



2024-2025 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

****Some dates/times subject to change****

SEPTEMBER 2024

2 Extension Office Closed for Labor Day
20 Treasurer Books Due by 4 p.m. to the Ext. office
21 Leader/Volunteer Conference, Dekalb 10-3 p.m.
23-25 All- Team Training, Champaign, Brenda Out of Office
30 Leader's Meeting, HCC – 6 pm

OCTOBER 2024

1 Keeper's of the Land, Oakdale Forest Preserve. Program held for 3rd graders
2 Rain Date for Keeper's of the Land
2 Leadership & Awards Committee, Judging 5pm- till done
6-12 National 4-H Week Celebration-
15 Ambassador Application Deadline
26 4-H Ambassadors at trick or treat trail in Krape Park from 2:30 -5p.m.

NOVEMBER 2024

2 4-H Award & Volunteer Recognition Event, HCC, Bldg H. – Freeport, 2:00 pm
2-3 Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur, IL
9 Livestock Skillathon, Urbana
9 Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office
23 Youth Leadership Conference, Freeport Library 10-2 p.m.
28-29 Extension Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving
29-Dec.3 National 4-H Congress, Washington, D.C.

DECEMBER 2024

1 **4-H Enrollment DEADLINE, all projects need to be chosen by this date**
14 Ambassador Christmas Party, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC
23– Jan. 1 Office closed for holidays

JANUARY 2025

1 **Beef Performance Cows, Dairy Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)**
2-3 Camp Counselor Overnight, Oregon, IL (Brenda out of office)
5, 12, 19, 26 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, Farm Bureau- 1:30-3:30 pm
11 Ambassador Meeting, 9- 10 am, 4-H Office
11 Officer Training – 10-Noon, 4-H Office
19 4-H Ski Day, Chestnut Mountain, 1- Close
20 Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
24-26 Jr. Livestock Conference,
25 4-H Youth Meat Judging- West Peoria, Raber Packing Co.
26 Bad Weather Date for Ski Day
30 Leader's Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC



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FEBRUARY 2025

- 1 **Beef Steers – Ownership (no paperwork to Ext. office)**
- 2 4-H State Horse Judging Contest, BHE-east, Galva- 1 PM
- 8 4-H Youth Meat Judging- Seward, Eickman’s Processing
- 8 Ambassador Meeting, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC- Ext Office
- 8 **Beef Weigh-In at Lena Vet Clinic, 8-11, pre-registration needed**
- 14 Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline
- 15 CGC Dog Show Prep, 12:30 pm, at Winslow Community Building
- 15 4-H Youth Meat Judging – St. Libory, Wenneman Meat Co.
- 15 **Bad Weather Date for Beef Weigh-In**
- 26 CGC Dog Show Prep, 6 pm, at Winslow Community Building
- 28 State 4-H Meat Judging Contest, Meat Science Lab-Champaign

MARCH 2025

- 1 Super Saturday, 8-Noon, Farm Bureau Building
- 12 4-H Public Speaking Contest, HCC – 6 p.m.
- 13 Snow Date for Public Speaking Contest
- 15 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Bloomington, IL
- 20 Dog Club Kick-Off Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office,

APRIL 2025

- 12 Ambassador Meeting, 9- 10:30 a.m., Ext Office
- 12 4-H Horse Kick-Off Meeting, 10:30 am., Ext. Office
- 16,23,30 4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm, 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
- 26 State Public Speaking Contest
- 26 National 4-H day of Service
- 30 Spring Leader’s Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC

MAY 2025

- 1 **Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office**
- 3 State 4-H Robotics Competition
- 7,1,4,21,28 4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm. 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
- 10 Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office
- 15 **Ownership for Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewes and ALL Meat**
- 15 **Goats**
- 15 **State Fair Lamb, Goat, & Pork Premiere & Carcass Forms Deadline**
- 26 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day
- 30-31 Camp Counselor Overnight, Polo, IL (Brenda out of Office)

JUNE 2025

- 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**



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Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

- 1** State Horse Fair Papers Due at State Fair Office
- 4** 4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm, 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
- 8-12** 4-H Camp, Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
- 18** 4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm, 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
- 19** Juneteeth, Extension Office Closed
- 22-27** Summer Illini Academies, Champaign
- 27** Final Practice for Dog Club, 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- 28** 4-H Dog & Cat Shows at the Fairgrounds, 9 AM
- 25** **Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline**

JULY 2025

- 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.
- 15** Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
- 16** General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
- 18** Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD
- 19** 4-H Horse & Pony Show at Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 8 AM
- 21** 4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture, 4-H Building at Fairgrounds 9 AM
4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds 4-H Building
- 22** Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
- 22** 4-H FUN NIGHT At the FAIR, 6 pm in the fair building
- 22-26** Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
- 26** Master Showmanship Contest – 1:00 p.m. Swine Show Ring
- 27** Project pick up at fairgrounds.Help tear down the fair building and put things away

AUGUST 2025

- 9** **State Fair Day for Stephenson County**