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Coles County

Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

December 2023



4-H Spotlight: Public Speaking Workshop

Youth in Coles County participated in a 4-H Public Speaking workshop on November 11, 2023. Youth gained an understanding of the Basic Communication Model and explored the four speech options: formal, illustrated, original works, and oral interpretation. Participants put skills they learned into practice as they prepared a brief 45-second speech about an item they selected. The youth walked away with confidence in writing and presenting a speech.



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Calendar

December

- 2 - Winter Craft Workshop (Visual Arts)
Hosted by Federation Club
- 4 - Gingerbread Houses drop off @ Cross
County Mall 5:30 pm - 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
- 2 - RSVP 4-H FarmBot Harvest & Activity Day
- 13 - First Aid Workshop, 10 am, *RR
- 22 - RSVP for Skating Party
- 22 - Superintendents Meeting, 6 pm
- 28 - Skating Party, Silver Star, Mattoon 6:00 -
8:00 pm (Coles, Cumberland, & Mo-Do)

February

- 3 - Beef weigh-in 8 am- 9 am *FG

EO -Extension Office *RR= Registration Required



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

Multi-County (M)

4-H Skating Night

For Youth
age 5-18

Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, & Douglas Counties

Sunday, January 28, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Silver Star Skate Center (1505 US-45, Mattoon, IL)

Registration Required for 4-H
members 5 to 18 YO, adults, & guests

See page 4 for registration details.



4-H Project Book Orders

We will have two 4-H project book orders this year. The first
order was due **November 30**. You will be notified once your
books are ready for pickup.

The second order will be emailed to all members enrolled
in ZSuite in **January**.

Please ensure you add your 4-H projects to your project
list in ZSuite. This can be found under the club section.



SAVE
-THE-
DATE-

Beef Weigh-in

February 3, 2024
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Coles County Fairgrounds

SPIN Club



Shooting Sports: Air Rifle

Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

- Check the Shooting Sports Facebook Page for updates.

Shooting Sports: Archery

Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

No meetings
in December

All Things PAW-sitive

Meeting Spring 2024

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



Gingerbread House Contest

The gingerbread house contest has 4 clubs participating! Just to remind you, 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.

Be sure to stop by the Cross County Mall and vote for your favorite!



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

Stay in the Know



Follow us on Facebook:

@ColesCounty4H

@UniversityOfIllinoisExtensionUnit19

Follow Illinois 4-H on Facebook:

@Illinois4H

Become a 4-H Volunteer!

Judge Projects

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

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!

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!

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!

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.



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_



Coming Soon

Check
it
Out

FarmBot Harvest & Activity Workshop

For Youth
age 8-18

Thursday, January 11, 2024
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm
Cross County Mall
Registration Required

Join Coles 4-H, SNAP Ed, & MG. for an
afternoon of fun. Youth will get to
harvest Basil, make Pesto, and more.

Free

For Youth
age 8-18

Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Coles4-H-FarmBotHarvestactivityDay>

County (C)

Health: First Aid

Saturday, January 13, 2024
10:30 a.m. - Noon
4-H Center
Registration Required

For Youth
age 8-18

4-H Members
\$ 8
Non Members
\$ 11

Register at

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

Register by 1/1/2024

County (C)

4-H Skating Night

Muli-County (M)

Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, & Douglas Counties

Sunday, January 28, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Silver Star Skate Center (1505 US-45, Mattoon, IL)

Registration Required for 4-H
members 5 to 18 YO, adults, & guests



Register at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/Multi-County4HskateParty>

Health: Youth CPR

For Youth
age 8-18

Saturday, May 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
4-H Center

SAVE
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More information
coming soon!

4-H Members
\$ TBD
Non Members
\$ TBD

County (C)

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



If you have questions call
217-345-7034.

Record Keeping
Club (L)
County (C)
Multi-County (M)
Regional (R)
State (S)
National (N)

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

REMEMBER

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

University of Illinois * US Department of Agriculture * Local Extension Councils Cooperating College of Agricultural,
Consumers, and Environmental Sciences

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable
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.

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
- Livestock Records
- Member Record Book

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

Program Coordination & Development

- Achievement Night
- Approved members in ZSuite
- Fair Resources Work Group planning meeting.
- 4-H Club & member Dues Invoices
- 4-H Program Reporting
- Upload Clubs financial Statements to IRS Site.
- Coordinate Gingerbread House Contest with Cross County Mall
- 4-H School Programing
 - Real World
 - Etiquette
 - Walk in My Shoes

Volunteer Recruitment/Training/ Development

- Leaders Meeting: Coles 4-H Fair Debriefing Discussion
- Cloverbud Volunteer Interview & Onboarding
- Meet with new partner/volunteer site.

Marketing & Networking

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

Professional Development

- Attended Illinois Extension Annual Conference
- Serving on State 4-H Leadership Development Work Group
- Began serving on State 4-H Fair guide committee
- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Weekly Unit 4-H Program Coordinator Meeting



Illinois 4-H Newsletter

Check out Illinois 4-H State Events at

https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter_December

