



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WISHING YOU THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY SEASON!
MCHENRY COUNTY 4-H & EXTENSION STAFF



Upcoming events:

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

- Dec 20 – Owl Nesting box build – Extension 6pm
- Dec 21 – Crystal Clovers 4-H Holiday fundraising sale at the Farmers Market, Fairgrounds
- **Dec 24 – Jan 1 – Holiday break – Offices CLOSED**
- Jan 3 – Deadline to register for CWF
- 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

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**

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**

“Who gives a Hoot?” Do YOU?

Dec 20 @ 6pm – Extension

Join the team at the **nesting box build** on Friday, Dec 20!

- 4-H Researchers needed for groundbreaking owl study! The IL Raptor Center needs the help of 4-Hers across Illinois to build nesting boxes for a state wide study.
- 4-H volunteer, Jack & Linda Bragg, are leading our 4-H research team from November – April 2020.

Contact Michele at the Extension office if you are interested: 815-338-3737 or maavang@illinois.edu



HORSE SENSE: Horse Bowl & Hippology

Monday, Jan 6 & 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 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 lapedogs31@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 in the Knitting Club in 4HOnline. Select Fiber Arts or Heritage Arts as your project area.

Register to attend classes:

<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>



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.



YQCA Instructor-Led Training scheduled

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. For Junior level youth ages 8-11, we will be hosting a more age appropriate training at the Extension office. February/March dates TBD. Please choose the training that is most appropriate for your family.

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.**

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!

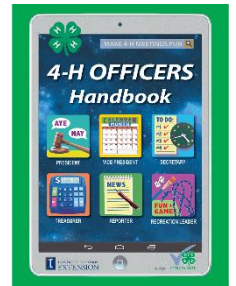
Screening of 4-H Volunteers: All volunteers working with youth in the 4-H program in the State of Illinois must be screened every 5 years through DCFS and the Illinois State Police Dept. If you do receive paperwork in the mail, please make sure to fill it out right away and return to our office. It is very important that our 4-H program stay in compliance with these policies. Thanks so much!

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.
- Projects that you were enrolled in last year will carry over to the new year, so please delete any projects you do NOT plan to take for 2019-2020.
- 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.**

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 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.

CLUB NEWS:

Send your club news to

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

Crystal Clovers 4-H Club:

Support the Crystal Clovers 4-H Club Holiday fundraiser by visiting their booth at the Woodstock Farmer's Market December 15 & 21 9am-1pm at the McHenry Co. Fairgrounds. See below for some of the items available to purchase:



Community Builders 4-H Club:

On 12/11/2019 Community Builders welcomed Mr. Steve Reick (State Representative) from the Woodstock Rotary Club to talk to us about the Christmas Clearing House and toy drive. Each year hundreds of volunteers help the Woodstock Rotary Club by donating/packing food and toys for families in need within our community. Last year over 1400 families received a box from the Christmas Clearing House. Community Builders donated over 10 bags of food and toys for the Christmas Clearing House this year! We also can't wait to go help pack boxes on December 19th.

Thank you again for all who donated and for Mr. Reick for coming to talk to us. Merry Christmas from the Community Builders!



*Submitted by Ava Kardaras- Reporter
Community Builders*