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April 1st – Project Deadline to Exhibit

<https://il.4honline.com>

- Add Projects
- 4-H has an open enrollment and members may join anytime, however, to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Shows members must be enrolled by April 1st.

Please remember that you can access 4-H online <https://il.4honline.com> at any time to update your personal information.



Date: **Saturday, March 7**
Time: 4-7 p.m.
Place: First Baptist Church,
1255 W. Jackson St., Belvidere

New Location ←

The County Line and LeRoy Grange's will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper with the proceeds to go towards community service grants for Boone County 4-H clubs.

In addition to the supper, there will be a silent auction. Any club or family that would like to donate a basket or an item to the silent auction can drop it off at the Extension Office by March 6.

There will be time slots available for 4-H'ers to help with serving, clean up and selling tickets. Be sure to wear your 4-H t-shirt!

DESSERTS needed—Please donate by dropping off at the office by 4:30 p.m. on March 6 or bring with you to the Supper. No cream pies!

2020 International Night



Date: **Saturday, March 14**
Club Set Up: 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Program : 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Place: Boone County Community
Bldg., 111 W. First St.,
Belvidere

Come take a trip around the world with us!

New Family Orientation

Date: **Tuesday, March 10**
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Boone County Extension
Meeting Room, Suite 5

RSVP by March 6—815-544-3710

Parents: Do you have questions about how 4-H works? Come join us as we walk through all the things that happen during a 4-H year. The orientation will be geared towards answering questions for parents. Those who attended our Super Saturday Parent 101 will already have heard this information. We look forward to meeting you!



Dog Obedience Orientation & Sign Up

Date: **Thursday, April 23**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Boone County Extension Meeting Room, Suite 5



All 4-H'ers and their parents are invited to learn more about the 4-H dog program, the equipment needed, meet your instructors and learn the expectations of the program. Dog Obedience is for 4-H members enrolled in the dog project and that are interested in participating in the 9-week obedience training classes. The training classes will be each Thursday evening beginning May 21. Classes will be held at the Boone County

Fairgrounds To cover expenses, a \$10.00 fee per class will be charged (\$10 covers the whole 9-week session). Registration information and forms will be mailed to all 4-H dog project members. If you have any questions about the orientation and sign-up or if you want to add the dog project to your enrollment please contact the office at 815-544-3710.



FEDERATION

Date: **Monday, March 23**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Boone County Extension, Suite 5

Date: **Monday, April 27**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Boone County Extension, Suite 5

Federation is open to any 4-H member in 8th-12th grade! Come join us!

Soft Plastic Collection

UPDATE

Can you believe it? In just 3 collections, the 4-H Federation is just shy of their 500 lbs. of plastic goal. Thank you everyone!

However, please keep collecting as the Grasshoppers-Sweet Clover 4-H Club has decided to continue the effort to earn a bench for their club as well.



Collection times will continue to be the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30-4 p.m. and on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00-7 p.m. at the Extension Office Meeting Room. Please do not drop off at other times; we do not have space to store the plastic. Please contact the office if you have a large amount of plastics, and we can make special arrangements for you.

The items we will be collecting include: plastic store/grocery bags, produce bags, bread bags, ice bags, cereal box liners, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, salt bags, case overlap, dry cleaning bags, plastic e-commerce mailers. *All plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic matter.*

2020 4-H Camp

The dates for 4-H Camp are **June 8-12** at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. For more information go to: illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp



Study Food Science

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

Let's Get Ready to Exhibit

Important 2020 Dates



- General Projects Day — July 11
- Boone County 4-H Dog Show — July 18
- Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show, Springfield –July 26-Aug.2
- Boone County Fair — August 11-16
- Illinois State Fair, Springfield— August 13-23
- Boone County’s General Exhibit Day @State Fair — Aug. 16
includes Public Presentations
- Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon, IL— August 29

Making Your 4-H Show Entries

The 4-H Show Book is being updated and should be distributed to 4-H Families at your April club meeting. Entries for the Boone County 4-H Shows (including GPD, Dog Show, and 4-H Fair Shows) will again be made online this year in the Fair Entry system. The online system will open on May 1st. Entry deadline will be June 1st. Please watch your email and the next newsletter for more information.

Requirements to Exhibit

The following requirements must be met to be eligible to exhibit at the Boone County 4-H General Projects Day and/or Boone County 4-H Fair Show:

- ✓ Enrolled in project by deadline.
- ✓ Attendance Policy-- 4-H'ers must attend 2/3 of club meetings after enrollment, with exceptions of excused absences of illness, school or church activity.
- ✓ Horse Project Members ONLY -- Equestrian Safety Education Program prior to May 1st. **Drill Team members must complete by April 1st.**
- ✓ YQCA for dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats by May 1st. See Page 4 for instructions!
- ✓ QAE for horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats by May 1st.



Boone County’s day to exhibit non-livestock projects at the state fair will be **Sunday, August 16** in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display until 4 PM. (new release time)

Changes & Additions for 2020 4-H Shows

- 2 Divisions in Natural Resources (Nature: Natural Resources/ Outdoor and Nature: Fishing and Wildlife)
- Changes to wording in three-dimensional visual arts requirement to allow exhibit intended to be hung.
- NEW CLASSES have been added:
 - ◆ Child Development
 - ◆ Family Heritage
 - ◆ Sports Nutrition
 - ◆ Shooting Sports Display—only for those active in the shooting sports club
 - ◆ Visual Arts—Leather

Possession of Animals

Beef Cows.....	January 1
Beef Steers.....	February 1
Beef Calves & Heifers	May 1
Dairy Cows.....	January 1
Dairy Steers	February 1
Dairy Heifers.....	May 1
Dairy Calves	June 1
Dairy Steer Calves.....	June 1
Goat Milking Does	January 1
Goat Kids & Yearlings	May 1
Sheep Lambs & Yearlings.....	May 1
Swine Barrows.....	May 1
Poultry	May 1
Rabbits.....	May 1
Dogs — Must be owned or leased by	May 1
Horses — Must be owned or leased by	May 1

Reminder: There will be no replacement of any animal that dies after the possession date. However, it is permissible to have more than one animal.



Weigh-In & Tattooing Dates —

The following animals will need to be weighed, tagged, and/or tattooed to be eligible for the 2020 4-H Show. All events will take place at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Please see the specific details below:

Market Wether Lambs	Saturday, May 2	10:00-11:00 am	All market wethers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Show.
Goat Wethers	Saturday, May 2	10:00 am-11:00 am	All goat wethers must be tattooed to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Show.

Note: NEW TIME

Beef Family Potluck & Meeting

Date: **Thursday, March 5**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Place: Extension Office

All 4-H beef project members and their families are invited to the potluck dinner and meeting to follow. Each family should bring a hot and cold dish to pass. Drinks, plates and table service will be provided! Bring the family and learn more about the beef project and the activities here in Boone County.

Family Market Class Nominations

During the winter/spring weigh-ins, families (siblings, step-siblings) will be allowed to nominate market animals under the family name. All market animals will have to be declared by the individual exhibitor according to ear tag/ear notch by Livestock Verification dates.

Quality Assurance and Ethics—QAE

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats: The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it **once in your lifetime**. Those who don't 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.*



YQCA Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Boone County Exhibitors showing **Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and/or Goats** need to take the YQCA training to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Shows. There will be two methods of completing the course either online (\$12) or attending a face-to-face training (\$3). Either way, you will need to go to the YQCA website to register <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. You will sign on to YQCA using your 4-H Online username and password. Next, you will select the name of the youth taking the training. A course list will then come up on your screen and you will need to choose either online or instructor led. When you choose, instructor led, choose Illinois and click select training. Choose the date and location for the training you wish to attend, there are many counties with trainings; make sure you choose a Boone County class. Once you have selected a training a new screen will show you what class you have selected and you will need to select purchase the class. The next screen will ask you to enter a payment by entering a credit card number.

The following face-to-face trainings will be offered in Boone County. The sessions will all be held at the Extension Office Meeting Room, 205 Cadillac Ct Suite #5 Belvidere from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All youth attending a face-to-face training must register and pay the \$3 fee through the YQCA website. Please note that two of the options are for junior level only. Families with youth in various age levels can choose to attend just one training that is for all ages.

Dates for Junior Level Only — Ages 8-11

•Monday, March 9

Dates for All Ages Levels

•Wednesday, March 25

•Tuesday, April 7

Age Based on your age as of December 31, 2019!

Judging Opportunities —

Carroll County 4-H Livestock & Dairy Judging Contest

March 14, 2020 @ Carroll County Highway Bldg., 10735 Mill Rd. Mt. Carroll, IL
Register online at go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging
Livestock Judging: Registration 8:00am Contest 9:00am; Dairy Judging: Registration 11:45am Contest 12:30pm

WIU Livestock Judging

April 4 @ WIU Livestock Pavilion, Macomb, IL
Registration at 8 AM; Contest begins at 9 AM
Register Online at <https://go.illinois.edu/WIU>

Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Monday, June 15 @ the Stock Pavilion in Urbana.
Registration at 8:30-9:30 AM Contest: 10AM
Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest

Monday, August 17 @ 4-6 PM in the Jr. Livestock Building of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.
Registration at 3:30 p.m.

Speaking for Illinois 4-H Spring training **March 21 | Sterling | 9AM-3PM**

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, 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 and put that story into words. 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 of 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 this spring (May 6 & 7). Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H **before March 13**



National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a

force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

In Boone County, there are approximately 80 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

4-H members please be sure to thank your 4-H leaders throughout the year!



Let's Go Fishing

May 2 – 3

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



Scholarships, Adventures, Explore



College Scholarships

HCE Scholarship

The Boone County Association for Home and Community Education will be offering a scholarship (the amount to be determined) to high school seniors who are current Boone County 4-H members. Applications and criteria are available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-boone-county>. Under County Awards tab. Due Date: April 1

Boone County 4-H Federation Scholarship for Federation Members & Non-Federation Members

The Boone County 4-H Federation will be offering scholarships to high school seniors who are current Boone County 4-H members. There are two categories: Federation Members (\$1,000) and Non-Federation Members (\$500). The number of awards given each year is dependent upon the approved budget. Applications and criteria are available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-boone-county>. Under County Awards tab. Deadline is April 24.

Compeer Financial Scholarship

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is offering \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors. The application period is January 1- March 15, 2020. Visit compeer.com/giving-back for more details, qualifications and the application.

4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. On-line applications are available at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>. Nominations are due May 1.

Illini Summer Academies



June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference is eligible to youth 14-18 years old. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

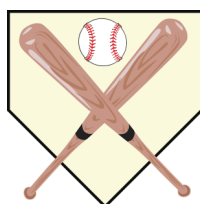
Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any additional academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.

Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait.

Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri



Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the "Tickets" down arrow.

Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613.

Horse Happenings

Illinois 4-H State Junior Horse Show

July 26-August 2 | Springfield, IL

Entry deadline: June 1st



Drill Team Sign Up

Information has been sent out via email. Please contact the office if you did not receive this information.

- 1st **Driving** Drill Team Practice — April 6 at the fairgrounds (weather permitting)
- 1st **Riding** Drill Team Practice (No Horses) — April 14 at the Extension Office



Be A True Leader In Service April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of *True Leaders in Service!* 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

Save the date and watch for more "County-Wide" service plans to come.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **State 4-H Horse Judging Contest — Saturday, February 29** at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon.
- ♦ **Horse Safety Clinic — March 31, 5:30 PM** at the Extension Office. Please RSVP
- ♦ **Northwest Regional Contest — April 4** at Knoxville High School.
- ♦ **State Horse Competitions — U of I, Champaign. April 18—Hippology & Horse Speaking Contest; April 19—Horse Bowl**

Reminders

- ♦ **Mandatory Helmets** when mounted or driving
- ♦ **Mandatory 2 Clinics** — due by July 24
- ♦ **Owner & Lease Agreements** — due May 1 (*Horses leased for Drill Team must be on file by the first practice*)

Shooting Sports volunteers Needed

September 12 | 9 AM – 7 PM
Torstenson Youth Education Center | Pecatonica, IL

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration. Registration fee: \$85
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.
- Register by September 2 for the 9/12 training.

CLUB NEWS

County Clovers — Faith Beasley

The December meeting was called to order. We did the Pledge to the American Flag and then the 4-H Flag. Then we had the Secretary and Treasurer Report. The Federation report was given. We talked about the enrollment and possession dates. A sheet to sign up for

Talks and Demonstrations was passed around. We set a date for a club bowling outing on Friday, January 3rd at GloBowl and it will be \$5 a member. The meeting was adjourned and we will see everyone again January 20th for our normal monthly meeting.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Beef Family Potluck & Mtg. @ 6:30 PM	6 Horse Bowl	7 Grange's Spaghetti Dinner
8	9 Plastic Drop-Off 2:30-4 PM YQCA—Ages 8— 11 ONLY @ 6PM	10 New Family Orientation @ 7PM	11	12	13 Horse Bowl	14 International Night— Community Bldg.
15	16	17	18	19	20 Horse Bowl	21 Speaking for 4-H Training— Sterling
22	23 Federation @ 6:30 PM Plastic Drop-Off 6-7 PM	24	25 YQCA— All Ages @ 6PM	26	27 ExploreACES @ UIUC Horse Bowl	28
29	30	31 Horse Safety Clinic—5:30 PM				

April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Project Enrollment Deadline	2 Beef Committee— 7PM	3 Horse Bowl	4 Regional Horse Bowl @ Knoxville
5	6 Driving Drill @ Fairgrounds	7 YQCA— All Ages @ 6PM	8	9	10	11
12	13 Plastic Drop-Off 2:30-4 PM	14 Riding Drill Team —5:30 PM @ Extension	15	16	17	18 State Horse Speech & Hippology @ UIUC
19 State Horse Bowl Contest @UIUC	20	21 Riding Drill @ Fairgrounds	22	23 Dog Orientation & Sign Up—7PM	24	25
26	27 Federation @ 6:30 PM Plastic Drop-Off 6-7 PM	28 Riding Drill	29	30		