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September 2024 Newsletter

Wayne County 4-H Families,

A new 4-H year is here! We are so excited to bring your 4-H members a variety of opportunities and experiences that we are sure will help you see them thrive. As we start out the year I wanted to take a moment to share with you things that we are doing to make sure you and your member(s) stay informed.

Ways you can stay informed about what is going on in our 4-H Program are: Joining the Wayne County 4-H TeamReach, Reading the Monthly Newsletter and any other papers mailed to you, Following and Liking our Facebook Page, Reading Emails from Jessica or I, and reading the Illinois 4-H Emails. We hope that your member(s) take advantage of some of our new programs and workshops we hope that this is the best 4-H year yet!

NEW INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 4-H YEAR

- 1) Starting September 1, 2024 project records are no longer required to show at the Wayne County Fair. We will be updating our information to reflect these changes.
- 2) 4-H members will still be required to attend 4 club meetings, in the 4-H Club that they enroll in and members must give a Project Talk or Demonstration Talk to show at the Wayne County Fair.
- 3) The State 4-H Office has introduced new projects for the 4-H year! Costume Design, Clothing Embellishment, and Babysitting (replaces Child Development). Cooking has been renamed to Foods with the addition of new Food Projects: Global Gourmet & Kitchen Boss. New Food Science Projects: Science Fun with Dairy Foods & Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry. Lastly the Health Project area has added: Everyday Food & Fitness, Your Feelings Matter & Health Innovation. To learn more about these projects you can find them on the Illinois 4-H Website!

If you have any questions or want to share an idea to help our 4-H program, please reach out to me at rlittle@illinois.edu or call the Wayne County Extension Office at 618-842-3702.

I hope you have a fantastic 4-H Year and I hope to see you at Achievement Night. Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,
Ryan Littlejohn
Extension Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development
Wayne County



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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Awards Workshop 3-8 Must sign up for timeslot	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:30 PM Country Kids 4-H Club Meeting	11 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	12	13	14
15 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	16 Awards Workshop 5-7 Must sign up for timeslot	17 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	18 Federation Meeting-6 PM	19	20	21 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
22	23	24	25	26	27 Awards Workshop 3-8 Must sign up for timeslot	28
29	30					

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Office Closed for Staff Meeting	9 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 Crochet Workshop 9-11 am	15 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	16 Federation Meeting-6 PM	17	18	19 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
20 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	21 Foundation Meeting- 7 PM	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The last thing to complete in the 2023-2024 4-H Year are your Project Plans, Livestock Records and Award Applications. Each 4-H Member should have a green Member Record Book with everything they need to complete their Awards and Records. If you have any questions contact Ryan or attend one of the Workshop Nights!



WAYNE COUNTY AWARDS 2024

ALL AWARDS AND RECORDS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE OCTOBER 1!



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Awards Food Fun

YOU ARE INVITED!!
Wayne County
Achievement Night
NOVEMBER | 15 | 2024

6:00 PM DINNER
6:30 PM AWARDS
PRESENTATION

CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
1700 OUTER W
DELAWARE ST,
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837

Please RSVP by emailing

jasimpso@illinois.edu or calling 618-842-3702 by

October 21, 2024



Why complete your Awards Applications and Records?

Each member that turns in their Record Book will receive project pins, membership pins and medals at the Wayne County Achievement Night in November.

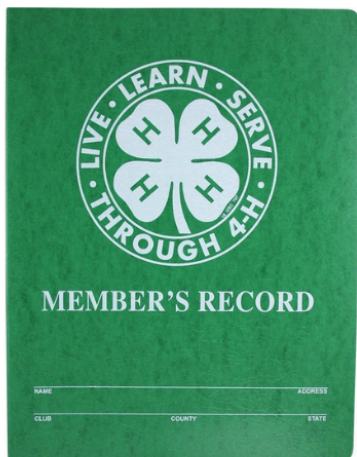
BACK THIS YEAR!

Thanks to the generosity of the Wayne County 4-H Foundation, we will have another dinner served at our Achievement Night! Every 4-H member and their family are invited to attend and recognize the hard work our members have done over the last year and see their accomplishments.

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How to Receive Wayne County Awards

Each 4-H member should turn in their 4-H Member's Record Book by
October 1, 2024



In the Member's Record Book members have these pages to turn in 1) 4-H Personal Information Page

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4-H Personal Information Page



Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
4-H Club: _____ This is my _____ year in 4-H
Local Extension Unit: 25-Wayne County
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Parent's or Guardian's Name: _____
School You Attend: _____ Grade or Year: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2) The next pages should be the Member Achievement Plan

2

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PLAN — 1 4-H Membership Pin



which you are enrolled this year:

Application form

Name _____ Age _____
4-H Club/Group _____ County _____

The Membership Pin may be awarded at the conclusion of the 4-H year in which you join your 4-H club. To receive this pin, a member must meet the following requirements during the current 4-H year. Check in column at left when completed. You may receive this pin only once, an achievement pin in a 4-H year.

3) The third part should be the Illinois 4-H Experience Award



3 EXPERIENCE LEVEL RECOGNITION

1. Attend a majority (more than half) of the regularly schedule group. For new members, the majority of meetings will be computed bas remaining following acceptance into the club. For members transferring i of meetings will be computed based on the number of meetings held and membership in the original club plus the number of meetings held and att membership in the current club.

Number of meetings held: _____ Number of meetings attende

4) The last part is the Wayne County 4-H Foundation Scholarships. These forms should be turned in if your 4-H member wants to attend a State 4-H event. We are grateful for our Foundation and the support they are willing to provide for our members!

Any Illinois 4-H member may complete this application at the end of each 4-H year.

1. Go through every page and mark the experiences you achieved this year. There are 4 dimensions of experience:

- Participation
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Project Learning

Requirements for each level

AWARD LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS	LIMITATIONS
BRONZE CLOVER AWARD	Complete 1 experience in <u>each</u> of the four dimensions.	Members may not count the same experiences two years in a row.
SILVER CLOVER AWARD	Complete 2 experiences in <u>each</u> of the four dimensions; at least 2 of ..	Members may not count the same experiences two years in a row.

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4-H Camp Scholarship Application Youth Ages 8-16 (2 scholarships for \$200 each)

Name _____ Age (as of September 1, 2023) _____

Club _____

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 3
SEPTEMBER 16
SEPTEMBER 27



**ALL AWARDS AND RECORDS ARE DUE TO
THE EXTENSION OFFICE OCTOBER 1!**

Join Extension Staff in September to get help filling out your awards and records for the 2023-2024 4-H year. This is a workshop that has time slots where families can sign up and get help with their records and award applications.

Please have the applications filled out to the best of your abilities so when you arrive, we can answer any questions you may have and help you fill in the things you have missed. Parents are encouraged to stay and learn with their child as well.

The link below is where you can find the sign ups for a time slot on each of the days. If you have any questions, please reach out.

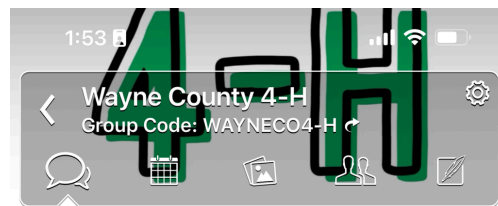
Record and Award Workshop Sign Up:
<https://go.illinois.edu/AwardWorkshop>



Join our TeamReach!



**Download the app TeamReach
on your phone and enter the
code WAYNECO4-H to stay up to
date on Fair and 4-H
information!**

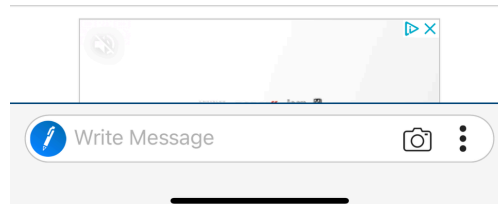


RL Ryan Littlejohn
Aug 08, 9:36 AM

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Record and Award Workshop Sign Up: <https://go.illinois.edu/AwardWorkshop>

RL Ryan Littlejohn
Aug 08, 9:35 AM

Hello 4-H Families! The 4-H awards information has been sent out in a email. All awards are due Oct 1! We will have a workshop night here at the office. You can sign up for a time slot. Reach out if you have any questions! Enrollment will open soon, so be watching for the packet in the mail.





Enrollment Information

You will receive information in the mail and in your email for instructions for re-enrolling.

Zsuite opens for enrollment in October.

You also received a green packet for ordering project manuals. This is due December 1 or March 1. Those are the only 2 orders we will be placing.

You will not be approved and considered active until the \$20 program fee is paid.

If you have questions while going through the enrollment process, please call Jessica at the office before proceeding.

If you are a returning member you will not create a new account.

WAYNE COUNTY WORKSHOPS 2024-2025

Save the dates for our 4-H Project Workshops! Remember if you attend this workshops you will have created a project that you can enter in the 2024 Wayne County Fair. We are excited to bring new ideas into some of our biggest project areas. October and November Workshops take place on days your child is out of school! Sign ups will open middle of September for October-December Workshops. YQCA and Club Officer Training will take place throughout the year during club meetings. Spring Workshop dates and sign ups will open in January. For more information contact the Extension Office!

October 14 9-11 AM-Crochet Workshop Ages 8-18

November 5 1-3 PM-Barn Quilt Workshop Ages 8-18

December 16 6-8 PM-Christmas Candy Ages 8-18

October-January YQCA and Club Officer Training



Spring Workshops:

New Member

Cloverbud

Dog Obedience



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

This year for 4-H week we are sending out ideas for 4-H Members and their clubs to participate in. Please take time to bring 4-H into your communities and show those who support members in their 4-H career. We hope you will help us promote 4-H as we recruit new members for the 4-H Year!

- Make 4-H Week Appreciation baskets and pass them out in teachers lounges, hospitals, first responder buildings, etc. This is a great way to show service learning and appreciation AND look for interested volunteers
- Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses that support 4-H, your Leaders or Extension Staff with an appreciation poster or card.
- Challenge each member of your club to invite to friends to your next club meeting
- Organize a Bring A Friend day at your club! Plan a special event for the meeting you invite friends to!
- Have a club community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is. Partner with your local Extension office to send out a media advisory for coverage of your event.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes
- Participate in our Online Sprit Week and share your photos! Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed
- Do you know any alumni you could ask to post a sign in their yard or business as well?
- Write letters to your congressional leaders or local legislators about how important 4-H is to you

Follow along with our 4-H Week Journey on our Facebook Page University of Illinois Extension - Wayne County 4-H

Illinois Spirit Week schedule:

- Service Project Sunday – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- Member Monday – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- Time Machine Tuesday – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- Why 4-H Wednesday – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- Thankful Thursday – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- Favorite Project Friday – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project.
- Spirit Saturday - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today and organize a fun get-together with your club!



ILLINOIS 4-H EXPERIENCE AWARD

DIMENSION	COLUMN A # OF CLUB / INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN B # OF COUNTY EXPERIENCES	COLUMN C # OF UNIT-WIDE / REGIONAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN D # OF STATE / NATIONAL EXPERIENCES
PARTICIPATION		Pickleball Night 10-2-23 Dodgeball Night 10-3-23 Board Game/Movie Night 10-5-23 4-H Carnival Night 10-6-23 Wayne County Achievement Night 11-10-23 Federation Events at Fair 7/8-7/12, 2024		4-H Family Camp 9-8-23
COMMUNITY SERVICE				Food Advocacy Grant 10-23 Solar Eclipse Glasses 4/5-24
LEADERSHIP	CLUB OFFICER 2023-2024	OFFICER TRAINING 11/18/23	AMBASSADOR TRAINING 9-6-23	
PROJECT LEARNING		VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP 10-9-23 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP 12-21-23 SEWING WORKSHOP 2/19/24 CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP 2/24/24 YQCA- COUNTRY KIDS 2/6/24 YQCA- WAYNE CITY 2/14/24 YQCA- 4-H COUNTRY CLUB- 3/16/24 YQCA- NEW HOPE LUCKY CLOVERS 3/27/24 NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP- 3/16/24 Fair Shows 7/3, 7/6, 7/8-7/11		State Shotgun Shoot 9-23-23 Robotics State Competition 5/11/24 State Livestock Judging Contest 6/17/24 State Fair 8/11/24