

4-H NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW 4-H YEAR!

Here's to another 4-H year filled with learning, leadership and adventures!

THANK YOU NOTES



Just a reminder to all of the 4-H members who won plaques or awards at the 4-H Show or Fair, please send a thank you note to your award sponsor. These awards would not be possible without the sponsor's contributions and support! Award sponsors names and addresses can be found attached to the back of the plaques. Please make sure to say thanks!



RE-ENROLLMENT

We are in the process of getting a new online enrollment system called ZSuite. Re-enrollments will happen in October. There are no new projects so the project guide you received last year will be good for this year. If you don't have one, they are available on our website. This year the 4-H Foundation is providing everyone in 4-H (including volunteers) a DeKalb County 4-H t-shirt! More details are coming once online enrollments are open.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to give the Extension office a call (815) 758-8194

Deadline for Re-enrolling: JANUARY 16, 2023



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ALL THE 4-H CLUB HELP YOU NEED

4-H HELP DOCUMENTS

Welcome to 4-H – new 4-H member guide that helps members learn about diverse project areas, learn about their new club, and involve family and friends in 4-H

4-H Family Handbook – a resource designed with the family in mind. This resource will introduce family members to a variety of 4-H opportunities and be their go-to guide when supporting the new club member in their family

4-H Officers Handbook – this resource is the tool you need to put into the hands of ALL of the youth serving in club leadership roles! It will serve as a guide to 4-H club officer,s and provide them with the tools to plan and facilitate effective meetings. These meetings should allow for the orderly and efficient completion of club business, but also encourage a healthy dose of fun during each meeting. In addition to the useful information that is provided, the handbook also contains valuable tools including 4-H club meeting planning forms, planning worksheets for committees, and helpful hints using social media to stay connected with club members and families.

The Illinois 4-H Website- all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year. Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H, scroll to Resource to find lots of helpful documents such as these:

Club Meeting Agenda – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with a meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item included in a meeting.

Club Committee Planning Worksheet – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

Club Yearly Program Plan – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

More – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and other important resources!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH LEADERS

Science Ambassadors: If you are interested in teaching other youth hands-on science experiments & activities, consider joining Science Ambassadors! Go through an extensive two-day training to learn five science programs including topics about aerospace engineering, electrical engineering, chemistry, mechanical engineering and wind turbines. Throughout the year, Ambassadors have opportunities to lead activities with other youth at schools, 4-H clubs, and other places around the community. Email Nicole: groezing@illinois.edu for more info.

Jr. Federation: All 4-H members in 6th & 7th grade are welcome to be a member of Jr. Federation. They meet four times a year to plan two county-wide Cloverbud Fun Days in December & June. Email Nicole: groezing@illinois.edu for more info.

Federation: All 4-H members in 8th grade or older are welcome be a member of Federation. Meetings are once a month on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Farm Bureau building. They plan county events, community service projects, and fun activities. Email Nicole: groezing@illinois.edu for more info.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OPPORTUNITY4ALL



INSPIRE YOUR CLUB TO PROMOTE 4-H DURING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8

- Participate in Spirit Week as a club!
- Have a poster contest with your members and ask local businesses to display them in their windows.
- Ask the local newspaper if your club could contribute to a column or piece this week
- Host a Design a Sign contest or event with blank yard signs and permanent markers and ask local businesses, farmers, or alumni to display the signs. Themes ideas could include: "4-H Allows Me to Be..." or "5 Things I love about 4-H"
- Contact local radio stations to ask if you can record and submit PSA's to play during 4-H Week (go.illinois.edu/4HWeek22 to download scripts, listen to examples)
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes
- Create a 4-H promotion to run at the local movie theater during preview
- Ask a local restaurants if they would use 4-H placemats (downloadable at go.illinois.edu/4HWeek22) during their meal service for the week
- Ask a local pizza place to add stickers to their pizza boxes this week (downloadable at atgo.illinois.edu/4HWeek22)
- Ask a local coffee shop to add stickers to their coffee collars this week (downloadable at atgo.illinois.edu/4HWeek22)
- Organize a Bring A Friend day at your club (handouts are downloadable at atgo.illinois.edu/4HWeek22) and plan a special event for the meeting
- Organize something special to honor business partners and supporters like green and white balloons, green and white M&M's, etc. (signs downloadable at go.illinois.edu/4HWeek22)
- Share social media posts with alumni and supporters to post during the week (downloadable at atgo.illinois.edu/4HWeek22)
- Ask a local bank to include bookmarks at their drive-thru facilities this week (downloadable at go.illinois.edu/4HWeek22)
- Ask the local library to pass out bookmarks with their checkouts this week.
- Post 4-H fliers (downloadable at go.illinois.edu/4HWeek22) at schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Ask local schools to add Join 4-H fliers to their backpack programs or make a flier about a 4-H week event to share.
- Ask to add your 4-H week events to local community or parent group calendars.
- Ask local grocery stores, feed stores, and more to include fliers as bag stuffers this week.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- Have a county-wide or club community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.

DISCOVER 4-H CARNIVAL

Come check-out all the fun things you can do in 4-H on **Sunday, Oct. 16th from 4 - 6 PM in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau building**. Participants have the opportunity to speak to 4-H volunteers and members actively involved in the 4-H program. 4-H is open to everyone ages 5-18 years old. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join 4-H this year!

4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT

The Annual 4-H Recognition Night on **Saturday, November 19 starting at 6 PM in the Farm Bureau Auditorium**. We hope that all 4-H volunteer, members, parents and families will make plans to attend. Those members and volunteers receiving awards will get a special invitation in November.

8-12 YEAR OLD HOLIDAY FEST

Save the date ... Federation is sponsoring a Holiday Fest for 8-12 year olds on the evening of **Saturday, December 10**. There will be pizza, games, activities and a movie. More details to come in November.

COUNTY CLOVERBUD FUN DAYS

Jr. Federation will once again be planning two county events just for Cloverbuds (5-7 year olds). The Christmas Carnival will be the morning of **Saturday, December 10** and the Summer Fun Day is **Saturday, June 3**. There will be science projects, art, games, other fun activities. More details to come in November and May.

4-H FOUNDATION RESTURANT FUNDRAISERS

Join the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation at fundraiser nights at local restaurants every month this year! Check out the DeKalb County 4-H Facebook page for flyers and more details. Mark dates on your calendar and plan on taking the night off of cooking.

October 20 - Panera

November 8 - Sycamore Tom & Jerry's

December 5 - Pizza Villa

BE INVOLVED IN COUNTY 4-H EVENTS!



LIVESTOCK STATE FAIR RESULTS

The following 4-H members showed one or more of their livestock projects at the Illinois State Fair in August:

Beef

Drake Prestegaard	Shabbona Pioneers
Brooklyn Hulmes	Shabbona Pioneers
Logan Suddeth	Shabbona Pioneer
Kylee Watry	Parke Victory
Chase Engel	Genoa Prairie Gems
Elizabeth O'Donnell	Hinckley Harvestors
Charlise O'Donnell	Hinckley Harvestors

Swine

Brian Roach	Malta Mustangs
Drake Prestegaard	Shabbona Pioneers
Brooklyn Botterman	Genoa Prairie Gems
Bailey Botterman	Genoa Prairie Gems
Bria Botterman	Genoa Prairie Gems
Beau Botterman	Genoa Prairie Gems
Taylor Rhoads	Genoa Prairie Gems
Emma Rhoads	Genoa Prairie Gems
Trevor Rhoads	Genoa Prairie Gems
Abigail Fellows	Genoa Prairie Gems

PEN AND STALL WINNERS

Beef : 1st: Shabbona Pioneers, 2nd: Parke Victory, 3rd: Malta Mustangs

Goats: 1st: Shabbona Pioneers, 3rd: Hinckley Harvestors

Dairy: 1st: Somonauk Haymakers

Sheep: 1st: Malta Mustangs, 2nd Parke Victory, 3rd: Shabbona Pioneers

Swine: 1st: Genoa Prairie Gems, 2nd: Malta Mustangs, 3rd: Shabbona Pioneers



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank all of our 4-H members, parents, leaders and superintendents who volunteered their time during the past few months to help us in conducting the 4-H General Project Show and 4-H Fair. These opportunities went smoothly due to their wonderful support in making these events happen. One of the true blessings with this organization is all the support and help people give in conducting the numerous events that happen during a 4-H year. Thanks again for your time, friendship and support...we really appreciate it!!!

SUPER SATURDAY

It's getting to be time to start thinking about Super Saturday! The date for the 2023 4-H Super Saturday will be **Saturday, February 25, 2023** in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau building.

We would like to have 4-H members, volunteers and parents start thinking about a variety of different sessions they would like to teach or see offered at this event. In the past there have been a number of wonderful sessions that were taught by 4-H'ers, parents, and community supporters. Once again we are hoping for this same kind of involvement in teaching workshop sessions. The workshops should be hands-on oriented and something both boys and girls would like to do. If you would be willing to teach a session at Super Saturday, please email Nicole at groezing@illinois.edu. Include the name of the class, max number of participants per session, how many sessions you are willing to teach, and the cost. Past involvement indicates that 4-H'ers have enjoyed learning from other 4-H members, leaders and parents on a wide range of topics.

We would like to have all sessions set by **January 16**.



PROJECT ENROLLMENT AND DEADLINE

In order to be eligible to exhibit at the 4-H General Project Show and/or the 4-H Fair you must be signed up for projects by **April 15**. Enrollment fees must also be paid by April 15. The enrollment fee is \$20 for all 4-H & Cloverbud members. A donation of \$5 per member is also requested each year to support the 4-H program in DeKalb County. The \$20 enrollment fee can be paid online when you enroll or paid with check/cash to the Extension office. Checks should be written out to DeKalb County 4-H Foundation.

DEKALB COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The DeKalb County 4-H Foundation has a scholarship fund for DeKalb County 4-H members. High school seniors along with post-high school students enrolled as a full-time student in an educational program are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of 4-H involvement, 4-H achievements, community service, school achievements and future plans in 4-H. The scholarship is for \$500. Applications can be picked-up at the Extension office or found online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-dekalb-county>. All applications are due to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 28**.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The DeKalb County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on **Thursday, March 30** starting at 6:00 PM in the Farm Bureau theatre. The entry form is due by Monday, March 13

The 4-H public speaking contest is a great way to enhance your communication skills! 4-H'ers can choose from formal, illustrated, oral interpretation and original works speeches. Three youth from DeKalb county will advance to the State 4-H Public Presentation Contest, held April 29. All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair.

SUMMER FAIRS



4-H General Project Show - Thursday, July 13

4-H Livestock Fair - Aug. 4-6

4-H Multi County Dog Show - TBD

4-H Multi County Horse Show - TBD



LIVESTOCK POSSESSION DEADLINE

The following dates are the 4-H possession deadlines for livestock projects:

January 1

Beef & Dairy Cows, Goats-Milking Does & Meat Does

February 1

Market Beef Steers & Heifers

May 1

Horses and Ponies, Bucket Calves, Market & Breeding Sheep, Beef & Dairy Calves, Dairy Heifers

June 1

Breeding Beef Heifers, Swine - Gilts and Barrows, Poultry, Rabbits

4-H'ers must be enrolled in the appropriate project no later than April 15 and have their animals in their own possession by the deadlines listed above.

BEEF EFFICIENCY & BUCKET CALF CLASS

Beef Efficiency - Once again this year, the Cattlemen's Association will allow 4-H members to use their own steers in the Beef Efficiency Contest. By using your own steer you can show it in both the efficiency class and the regular beef class at the 4-H Fair. Steers will be weighed in February with the state fair weigh-in. The contest is based on rate of gain, record book, ultrasound and the live class placings. Premiums are paid in each of these areas, and the overall winner receives a monetary award of \$200. Email Sam Schneider if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Bucket Calf Class - The Bucket Calf Class is a great opportunity to raise a small calf. The Bucket Calf Class is open to members 8 to 13 years and includes raising a small calf, keeping records and showing it at the Fair. Calves need to be born between Feb. 1 and April 1, 2023.

Second Year Bucket Calf Class - Those of you who showed a bucket calf at the 2022 Fair may show that calf in the Second Year Bucket Calf Class in 2023. This will be a show class only, and be based entirely on the animal. Enrollment in this class will be in June as part of the 4-H Fair entries.

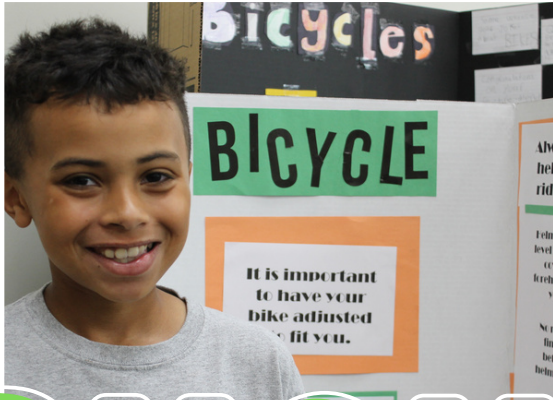
YQCA

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a livestock quality assurance program that all 4-H exhibitors of these animals need to complete each year. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Registration will be required and more information will be mailed to those enrolled in an animal project.





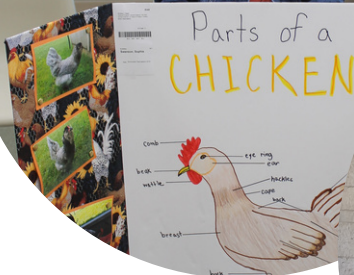
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New Member/ Re-Enroll Process for ZSuites



Welcome to 4-H! We are excited to welcome you to the 4-H Program in DeKalb County. To enroll, please complete the steps below. *Youth and screened adults who will be serving as volunteers must enroll in the 4-H program through ZSuite.*

1. Create a New ZSuite Family Account

The first thing you are going to do is go to 4h.zsuite.org:

1. Click **SIGN UP**.
2. Select **ILLINOIS** from the drop-down menu.
3. Select **DEKALB** as your county of residence in the drop-down.
4. Enter your preferred email address and confirm it.
5. Enter the last name of the primary household member who will be responsible for the 4-H youth information entered into the system.
6. Create and confirm a password that is easily remembered. The password needs to be at least 6 characters in length.
7. Create a 4-character **PIN**. This **PIN** allows the primary adult household member to electronically sign documents for enrollment.
8. Click **LET'S GO**.

2. Add Member(s) & Payment

Once your ZSuite Account is created, you are now ready to add members or screened volunteer adults:

1. From your family account dashboard click **+HOUSEHOLD MEMBER**.
2. Enter the member's name, role, and birth date for youth. Click **CONTINUE**.
3. Enter the member's personal information. Required fields are starred. Click **NEXT**.
4. Read and electronically sign the 4-H participation waivers and releases. Click **NEXT**.
5. Select **"I am a 4-H Club Member"** Even if this is your first year in 4-H.

You will get a club screen where you will select your club and desired projects.

1. Click **+ADD CLUB** button.
2. Click **DEKALB** as your county. This defaults to the county submitted when you created your account.
3. Select your club from the drop-down list. When you select a club, you will see a club description that will tell you more about your selected group. Click **ADD CLUB**.
4. Select **+ADD PROJECT** for the club selected. Select the desired project from the drop-down menu. Click **ADD PROJECT**.
5. Click **ADD TO CART**.

You will be taken to the cart checkout. From that screen you can select to add additional family members or complete your enrollment and pay.

1. Once you have added all additional members, click pay for enrollments on the main screen.
2. A \$20 4-H Program fee applies to all enrolled youth.
 - a. If your club Pays the Fee – Select the “Pay later/in-person” button.
 - b. If the Family Pays the Fee – You can pay by check/cash or credit card
 - c. Families with 4 or more children enrolled in 4-H will pay a \$60 maximum fee. Please contact the office prior to login for directions.
 - d. NOTE: You will not be considered a 4-H member until we receive payment.
3. Enter your payment information on the cart checkout, if applicable. You can pay online with a credit card or via check payable to **“DeKalb County 4-H Foundation”**. Mail payment to 1350 West Prairie Drive Sycamore IL 60178
Once complete, your enrollments will be submitted to the county Extension office for review. Your enrollment status will be changed to “approved” upon review and receipt of payment if applicable.

Need Assistance?

Use the ZSuite support chat or email in the bottom right of the enrollment system screens or call our office at 815-758-8194. You can also email Lydia at lydian@illinois.edu.