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Coles County

# Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

January 2024



## Winter Craft Day

Coles County 4-H Federation Club hosted the 4-H Winter Craft Day on December 2, 2023. Youth participated in making four different crafts, including pinecone winter owls, paper trees, button wreaths, and candy canes out of beads. Each craft focused on the 4-H visual arts project category as youth learned different crafting techniques using paint, glue, glitter, paper, and more.



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- Family Life
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# Calendar

## January

1- January 1 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS - EO Closed  
8 - RSVP First Aid Workshop  
8 - RSVP 4-H FarmBot Harvest & Activity Day  
11 - FarmBot Harvest & Activity Day \*RR  
13 - First Aid Workshop, 10 am, \*RR  
22 - RSVP for the Skating Party \*RR  
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

## March

1 - Deadline Enrolled in ZSuite (Project Add/Drop)- (to exhibit at the 4-H Fair)

EO -Extension Office \*RR= Registration Required  
FG - Fair Grounds

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.\*\*\*



# HELP!



## Help Wanted

We need someone who would be willing to volunteer their time to help measure the 4-H Pop Stand for walls

We are looking for Individuals interested in volunteering with our Shooting Sports Clubs. We seek anyone interested in Outdoor Skills, Air Rifle, Archery, Shot Gun, or Coordinator.

**Volunteer Requirements:** Must be 21 or older and complete Shooting Sports Volunteer training. Contact Office for Volunteer Role Description.

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities, please contact Jessica at JNHays@illinois.edu or call the Extension office at 217-345-7034.

# SAVE -THE- DATE-

## Beef Weigh-in

February 3, 2024

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Coles County Fairgrounds

Turn in your paperwork to Jessica by email  
by January 29

## NEED MORE BBQ SPICE?

\$12  
each

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

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

## 4-H Project Book Orders

4-H project book order two will be emailed on **January 19, 2024**. You **must** be enrolled on ZSuite to receive the email. Order Deadline: **February 19, 2024**

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



# SPIN Club



Check the  
Shooting Sports  
Facebook Page  
for updates.

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

- TBD

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

- January 28

Weather Permitting

Watch the Shooting Sports Facebook Page for Updates.

## All Things PAW-sitive

Meeting at ?? p.m.

- February 15
- March 14

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



## Gingerbread House Winner

- 4-H clubs in Coles County participated in a gingerbread house contest. Houses were displayed at the Cross County Mall, and the public voted on their favorite gingerbread house. Our youth leadership club, Federation, sponsored a \$50 award. This year's winner for the gingerbread house contest goes to:

**Coles County All-Stars!**



## Coles County Extension Website



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

### What you will find:

- How to Join 4-H
- New to 4-H Member Information
- 4-H Year Calendar
- County 4-H Newsletters
- 4-H Fair Information
- & More

## Become a 4-H Volunteer!

### Judge Projects

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

### 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!

### 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!

### 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.

### 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!

**Sign up or learn more about being a volunteer at**

<https://go.illinois.edu/volunteering>  
or call the Extension office at 217-345-7034

# Coming Soon

Check it Out

## FarmBot Harvest & Activity Workshop

For Youth  
age 8-18

Thursday, January 11, 2024  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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 1/8/2024

County (C)

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Muli-County (M)

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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  
-THE-  
DATE-

More information  
coming soon!

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

County (C)

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



## Charleston Food Forest Tour & Garden Day

SAVE  
-THE-  
DATE-

April 2024 (TBD)  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
825 18th Street, Charleston, IL  
County (C)

For Youth  
age 5-18

**Free**

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.

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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

## Illinois 4-H Camp

Website:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp>

Employment Opportunities

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities>

Registration begins:

- 4-H Members - Monday, January 22, 2024.
- Non-Members- Monday, February 5, 2024.

Dates:

- June 2-6
- June 9 – 13
- June 16-20
- June 30 – July 4

Fees:

- \$340 4-H Member
- \$375 Non 4-H Member



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

Key highlights

### Program Coordination & Development

- Approved members & volunteers in ZSuite
- 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
- Update SPIN Club Info
- Skate Party planning meeting

### Volunteer Recruitment/Training/Development

- New Cloverbud Volunteer Interview & Onboarding
- Volunteer Campaign Flyers
- Meet with new partner/volunteer site.
- Extension Foundation Banquet

### Marketing & Networking

- 4-H Workshop in Registration System
- Manage County Facebook Page & Check in on club page/ groups.
- 4-H / Club Flyers to schools.
- FarmBot promotional flyers .

### Professional Development

- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Weekly Unit 4-H Program Coordinator Meeting
- Welcome to The Real World and Ready for Work Program Training
- Served on 4-H Program Coordinator Interview Committee
- Winter Break

## Illinois 4-H Newsletter



Check out Illinois 4-H State Events at  
[https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter\\_January](https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter_January)

Find Information About:

- All Things Camp
- College Road Trip
- Livestock Ambassador Team
- Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training
- & More

