



Shelby County

4-H

February

News



Officer Training

Moweaqua Rustlers
Jan Meeting



Clover Kids Jan
Meeting



Federation Christmas Party

Calendar of events

February

- 5Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 8Steer Weigh-in, 8 a.m. United Producers Sale Barn
- 15Unit Leader Training, 8:30 a.m. Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Center
- 17YQCA training, 6:30, 4-H Center
- 22Cloverbud Canvas Workshop, 9:30 a.m. 4-H Center

March

- 3Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair!
- 5Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 154-H Fire-Up, 9 a.m., 4-H Center
- 15Skating Party, 6 p.m. Silver Stars Skating Rink
- 16Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 17Window Displays must be in place by 9 a.m.
- 17International Night, 6 p.m., Nazarene Church Gym
- 184-H Member Showcase on Facebook
- 19Designated Community Service Day
- 20Wear your 4-H T-shirt to School Day
- 21Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. Nazarene Church Gym
- 22Spring Craft Day, 4-H member 9-10:30 a.m. 4-H Center, Cloverbuds 10:45-12:15
- 24YQCA training, 6:30, 4-H Center
- 31Spring Clean-up, 6 p.m. Fairgrounds

April

- 2Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
 - 7Archery begins 6:30-8 p.m., 4-H Center (continues for 7 weeks)
 - 5Spring Clean-up at fairgrounds, 9 a.m. (rain date)
 - 12Cloverbud Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
 - 24YQCA training, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- NOTE - Tailwaggers will begin in April and meet each Tuesday from April 1 - July 15 from 6:30-7p.m.

Save the dates!

- May 1 - Deadline to add/drop projects in ZSuites
- July 12 - Fair Clean-up 8 a.m.
- July 19 - 4-H Foods & 4-H Photography judging
- July 21-23 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair
- August 8 - Shelby County 4-H day at the State Fair

4-H ZSuites Enrollment open until March 3

Have you enrolled in ZSuites? If you said no, the clock is ticking! March 3 is the deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair.

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 cannot 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. Contact Yolanda with any questions at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

IL State 4-H Club Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the Moweaqua Rustlers 4-H Club, Silver Spurs 4-H Club and Shelby County 4-H Federation for being awarded an IL State 4-H Club Award in the area of Community Service. Clubs had to score 90 points on their club award application in order to qualify to receive a \$75 cash prize from Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Shelby County 4-H is proud of your clubs and all their hard work!

4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Saturday, February 8

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville.

If needed, the snow date is February 15. If the weather is questionable, watch for an email. Information will also be shared on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. ALL market steers going to the 2025 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

4-H'ers must be enrolled in ZSuites and have paid their program fee in order to weigh steers or market heifers. Contact Yolanda if you will be attending by Tuesday, February 4 so appropriate paperwork can be prepared.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep are required to take the YQCA training. This training is required to be taken each year. In-person training is \$3 and the On-line training is \$12.

Shelby County 4-H is offering 4 in-person training sessions. The training is set up to be completed in approximately one hour. All training sessions will be held at the 4-H Center in Shelbyville. Don't wait to get signed up, class size is limited!

Families will need to register at the YQCA website, sign up for which training they would like to attend and pay the registration fee. **Youth will need to complete the Pre-Test before attending the training.** Youth will need to complete the Post-Test before printing the certificate.

DO NOT SEND YOLANDA AN EMAIL TO SIGN YOUR 4-H MEMBER UP FOR THE TRAINING!

- Monday, February 17 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 24 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24 6:30-7:30 p.m..
- Saturday, May 10 9-10:00 a.m.

The deadline to complete the training to be able to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair is Monday, June 2! No exceptions to this rule.

If completing the training online, email Yolanda a copy of the certificate.

If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda for help.

Link: yqcaprogram.org

Yolanda has 5 free online coupons courtesy of IL Pork Producers. The first five families to reach out will be gifted the free coupons.

Online ethics certification required for cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry

Deadline - Monday, June 2

First time animal exhibitors enrolled in cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry need to complete QAEC. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is a one time training for youth exhibiting projects in the following: cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. Members who don't complete the certification by June 2 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show.

The QAEC training can be accessed in the Clover Academy section of the ZSuites Enrollment System. ZSuite can be accessed at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>.

Families can access directions for completing the course at <https://go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC>.

4-H is for all youth who like action, learning and FUN!

Shelby County 4-H — February 2025

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy/banner sponsors

Has your 4-H member received a trophy or banner at a previous fair? The smile and excitement is something that is always remembered. We hope that you will share with your family/business/friends, etc. as we look for sponsorships either through a general donation or as a Trophy/Banner sponsors. We are adding 10+ trophies in the Visual Arts project area and would love to have new sponsors for these awards!

To sponsor a trophy/plaque/award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. Please include which project area you would like to sponsor, for example: beef, clothing, woodworking, etc. One may give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a sponsorship, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Shelby County 4-H programs.

Please consider supporting the youth in Shelby County 4-H.

General Program Donation \$25 _____ \$50 _____ **Other** _____

Trophy/Banner Award We wish to sponsor a trophy/banner and have enclosed \$25. We would like to sponsor a trophy/banner/award in the area of: (Sponsorships will be given on a first come/first serve basis).

Name of sponsor: _____

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by February 21 for recognition in the fair book.**
Payment should be sent to: Shelby County Extension, 1125 W N 2nd Street, Shelbyville, IL 62565

Contact Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu if you would like to receive a form to complete and mail with your sponsorship.

We hope you will consider supporting the 400+ Shelby County 4-H members!

Cloverbud Canvas Workshop

Saturday, February 22

Kaitlin Jacobs will be sharing her artistic talent with Shelby County Cloverbuds on Saturday, February 22. Kaitlin will lead Cloverbuds through the painting process as they draw, and paint a pig and add their own creative flair.

The workshop is being planned from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Cost is \$20. **RSVP's and payment is due to Yolanda by Wednesday, February 19.**

Join us for a fun morning of learning! Kaitlin has led past workshops and she brings lots of energy and excitement to her workshops!



Club Challenges for 2024-2025

The Winter Club Challenge is here! Clubs need to meet two of the three challenges listed below. Club leaders need to submit their Winter Challenge report by April 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

Shelby County 4-H Archery

Monday, April 7

The Spring Archery session will kick off on Monday, April 7 and run for seven weeks, ending on Monday, May 19. Classes will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center. At the beginning session, instructors will create times for future sessions.

There will be a \$20 archery fee for members who participated in the Archery program in the fall. There will be a \$10 admin fee and \$20 archery fee for new members participating for the first time. Youth not currently enrolled in Shelby County 4-H will need to enroll in ZSuites and pay the \$10 program fee before participating.

Youth will not be allowed to shoot if they are not enrolled and have not paid their fees. There are a select number of bows available and members may bring their own bow but will be subject to a safety check by instructors.

Fee waivers are available through the Shelby County Junior Rifle Club Association if there is a hardship paying fees. Kelly Barringer, Shelby Shooters SPIN Club leader, should be contacted with any questions by calling 217-369-6860.

Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

Friday, February 28

Shelby County 4-H would like to ask clubs to consider applying for one of fifty \$500 grants which are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvements within in their communities.

Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/update landscaping, purchasing a tree, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc.

For more information: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/Community>

The deadline to submit a Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant is February 28, 2025.

Project Manuals

4-H families must send Yolanda an email or call the Shelby County Extension Office to order project manuals. The next Project Manual Order will be February 7. 4-H members may only order project manuals for projects they are currently enrolled in ZSuites. Please update ZSuites for any additional projects you would like to add by May 1.

2025 “Moments That Matter” 4-H Virtual Photography Contest

Illinois 4-H is excited to offer a virtual photo contest to youth 8 – 19 years of age as of 9/1/24.

Select one or two photo(s), with no or minimal editing, that is meaningful to you and submit it with up to two sentences explaining why. More information and rules for the challenge can be found at go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter.

Submit one (1) or two (2) jpg or jpeg images and statements at the link provided at the start of the entry period on January 6th and accepted until 11:59 p.m. (CST) on February 3, 2025.

A panel of judges will provide feedback, and photos will be displayed via digital slideshow on Illinois 4-H social media channels. Top photos and specialty categories will be recognized with a prize.

Register at: go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter

Questions? Email pilcher3@illinois.edu or des85@illinois.edu

Shelby County 4-H — February 2025

4-H Fire-Up

Saturday, March 15, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.

This workshop is open to 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. 4-H members will receive hands-on learning opportunities. This is a great meeting for families to ask questions about 4-H, fair entries, project requirements, etc.

There is no cost to attend this workshop. This workshop is for 4-H members ages 8 and up. Cloverbud members will have their 4-H Fire-Up on April 12.

RSVP to Yolanda (nation2@illinois.edu or 217-774-9546) by Friday, March 7.

4-H Skating Party

Saturday, March 15

The 4-H Skating party is being planned for Saturday, March 15 from 6 - 9:00 p.m. The rink rental is being paid by Shelby County 4-H Federation. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates. Families may bring in their own food and drink as there is no longer a concession stand. Bring your friends and family and lets pack the rink!

Window Display Judging

Monday, March 17

Shelby County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to create and put up a Window Display as part of Shelby County 4-H Week. Displays should focus on the 4-H Week theme “Shelby County 4-H . . . A World of Opportunity”. Items that should be included in the display are club name, leader and members names. Additional information such as club meeting dates and times and how to join 4-H would be beneficial. Federation is sponsoring prize money. Please contact Yolanda with your display location so it can be included in the judging.

International Night

Monday, March 17 6 p.m.

International Night will be held at the Nazarene Church Gym in Shelbyville. Shelby County 4-H Clubs need to prepare 2-3 food dishes to give as samples to approximately 250 people. Clubs may decorate their table, create poster displays, wear clothes from their country, etc.

Clubs should be ready to serve at 6 p.m. Shelby County 4-H will provide plates, silverware and drinks. Clubs will need to bring their own table covers, extension cords, etc.

Bring your dollars and coins and vote for your favorite country! The winning club will split the collection with Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Public Speaking

Sunday, March 16

Youth planning to participate in the county Public Speaking Contest need to be enrolled in the Public Speaking Project in ZSuites by March 3.

Rules and guidelines will be sent to 4-H'ers enrolled in Public Speaking by February 1.

The contest will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Thank your 4-H Leader

Sunday, March 17

4-H Leaders and supporters are the heart of the 4-H program. Send a thank you card, text or give your leader a call and let them know you appreciate all they do for you in the 4-H program. (Not a county activity but counted on year-end records.)

4-H Member Showcase

Tuesday, March 18

Let's showcase our 4-H members! 4-H'ers need to send Yolanda a photo of the 4-H member with their favorite 4-H project along with a few sentences about their project, a favorite 4-H event, etc.

Information needs to be sent to Yolanda by March 10. It will be shared on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page on March 18.

Community Service Day

Wednesday, March 19

Clubs that participate in a Community Service Project and submit pictures and a short write-up to Yolanda in March, will receive a cash prize from Shelby County 4-H Federation.

If the project is completed before March 18, send pictures ASAP so they can be displayed on Facebook.

Wear your 4-H t-shirt to School

Thursday, March 20

Thursday, March 20 is Wear your 4-H T-shirt to School and promote 4-H. In March, a link will be sent to families so they can upload their photo.

Upload (do not email, text or send through Facebook) a photo of your 4-H'er wearing their 4-H shirt to school on Thursday, March 20 day and 4-H'ers will receive a free candy bar from 4-H Federation.

Recruiting a new 4-H member

There is still time to recruit a friend to join Shelby County 4-H. The enrollment deadline in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair is March 3.

If you have already recruited a member, complete your recruitment form and submit to Yolanda by January 31.

4-H'ers will be contacted when their prize is ready to be picked up.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 21

Shelby County 4-H is holding Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Gym in Shelbyville. Fun, games and prizes will be awaiting our Cloverbuds and 4-H members, so we hope you can attend.

4-H Clubs are asked to provide 1-2 carnival style games. This is a great way to get older 4-H members involved and meet their county activity requirement. Be creative! At each game, kids will earn tokens and Federation will offer prizes.

Clubs need to notify Yolanda with the type of game(s) they are planning so that we have a variety of games. We will also have a bounce house, sand art and Paddi's Air Filled Fun. Federation will provide refreshments.

RSVP's by March 17 would be greatly appreciated if your family plans to attend with the number of kids playing games so that we have plenty of prizes for everyone.

Spring Craft Day

Saturday, March 22

Spring Craft Day will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the 4-H Center.

There will be 2 craft sessions.

- Session 1 - 9 -10:30 a.m. 4-H members ages 8 and up. (limited space available)
- Session 2 - 10:45-12:15 p.m. Cloverbud members ages 5-7.

Cost is \$8 for 4-H members and \$10 for non 4-H members. Space is limited! RSVP and payment is due to the Extension office by Friday, March 10. RSVP to Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546. Help is needed! Older 4-H members who help can count this as their county activity requirement.

Cloverbud Fire-Up

Saturday, April 12

The Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Members will need to be accompanied by an adult. Members will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of hands on 4-H projects. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Cloverbuds must RSVP by April 5.

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Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello

Have you registered for 4-H Camp? If not, enrollment is open and spots go fast! Early Registration for 4-H Members runs from January 13-26. General Registration opens February 3rd. Additional information is available on the camp website. Camp dates - June 3-7, June 8-12, June 15-19, June 29-July 3

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs/4-h-memorial-summer-camp>

Kaufman Family Camp Scholarship

NO ONE HAS APPLIED! The Kaufman Family Camp Scholarship deadline has been extended to January 31. Please consider submitting a Kaufman Family Camp Scholarship! They are excited to help three Shelby County 4-H members with their camp fee through a \$100 scholarship. 4-H'ers need to complete the scholarship form and return to Yolanda by January 31. The form can be found at the following: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/kaufman_family_-_fillable.pdf

This form is a fillable PDF, so you should be able to type in the form, save, and email to Yolanda.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.

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