



Shelby
County

4-H

February *News*



Winter Craft Day



Greenery Workshop



Community Service Workshop

Calendar of events

January

- 1.... Office closed
- 8.... Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m., Senior Center
- 15.... Office closed for holiday
- 22.... 4-H Memorial Camp registration opens!
- 24.... Cloverbud Canvas workshop, 9:30-11 a.m. 4-H Center

February

- 10.... Steer Weigh-in, 8-10 a.m.
- 10.... Bank Steer pick-up, 10 a.m.
- 17.... Snow date for Steer Weigh-in
- 16.... Fair Book cover due into Extension office
- 24.... Officer Training, 9-11 a.m. 4-H Center

March 1

- 1.... Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H, enrollment must be entered into ZSuites.
- 16.... 4-H Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 16.... 4-H Skating party, Silver Starts Skating Rink, Mattoon, 6:15-9 p.m.
- 17.... Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Center
- 17.... Thank a 4-H Volunteer
- 18.... Window displays in place by 9 a.m.
- 18.... International Night, 6 p.m. Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville
- 19.... 4-H Member Showcase
- 20.... Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school
- 21.... Community Service Recognition
- 22.... Family Fun Night, 6:30-8 p.m. , Nazarene Church Gym
- 23.... Spring Craft Day, 1 sessions, 9-10:30 a.m. 4-H Members, 10:45-12:15 p.m., Cloverbuds - 4-H Center
- 25.... YQCA training, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

April 1

- 1.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- 13.... Cloverbud Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 20.... YQCA training, 9 a.m., 4-H Center

Fair Dates:
July 21-24, 2024

Are you enrolled?

March 1, 2024

March 1 is the enrollment deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair! ZSuites, the 4-H Enrollment System, is open for families to enroll their members in 4-H. You must be enrolled to attend club meetings, Shooting Sports events or county workshops. If your club isn't paying the \$10 program fee, families can pay online via credit card or families can pay their club leaders. Everyone must be enrolled before they participate in any type of 4-H activity so that they are covered by insurance.

Families need to select a club and at least 1 project when completing the enrollment process. May 1, 2024 is the deadline to add or delete projects for exhibiting at the Shelby County 4-H Fair.

New families will need to follow the New Member Enrollment. Families who are re-enrolling have their own instructions. If you have a 4-H member that you are re-enrolling but also a new member, re-enroll your 4-H member, then you can add a new member to your family. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at nation2@illinois.edu or call 217-774-9546.

Link for information -

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

May 1 - Deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites

This is a reminder to 4-H members that May 1 is the deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites. No projects will be added after this time. If you think there is a chance that you will want to bring a project to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair, the project should be added to ZSuites. Just because you add a project doesn't mean that you have to exhibit it as a project at the fair.

Confirm your enrolled projects in ZSuites by May 1! We don't want anyone to miss out on exhibiting a project at the fair.

4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Saturday, February 10

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date is February 17. If the weather is questionable, watch for an email. Information will also be shared on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. ALL market steers going to the 2024 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

4-H'ers must be enrolled in ZSuites and have paid their program fee in order to weigh steers or market heifers.

Contact Yolanda if you will be attending by Wednesday, February 7 so appropriate paperwork can be prepared.

Reminder - Project Manuals

Members enrolled in a 4-H project for the first time should contact Yolanda via email to receive project manuals. Please include your 4-H'ers name and the project name that you would like a book for. Some projects books stay the same year after year but as you move up levels such as Natural Resources 1 and then enroll in Natural Resources 2, members should request a new book.

After books have been received, they will be given to club leaders for distribution.

Cloverbud Canvas Painting Workshop

Saturday, January 27

Cloverbud members are invited to attend a Cloverbud Canvas Painting Workshop being planned for Saturday, January 27 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. The cost for the workshop is \$20. The workshop will be led by Kaitlin Villanueva, owner of Creation Station in Moweaqua. The workshop will be a mixed media project including canvas, paint, glue, paper and pen. The workshop will be limited 15 Cloverbuds.

RSVP and pay the workshop fee to Yolanda by Friday, January 19.

Shelby County 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Due February 16

Shelby County 4-H is looking for fair book cover entries. Shelby County 4-H Federation will award cash prizes to the top four covers. Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2024.

The following rules need to be followed:

- Drawings should be in **dark ink or markers**.
- Drawings should be on an **8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper**.
- Include the fair dates of **July 21-24, 2024**.
- Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

This contest is open to all enrolled Shelby County 4-H Cloverbuds and 4-H members.

Entries may made by emailed if necessary and should be sent as a PDF. Hard copies are preferred and work better when copying designs. Contact Yolanda with questions.

Stay up to date with Shelby County 4-H!

There are several ways to stay up to date on Shelby County 4-H activities. The monthly newsletter is sent via email to the household email that is on file in ZSuites. The newsletter is also sent via mail for families to have a hard copy.

Information can be found on the Shelby County Website located at this link.

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

“Like” the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page for reminders, flyers on upcoming workshops, and pictures from events.

Illinois 4-H sends out a monthly newsletter with information happening at the State level.

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 16-23, 2024

"Shelby County 4-H is Picture Perfect".

4-H Fire-Up

Saturday, March 16, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.

This workshop is open to 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. 4-H members will receive hands-on learning opportunities. This is a great meeting for families to ask questions about 4-H, fair entries, project requirements, etc. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

This workshop is for 4-H members ages 8 and up. Cloverbud members will have their 4-H Fire-Up on April 13.

RSVP to Yolanda (nation2@illinois.edu or 217-774-9546) by Friday, March 8. When submitting your RSVP, please provide a t-shirt size for the 4-H'er attending.

4-H Skating Party

Saturday, March 16 (Note the change in date this year!)

The 4-H Skating party is being planned for Saturday, March 16 from 6:15 - 9:00 p.m. The rink rental is being paid by Shelby County 4-H Federation. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates. Families may bring in their own food and drink as there is no longer a concession stand.

Bring your friends and family and let's pack the rink!

Window Display Judging

Monday, March 18

Shelby County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to create and put up a Window Display as part of Shelby County 4-H Week. Displays should focus on the 4-H Week theme "Shelby County 4-H is Picture Perfect". Items that should be included in the display are club name, leader and members names. Additional information such as club meeting dates and times and how to join 4-H would be beneficial. Federation is sponsoring prize money. Please contact Yolanda with your display location so it can be included in the judging.

International Night

Monday, March 18 6 p.m. Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville

Shelby County 4-H Clubs need to prepare 2-3 food dishes to give as samples to approximately 200. Clubs may decorate their table, create poster displays, wear clothes from their country, etc. Clubs should be ready to serve at 6 p.m. If your club hasn't picked a country, please confirm your country choice with Yolanda as there are 12 taken. We will not be doing a recipe book this year. Clubs can provide recipes and display on their tables for families to pick up, if they wish.

Public Speaking

Sunday, March 17

Youth planning to participate in the county Public Speaking Contest need to be enrolled in the Public Speaking Project in ZSuites by Friday, February 23.

The contest will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Rules and guidelines will be sent via email later in January to those who are enrolled in ZSuites.

Thank your 4-H Leader

Sunday, March 17

4-H Leaders and supporters are the heart of the 4-H program. Send a thank you card, text or give your leader a call and let them know you appreciate all they do for you in the 4-H program. (Not a county activity but counted on year-end records.)

4-H Member Showcase

Tuesday, March 19

Let's showcase our 4-H members! 4-H'ers need to send Yolanda a photo of the 4-H member with their favorite 4-H project along with a few sentences about their project, a favorite 4-H event, etc. Information needs to be sent to Yolanda by March 11. It will be shared on March 19 on Facebook.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 22

Shelby County 4-H is holding Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Gym in Shelbyville. Fun, games and prizes will be awaiting our Cloverbuds and younger 4-H members, so we hope you can attend.

4-H Clubs are asked to provide 1-2 carnival style games. This is a great way to get older 4-H members involved and meet their county activity requirement. We have 13 clubs and if each club could provide at least 1 game, we will have at least 13 games. Be creative! At each game, kids will earn tokens and Federation will offer prizes. If anyone is good at face painting, we would love to have a face painting booth.

Clubs need to notify Yolanda with the type of game(s) they are planning so that we have a variety of games. We will also have a bounce house, sand art and Paddi's Air Filled Fun.

Spring Craft Day

Saturday, March 23

Spring Craft Day will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the 4-H Center.

There will be 2 craft sessions.

- Session 1 - 9 -10:30 a.m. 4-H members ages 8 and up.
- Session 2 - 10:45-12:15 p.m. Cloverbud members ages 5-7.

Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members. Space is limited! RSVP and payment is due to the Extension office by Friday, March 15. RSVP to Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Help is needed! Older 4-H members who help can count this as their county activity requirement.

Shelby County 4-H Officer Training

Saturday, February 24

An Officer Training is being planned for Shelby County 4-H members on Saturday, February 24. The training will be held from 9 -11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. The training will cover the four main officer positions including: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. We can also discuss the reporter position if there are members interested in learning more about this position. All enrolled 4-H members are invited to attend to learn more about being a 4-H Club officer. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Monday, February 26 so we have enough materials for everyone.

Wear your 4-H t-shirt to School

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, March 20 is Wear your 4-H T-shirt to School and promote 4-H. **EMAIL** a photo of your 4-H'er wearing their 4-H shirt to school to Yolanda on this day and 4-H'ers will receive a free candy bar from Shelby County 4-H Federation. Email - nation2@illinois.edu

Community Service Day

Thursday, March 21

Clubs that participate in a Community Service Project and submit pictures and a short write-up to Yolanda in March, will receive a cash prize from Shelby County 4-H Federation. If the project is completed before March 21, send pictures ASAP so they can be displayed on Facebook.

Tractor Driving Contest

The possibility of bringing back the Tractor Driving Contest is being looked at. Yolanda is starting to work on details for the contest. 4-H members would have to attend a workshop on safety and maintenance to be eligible to participate in the contest. The contest will be held on Saturday, July 20 in the evening. 4-H members ages 8-12 would drive a lawnmower through an obstacle course and 13-18 would drive a small tractor. Please send Yolanda an email if your youth would be interested. We need 5 signed up to proceed.

Shelby County 4-H — February 2024

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy/banner sponsors

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general donations and trophy /banner sponsors. Anyone may give a donation or a trophy/banner; it's a great way to give back if 4-H has touched your life. To sponsor a trophy/plaque/award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. Or one may give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a sponsorship, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Shelby County 4-H programs.

Please consider supporting the youth in Shelby County 4-H.

General Program Donation \$25 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Trophy/Banner Award We wish to sponsor a trophy/banner and have enclosed \$25. We would like to sponsor a trophy/banner/award in the area of: (Sponsorships will be given on a first come/first serve basis).

Name of sponsor: _____

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by February 19 for recognition in the fair book.**

Payment should be sent to: Shelby County Extension, 1125 W N 2nd Street, Shelbyville, IL 62565

4-H Camp Scholarship Opportunities

There are two scholarship opportunities for Shelby County 4-H members who are planning to attend 4-H Camp this summer. Shelby County 4-H Federation offers a \$50 scholarship. 4-H members must complete the Federation scholarship form located on the website <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmsfederationactivityscholarshipform.pdf> or contact Yolanda to receive a copy.

Shelby Extension Foundation offers 4-H'ers a \$30 scholarship. Members can write a short essay about why they would like to attend 4-H Camp or may create a poster about why they are looking forward to going to 4-H Camp. Scholarships will be reimbursed after the 4-H member has attended camp. **Essays, posters and scholarship forms are due into the Extension office by June 3.** Questions - contact Yolanda.

Camp registration opens on January 22. See page 7 for full details. Camp days fill up quick, so don't delay!

Cloverbud Fire-Up

Saturday, April 13

The Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Members will need to be accompanied by an adult. Members will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of hands on 4-H projects. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Cloverbuds must RSVP by April 5.

Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

February 29

Shelby County 4-H would like to ask clubs to consider applying for a Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant.

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvements.

Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/update landscaping, purchasing a tree, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc.

For more information: <https://www.farmcrediti.com/> Community

The deadline for applications is February 29, 2024.

Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Dates for 2024 are set! New for this year we will have a camp available the beginning of August. This is a perfect time come to camp before school starts back up!

Week 1	June 2-6
Week 2	June 9-13
Week 3	June 16-20
Week 4	June 30-July 4
Week 5	August 3-7

Online registration for 4-H Members will open January 22, 2024. If you are in need of financial assistance/scholarships to attend, please contact your local Extension Office to see if funds are available prior to enrolling. Open registration begins February 5, 2024.

Additional details are available on the 4-H Camp
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs/4-h-memorial-summer-camp>

Illinois 4-H Road Trip: College and Career Day

- Conference Date: March 9, 2024
- Location: Illini Union, 1401 W Green St, Urbana, IL 61801
- Who's Invited: 8th-12th grade youth from across Illinois & parents
Cost: \$35 (Includes lunch, supplies, and activities)
- Registration Deadline: February 9, 2024
- Registration: go.illinois.edu/RoadTrip2024

Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Become a 4-H Ambassador: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training!
Ignite your passion for 4-H and become a powerful advocate! Join the 2024 Illinois 4-H Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training. Develop your confidence and leadership skills while learning to communicate your 4-H story to anyone, from county officials to potential donors. Past participants have secured funding for projects, influenced legislation, and inspired countless others. Learn from expert speakers, participate in interactive workshops, and get ready to make your voice heard! Connect, advocate, master public speaking and make a difference!

Event Details: February 19, 7-8:30 PM via Zoom

Link for more information:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/teen-leadership/speaking-illinois-4-h>

Great Summer Jobs at 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is hiring! If you are 16+ years old by May 28th and ready for a rewarding job working with kids in the great outdoors (and that just happens to look great on a résumé), then we have great opportunities for you. We begin accepting applications January 1st for the positions of counselors, program staff, and assistant camp nurse.

These are paid positions which also include room and board during employment dates. Applications, job descriptions, and dates of employment are available on the 4-H Camp
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities>

Grab the reins on the Illinois 4-H 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. On this team you'll help with ...

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- Regional Livestock Clinics
- Livestock Skillathons

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Shelby County 4-H Member Policy

If a 4-H member wishes to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair and be eligible to receive premiums, the following items must be completed by the 4-H'er:

- 4-H'er must attend **three** of their own club meetings. College students must attend two of their own 4-H Club meetings.
- 4-H'er must present a talk or demonstration at their own club meeting. The talk or demonstration must pertain **to a 4-H project**. It doesn't have to be a project the 4-H'er is enrolled in.
- 4-H'er must participate in a county activity. Examples of a county activity include: 4-H Round-up, Winter Craft Day, 4-H Fire-Up, 4-H Week activities, Spring Cleanup at the fairgrounds, Spring Craft Day, 4-H project workshops, etc.

Project Manuals

- 4-H members may order up to 5 project books at no charge. Over 5 project books will be charged to members at cost. Members need to order books by contacting Yolanda.

Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair is March 1.

Projects may be added until May 1.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.

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