



Happy Friday!

YQCA – Do you intend to show Livestock at the 2020 Fair? The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program for youth exhibiting 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 (\$3) or certify on-line (\$12) via the website <http://yqca.org>. Please choose the training that is most appropriate for your family.

Face-to-face Instructor-led trainings – PRE-Registration and payment is required using your family “4HOnline Sign-in” via <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

- YQCA for youth ages 8-18 - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 6:30pm at the fairgrounds
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Upcoming events:

- Dec 9 – Tech Team
- Dec 15 – “Just Wing It” Pollinators Club potluck
- Dec 15 & 21 – Crystal Clovers 4-H Holiday fundraising sale at the Farmers Market, Fairgrounds
- Dec 16 – Horse Bowl practice
- Dec 16 – 4-H Multi-County Food Packing Event - *Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg*
- **Dec 24 – Jan 1 – Holiday break – Offices CLOSED**
- Jan 3 – Deadline to register for CWF
- Jan 11 – Shooting Sports orientation
- Jan 11 – Dog class Orientation
- Jan 13 – Tech Team
- Jan 15 – MC4-HY Foundation Annual meeting
- Jan 18, 25 – Knitting Club
- Jan 23 – Woodworking resumes
- 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
- 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– DECEMBER News Shorts for more state news and STATE calendar**

Tech Team – Monday, December 9 at 6pm

“Pentagon Challenge and Scratch Coding”

New members, friends and family are welcome to attend.

- This 4-H Code Club curriculum will provide youth with a head start on learning how to program a computer and think computationally. MIT’s “Scratch” is a visual programming language designed for youth embarking on a quest to master computer science.
- Interested in learning more about Computers, Science, Engineering and Technology? Come explore with the Tech Team leading edge technology topics, learn about operating systems, programming,

animation, home networking, digital photo editing, video/audio editing and more.

- **Meetings** are the 2nd Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 in the Farm Bureau auditorium OR small conference room in Woodstock.

More information on the Tech Team Spin Club at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mcytt/>

Register attending here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21297>

“Just Wing It” Pollinators Club: *Invites YOU!*

You are invited to the December meeting at the Extension office in the auditorium at **2:30pm on Sunday December 15th** for a first year-end holiday party. Please bring a honey themed dish to share for the potluck dinner!

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

Join the club today!

HORSE SENSE: Horse Bowl & Hippology –

Monday, Dec 16 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

“Who gives a Hoot?” Do YOU?

Be a part of the IL 4-H Barred Owl Nesting Box Challenge!

- 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



4-H Multi-County Food Packing Event

Make a difference and meet 4-H families from your county & surrounding counties!

- Date: **Monday, December 16, 2019**
- Time: 6:00 PM—7:30pm
- Location: 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg

See the additional flyer for more information.

Please use the following link to register

<https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=KG5KXD>

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 in Bldg D at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Bldg D, Country Club RD, Woodstock
Attend the 4-H Dog Orientation for information on:

NEW! 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 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 on:

- 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!

1st 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

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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/gaec/>.

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a **desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Farm Bureau front Entrance will be open soon!

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!

INSTAGRAM:

Follow [@mchenry_county_4h](https://www.instagram.com/mchenry_county_4h/) for the latest McHenry County 4-H news:

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

Follow [@servinglakeandmchenry](https://www.instagram.com/servinglakeandmchenry/) to find news, information and pictures for all of Extension programs in Lake & McHenry County:

<https://www.instagram.com/servinglakeandmchenry/>

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!

NEW Extension website:

Start the year out right!!!: For Member Resources (member record forms, award apps, etc.) – please find them here:

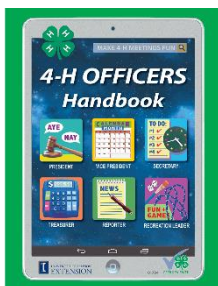
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/enrollment-resources>

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.**

Illinois 4-H Newsletter:

Be sure to see the **DECEMBER 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**
Champaign, Illinois
Saturday, February 22, 2020
- **4-H Illini Summer Academies**
Champaign, Illinois
Sunday, June 21, 2020
- **Citizen Washington Focus** – July 4-11, 2020
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2020 Junior Leadership Conference



The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled overnight event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H

projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

JLC Workshop Descriptions

- **Follow Our Lead** Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history dance has to offer.
- **Pass the Plate** This workshop will be your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.
- **Weathering the Storm of Agriculture** Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- **Tacky Tourist Trivia** Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture,

and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Trivia Tournament.

- **Flying into the Virtual World** Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges. Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other counties!
- **Community Service** Join us in learning more about food insecurity in Illinois and across the globe. We will also be packaging and distributing meals across the state.

Conference Date: Feb. 22-23, 2020

- **Check In:** 10 – 11 AM, Saturday, Feb. 22; **Program begins:** 11:15 AM
- **Pick Up:** by 11:45 AM, Sunday, Feb. 23

Conference location: Keller Convention Center, 1201 Keller Dr., Effingham, Illinois

Open to: any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$170 (includes hotel room [2 participants/room, 2 beds/room], t-shirt, plus all meals and activities)

Registration deadline: January 24, 2020

- Registration is limited to the first 100 youths who register.
- Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline.

How to register: Participants may visit the event website, go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc to register.

Volunteer Chaperones Needed

Volunteers may apply using the link:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21183>

Criteria: Adults must be at least 21 years of age to apply. Chaperones must be current with 4-H volunteer screening and training before the event. There is no charge for chaperones since their cost is covered by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Chaperones will have an assigned roommate, but a preferred roommate (not a youth participant) may be requested. County staff are encouraged to share our need for chaperones with their volunteers. County staff are always welcome to serve as chaperones with permission from their county directors, if applicable. **Approved chaperones will be notified in early February by email.** If more screened chaperones

apply than what is needed for this event, chaperones will be determined by the date and time they registered online.

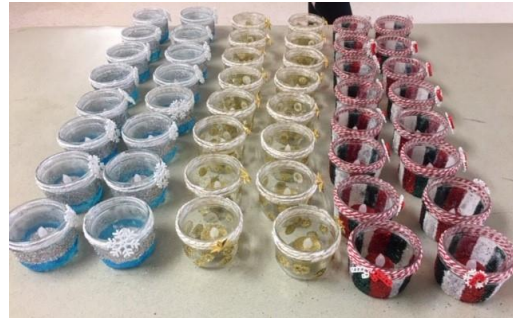
CLUB NEWS:

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:





RABBIT, RABBITS, RABBITS!!!!

Whoops! Someone let the rabbit cage doors open and now there are too many rabbits!
If you are interested in adopting a pet rabbit, please contact Michele maavang@illinois.edu or Quincy quincys@illinois.edu at the Extension office 815-338-3737 for information.
Some rabbits are ready for adoption NOW. Others will be ready for adoption before the Holidays!
PLEASE consider adopting one of these cute rabbits today!

