



2024-2025 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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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 3 rd 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 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 – CANCELED
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
2, 9, 16, 23	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, Farm Bureau – 1:30 – 3:30 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
17	YQCA Training, Lena
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
2, 9	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, Farm Bureau – 1:30 – 3:30 pm
12	4-H Public Speaking Contest, HCC – 6 p.m.
13	Snow Date for Public Speaking Contest
14-16	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Bloomington, IL
15	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology, Sauk Valley Com. Coll.
20	Dog Club Kick-Off Meeting, 6 p.m. at the Extension Office
29	YQCA Training, Pearl City, 9:30 a.m.

APRIL 2025

12	Ambassador Meeting, 9- 10:30 a.m., Ext Office
15	NEW 4-H’ER ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
16,23,30	4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm, 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
18	YQCA Training, 10 a.m., Ext. Office
26	State Public Speaking Contest, Parkland College, Champaign, IL
26	National 4-H Day of Service
26	Horse Project Kick-Off Meeting, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
26	Poultry Meeting, 11 a.m. – noon, Poultry Barn at the Fairgrounds
26	4-H National Day of Service, Tree Planting, Butterfly Farm, Orangeville, IL
29	Spring Leader’s Meeting, 6 p.m. at the Extension Office



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MAY 2025

1	ADD/DROP DEADLINE FOR PROJECTS IN ZSUITES
1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
3	State 4-H Robotics Competition
7,14,21,28	4-H Dog Club, 6-7:30 pm. 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
10	Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office
12	FairEntry opens for registration of classes in 4-H Shows
15	Ownership for Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewes and ALL Meat Goats
15	State Fair Lamb, Goat, & Pork Premiere & Carcass Forms Deadline
26	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

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 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
8	Multi-County 4-H Horse Show, at the Fairgrounds
9	FairEntry closes for registration of classes in 4-H Shows
16	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, U of I Stock Pavilion
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
24	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, U of I Stock Pavilion
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
29	4-H Horse Clinic 10 a.m. to noon, at the Fairgrounds



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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
22-26	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield, IL
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

6	State Superior Young Producer Contest, Junior Livestock Bldg. South Ring
8	Poultry State Show, barn #26, State Fairgrounds
8-10	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
9	State Fair Day for Stephenson County
9	State Rabbit Show, Barn #26, State Fairgrounds
16	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Open Livestock Center