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## Don't forget to enroll- 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 wish list 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](https://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>

## CALENDAR

- 1/3 School resumes
- 1/10 4-H Meeting and Elections
- 1/15 Cabin Fever Day
- 2/17 State Horse Judging
- 2/26 Showbook Cover contest deadline
- 3/9 4-H Road Trip
- 4/13 Horse Public Speaking
- 8/11-State Fair Exhibition Day

## Awards Banquet TBD

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Kassy at [kscates@illinois.edu](mailto:kscates@illinois.edu) Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.



See ya soon,

Kassy

### The Spirit of Shawneetown

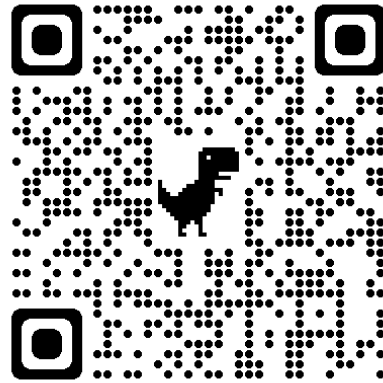
Thank you to all who volunteered at our "Ice Fishing" booth at the Spirit of Shawneetown! We had a great turnout of both members and kids from the community. A good time was had by all- even if we did get a little chilly at the end.



### Ridgway's Village Christmas

If you drove through the Ridgway Community Park this season you may have seen the grain bin silo 4-Families decorated! A big thank you to Heath and Kitchens families for taking the lead on this!





At our January 10 meeting we will be electing officers. We will be using ballots so it is important to sign up on the Google interest form scan the QR code above or click this link <https://forms.gle/Nn7MRd2jexMzyADi7>. Here is a list and description of the offices. Due to the extra responsibility some roles have different age requirements. The primary requirement is to be an enrolled member. Many families have paid membership dues, but have not enrolled or re-enrolled in Zsutes. Please contact me if you have any questions. Here is to the continuation of a great year! The growth and participation of our membership in our community has been a highlight of my year!

President:

Must have a 4-H age of 12  
3 years of membership

President: This officer position comes with lots of responsibility and expectations to guide the club in the direction of its goals. Typical responsibilities of a President include creating agendas with the club organizational leader, running meetings while maintaining order and control, delegating tasks, working as a team with other officers, and being enthusiastic about club activities.

Vice-President

Must have a 4-H age of 12  
3 years of membership

The Vice-President runs the meetings in the absence of the President, often serves as the chairperson of committees, helps coordinate educational programs, and works as a team with other officers.

#### Secretary

Must have a 4-H age of 12

3 years of membership

The secretary keeps the records for the club. This includes maintaining meeting minutes (record of what was discussed and voted on), keeping track of attendance, organizing the club's correspondence, . The secretary should submit monthly minutes to the club and Extension Office.

#### The Historian:

Must have a 4-H age of 8

current member

The Historian helps to preserve the history of the club. The duties of the historian include keeping record of the club's accomplishments and activities throughout the year, and collecting photographs, news articles and other memorabilia important to the club. After all this information is gathered, it is your job to put it into a scrapbook or other visual way to preserve the memories. You will work closely with the Reporter. Access to a camera, phone, or tablet for photos will be important.

#### Recreational Leader:

Must have a 4-H age of 8

current member

The Recreational Leader must utilize leadership and communication skills to plan and lead games or activities at each meeting.

#### Reporter:

Must have a 4-H age of 8

current member

This position reports information about your club's activities to those outside of your club. This may include writing short articles and taking photos for the local newspaper, 4-H newsletter or Facebook group. You will work with closely with the Historian. Access to a camera, phone, or tablet for photos will be important.

## Showbook Cover Contest

2024 Gallatin County 4-H Showbooks will be available in March! We need a great cover!

Use your creative ideas and put them to work! You may hand draw or use a computer to generate an image that represents 4-H to you! It needs to say Gallatin County Showbook 2023-2024 and have the 4-H Clover.

Please don't use any trademarked images or characters- we can't use those (example cartoon characters). If you have any questions please reach out!

Deadline is February 26. Please submit via email to [kscates@illinois.edu](mailto:kscates@illinois.edu)

## Get cash to help improve your Community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com). **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

# CABIN FEVER DAY

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Mark your calendars for January 15! Join us for a day of learning and crafting. Jr. High and older will be partnering with HCE to make lap throws for the Southern Illinois Veterans Honor Flight. Elementary ages will be making Valentines for Veterans, as well.



**When:**  
January 15  
9:00-1:00



**Where:**  
Hamilton Co.  
Extension office  
(Courthouse basement)



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## 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!

This training will equip you with the skills to:

- Connect and advocate: Learn how to effectively communicate with county and state officials, potential donors, civic groups, and new volunteers.

- Master public speaking: Gain valuable techniques for crafting compelling presentations, overcoming stage fright, and confidently delivering your message.
- Make a difference: Be prepared to participate in impactful state events like 4-H Legislative Connection and use your voice to champion 4-H programs.

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

- [Register Here](#)
- To learn more visit the [Speaking for Illinois 4-H Website](#)

- Contact Illinois 4-H Leadership Specialist, Katie Duitsman at [pilcher3@illinois.edu](mailto:pilcher3@illinois.edu). Secure your spot and make your mark on 4-H!

## Illinois 4-H Road Trip: College and Career Day



### Event Date(s)

March 9, 2024

### Location

Illini Union

[Register Here](#)

**Registration is open!**

Join us for an exciting day of exploration and inspiration! 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.

This event is open to 8th-12th grade youth from across Illinois & parents!

**If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact**

[Carla Blue](#)



## State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

### Event Date(s)

February 17, 2024

### Location

Blackhawk East Campus

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/illinois-4-h-horse-judging-contest>

Get ready for fun and friendly competition at the Horse Judging Contest! The primary objective of these contests is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

In the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one questions class will be required. Top-placing senior division youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest after which the national team will be determined.

# 4-H State Horse Speaking Contest

## Event Date(s)

April 13, 2024

## Location

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus

4-H Horse Speaking contests help 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. This contest will be held in conjunction with the State Hippology Contest. The deadline to register is March 29.

## Livestock Projects

For those interested in showing livestock here are some important ownership deadlines. Please reach out to me ASAP so we can arrange for our livestock to be weighed in with another county. You will also be required to take the YQCA certification. There will be limited in person opportunities within our 6 county unit as well as the ability to take it at will online. If you are interested in a livestock project but not sure what to do as far as choosing a project or showing I'm sure we can arrange a clinic.

### 2024 Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show and county show opportunities.

If you are interested in State Fair, please ask for more specific guidelines.

#### **STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS:**

- Calved on or after January 1, 2023
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2024
- Tattooed & Tagged –
- o In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags.

#### **BARROWS:**

- *Regular Barrows*
- o **Farrowed on or after December 15, 2023** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024.
- **Premiere Barrows (State Fair)**
- o **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2024** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024
- o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2024
- o Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0lbs/day of age
- o Junior exhibitors can purchase nominated barrows

#### **SHEEP WETHERS:**

- o Lambled on or after January 1, 2024
- o Ownership Date – May 15, 2024
- o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 16, 2024.

#### **- Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:**

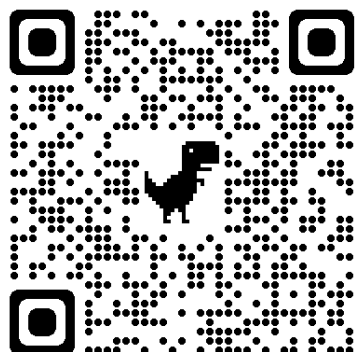
**All lambs and meat goats** to be exhibited at the State Fair **MUST** be taken to one of the statewide locations for weighing and tattooing. Each lamb will be tagged with an electronic ID tag, tattooed, weighed, and recorded on Lamb Nomination Forms from Dan Jennings. **Specific information regarding each of the weigh-in locations & procedures will be forthcoming.**

#### **MEAT GOATS**

- Wethers – **Born on or after October 1, 2023**

- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2024
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2024

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