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ONLINE RESOURCES

www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14

<https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>

PROJECT WORKSHOP AND INTEREST SURVEY



Help us gather input to create effective workshop ideas and identify project resources needed. Please take this brief (5 minute) survey! We are excited to help you reach 4-H project goals!

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://go.illinois.edu/WorkshopSurvey>



4-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PIKE - SCHUYLER IMPORTANT DATES

This list of dates will continuously be updated in each newsletter. Please pay attention to emails and our Facebook page for the most updated information.

- 2/4 - Adams County Beef Weigh-In
- 2/5 - 4-H Camp Registration Opens
- 2/6 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Federation Meeting
- 2/10 - Pike County Beef Weigh-In
- 2/12 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting
- 2/17 - Hancock County Beef Weigh-In
- 2/17 - State Horse Judging Contest
- 2/18 - Public Speaking Contest (Quincy)
- 2/19 - YQCA Training (Quincy)
- 2/19 - Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training
- 2/24 - Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Training (Kane County)
- 2/29 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting

February

- 3/1 - State Dairy Quiz Bowl
- 3/5 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Federation Meeting
- 3/9 - Poultry and Rabbit Clinic
- 3/9 - YQCA Training (Mt. Sterling)
- 3/9 - College and Career Road Trip to U of I in Champaign-Urbana
- 3/11 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting
- 3/12 - Pike County Spring Leaders Meeting
- 3/13 - Brown/Schuyler Spring Leaders Meeting
- 3/13-17 - Ignite Conference, Washington, DC
- 3/14 - YQCA Training (Pittsfield)
- 3/16 - Super Saturday - Project Workshops
- 3/20 - Hancock County Spring Leaders Meeting
- 3/29 - YQCA Training (Carthage)
- 3/31 - Hancock County Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline
- 3/31 - Livestock Ambassador Team Applications Due

March

- 4/6 - State 4-H Awards Celebration in Champaign
- 4/7 - Hancock County Oak Tree Planting
- 4/10 - Hancock County Dog Obedience Class
- 4/13 - State 4-H Hippology Contest and 4-H Horse Speaking Contest
- 4/14 - State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 4/15 - General Project Enrollment Deadline
- 4/17 - Hancock County Dog Obedience Class
- 4/24 - Hancock County Dog Obedience Class
- 4/24 - Adams County Leaders Meeting
- 4/27 - State Public Speaking Contest

April

- 5/1 - Hancock County Final Dog Obedience Class
- 5/7 - Hancock County - Fair 101 Zoom Meeting for New 4-H Families
- 5/11 - Shooting Sports Volunteer Training (Monticello)
- 5/31 - Hancock County Project Registration Deadline for Fair Entry
- 5/31 - Hancock County YQCA and QAEC Completion Deadline
- Work on your 4-H projects!
- Enroll in Fair Entry

May

- 6/5 - Electricity School
- 6/12-14 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Fair
- 6/18-21 - Pike County 4-H Fair
- 6/24-28 - Hancock County Cooking 101 School

June

- 7/8-11 - Hancock County 4-H Fair
- 7/23-30 - Adams County 4-H Fair

July

RECENT NEWS

>>> 4-H MEMBERS IN ACTION

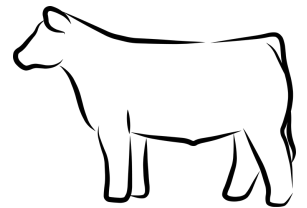
Congratulations to Ashley Walbring for being selected to serve on the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. This is a two-year journey of representing her club, Adams County, and Illinois 4-H at a variety of area and statewide events. The team provides an invaluable “youth voice” to our University of Illinois Extension State 4-H program and involves 15-22 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni. Again, congratulations Ashley!



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> BEEF WEIGH-IN

February 4th, market cattle will be weighed and tagged at the Coatsburg sale barn, starting at 9 am. 4-H members, from any county, are welcome to bring their market cattle to be weighed, tattooed, and given an EID tag (if competing at the state fair). If you have questions, contact Siera Duesterhaus. Be on the lookout for an email with more information.



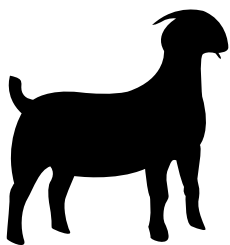
>>> FREE RABBIT AND POULTRY CLINIC

Any 4-H member interested in learning about grooming, handling, showing, and general care for rabbits or poultry is invited to attend a clinic on March 9. The clinic will be hosted at the Adams County Extension office basement, starting at 9 am. Members are welcome to bring a rabbit to work with, or any rabbits needing tattooed, but please refrain from bringing poultry. Additional details will be sent to members signed up for these project areas. If you have questions, please contact Siera Duesterhaus.

>>> ATTENTION LEADERS

The Spring Leaders Meeting will take place on April 24 at the Adams County County Extension Office, starting at 5:30 pm. Siera will be sending additional information and RSVP details.

>>> SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN



April 27, all market sheep and goats will be weighed and tattooed at the Western Illinois Veterinary Clinic, starting at 11:30 am. 4-H members, from any county, are welcome to bring their market animals to be weighed, tattooed, and given an EID tag (if competing at the state fair). This includes state fair and premiere-eligible lambs. If you have questions, contact Siera Duesterhaus. Be on the lookout for an email with more information.

>>> NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY

All new members and families are welcome to join us for a New Member Pizza Party. Learn more about 4-H in Adams County, ask questions, see completed projects, and engage with older 4-H members. Contact Siera Duesterhaus with questions. This will be held in the Adams County Extension Office basement on March 1 from 6-7:30 pm.



RECENT NEWS



4-H MEMBERS IN ACTION

Congratulations to Alexis Lucie, the newly crowned Miss Quincy's Teen. Alexis' platform is "4-H for Life," and she hopes to bring awareness to the 4-H program, letting people know that 4-H is for everyone. Thank you for representing Hancock County 4-H - we are proud of you!

4-H FEDERATION - SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Service and leadership are two areas we focus on in 4-H Federation. On December 21st, Federation members traveled to Iowa City to visit the Ronald McDonald House to prepare meals, clean, wrap blankets, and present a monetary donation which was raised in partnership with the Hancock County Beef Association. While traveling to Iowa City, the members stopped for a factory tour of Kinze Manufacturing and even met the company founder, Mr. Jon Kinzenbaw.



UPCOMING EVENTS

STEER WEIGH-IN

If you are bringing a steer to the fair this summer and would like to participate in the Rate of Gain competition or exhibit at the State Fair, attend the steer weigh-in. Weigh-in will take place on February 17 at 10 a.m. Additional information will be emailed to members who enrolled in the beef project area in ZSuite.

ATTENTION LEADERS

The Spring Leaders Meeting will take place on March 20 at the Hancock County Extension Office, starting at 5:30 pm. Madeline will be emailing additional details and RSVP instructions.



THINKING FINANCIAL

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

High school seniors who are active 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the Hancock County Foundation Scholarship. The application can be submitted at go.illinois.edu/Scholarship/App. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.**

FOUNDATION FUNDING

4-H members and clubs seeking additional financial assistance for projects, community service activities, and regional, state, and national events can apply for funding through the Hancock County Foundation. Download the application by visiting go.illinois.edu/HancockFundingApp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> ATTENTION LEADERS

The Spring Leaders Meeting will take place on March 13 at the Schuyler County Extension Office, starting at 6 pm. Please RSVP to jshelts@illinois.edu, or text at 217-322-8231, if you plan to attend.

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETINGS

We have two meeting dates coming up:

- Wednesday, February 7
- Wednesday, March 20



MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE JWCC MT. STERLING LOCATION AT 6 PM.

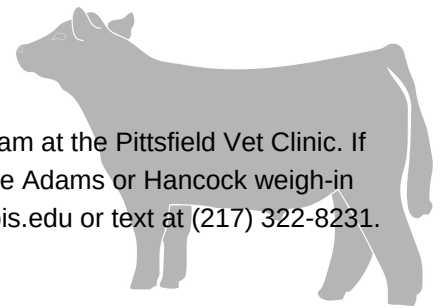
>>> 4-H SHOW DATES

Brown-Schuylers 4-H show dates are June 12-14. The deadline for signing up for projects in ZSuites is Monday, April 15. If you have a question about a project or need help or ideas, please contact Jennifer at jshelts@illinois.edu or text her at 217-322-8231.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> STEER WEIGH-IN

The Pike County beef weigh-in is Saturday, February 10 from 9-11 am at the Pittsfield Vet Clinic. If this date does not work for you, you are welcome to attend either the Adams or Hancock weigh-in dates, just make sure to let Jennifer know via email at jshelts@illinois.edu or text at (217) 322-8231.



>>> ATTENTION LEADERS

The Spring Leaders Meeting will take place on March 12 at the Pike County Farm Bureau, starting at 6 pm. Please RSVP to jshelts@illinois.edu, or text at 217-322-8231, if you plan to attend.

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETINGS

We have three meeting dates coming up:

- Monday, February 12
- Wednesday, February 28
- Monday, March 11



ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU AT 6 PM.

>>> 4-H SHOW DATES

Pike County 4-H Show dates are June 18-21. The deadline for signing up for projects in ZSuites is Monday, April 15. If you have a question about a project or need help or ideas, please contact Jennifer at jshelts@illinois.edu or text her at 217-322-8231.

STATE OPPORTUNITIES

>>> 4-H MEMORIAL SUMMER CAMP

Adventure awaits you at every turn at 4-H Memorial Camp. Every day is packed with activities that will challenge you to try new and exciting things. Best of all, you get to choose the activities you like the most! Meeting new friends is one of the best parts of camp. Registration opens on February 2 for members and non-members. Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/20244-HMemorialCampRegistration>

>>> 4-H STATE HORSE JUDGING

Register for the State Horse Judging contest and compete on February 17. The contest is hosted at Black Hawk College East Campus in Galva, IL at 10:30 am.

>>> SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H TRAINING

Training prepares you to meet with county and state elected officials, potential donors, civic groups, and new volunteers. You will also be the state 4-H program's voice at state legislative events. Learn more: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/teen-leadership/speaking-illinois-4-h>

>>> SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

4-H is looking for shooting instructors in shotgun, air rifle, air pistol, and archery. Volunteers must be 21 years old or older and register for training through your local 4-H Coordinators. The next two trainings are scheduled for Saturday, February 24 in St. Charles, IL, and Saturday, May 11 in Monticello, IL. **Our area has youth interest, but we need instructors to lead this program.**

>>> DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

Gather your team and study up to show off your dairy knowledge! March 1, all 4-H members aged 8 to 18 are eligible to participate in the State Dairy Quiz Bowl competition. Study sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals, Hoard's Dairyman Reference books, IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website, Holstein Foundation website, and Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online. Registration can be found on ZSuite.

>>> COLLEGE & CAREER ROAD TRIP TO U OF I

Road Trip: College and Career Day is a fun-filled day conference for youth across the State of Illinois who are planning to be college-bound. Youth will explore workshop topics related to College and Career Readiness and State 4-H opportunities. Space is limited and the registration deadline is February 9! Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/road-trip-college-and-career-day-conference>

>>> LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR TEAM

Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences? The Livestock Ambassador Team might be for you! Become a role model and advocate for the livestock industry. Applications will close March 31. Apply through this link: go.illinois.edu/LATApply

>>> HORSE BOWL, SPEAKING, AND HIPPOLOGY...OH MY!

- Horse Bowl and Hippology both test your knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting, but in two different forms. For more information or to register, contact your county 4-H Coordinator.
- Horse Speaking helps youth gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Register via Zsuite by March 29. For more information visit: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>

PAST EVENTS

WINTER FEDERATION FUN AND FAMILY SKATING

Thank you to all members and 4-H families who were able to join us for winter fun on January 2. Ten federation members enjoyed networking and provided great feedback to our 4-H staff. Then, several members and families shared laughter as they laced up skates and glided (or shuffled) across the ice.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Share your voice by competing in the 4-H public speaking contest. The contest will take place on Sunday, February 18, Adams County Extension Office basement, at 2 pm. For registration instructions and a list of competition areas, visit go.illinois.edu/abhpsPublicSpeaking



SUPER SATURDAY - ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE

Explore 4-H project areas with fun, hands-on activities! Super Saturday takes place on March 16 from 9 am to noon, in the Adams County Extension Office basement. There are several great workshops planned, check it out!



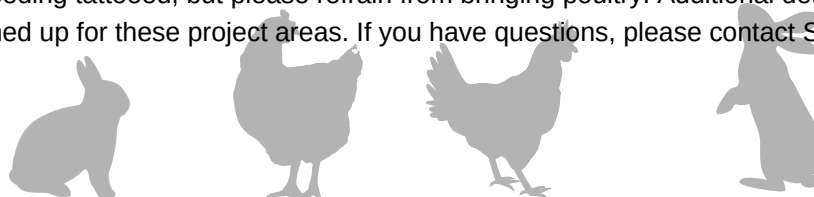
Register by
March 8:

go.illinois.edu/4HSuperSaturday





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We hope you enjoyed this copy of the printed newsletter! Please remember to check your emails, our website, and Facebook page, for all your latest 4-H news!



ATTENTION ALL COUNTIES!

>>> EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YQCA AND QAEC

- **QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ETHICS TRAINING (QAEC):**
 - Required for all youth that enroll in horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, and poultry. 4-H members must complete this training once in their 4-H career. The online training can be accessed at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/QAEC>
- **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA):**
 - Must be taken annually by all 4-H members enrolled in Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats.
 - Members may choose to complete the YQCA training online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> or attend an in-person training. There is a \$12 fee for the online certification and a \$3 fee for the in-person certification. The following YQCA trainings have been scheduled:
 - Monday, February 19 at 10:00 am - Adams County Extension Office, in Quincy
 - Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 am - JWCC Education Center, in Mt. Sterling
 - Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 pm – Pike County Extension Office, in Pittsfield
 - Friday, March 29 at 9:00 am & 1:00 pm – Hancock County Extension Office, in Carthage
 - 4-H members can attend any training, they do not have to attend the training in their home county. To register for one of the in-person trainings, go to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Once the member completes the training, they will need to print off their certificate and present it to the Extension Office in order to exhibit at the fair. Entries will NOT be approved in Fair Entry until we have your certificate in hand.
 - We know this can be a confusing process! If you have trouble registering for an in-person training, no worries, just call the local Extension office or contact your 4-H Program Coordinator to register. Staff will be available to assist members with signing in and printing certificates before and after each training.