



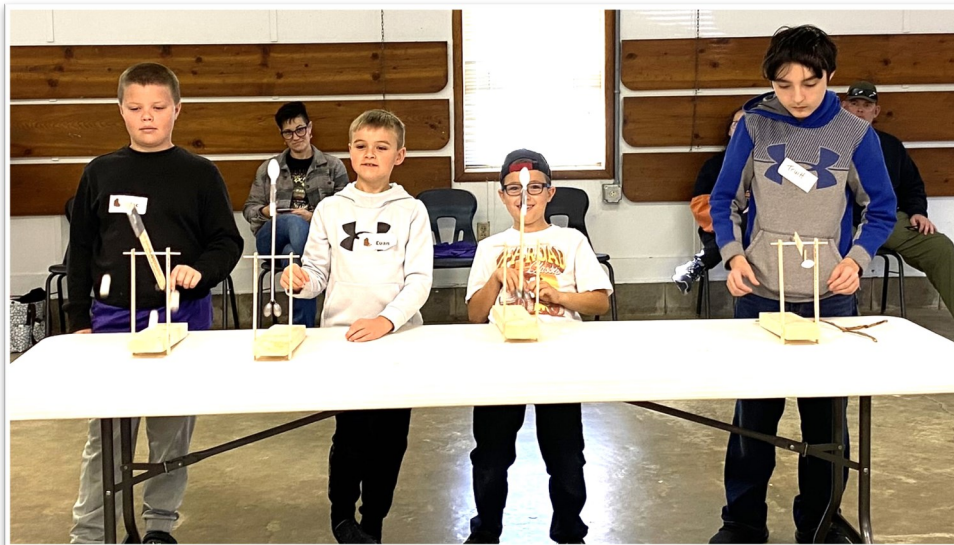
Shelby
County

4-H

November *News*



Scarecrow Daze Parade



Fall Round-Up



Oconee Eager Beavers
Fan Favorite

Calendar of events

November

- 6Federation meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Center
- 9Achievement Night, 6:30, Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville
- 15Deadline to sign up for the Bank Steer Program
- 15Community Service Workshop, 6-8:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 28-29Office closed for the holidays

December

- 4Federation meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 7Winter Craft Day, 9-12:30, 4-H Center
- 7Cloverbud Winter Craft Day, 1:15-2:45, 4-H Center
- 13Early Enrollment Incentive - enrollments must be entered and the program fee paid by this date
- 15Greenery Workshop, Green Works, Cowden Swag - 2-3 p.m., Mug - 3-4 p.m.
- 24-31Office closed for the holidays

January

- 1Office closed—holiday
- 4Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 13Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 pm. 4-H Center
- 18Officer Training, 9-11:30 a.m., 4-H Center
- 20Office closed - holiday

February

- 1Office closed—holiday
- 5Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 8Steer Weigh-in, 8 a.m. United Producers Sale Barn
- 22YQCA training, 9 a.m., 4-H Center

Save the dates!

- March 1 - Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Fair
- May 1 - Deadline to add/drop projects in ZSuites
- June 2 - 4-H & Junior Fair Entry deadline (4-H entries are submitted through Fair Entry)
- July 12 - Fair Clean-up 8 a.m.
- July 19 - 4-H Foods & 4-H Photography judging, Tractor Driving in the p.m.
- July 20 - Move in day at the fair,
- July 21-23 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair

4-H Zsuites Enrollment is open

As of 10-2-24, ZSuites (4-H enrollment program) is open for 4-H families to enroll for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Families will be responsible for paying \$10 of the \$20 program fee for 2024-2025. Shelby Extension Foundation will be paying the other \$10. Families will be able to pay the program fee online via a credit card or with cash or check to their club leader or the Shelby County Extension Office. Please note - there are a few clubs that are paying their member's program fees so please check with your club leader regarding payment status.

If your family is enrolling more than 3 children, you may submit your enrollment but do not pay online. The 4th child discount will need to be applied before payment can be made. Once the discount has been applied, Yolanda will notify you for payment. Refunds can not be issued if you pay for more than three children.

Members must be enrolled and approved in ZSuites before participating in any county event including Shooting Sports, parades, workshops, etc.

Enrolling in projects in ZSuites

Multiple project areas are NOT Allowed!

Per IL State 4-H Office Guidelines, 4-H members may only enroll in one level of a project area. If multiple project area's are selected during the enrollment process, either your enrollment may be returned to the family to fix or an email will be sent to the family from Yolanda, asking which level of project you wish to be enrolled in. Duplicate project area's will not be allowed. Enrollments WILL NOT be approved if multiple project area's are selected. Examples: Woodworking 1 and Woodworking 2, Cooking 101 and Cooking 201, Floriculture A and Floriculture D. Families may change the project areas until May 1. ***After May 1, no changes will be allowed to enrolled projects and 4-H members will only be allowed to exhibit in the projects they are signed up in Zsuites.***

Awesome Autumn Photography Contest

September 23 – November 18

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a photography contest for 4-H'ers in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Douglas and Shelby Counties. The contest will run from September 23 - November 18. Cash prizes will be awarded by Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Entries will need to be submitted via email to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu. **Include your name, county and age.**

Rules:

Photos should be centered around the theme "Awesome Autumn Photos".

- Only 1 photo may be submitted by a 4-H member.
- There are 3 age divisions 5-7, 8-13 and 14-18. 4-H age is based off of 9/1/24.
- If submitting a picture with someone other than in your family/relative, a photo release must be completed and submitted with the entry.
- Pictures must be taken by the 4-H member submitting the picture.

This will count as a multi county activity on the Illinois Experience Award.

Shelbyville Food Distribution

Thursday, December 5

Shelby County 4-H is looking for members to help with the Shelbyville Food Distribution. Members will load food into cars as they drive through the Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds.

When: Thursday, December 5

Time: 3:15 (arrive as close to 3 p.m) Distribution starts at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

RSVP to Yolanda by Wednesday, December 4 so we have a headcount on helpers. This would qualify as a community service activity and also meet the county requirement.

4-H Calendar

Several dates have been set for the year. Project workshops will be scheduled throughout the year and updated on the calendar as dates have been set. To view the calendar, click the link: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024-2025_4-h_year_calendar_9-18-24.pdf

Project Manuals

4-H members must send Yolanda an email or call the Shelby County Extension Office to order project manuals. ZSuites isn't set up to order project books. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO ORDER BOOKS!** Some projects do require the book to be completed as part of their 4-H exhibit.

Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night

Saturday, November 9

We are planning our annual 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 9 at the Best Bet Event Center in Shelbyville at 7 p.m. We will have dessert at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. RSVP's are needed by **November 5** (date extended) for those who will be enjoying dessert. Invites were sent to families on Oct. 24.

Shelby County 4-H Hospital Collection for Kids

Saturday, November 9

Brady & Alicia Rivas, our fabulous Shelby Sparklers duo, need your superhero skills! They're on a mission to sprinkle some joy into the hospital rooms of kiddos at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, and guess what? They can't do it without YOU!

They're on the hunt for donations like coloring books, crayons, Play-Doh, word searches, shiny small toys (no plushie pals, please!), drawing pads, colored pencils, and bubbles!

Bring your goodies to 4-H Achievement Night, and for every 5 items you donate, you'll snag a ticket for a chance to win some exciting prizes! Let's make those little hearts smile!

Bank Steer Program

Deadline Friday, November 15

Are you ready to wrangle a steer and show off your skills in the 4-H arena? Well, sign up! The Shelby County State Bank is rolling out interest-free loans for Shelby County 4-H members to help snag that prize-winning steer for the fair!

To join this adventure, you've gotta have at least one year of 4-H under your belt. Just make sure to get your enrollment in ZSuites submitted and pay the \$10 program fee by November 15.

Heads up, new families! You'll get a friendly visit from the Bank Steer Committee before steer weigh-in, and everyone else will see them in the Spring. Shelby County State Bank reserves the right to deny any individual participation in the Bank Steer Program. **The deadline to sign up for a bank steer is November 15.** Pick-up for steers will be on February 8 at the county steer weigh-in.

Shelby County 4-H Community Service Workshop

Friday, November 15

Get ready for some crafty fun! Shelby County 4-H is throwing a Community Service Workshop on Friday, November 15 at the 4-H Center. From 6 to 6:30 p.m., Federation is serving up pizza and snacks—yum! Then, from 6:30 to 8:30, our 4-H champs will unleash their creativity, crafting goodies destined for local nursing homes this December. It's become the ultimate holiday workshop, where 4-H'ers spread Christmas cheer one handmade masterpiece at a time! Don't forget to RSVP by Wednesday, November 13, so we know how much pizza to pile high!

Greenery Workshop

Sunday, December 15

The Green Works in Cowden will be hosting a Greenery Workshop for Shelby County 4-H members on Sunday, December 15.

Session 1 - Youth will make a swag. The workshop is from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Session 2 - Youth will make a Mug Bouquet. The workshop is from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$15 and this includes the mug.

Youth can participate in one or both sessions. Please specify which session you plan to attend when you submit your RSVP. RSVP and pay the workshop fee by December 11 to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546. Workshops are considered a county activity and youth attending will meet the county activity requirement.



Cloverbud Winter Craft Day

Saturday, December 7

Get ready to channel your inner crafting rock star at the Cloverbud Winter Craft Day on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. at the 4-H Center! Just \$8 (or \$10 if you're not enrolled), you're in for a crafty good time!

Hurry and RSVP to Yolanda with your workshop fee by **November 26** to snag one of the 25 spots—only the most creative Cloverbuds need apply! Miss the deadline? No worries! You can still grab a delightful kit to unleash your creativity at home!

Winter Craft Day

Saturday, December 7

Get ready to unleash your inner craft wizard at the Shelby County 4-H Winter Craft Day on Saturday, December 7, at the 4-H Center! Join fellow 4-H'ers for a jolly good time creating winter crafts and whipping up those legendary gingerbread houses. There are two crafty sessions to choose from:

- Session 1 - 9-10:30 a.m.
- Session 2 - 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

It's just \$8 for 4-H members and \$10 for non-members. Don't forget to RSVP and secure your spot with a payment by Nov. 26! Shoot an email to Yolanda or give a ring with your session pick. Spaces are as limited!

And hey, we could use some extra hands on deck for this festive fun! Contact Yolanda if you can lend a hand!

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

Nov. 29-Dec. 15 (rescheduled)

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover Campaign was moved to Nov. 29 - Dec. 15.

Our local TSC in Shelbyville would love to have 4-H members in their store promoting Shelby County 4-H during this time. Yolanda is looking for any 4-H members and/or clubs who would like to set up 4-H project displays, hold a bake sale, bring small animals for a mini petting zoo or just set up a table to talk with patrons about 4-H during the Paper Clover Campaign.

It's recommended that clubs set up Friday evenings and anytime on Saturday and Sunday's for the most store traffic. If your club is interested in setting up a booth/table, contact Yolanda with the date and time you would like to set up at TSC and she will let TSC know the club schedule. For members who work at least an hour, they can count this as a county activity.

Please support TSC and the 4-H program by participating in the Paper Clover Campaign.

Leaders Appreciation Dinner

Monday, January 13

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be serving the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner on Monday, January 13. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

We will be serving Monicals pizza, salad, and dessert. Additional information will be sent out in December. RSVP's will be needed by January 9. Leaders - Please let Yolanda know if there is anything specific you would like to cover at the meeting.

We will discuss upcoming activities and events and have an open discussion on what is working and what leaders would like help on. This time will count towards the required 3 hours training for leaders this year.

Officer Training

Saturday, January 18

Hey, Shelby County 4-H superstars! Get ready to mark your calendars for the epic Officer Training on Saturday, January 18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Center! Whether you're a current officer or just itching to learn how to rock those club meetings, this is the place to be. We're cooking up some icebreakers that you can take back to your clubs, plus we'll break down what each officer position is all about. Don't miss out on the fun! Make sure to RSVP by January 15 by calling 217-774-9546 or shooting an email to nation2@illinois.edu, so we can stockpile enough goodies for everyone!

Recruiting a new 4-H member

Ready to boost our 4-H family? We're on the hunt for fabulous new members, and we want to give a big shout-out to those champions bringing fresh faces to Shelby County 4-H! Snag some cool prizes for every new recruit you bring on board!

Leaders have recruitment forms, but if you're feeling digital, just give Yolanda a shout, and she'll send one to your inbox! Once your new recruit completes their enrollment and pays the fee, it's prize time! So, spread the 4-H love, reel in that new member, and get ready to celebrate with some sweet rewards!

4-H Year-end Records

It's never too early to start tracking your 4-H activities to make year-end records less stressful and easier!

Here are events for October.

Community Service:

- ⇒ Shelbyville Food Distribution, October 17

4-H Appearance:

- ⇒ Scarecrow Daze Parade, October 12
- ⇒ If your club participated in any Homecoming parades, here is where your participation should be listed with the date.
- ⇒ Trunk or Treats, various

4-H Participation:

- ⇒ 4-H Fall Round-Up, October 19

Club Challenges for 2024-2025

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring monthly Club Challenges. Clubs who participate may win refreshments for their club meetings. Clubs who meet 8 out of 11 challenges will receive a cash prize of \$50.

How to participate?

Each quarter, there are designated challenges. Clubs who meet 2 of the available quarterly activities will need to submit a picture and send a completed quarterly challenge form to Yolanda by the designated due date. Clubs who meet each quarterly challenge will have their name put in a drawing. The winning club will have refreshments provided by Federation.

Fall Challenge - October thru December

1. Submit a Club scarecrow
2. Complete 1 Community Service activity
3. Complete 1 project learning or club activity

Reporting deadline for the Fall Challenge is January 3.

Winter Challenge - January - March

1. Complete 1 Community Service project
2. Complete 1 project learning/club activity
3. Participate in 4-H Week - International Night or Family Fun Night

Reporting deadline for the Winter Challenge is April 3.

Spring Challenge - April - May

1. Complete 1 Community Service Project
2. Complete 1 project learning/club activity

Reporting deadline for the Spring Challenge is June 4.

Summer Challenge - June - August

1. Participate in the county Scavenger Hunt
2. Take a photo with your favorite 4-H project and submit by July 31 to Yolanda via email. (At least 10 members must submit a photo. Clubs with less than 10 members must submit at least 1/2 of their enrollment.)
3. School donation - minimum of 25 items donated to a school of your choice.

Reporting deadline for the Summer Challenge is August 31.

This is a great way to utilize committees in your clubs and let the 4-H members be part of the planning and executing of activities, which in turn lets them learn leadership within the club.

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 15-22, 2025

The theme for Shelby County 4-H Week is “Shelby County 4-H . . . A World of Opportunity”.

- March 15 – 4-H Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11:30 a.m.
- March 15 – 4-H Skating Party, Silver Stars Skating Party 6-9 p.m.
- March 16 – Thank a 4-H Volunteer (text, mail, Facebook)
- March 16 - County Public Speaking Contest 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- March 17 – Window Displays in place by 9 a.m.
- March 17 – International Night, Nazarene Church Gym - 6 p.m.
- March 18 - 4-H Member Showcase
- March 19 - Community Service Day
- March 20 - Wear your 4-H shirt to school (send photo to Yolanda)
- March 21 – Family Fun Night, 6:30 –8 p.m., Nazarene Church Gym
- March 22 – Spring Craft Day, Shelby County 4-H Center, Session 1, 9 a.m.10:30, Cloverbuds (Session 2) 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Countries taken as of 10/31/24:

- Coldspring Copperheads - Turkey
- Oconee Eager Beavers - China
- Silver Spurs - Italy

It's never too early to start planning!

Shelby County 4-H Community Service Ideas

Here is a list for community service ideas that clubs or individual 4-H members can consider participating in and collecting donations to help those in need. If you decide to donate items to any of the assisted living or nursing homes, please check with the facility to see how many residents they have.

Misc. Activities:

- Working at local food pantries
- Donating food to local food pantries
- Blessings in a Backpack programs
- Cleaning up parks, elderly neighbor's yards who need assistance
- Collecting donations for an organization in need
- Making crafts and delivering to area assisted living/nursing homes

Assisted living & nursing homes

Hawthorne Inn – 217-774-1020

- Craft kits that the residents can put together
- Paintings/wreaths to hang on their doors or in their rooms
- Artificial flowers so they can make their own flower arrangements
- Handmade cards – Thinking of You cards
- CD's with big band music
- Bingo gifts - Kleenex, sugar free candy, candy, hand lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, puzzles

Villas of Holly Brook – 217-619-8266

- Seasonal wreaths for their doors
- Paintings/pictures
- Picture frames
- Bingo gifts - scented lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, small flashlights, candy, nuts, card games

Shelbyville Manor – 217-774-2111

- No glass decorations, no food
- Flower arrangements
- Seasonal wreaths for doors, rooms
- Blankets (They love getting new blankets.)
- Picture frames/crafty frames

Angel of Love Program - (217) 246-5885

- Shopping for kids in need

Kemmerer Village - Shop for a Kid Program - (217) 226-4451

- Shopping for kids in need

The Festival of Lights Committee is always looking for help taking donations at Forest Park. Text Nathan @ 217-820-5715 to reserve a spot. Their Facebook page, Shelbyville Festival of Lights—Illinois has the available dates listed.



Enroll today!

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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.

4-H Program Fee - 4-H members need to be enrolled and paid their \$10 program fee by **December 13** to qualify for the early enrollment incentive! 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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