



Coles County

Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

July 2024



Multi-County Mock Horse Clinic

Youth in Coles County had a blast at the Multi-County 4-H Horse Clinic on Saturday, June 28. Youth practiced riding skills, reviewed guidelines and regulations for upcoming horse shows, ensured their equipment is show-ready, and received valuable feedback about riding skills.

Thank you to Katie Copeland for volunteering your time to lead this workshop.

To learn more about the Illinois 4-H Horse Project, go to <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects/horse>



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Find other Extension program areas at
<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/staff>

- Family Life
- Horticulture, Natural Resources
- Illinois Nutrition Education Programs



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Calendar



July

- 1 - ISF Livestock Entries Due
- 4 - Pet Parade @ Morton Park, Charleston
- 9 - General Projects Drop Date
Projects are shown at the Home & Family Show & General Projects Day.
- 11- Multi-County Dog Show (FG)
- 14 - Multi-County Horse Show (FG)
- 16 - Home & Family Show
@ Cross County Mall
- 18 - 4-H Center Set-up Night: 5:30 pm (FG)
- 20 - General Projects Show (FG)
- 23 - Fairground Clean-up/Barn Set-up:
5:00 pm (FG)
- July 28 - August 2 - 4-H Fair Week

August

- 8-18 - IL State Fair
- 9 - Coles County General Projects Day
at State Fair
- 23- Club boxes Due to EO

September

- 9- DEADLINE: All 2023-2024 Records,
Award applications are due at the
EO by 4:30 p.m.

EO -Extension Office

*RR= Registration Required

FG - Fairgrounds

COLES COUNTY 4-H CLUB FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Help collect non-perishable items for the Coles County food pantries.

- The club with the highest number of items will be rewarded with a pizza party!
- Reach out to the Coles County Farm Bureau office or a Young Leader to arrange drop-off during fair week.
- Items should be placed in a bag or box and clearly labeled with the club's name.
- Winning club announced during Wednesday evening's Parade of Champions

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**4-H Leaders, Check your email
for more information!**



Member Records

Find all 4-H Member Record Items at
<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county>
under the Member Resources section.

Find the following Items:

- Member Record Book
- Livestock Record Book
- 2023-2024 4-H Events List

If you have questions
about member records,
contact Jessica at
jnhays@illinois.edu or
call the Coles Extension
Office at 217-345-7034.





2024 4-H Fair

Find the below items at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county> Under the Coles County Fairs/Shows or Illinois State Fair Information section.

- **Coles County 4-H Fair**
 - **Fair Book**
 - **Fair Schedule**
- **Illinois State Fair**
 - **State Fair Livestock ShoWorks Online Entry Tutorial** https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-06/ccdmsshowworksbasicentrytutorial_1.pdf
 - **Entries Due July 15**
 - **State Fair Livestock Entry Forms Livestock Premium Book and more** <https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events/livestock-events.html>



4-H Show Info Sheets

Find Info sheet at

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

- **Multi-County Horse Show**
- **Multi-County Dog Show**
- **Multi-County Cat Care Show**
- **Home & Family Show**
- **General Projects Day Show**
- **Coles 4-H Fair Week**

- Pick up your printed Fair Books from your 4-H Club leader.
- If there is a highlighted spot in the fair book, this was a change from last year.
- July 9 is the General Projects Drop Date
 - Projects are shown at the Home & Family Show & General Projects Day. Email Jessica at JNHays@illinois.edu with the 4-H members' names (first & Last) and what projects they are dropping.



Thank you! Volunteers

Your incredible dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed. Your contributions have made a significant impact, and we are deeply grateful for your time and effort.

Your generosity and commitment are truly inspiring. We couldn't do it without you!

Southern Region Showcase

Have you heard about the Southern Region 4-H Showcase? Illinois Extension and Du Quoin State Fair are partnering to give the 4-H youth of Region 3 another chance to show off their skills and knowledge this summer.

4-H members can exhibit in:

- General Projects Show on Saturday, August 17
- Goat and Sheep Shows and Swine Weigh-In on Friday, August 23
- Swine, Beef, and Dairy Shows on Saturday, August 24.

Have questions, Contact

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Southern Region 4H Showcase Showbook - go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook

Southern Region 4H Showcase Registration - go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase

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

Program Coordination & Development

- 4-H Fair Planning
- Contact Livestock & General Project Judges
- 4-H Program Reporting
- Assist 4-H Parents with Fair Entry & Fair project Questions
- Host Mock Horse Show Workshop
- Chaperone Illini Summer Academy Trip

Volunteer Recruitment/Training/Development

- 4-H Fair Leader Meeting
- Review New Volunteer System
- Update Volunteer Files
- Contact Volunteer Workshop Leaders for 24-25 year.

Marketing & Networking

- Manage County Facebook Page & Check in on club page/ groups.
- Newsletter updates

Professional Development

- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Attended State Fair Entry 4-H exhibitor verification webinar
- County Fair Toolkit Tour Meeting
- Regional Meeting
- Cybersecurity Training



Illinois 4-H Newsletter

Check out Illinois 4-H State Events at

https://go.illinois.edu/ILState4HNewsletter_July

Find Information About:

- 4-H Can Make a Difference
- Update your State Fair app alerts!
- First-time Fairgoer Guide
- Your Passport to Artistic Adventure!
- Apply for National 4-H Congress!
- 4-H Camp
- Family Camp
- & More



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