging, t-shirt, meals, conference supplies and activities)

Registration deadline: October 13, 2023

- Registration is limited to the first 100 youth who register.
- Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline. A waitlist will be activated once capacity is reached.

How to register: Participants may visit [the Jr. Leadership Conference website](#) to register.

Required forms: All forms will be included in the online registration form.

Scholarships: Scholarship funds are available for 4-H member attendees who need financial assistance in order to attend. To apply, fill out the information requested on the conference registration. Your spot will be saved until we contact you regarding your scholarship status. We appreciate the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing these scholarships.

Payment options during registration:

1. Members pay on their own by **credit card** at the time of registration.
2. **My County is Paying.** Some (not all) counties may be able to assist with the registration fee. Members need to check with local extension staff prior to registration. A list will be sent to counties prior to the conference to verify that county will pay.
3. **Scholarship needed.** Members will apply directly during the conference registration process.

Counties Supplementing or Paying for Registration Fee:

- Counties may pay for the entire registration fee by doing a transfer of funds form and contacting Karen Bickers, kbickers@illinois.edu to complete that process.
- If county is paying for only a portion of the registration fee, counties need to collect any remaining amount of the registration fee directly from families. Families may register their member and select the 'county is paying' option.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellations made by Oct. 1, 2023 will receive a full refund. Please let us know if you cannot attend so that we may let someone on the waiting list have the opportunity to experience this event. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after Oct. 1, 2023 as event supplies have already been ordered. All cancellations and refund requests must be received in writing to the State 4-H Office by emailing Carla Blue, blue1@illinois.edu.

Conference Check In on Saturday, Nov. 4: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Conference Program begins: 11:00 AM

Pick Up on Sunday, Nov. 5: 11:30 AM

What to wear: We will be doing lots of activities so bring comfortable clothes and shoes that would be normally worn to school.

JLC Workshop Descriptions

Rockin' the Universe with Leadership

Join us to learn about the rocking world of leadership! Discover the cycle of a leader, the core of leadership, and how YOU can make a lasting imprint. Using themes of Geology, we will explore and show you how to become the best leaders in the universe!

Smart Ag in Space!

Are you interested in farming? How about technology? What if...we can combine technology, farming, and space? Learn about how technology and agriculture will collide so we can farm in space and maybe even on Mars! We will create a miniature aspect of important agriculture STEM advancements being used in the real world.

Expectation vs Reality

You can't be a leader without taking care of yourself first! During this workshop attendees will work as a team to identify healthy food substitutions. This will be a safe space for attendees to feel welcomed to talk about any of their food insecurities or fears, as well as bringing a positive light onto the relationship that food has with our bodies.

Building a Leadership Mindset

Blasting off into the relationship between mental health and leadership through group discussions, trivia, and fun crafts. Young cadets will battle mental health myths and experience various simulations (skits) to learn safe coping strategies and responses to crises. With these enhanced skills, cadets will be ready to rocket off into leadership.

Community Service

Join us to learn more about food insecurity in Illinois and across the globe. We will also be packaging and distributing meals across the state.

Escape Room

"Houston We Have A Problem! Our spaceship is damaged!" Your Spaceship's Command Center, Navigation System, and Laboratory each must find the clues, solve the puzzles, and work together to fix your ship before it's too late! This escape room themed workshop will get you thinking, so suit up cadets!

Leadership in Practice

The Youth Leadership Team is in OUTERSPACE and the Junior Leadership Attendees are in the COCKPIT! In this workshop, your teams will have the opportunities to lead each other in a variety of icebreakers and team building challenges. Practice being the leaders so that you can bring the activities back to lead with your clubs.

Unit 24 4-H October Club

FOOD CHALLENGE

Unit 24 County 4-H Clubs - our Food Pantries need our help.

Please consider participating in this unit-wide October Community Service. Each day in the month of October, add an item to your box.

Then donate the box of food to a local food pantry in early November.

If you cannot participate the entire month, consider collecting the items during National 4-H week, October 1st - 7th.

Items in black would help a lot with Thanksgiving meals!

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| October 1 - stuffing mix | October 17 - package of pasta |
| October 2 - canned sweet potatoes | October 18 - spaghetti sauce |
| October 3 - boxed potatoes | October 19 - chicken noodle soup |
| October 4 - canned corn | October 20 - tomato soup |
| October 5 - canned green beans | October 21 - mixed vegetables |
| October 6 - cranberry sauce | October 22 - canned carrots |
| October 7 - dessert boxed - boxed mix | October 23 - canned peaches |
| October 8 - jar of peanut butter | October 24 - cornbread mix |
| October 9 - box of cereal | October 25 - cake mix |
| October 10 - jar of applesauce | October 26 - canned frosting |
| October 11 - canned tuna | October 27 - canned pears |
| October 12 - canned tomatoes | October 28 - package of rice |
| October 13 - box of crackers | October 29 - mushroom soup |
| October 14 - canned beans | October 30 - macaroni & cheese |
| October 15 - canned fruit cocktail | October 31 - bag of candy |
| October 16 - package of oatmeal | |



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please contact University of Illinois Extension. Early requests are strongly encouraged

to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.



HAUNTED TRAIL

FOX PRAIRIE DISC GOLF COURSE

SAT | OCT 28 | 6-10 PM

7542 GOLF COURSE RD
MCLEANSBORO, IL 62859

No scares from 6-7 pm

Cost per person \$3

Scares from 7 -10 pm

Cost per person \$5

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the University of Illinois Extension office at 618-643-3416



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Have some Fall Fun with 4-H!
Join in our Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Contest Dates - October 4 - 28, 2023.



Pumpkins must be 4-H and youth age appropriate.

1. Show us your Funniest, Scariest, or most Creative Pumpkin.
2. Pumpkins can be carved, painted, decorated, dressed up, or any combination.
3. Four age divisions: Cloverbud - ages 5-7; Junior - ages 8-12; Senior - ages 13-18; and Adult - ages 19+.
Prizes will be awarded for the winner in each age group.
4. Grand Prize for Overall Best of Show!
5. Submit one photo of your pumpkin to: kscates@illinois.edu no later than October 28, 2023.
Include the pumpkin designer's name, age, address, and contact phone number in the email. Please do not put a name on the pumpkin or include it in the photo.
6. Pumpkin photos will be judged and the winners announced on Facebook October 31, 2023.
7. 4-H members are encouraged to reach out to local businesses, schools, assisted living or nursing home facilities to display their pumpkins after the photo is sent. It would be great if the member's name and 4-H club are included with this display.



4-H FALL PARTY

You are invited to the Saline County 4-H Fall Party and Wiener Roast! Join us at the Fairgrounds Livestock Barn area on **Thursday, November 9**, starting at 6:30 pm for a fun Fall evening!

We are planning a Bonfire and Wiener Roast, a Scavenger Hunt, and lots of FUN games!

As with our 4-H Rally, we are hoping to increase our 4-H membership.

So, bring a non-4-H friend. Let's show them how much fun 4-H can be!

Chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided. We are asking families to bring hot dogs and buns for your own family. Also, please bring wiener roast sticks if you have them.

Don't miss the fun! See you there!

Please RSVP to nlambert@illinois.edu by November 2nd.

Fall Party Community Service

We will be collecting warm socks for the 4C's Homeless Shelter.

Find us on Facebook by scanning the QR code



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