



Happy Valentine's Day!

We are so proud of all the members that participated in acts of kindness and other community service activities in the spirit of Valentine's Day and throughout the year!

YQCA registration: <http://yqca.org> – **Wed, Feb 19** for ages 8-18 years OR **Sat, Feb 29** for Junior level training ages 8-11 years. You must sign in with your **4HOnline** login! *More information about YQCA can be found further in the newsletter.*

Upcoming events:

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

- Feb 15 – Knitting
- Feb 17 – Horse Bowl practice
- Feb 20 – Woodworking
- **Feb 19 – YQCA Instructor Led Training ages 8-18**
- Feb 22 – Paws & Hooves 4-H Club Annual Tack Sale
- Feb 24 – Federation
- Feb 29 – Project Day – *registration open!*
- **Feb 29 – YQCA Junior level training for ages 8-11**
- Feb 29 – State 4-H Horse Judging contest
- March 1 – “Just Wing It” Pollinator Club
- March 2, 16, 23 – Horse Bowl practice
- March 4 – Ambassadors
- March 6 – International Night
- March 10 – County Hippology and Model Horse Show
- March 20 – String Tie donation submission due
- March 28 – Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology
- April 4 – Public Presentations judging
- April 10 – *Last day to enter projects in 4HOnline to be eligible to show at fair*
- April 18 – Robotics Showcase, College of Lake Co.
- **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/>

4-H Staff can be reached at 815-338-3737

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- Michele Aavang, 4-H Program Coordinator
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****See Illinois 4-H Newsletter– FEBRUARY News Shorts
for more state news and STATE calendar**

4-H PROJECT DAY –

February 29, 2020 at the Extension office.

What SPARKS your interests?

Community Cloverleaves, Keepers of the Clover, Federation members and more will be hosting a 4-H project day on Saturday morning February 29 at the Extension office.

Activities to choose from will be **YQCA** Junior level training, **Healthy Snacks**, **Candy making**, **Quilling**, **Grid method drawing**, **STEM activities**, **Cupcake decorating**, **Beginning Cake decorating**, **Hands Only CPR**, **Stitching**, **Jewelry making** and more. *Can't decide?* We will have “**Free Choice**” activities for you to do at your leisure including making tie blankets for donation to the children's hospital, recycled crafts, flowerpot decorations, and more. **Bring your own t-shirt** to make a fashionable bag to carry! Spots will be limited. Suggested ages 8-16 (*sorry no cloverbuds this time*).

- **YQCA** begins at **8:30am** - Check-in 8:15 am
- **Other** sessions begin at **9, 10 & 11 am** - Check-in for all other classes begins at 8:45 am

Register by Feb 24:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21860>



4-H Knitting Class

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 9-11am

Saturdays: Feb 15, 22, March 7, *additional dates to come*
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 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>

HORSE SENSE: Horse Bowl & Hippology

Monday, Feb 17 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.

NEW to 4-H members are welcome to JOIN!

Contact Lisa Kunzie for more information:

lisa.kunzie13@gmail.com

YQCA Instructor-Led Trainings

Pre-registration and payment via the website:

<http://yqca.org> is required.

Use the **4HOnline** registration option and your 4HOnline family login. *If you have registered using the general option, please contact the extension office!*

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.

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

For Junior level youth ages 8-11, this is a more age appropriate training for junior level 4-H members.

PRINT A COPY FOR YOU RECORDS. You may need this for fair, especially STATE FAIR!



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 by attending either a **face to face class** (*pre-registration required*) or certify on-line via the website: <http://yqca.org>. The 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.**

Paws & Hooves 4-H Club Annual Tack Sale:

Saturday, February 22, 9am – 1pm at

the **Fairgrounds!**

Shopping: new & used tack, show clothing, horse photography & artwork, barn wood & more!



Federation: Monday, Feb 24 at 6:30pm

Bring ideas from your club for:

- Project day activities
- Workshops/Clinics
- Cloverbud camp
- County-wide community service projects
- SPIN Clubs
- Fundraising ideas
- Promotional ideas
- Fair activities

Register ATTENDING or NOT attending:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21653>

"Just Wing It" Pollinators Club: Invites YOU!

You are invited to the next Pollinator meeting at the Extension office in the auditorium at **2:00pm on**

Sunday March 1.

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=21914>

Ambassador meeting – Wednesday, March 4
6:30pm Mixer, 7pm meeting

Register either attending or NOT attending the meeting:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21915>

Please call or email Michele Aavang for questions.
maavang@illinois.edu or 815-338-3737



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!

- Please ENTER your **THREE** 4-H International Night **PASSPORT** questions and food item **by MARCH 1** using this link or:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21857>

Please contact Michele Aavang for questions:
maavang@illinois.edu or 815-338-3737.

McHenry County 4-H Horse Hippology & Model Horse Show: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Extension Office, 1102 McConnell Rd, Woodstock

- 6:00pm Hippology Contest
- 7:30pm Model Horse Show

Registration:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21743>

HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

Test your knowledge of horses including breeds, colors, anatomy, nutrition, diseases, tack and more. Participants will take a short written test and complete questions from timed stations display. To study for this event, youth

may use project manuals, "Horses and Horsemanship" and "Horse Science," as well as tack catalogs, horse books and web sites.

- 3 Divisions - Junior: ages 8-11; intermediate: ages 12-14; Senior ages 15-18
- Top 4 in each division will receive ribbons. 1st place in each division will receive an award at 4-H awards night (during fair)!

MODEL HORSE SHOW: This is a "toy horse show"! Model Horse Show - "A year of the horse: horses in settings inspired by the seasons" Theme

- Judge: Exhibitors vote by class for winner
- Limit: ONE entry per class
- Awards: Various Prizes
- Ages: all

Classes:

1. Winter wonderland: Horses in winter/snow setting
2. Happy Horsey Valentine: Horses showing affection to one another, or humans
3. Spring training: Horses in action of any kind
4. Happy Independence Day: Horses in patriotic settings
5. A haunting Halloween: Horses in costumes or spooky settings

Entries not meeting class description will be disqualified. These displays can be entered into the fair. 4-H members should enroll in the county collections project.

(All displays will be eaten after the show!)

4-H Dog Class registration:

Class registration Deadline: March 31

See the Dog Packet 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!

Contact Dog program coordinator, Lisa Lillie for questions about the program: lapdogs31@gmail.com.

Dog class registration:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21595>

Dog packet with required forms:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/dog_packet_2020.pdf



4-H Shooting Sports REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: March 31, 2020

1102 McConnell Rd.
Woodstock

Please complete a SEPARATE registration for EACH 4-H Youth member enrolling in the Shooting Sports program. Members may register for more than one discipline.

Open to McHenry and Lake County Youth ages 8-18

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 class registration and payment:

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

Registration form:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_shooting_sports_registration_form_mchenry.pdf

Health Form:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Health%20Emergency%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Shooting Sports packet:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_shooting_sports_handbook.pdf

CLUB NEWS:

Send your club news to

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



Corrine Elswick of Hebron Helping Hands was at practice with the Illinois State Shooting Sports team for the upcoming National Shooting Sports Competition. Way to represent McHenry County 4-H, Corrine!



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 a SPIN Club. SPecial INterest Clubs can be short-term commitments for as little as six meetings. Whether 6 Days/weeks/months are up to you.
- Older youth members can start their own clubs with a screened adult after 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, Family Heritage
 - *Rain to Drain – Slow the Flow*
 - Solar Sprint Car challenge
 - Got a suggestion of your own? Send it in!
- Email Michele maavang@illinois.edu for details or to submit your idea!

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:

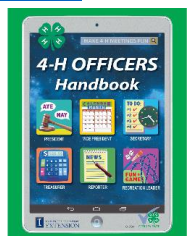
- Volunteer trainings:

<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>





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.
- 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.

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*



Illinois 4-H Newsletter:

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

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

- **4-H Fish Camp**
Monticello, Illinois
Saturday, May 2, 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

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/>.

STATE 4-H Horse Project Opportunities:



Explore the science of horses, including anatomy, physiology, nutrition, health, breed identification, behavior, and more!

New! Horse Handling Online Training @

<http://horses.extension.illinois.edu>

CHECK OUT THESE 4-H EQUINE OPPORTUNITIES:

State Horse Bowl: go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl

State Horse Speaking: go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking

State Hippology: go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology

State Horse Judging: go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging



***Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Spring training**

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 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. 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.