



2023-2024 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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| 4 | Extension Office Closed for Labor Day |
| 18-20 | All- Team Training, Champaign, Brenda Out of Office |
| 22 | Award Applications Due, Club Books Due by 4 p.m. to the Ext. office |
| 25 | Leadership & Awards Committee, Judging 5pm- till done |
| 26 | Keeper's of the Land, Oakdale Forest Preserve. Program held for 3 rd graders That have registered with their schools |
| 27 | Rain Date for Keeper's of the Land |
| 27 | Leader's Meeting, HCC – 6 pm |

OCTOBER 2023

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| 1-7 | National 4-H Week Celebration- |
| 6 | Ambassador Sign up Deadline |
| 14 | Ambassador Meeting, 9:30-11 a.m. Ext. Office, Middle Lobby |
| 21 | 4-H Award & Volunteer Recognition Event, Farm Bureau Building 210 W. Spring St. – Freeport, 2:30 pm |
| 28 | 4-H Ambassadors at trick or treat trail in Krape Park from 2:30 -5p.m. |

NOVEMBER 2023

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| 4-5 | Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur, IL |
| 4 | Livestock Skillathon, Urbana |
| 9,16,30 | 4-H Esports, at HCC-rm 153 |
| 11 | Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office |
| 14-16 | Annual Extension Conference, Champaign – Brenda out of office |
| 23-24 | Extension Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving |
| 24-28 | National 4-H Congress, Washington, D.C. |

DECEMBER 2023

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| 1 | 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE, all projects need to be chosen by this date |
| 7, 21 | 4-H Esports Club, HCC- Rm 153 |
| 9 | Ambassador Christmas Party, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC |
| 22– Jan. 2 | Office closed for holidays |

JANUARY 2024

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| 1 | Beef Performance Cows, Dairy Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office) |
| 2 | YQCA Training #1, 7:15 p.m. at Winslow Town Hall, 501 School St. Winslow, IL |
| 11,18,25 | 4-H Esports Club, HCC – Rm 153 |
| 13 | Ambassador Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC- Ext Office |
| 14 | 4-H Ski Day, Chestnut Mountain, 1 p.m. to close |
| 15 | Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 20 | Officer Training, HCC 10:30-Noon |
| 21 | SNOW DATE for 4-H Ski Day |
| 27 | 4-H Poultry Clinic, HCC – South Lobby, 10-11 a.m. |



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Leader's Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC

FEBRUARY 2024

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| 1 | Beef Steers – Ownership (no paperwork to Ext. office) |
| 1,8,15,22,29 | 4-H Esports Club, HCC- Rm 153 |
| 2 | 4-H Night at the Rockford Ice Hogs Game |
| 5 | Beef Weigh in sign up deadline |
| 6 | Public Speaking Training, Machine Shed in Rockford, IL. 6-7:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Beef Weigh-In at Lena Vet Clinic |
| 10 | Ambassador Meeting, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC- Ext Office24-25 |
| 16 | Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline |
| 17 | SNOW DATE- for Beef Weigh-In if weather is bad on 2/10 |
| 17 | State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, BHE campus |
| 24 | Super Saturday, 8:30-noon, at Stephenson County Farm Bureau |

MARCH 2024

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| 1-3 | State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Bloomington, IL |
| 16 | 4-H Ambassadors, Shopping Trip, AM |
| 17 | YQCA Training, St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, 2:30 pm |
| 27 | Dog Club Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, south Lobby |
| 30 | Bunny Trail, Krape Park – Ambassadors, 11-1 |

APRIL 2024

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| 1 | YQCA Training, Dakota Methodist Church, 10 a.m. |
| 3 | Public Speaking Contest, HCC at 6 p.m. |
| 13 | Ambassador Meeting, 9:30- 11 a.m., Ext Office |
| 13 | Hippology/Horse Speech Contest, Champaign |
| 14 | Horse Bowl, Champaign |
| 17-24 | Dog Club, at C2 at Fairgrounds 6-8 p.m. |
| 20 | Tree Planting at Orangeville Butterfly Farm |
| 27 | State 4-H Public Speaking Contest |
| 27 | Mandatory Spring Horse Meeting, HCC 9-11 a.m. |
| 27 | National 4-H day of Service |
| 30 | Spring Leader's Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC |

MAY 2024

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| 1 | Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office |
| 1,8, 15,22,29 | Dog Club, at C2 at the Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m. |
| 11 | Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office |
| 15 | Ownership for Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewes and ALL Meat Goats |
| 15 | State Fair Lamb, Goat, & Pork Premiere & Carcass Forms Deadline |
| 27 | Extension Office closed for Memorial Day |



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JUNE 2024

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| 1 | Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification |
| 1 | Dairy Lease & Dairy Grade Animal paperwork due to Extension office |
| 1 | Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office |
| 1 | Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office |
| 1 | Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Swine- gilts & barrows, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office) |
| 1 | State Horse Fair Papers Due at State Fair Office |
| 5 | Dog Club, at C2 at Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m. |
| 8 | Ambassadors CLEAN-UP day at the fairgrounds, 8-noon |
| 9 | Northern IL 4-H Horse & Pony Show, Stephenson County 9 AM |
| 9-13 | 4-H Camp, Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL |
| 19 | Juneteeth, Extension Office Closed |
| 21 | Final Practice for Dog Club, 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds |
| 22 | 4-H Dog & Cat Shows at the Fairgrounds, 9 AM |
| 25 | Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline |

JULY 2024

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| 1 | Junior State Fair Livestock Deadline |
| 4 | Extension Office Closed for Independence Day |
| 10 | Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m. |
| 16 | Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week |
| 17 | General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds |
| 19 | Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD |
| 20 | 4-H Horse & Pony Show at Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 8 AM |
| 21-27 | State 4-H Horse Show, Springfield |
| 22 | 4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture, 4-H Building at Fairgrounds 9 AM |
| | 4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds 4-H Building |
| 23 | Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds |
| 23 | 4-H FUN NIGHT At the FAIR, 6 pm in the fair building |
| 23-27 | Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds |
| 27 | Master Showmanship Contest – 1:00 p.m. Swine Show Ring |
| 28 | Project pick up at fairgrounds from 1-3p.m./ Help tear down the fair building and put things away |

AUGUST 2024



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| 1 | State Fair Communications Delegates must submit their works to State Fair office by today |
| 7 | State Superior Young Producer Contest, General Livestock, Junior Livestock Building, South Ring |
| 8 | State 4-H Poultry Show, Barn #26, Springfield |
| 9 | State Fair Day for Stephenson County |
| 9-11 | State Fair Junior Livestock Shows: Friday- Breeding Females Saturday – Junior Market Sunday- Open Market Exceptions: Dairy, Poultry, Rabbits |
| 10 | State 4-H Rabbit Show, Barn #26, Springfield |
| 17 | State Superior Young Producer Contest, Dairy, Open Livestock Center State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Stock Pavilion, Springfield |
| 24 | State 4-H Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Center, Dixon, IL |