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**WE'RE READY TO START THE NEW 4-H YEAR WITH YOU!**

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

[www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14](https://www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14)

<https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>

# ENROLLMENT

Welcome to the new 4-H year! In this edition of the Cloverleaf, you can find information on how to enroll and update your information. Check out the back of this page!

»»» Z-SUITE ENROLLMENT

»»» LIVESTOCK DEADLINE IN ZSUITE

# 4-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PIKE - SCHUYLER IMPORTANT DATES



## ENROLLMENT

### ➤➤➤ Z-SUITE ENROLLMENT

ZSuite is open for 2024-25 enrollment! All members and volunteers must be enrolled to participate in 4-H events. Follow this step-by-step guide to enroll!

Scan or visit  
[go.illinois.edu/ZSuiteGuide](http://go.illinois.edu/ZSuiteGuide)



### ➤➤➤ LIVESTOCK DEADLINE IN ZSUITE

If you plan to show any live animals at the 2025 4-H fair, you must enroll in those project areas via ZSuite by December 15. Remember, you can always drop projects, but after 12/15 no live animal projects will be added. This includes beef, cats, dairy, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

## November

- 11/7 - Pike County 4-H Achievement Day
- 11/9 - State Livestock Skill-a-thon
- 11/10 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Achievement Day
- 11/13 - 4-H Club Treasurer & Leader training via Zoom 6-7 PM
- 11/17 - Adams County Achievement Day

## December

- 12/4 - YQCA Training at Schuyler County Extension Office
- 12/6 - Adams County New Member Night
- 12/11 - YQCA Training at Pike County Extension Office
- 12/15 - Livestock Deadline in ZSuite

## January

- 1/3 - Winter Break Event at Krazy Town 9-11 AM
- 1/3 - Federation Fun Event 11 AM-1 PM
- 1/18 - Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot
- 1/20 - YQCA Training at Adams County Extension Office
- 1/24-26 - Junior Livestock Conference
- 1/31 - Fairbook Cover Entries Due

## February

- 2/16 - Cultural Carnival 2-4 PM

## March

- 3/9 - Unit 14 Public Speaking Contest
- 3/15 - Pike County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- 3/22 - Super Saturday 9 AM-12 PM
- 3/31 - Hancock County Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

## April

- 4/18-YQCA Training at Hancock County Extension Office

This list of dates will continuously be updated in each newsletter. Please pay attention to emails and our Facebook page for the most updated information.

## JUMP..JUMP...JUMP AROUND!

### >>> 4-H TAKES OVER CRAZY TOWN TRAMPOLINE PARK

Join us for a family fun event before going back to school! We have reserved Crazy Town Trampoline Park in Quincy on Friday, January 3 from 9-11 AM. Cost is \$10 per participant and pre-registration is required. Register via our website by Friday, December 20 ([go.illinois.edu/4HKrazyTown](http://go.illinois.edu/4HKrazyTown)). Families are also asked to bring canned goods or personal hygiene items to be donated to local charities.

### >>> 4-H FEDERATION FUN - FOLLOWING JUMPING

Following the Crazy Town event, all 4-H Federation members in Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler counties are invited to join us for lunch and activities! Be on the lookout for a formal invite in the mail!

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

### >>> FIRST SESSION COMPLETED

On Friday, October 18, sixteen high school juniors kicked off the 2024-2025 Youth Leadership Academy with their first session. They engaged in challenge course activities at the WIU Horn Field Campus and explored different personality types and characteristics through Real Colors.

## FAIRBOOK COVER GUIDELINES

### >>> APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES

As you noticed, it is time for the 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest. All submissions are due to your county coordinator by January 31, 2025. Here are the guidelines to meet:

- Drop off entries to your Extension Office or email to your County Coordinator by the deadline
- Design must include the 4-H Clover logo. Email your County Coordinator for the correct file.
- Design must fit neatly on a white, 8½ x 11 sheet of paper, with room for binding on left margin
- Use of copyrighted images is not allowed - for example: a name-brand tractor or cartoon character
- Design must be black and white with the title of the fair/county program included
- Include name, age, and contact number with the design (do not include on the design)
- Design may be done on computer or by hand

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### >>> ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS - FISCAL TRAINING!

Illinois 4-H has released a new Treasurer's book for the 2024-2025 year! We know managing club finances can be tricky, so we'd like to help! 4-H club leaders and treasurers are encouraged to attend our Zoom training on Wednesday, November 13 from 6 to 7 pm. We will walk you through the new treasurer's book and other guidelines step-by-step! Register for the Zoom meeting by November 12 at [go.illinois.edu/fiscaltraining](http://go.illinois.edu/fiscaltraining).

### >>> SUPER SATURDAY - SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22, from 9 am – noon, as 4-H members can explore up to three project areas and get a jump start on fair projects! As we begin planning workshop topics for Super Saturday, we need your help to make sure we are choosing relevant projects and interesting topics. Please take a minute and visit the link to give us ideas for projects you would like to see offered at Super Saturday on March 22! [go.illinois.edu/supersaturdaysurvey](http://go.illinois.edu/supersaturdaysurvey)

## »»» CULTURAL CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!!! Join us for a CULTURAL CARNIVAL on Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 2-4 pm at the Adams County Extension Office. This 4-H International Exploration event invites 4-H members and their families to explore global cultures.

We need 4-H members, families, clubs, or community volunteers to set up booths representing different countries. Booths can include:

- Hands-on activities and interactive displays
- Authentic food samples or recipes
- Examples of clothing or money
- Maps of the country

This is a great opportunity for clubs to complete a group Passport to the World project!

To reserve a booth, complete the interest form or contact Kristin Huls at [khuls@illinois.edu](mailto:khuls@illinois.edu). Only one booth per country, so plan ahead! Interest form link: [go.illinois.edu/internationaleventform](https://go.illinois.edu/internationaleventform)

## »»» YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Are you a teen aged 16-19 who thrives in a leadership role? Do you want to make a real impact on your fellow 4-H members? The Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team is searching for passionate and dedicated teens to join our team! This program offers an incredible opportunity to develop your leadership skills while giving back to the 4-H community. Apply online: [go.illinois.edu/4hyt](https://go.illinois.edu/4hyt)

## »»» PASSPORT TO ARTISTIC ADVENTURE

Looking for fun activities for the family this winter? Join Illinois 4-H in these creative and cultural art events! Learn more here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HArtEvents>

## »»» STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

November 9 | 9 AM-12:30 PM | U of I Stock Pavilion | \$5 | Register by November 4 via ZSuite

The State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team, along with the Department of Animal Sciences, is hosting a 4-H Livestock Skillathon contest. A short workshop will follow after the contest.

This skillathon event will help prepare members with the knowledge they will need for the Superior Young Producers Skillathon, which is held annually at the Illinois State Fair.

This contest will include three age divisions, Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), and Senior (15-18). Come and test your knowledge while learning from experts in the areas of livestock quiz, hay judging, wool judging, and the identification of breeds, feeds, meat cuts, equipment, and more. Banners will be awarded to top 5 individuals in each division!

## »»» STATE 4-H RIFLE SHOOT

Join us on January 18, 2025 for the 2024 Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooting in Bloomington, IL! Register online via ZSuite! The state shoot is open to youth who are 4-H members during both the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 4-H year AND are members of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Club in their county and competing in the discipline for which they have received instruction. Entry Fee: \$40 total. \$20 due to Illinois 4-H at time of registration. \$20 will be due at the event, payable to Central Illinois Precision Shooters, to cover targets and range fees. Participants must bring their own ammunition. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Note: No lunch will be provided. Bring your own lunch or purchase it on site!

## »»» JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE

Save the date for the state Junior Livestock Conference - January 24-26, 2025.

## CELEBRATING PAST EVENTS

### >>> SHOOTING SPORTS RESULTS

The shotgun competition was held on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Brittany Shooting Park near Bunker Hill, Illinois and included shooting 100 rounds of trap. Henry Reid of Adams County finished 4th place overall. Adams County 4-H took the bragging rights of having four shotgun scores from their county totaling the highest of any county team. The Adams County members included Natalie Blackorby, Reid Henry, Kaden Knight, Asher Mock, Riggins Mock, and Parker Schaffnit. Jake Glasgow represented Brown County 4-H, and Byron DiPrima and Jared DiPrima represented Hancock County 4-H



### >>> FARM AND HOME CELEBRATES NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!



Adams County 4-H members kicked off National 4-H Week by engaging with the community at Quincy's Farm and Home Supply. Members from Burton Flyers and Ellington Hilltoppers 4-H Clubs gave away free popcorn and provided valuable information for families interested in learning more about 4-H. Ursa Willing Workers painted the front windows for more community awareness!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### >>> SILENT AUCTION

Don't miss the Adams County 4-H Foundation's silent auction at this

year's Achievement Day! Everyone is welcome to join in, bid on unique items donated by local 4-H clubs, and make a direct impact on the lives of our local 4-H members.

### >>> NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Join us for New Member Night at the Adams County Extension Office on December 6th from 6-7:30 p.m.! Enjoy pizza while learning what to expect in Adams County 4-H. Local 4-H members and leaders will share their experiences and projects. Families are welcome—kids will participate in a fun activity with older 4-H members, while parents can ask questions and get all the information they need. Register here: [go.illinois.edu/AdamsPizzaParty](http://go.illinois.edu/AdamsPizzaParty)

### >>> YQCA - IN-PERSON TRAINING

**Date:** January 20, 10 AM | **Location:** Adams County Extension Office

All members who plan to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, sheep, or goats at the fair, must complete the YQCA training before June 30, 2025. Training can be completed online or at this in-person event. Registration information will be available soon!

### >>> 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

We need your talent! Show off your artistic skills by creating the cover for the 2025 Adams County 4-H Fair Book! Submit your drawings or pictures to [snthomps@illinois.edu](mailto:snthomps@illinois.edu), or drop them off at the Extension Office by January 31, 2025. For a complete list of guidelines, check out page 3.

## 4-H WEEK CELEBRATIONS!

### >>> NATIONAL 4-H WEEK COLORING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who won our National 4-H Week coloring contest in Brown and Schuyler counties!

- **Brown County Elementary**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Marley	Henley	Jocelyn	Kaden	Presley
<b>2nd Place</b>	Nevaeh	Belle	Atlas	Charleigh	Parker
<b>3rd Place</b>	Steve	Amelia	Brooks	Lane	Alexandria

- **St. Mary's Elementary**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Emelia	Jersey	Alaina	Bobby	Tinley
<b>2nd Place</b>	Baylor	Rhett	Carter	Georgie	Mae
<b>3rd Place</b>	Ren	Grey	Carter	Alexis	Aubrey

- **Schuyler County Elementaries (Washington and Webster)**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Reagan	Elaina	Emmit	Amelia	Olivia
<b>2nd Place</b>	Westlyn	Julieta	Makiniee Jo	Terra	Harper
<b>3rd Place</b>	Josephine	Graceson	Lilia	Emma	Kenna

### >>> CELEBRATING 4-H WEEK!

The Crystal Clovers, a Schuyler County 4-H Club, celebrated 4-H Week in a fun way! They decorated a window at the Rushville Dance Studio and crafted plastic pumpkins, which they personally delivered to the Rushville Nursing Home. Their efforts were outstanding!

## FROSTING THE FUTURE

### >>> CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP

On Friday, October 25, nine 4-H members took advantage of a day out of school to learn a new skill – cake decorating! Participants learned basic cake decorating tips and then practiced on cookies, which they were able to take home after the workshop. Volunteer, Deann Waddell, instructed the hands-on class, which was held at the American Legion, in Mt. Sterling. In addition to decorating cookies, participants also created an icing charcuterie board to take home, complete with sweet treats.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## >>> YQCA - IN-PERSON TRAINING

Date: December 4, 7 PM | Location: JWCC in Mt. Sterling

All members who plan to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, sheep, or goats at the fair, must complete the YQCA training before May 31, 2025. Training can be completed online or at this in-person event. Registration information will be available soon!

## >>> 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

We need your talent! Show off your artistic skills by creating the cover for the 2025 Brown-Schuylers 4-H Fair Book! Submit your drawings or pictures to jshelts@illinois.edu, or drop them off at the Schuyler County Extension Office by January 31, 2025. For a complete list of guidelines, check out page 3.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## >>> NATIONAL 4-H WEEK COLORING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who won our National 4-H Week coloring contest in Pike County!

- **Pittsfield**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Ret	Stella	Khloe	Charleston	Bella
<b>2nd Place</b>	Alayna	Phinley	Evelynn	Mia	Brylee
<b>3rd Place</b>	Mason	Jack	Samita	Libby	Aaron

- **Pleasant Hill**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Henry	Abel Dean	Adelynne	Michaela
<b>2nd Place</b>	London	Brock	Rykky	Maylin
<b>3rd Place</b>	Gabby	Alan	Nora	Maximas

- **Griggsville**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Bexlee	Connor	Gillie	Adeline	Caroline
<b>2nd Place</b>	Briggs	Haivy	Luke	Hattee	Kameron
<b>3rd Place</b>	Dayonna	Gannon	Charlee	Keagen	Marlee

- **Western**

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
<b>1st Place</b>	Carly	Rosalie	Hadley	Bria	Makenna
<b>2nd Place</b>	Autumn	Blair	Charley	Layton	McKenah
<b>3rd Place</b>	William	Allyn	Lilleigh	Scarlett	Prescott

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### >>> YQCA - IN-PERSON TRAINING

**Date:** December 11, 7 PM | **Location:** Pike County Farm Bureau

All members who plan to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, sheep, or goats at the fair, must complete the YQCA training before May 31, 2025. Training can be completed online or at this in-person event. Registration information will be available soon!

### >>> 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

We need your talent! Show off your artistic skills by creating the cover for the 2025 Pike County 4-H Fair Book! Submit your drawings or pictures to [jshelts@illinois.edu](mailto:jshelts@illinois.edu), or drop them off at the Extension Office by January 31, 2025. For a complete list of guidelines, check out page 3.

### >>> HANDMADE HOLIDAY MAGIC WORKSHOP



Scan or visit

[go.illinois.edu/HandmadeHoliday](http://go.illinois.edu/HandmadeHoliday)

**When:** Wednesday, November 27 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Where:** Pike County Farm Bureau Auditorium.

**Cost:** \$15 per participant. **What:** Get into the holiday spirit as we craft handmade ornaments and treats!

Youth in 3rd and 4th grades are invited to attend this 4-H Holiday Make and Take Workshop. Each participant will leave with gifts and goodies ready to spread joy this holiday season. 4-H membership is NOT required to attend. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/HandmadeHoliday](http://go.illinois.edu/HandmadeHoliday) by November 20. For more information, contact Kristin Huls

[khuls@illinois.edu](mailto:khuls@illinois.edu).

### >>> 4-H FEDERATION

December 1, 4:30 PM: The Pike County 4-H Federation will meet at the Pike County Extension Office. Members will then travel to Farm and Home and Walmart to purchase donations for the Humane Society and gifts for the community's angel trees. After shopping, members are invited to enjoy dinner together.

## HERE TO HELP

### >>> PIKE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

The 4-H Foundation in Pike County is here to help you! They offer assistance for project supplies, conference registrations, and much more! The Foundation also offers scholarships to high school seniors who are 4-H members. To learn more and access these applications, visit [extension.illinois.edu/abhps/pike-county-4-h-foundation](http://extension.illinois.edu/abhps/pike-county-4-h-foundation).



## CONGRATULATIONS

### >>> NATIONAL 4-H WEEK COLORING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who won our National 4-H week coloring contest!

- Kindergarten Winner: Sierra Kimiri
- 1st Grade Winner: Annalee Harrison
- 2nd Grade Winner: Waylon Trout
- 3rd Grade Winner: Harper Grosinic
- 4th Grade Winner: Kate Smith
- Overall Winner: Waylon Trout

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### >>> 4-H FEDERATION

Attention 8th-12th Graders! Interested in joining 4-H Federation or want to learn more about it? Join us for an interest meeting on November 6 at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for more details!

### >>> ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS!

Join us on Wednesday, November 27 from 10 am-2 pm at the Extension office to learn about club officer roles & responsibilities, network with other club officers, gain new ideas to energize your club meetings, and learn about other 4-H opportunities in Hancock County and beyond! A registration link will be sent directly to officers via email!

### >>> SAVE THE DATE: YQCA IN-PERSON TRAINING

**Date:** April 18, 2025 at 9 AM or 1 PM | **Location:** Hancock County Extension Center  
All members who plan to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, sheep, or goats at the fair, must complete the YQCA training before May 31, 2025. Training can be completed online or at this in-person event. Registration information will be available soon!

### >>> FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

We are now accepting submissions for the 2025 fair book cover. Submissions must be made by January 31, 2025. Please send drawings or pictures to [mdavis13@illinois.edu](mailto:mdavis13@illinois.edu) or drop them off/mail them to the office at 550 N Madison St., Carthage, IL 62321. For a complete list of guidelines, check out page 3.



## HERE TO HELP

### >>> HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

The 4-H Foundation in Hancock County is here to help you! They offer assistance for project supplies, conference registrations, and much more! To apply for funding or a scholarship, visit [extension.illinois.edu/abhps/hancock-county-4-h-foundation](http://extension.illinois.edu/abhps/hancock-county-4-h-foundation). \*Scholarship applications are due March 31, 2025.

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We hope you enjoyed this copy of the printed newsletter! Please remember to check your emails, our website, and Facebook page, for all your latest 4-H news!



# JUMP..JUMP...JUMP AROUND!

## >>> 4-H TAKES OVER CRAZY TOWN TRAMPOLINE PARK

Hey there!

Yes, YOU! Grab your family and get ready for an epic pre-back-to-school bash! We've booked the entire Crazy Town Trampoline Park in Quincy just for you on Friday, January 3rd, from 9-11 AM.

Jump into the fun for just \$10 per person (this includes socks). Don't forget to pre-register by Friday, December 20th at [go.illinois.edu/4HKrazyTown](https://go.illinois.edu/4HKrazyTown).

And here's the best part: bring along some canned goods or personal hygiene items to support our local charities. Let's bounce into the new year with joy and generosity!

See you there!

