



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We are watching the weather for the Shooting Sports and Dog orientations on Saturday. Please check your email for cancellations in the morning if the weather turns severe. *(Be sure you have registered for the orientations to be on the email list – links further in newsletter).* If you signed up for text alerts in 4HOnline, you will receive a TEXT message of the cancellation. We will also post it on Facebook.

To receive Emergency TEXT alerts:

- Type in your "Cell Phone" number where indicated
- Check the box "You wish to receive notices via text message:"
- Select Cell phone carrier service.

**NOTE – you may need to click the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page in order for the information to save*

REMINDER: the McHenry Co. 4-H Youth Foundation ANNUAL Meeting is **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7 pm** in the auditorium at the Extension office. VOLUNTEERS are needed to fill Director Positions. Please consider joining! *The 4-H Foundation is similar to a school PTA or PTO. More info below.*

Upcoming events:

If you are attending a meeting/activity/event, please check your email for cancellations in the event of severe winter weather.

- Jan 11 – Shooting Sports orientation 10:30am
- Jan 11 – 4-H Information Session – noon – 4-H clubs are welcome to recruit new members between orientations
- Jan 11 – Just Wing It, Pollinator Club info booth noon
- Jan 11 – Dog class Orientation 1pm
- Jan 13 – Tech Team
- **Jan 15 – MC4-HY Foundation Annual meeting**
- Jan 18, 25 – Knitting Club
- Jan 23 – Woodworking resumes
- Jan 23 – Leader Meeting
- Jan 26 – Just Wing It, Pollinator Club – NEW Year!
- Jan 27 – Federation
- Jan 28 – Horse Project Orientation
- Feb 1 – Beef Weigh-in (*snow date Feb 15*)
- Feb 19 – YQCA Instructor Led Training ages 8-18
- Feb 22 – Paws & Hooves 4-H Club Annual Tack Sale
- Feb 29 – Project Day (*tentative date*) including a YQCA training for ages 8-11
- March 6 – International Night
- March 10 – County Hippology and Model Horse Show
- March 28 – Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology
- April 18 – MC4-HY Foundation Annual String Tie

See the **Illinois 4-H** website for more information:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>

****See Illinois 4-H Newsletter– JANUARY News Shorts for more state news and STATE calendar**

McHenry Co. 4-H Youth Foundation ANNUAL Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7 pm in the auditorium at the Extension office.

- **VOLUNTEERS** needed to fill Director positions
- Quarterly meeting to immediately follow
- ALL 4-H supporters are welcome to attend meetings
- Please contact a 4-H Foundation director for more information about open director seats at mc4hfoundationsecretary@gmail.com

WHAT IS THIS FOUNDATION?

- The McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation mission is to bolster our County's 4-H program helping to ensure growth and success for our 4-H youth. The Foundation is comprised of nine (9) volunteer board directors and two (2) youth directors with a sincere passion in supporting this effort.
- With lots of energy and assistance from many volunteers and contributors across McHenry County, the Foundation's two primary fundraising events include the String Tie Affair and the Fair Food Stand. The purpose of the
- **McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation** is to "advance the interest of 4-H, McHenry County youth and other related educational activities of the University of Illinois Extension; and to receive, maintain, and hold any property, either real or personal; any fund or funds, without limitation as to value; and to manage and expand the income of the corporation."

Please be sure to check the NEW website for **registrations**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county>

Follow us on **Instagram:**

https://www.instagram.com/mchenry_county_4h/

Like us on **Facebook @4HMcHenryCounty**



4-H Shooting Sports Orientation

Sat, January 11 at 10:30am
in **Building D** at the
McHenry County

Fairgrounds, Country Club Rd, Woodstock

Please join the Shooting Sports instructors and 4-H staff to find out information about this year's 4-H Shooting Sports program. Orientation is open to McHenry and Lake County Youth ages 8-18 (AND PARENTS)

Air Rifle - ages 8-18

Archery - ages 8-18

Shot Gun - ages 12-18

You do not have to belong to a 4-H Community Club to participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. ALL youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2019 are welcome!

Shooting Sports Orientation registration:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21351>



4-H Dog Orientation:

Sat, January 11 at 1 PM at
the McHenry County
Fairgrounds in **Bldg D**, 11900
Country Club RD, Woodstock

Attend the 4-H Dog Orientation for information on:

Dog show requirements

Dog SPIN Club

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Showmanship Classes

Clinics

Ethics requirements

You do not need to be a 4-H community club member to participate in the 4-H Dog program. ALL youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2019 are welcome to join!

Attendance is required to participate in the Dog show unless prior arrangements are made with the Dog program coordinator, Lisa Lillie lapdogs31@gmail.com.

Dog orientation registration:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21352>

4-H Knitting Class

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9-11am

Saturdays: Jan 18 & 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 7

Classes will be held in the **small conference room** at the **Extension Office**, 1102 McConnell Rd, Woodstock.

Members will work on all levels of ability at each class. Youth wanting to participate can give feedback on what projects they want to do and what specifically they would like to learn.

Youth and parents (*encouraged to participate!*) should bring **size 8 needles** (long or short, their preference) and solid color, light colored **yarn**.

Note: we do have yarn available that has been donated to the program.

We ask for a \$5.00 commitment fee per family at the first meeting to cover the cost of some supplies.

NEW to 4-H members welcome! Please enroll as a 4-H member through 4HOnline.com under "Knitting Club". Select Fiber Arts or Heritage Arts as your project.

Register to attend classes: (*this is separate from 4HOnline*)

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21416>

Leader/Volunteer meeting:

January 23 at 7pm at the Extension Office

Bring your questions, ideas or comments to the first leaders meeting of 2020!

Items on the agenda:

- Project book pick-up
- Project changes/additions
- International Night
- 4HOnline status
- 2020 Fair changes
- Livestock
- YQCA & Ethics requirements
- YQCA training description - Feb 19
- Project Day - Feb 29
- Annual String Tie - April 18 at Jameson's, Huntley
- Additional item requested

Please contact the office if you have any questions about the leaders meeting (815)338-3737

or maavang@illinois.edu

Register ATTENDING or NOT attending:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21434>

"Just Wing It" Pollinators Club: Invites YOU!

You are invited to the **January** meeting at the Extension office in the auditorium at **2:00pm on Sunday January 26** for the new Pollinator season.

Both NEW & RETURNING members are welcome.

New to 4-H members should enroll in **4HOnline.com** to become a member of McHenry County 4-H.

Contact Randy Mead if you are interested in becoming a member: rmeadtoys@gmail.com

Register to attend:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21469>



HORSE SENSE: Horse Bowl & Hippology

Monday, Jan 27 at 6:15pm at the Extension office in the small conference room.

HORSE SENSE is the study group that gathers to study for Horse Bowl and Hippology.

- Anyone is welcome to drop in to study or give horse bowl and hippology a try. Study groups will be split between junior (ages 8-13) and senior (14-19).
- Topics covered may include: horse anatomy and physiology, diseases, evolution, behavior, nutrition, breeds, tack and equine activities.
- Teaching may include hands-on, question and answer, multiple choice tests, slide identification, etc.
- Study sessions will help prepare youth for horse bowl and hippology competition.
- Independent study will also be recommended.

NEW to 4-H members are welcome to JOIN!

Contact Lisa Kunzie for more information:

lisa.kunzie13@gmail.com



4-H Horse Project Orientation

Tuesday, January 28 at 7pm in the FB Auditorium, Extension Office, 1102 McConnell Rd, Woodstock

Attend the 4-H Horse Project Orientation for information:

- 4-H Horse Show requirements
- Horse SPIN Club
- Week Night Warm-ups
- Clinics
- Ethics requirements
- Horseless Horse Project
- Horse Science
- Horse Bowl & Hippology

Attendance is important! You do not need to be a 4-H Community Club member to participate in the Horse project. ALL youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2019 are welcome to join!

Beef weigh-in

February 1 at 8-11am

ALL 4-H Beef project member should indicate **who and how many** animals you plan to be weighed. If you are enrolled in BEEF but do not plan to bring any animals to weigh-in, please REGISTER NONE so that we know not to expect you.

Register:

- **WHO**- list all members in your family
- **MAXIMUM** number of animals or **NONE**
- IF you need **STATE FAIR** tags and how many
- Preferred **time** slot

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21502>



4-H International Night:

March 6, 2020, Fairgrounds, Building D

4-H clubs are invited to share with other 4-H groups and the public all they have learned about a country of their selection including Geography, People and Culture. Presentation could include dish to taste, music, entertainment, culture, costumes, and history. Don't miss this international opportunity!

4-H International Night country selections should be submit via the link found on the Extension website or below by **January 31**.

Please ENTER your **top three choices** using the link:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21276>

Country selections will be determined on a first request basis. Clubs will be emailed confirmation within a few days of selection. Please contact Michele Aavang for questions: maavang@illinois.edu or 815-338-3737.

Two (2) YQCA Instructor-Led Training scheduled

Please choose the training that is most appropriate for your family.

1. Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 6:30pm at

the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Building D

This general YQCA training will be held at the fairgrounds for all 4-H age youth 8-18. Pre-registration and payment via the website: <http://yqca.org> is required.

2. Saturday, Feb 29 @ 8:30am at the Extension office in the small conference room.

For Junior level youth ages 8-11, we will be hosting a more age appropriate training at the Extension office on.



About **YQCA** or Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats: All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a **face to face class** (*pre-registration required*) or certify on-line via the website: <http://yqca.org>. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats: The **Quality Assurance and Ethics** training is still required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats & small pets. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who do not complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.
NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a **desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.**

CLUB NEWS:

Send your club news to

- Michele at maavang@illinois.edu or
- Quincy at quincys@illinois.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We Want YOU! Adult or Teen Volunteers needed! Do you have a passion, skill, or talent that you would like to share with young people? As a 4-H volunteer, you can share your skills and experience to help transform a new generation of confident, young leaders. To learn more: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers>

- Start your own club? Or assist as a project leader?
- Have something specific you would like to share?
- Start a SPIN Club. SPecial INterest Clubs can be short-term commitments for as little as six meetings. Days/weeks/months are up to you the leader.
- Older youth leaders are welcome to start their own clubs with a screened adult with the Teen Teacher training.
- Club minimum is five 4-H members.
- Additional SPIN Club leaders needed for the following possible clubs:
 - Aerospace

- Astronomy
- Edible Science
- Fitness Club
- Barred Owl box study - Wildlife
- *Rain to Drain – Slow the Flow*
- Solar Sprint Car challenge
- Family Heritage
- Got a suggestion of your own? Send it in!

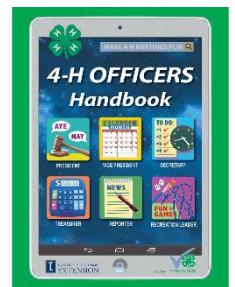
- Email Michele maavang@illinois.edu for details or to submit your idea!
- OR tell your Federation delegate to submit the idea at the next meeting!

Looking for **Club Officer Resources?**

See the **Illinois 4-H website:**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>

- **4-H Officers Handbook** and other resources are available through the Extension office. See attached packet for more helpful resources.
- **Online Video trainings** that may be helpful:
 - Volunteer trainings: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training>
 - Parliamentary procedure: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=AaHckDjTxZE
 - Officer Videos: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>



4HOnlineSM
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

4HOnline: <https://www.4honline.com>

- **TIP: Firefox and Chrome** work best. *Internet Explorer does NOT work!*
- See the **2019 Illinois Pick Your Project Guide** to for details on new projects such as Child Development, Family heritage, Leather –Visual Arts, Sports Nutrition: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>
- Use the **Project Selection Form** to help record your favorite projects when you enroll in **4HOnline**.
- **New to 4-H?** Please follow the instructions to create your 4-H Family and enroll in 4HOnline.
- Add additional projects for the new 4-H year.
- If you would like to order projects books for your project, please make sure to click the arrow in the drop down box below the project selection box – called “select project materials”.



- If you do not complete this step, no book will be ordered for you.
- If you click in this box and nothing appears, then there is no project book available for that particular project or it is *only* available online.
- **Select Payment:** Families may pay by Credit/Debit card or choose to pay by check.
 - *If paying by CREDIT CARD, please review card expiration date and 3-digit code.
 - County staff will only be able to select check if you submit incorrectly.
- All Members and Volunteers must submit the **"Extension Participant Volunteer Agreement to Assume Risk..."**.
- **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** ALL previous members and adult volunteers **MUST RE-ENROLL** to participate in 4-H club meetings, activities and workshops.

the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic. There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>.



Save the Date for *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Spring trainings

February 1 | Mt. Vernon

March 21 | Sterling

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. The first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



Illinois 4-H Newsletter:

Be sure to see the **JANUARY Newsletter Shorts** for important info on happenings in our county and around the state in 4-H.

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

- **Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference**
Effingham, Illinois
Saturday, February 22, 2020
- **Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest**
Urbana, Illinois
Monday, June 15, 2020
- **4-H Illini Summer Academies**
Champaign, Illinois
Sunday, June 21, 2020
- **Citizenship Washington Focus**
Chevy Chase, Maryland
Saturday, July 4, 2020
- **Illinois State Fair 4-H Project Show**
Springfield, Illinois
Friday, August 14, 2020

Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

January 18 | Dixon

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at

