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Hello 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

We are half way through April and well on our way to May, you know what means? Stephenson County 4-H Shows are 3 months away!!! There are several deadlines coming up that are very important to these shows.

1) Fair Entry will be opening up on May 16 and will be open till June 15. This is the part where you tell me in fair entry what projects/animals you will be bringing to the 4-H shows. Details on this will be coming the 2nd week of May.

2) YQCA Training– If you are showing beef, dairy, goats, sheep or swine you need to do your YQCA training BEFORE, June 1. This is a yearly requirement! Whether you do the training in-person OR online you must scan your certificate to me no later than June 1 at 4pm.

3) QAEC Training– If you are showing cat, dog, horse, rabbits/small pets, or poultry you must complete QAEC only once in your 4-H career. If you have shown these species of animals in the past you should already have completed this training. If you are not sure, please feel free to email me and ask. The deadline for QAEC is also June 1.

In this E-News I have included the links and details for both YQCA & QAEC trainings. Please do not wait till May 31 to complete these! We have had issues with these systems overloading in the past, due to high demand all at once, and it makes for a very bad day.

4-H Summer Camp in Polo, IL is June 14, 15, & 16. Deadline for that registration is May 2. There are still some spots left, so hurry over to: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp> to register!

As always, if you have questions 4-H Show related or just 4-H related, I welcome them! Please feel free to call or e-mail me any time.

~ Happy Spring!

Brenda




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STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Club Meetings—Attendance Policy

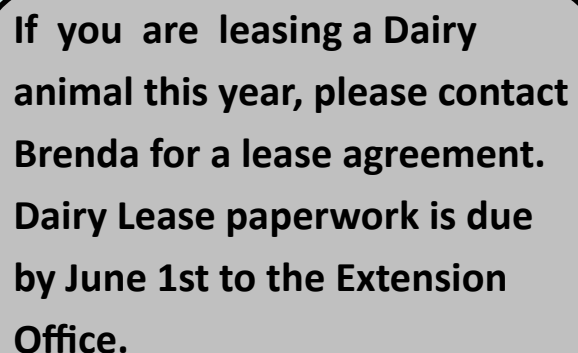
All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer. If you have questions on this, please reach out to your 4-H leader!



IF you are showing a Beef BUCKET CALF—
Contact Brenda for
your Project Record
Book.



Important



If you are leasing a Dairy animal this year, please contact Brenda for a lease agreement. Dairy Lease paperwork is due by June 1st to the Extension Office.

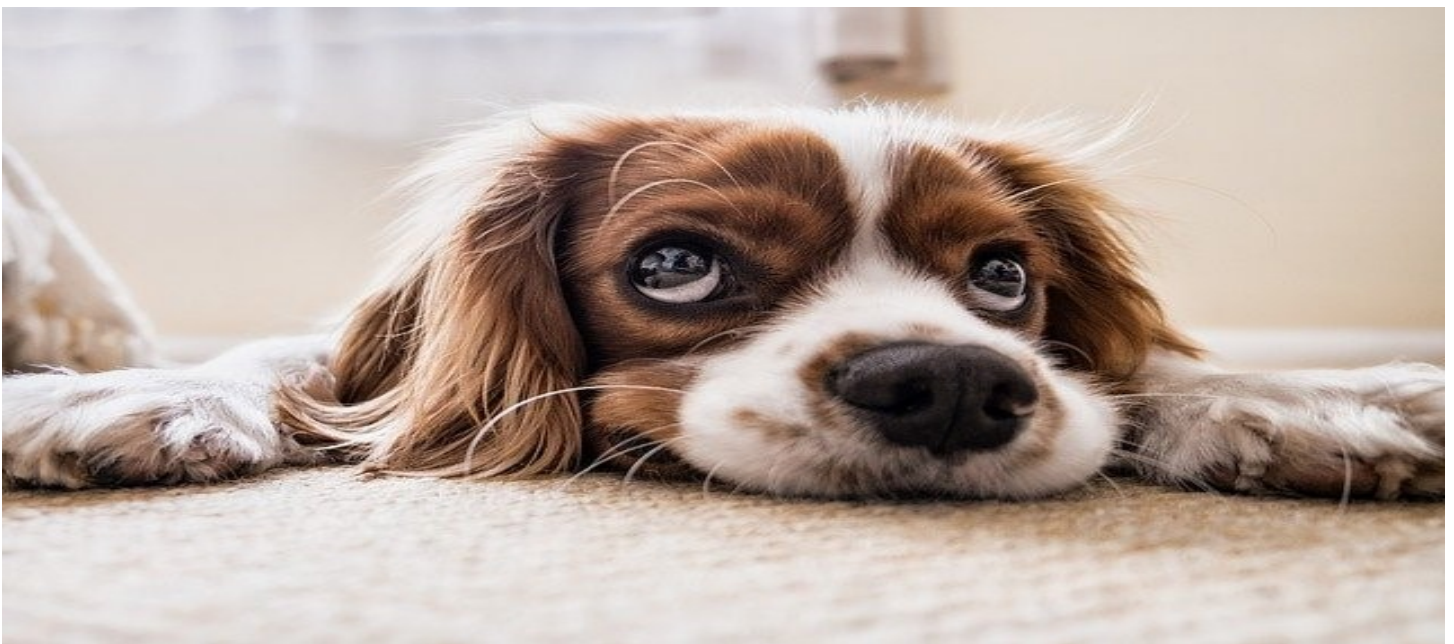
STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

QAEC TRAININGS

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training— The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat.** Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. 4-H Members only have to complete a QAEC training once in their 4-H career, when showing a live animal or doing animal science with the above breeds.

Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QAEC will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Deadline is June 1, 2022



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

YQCA TRAINING

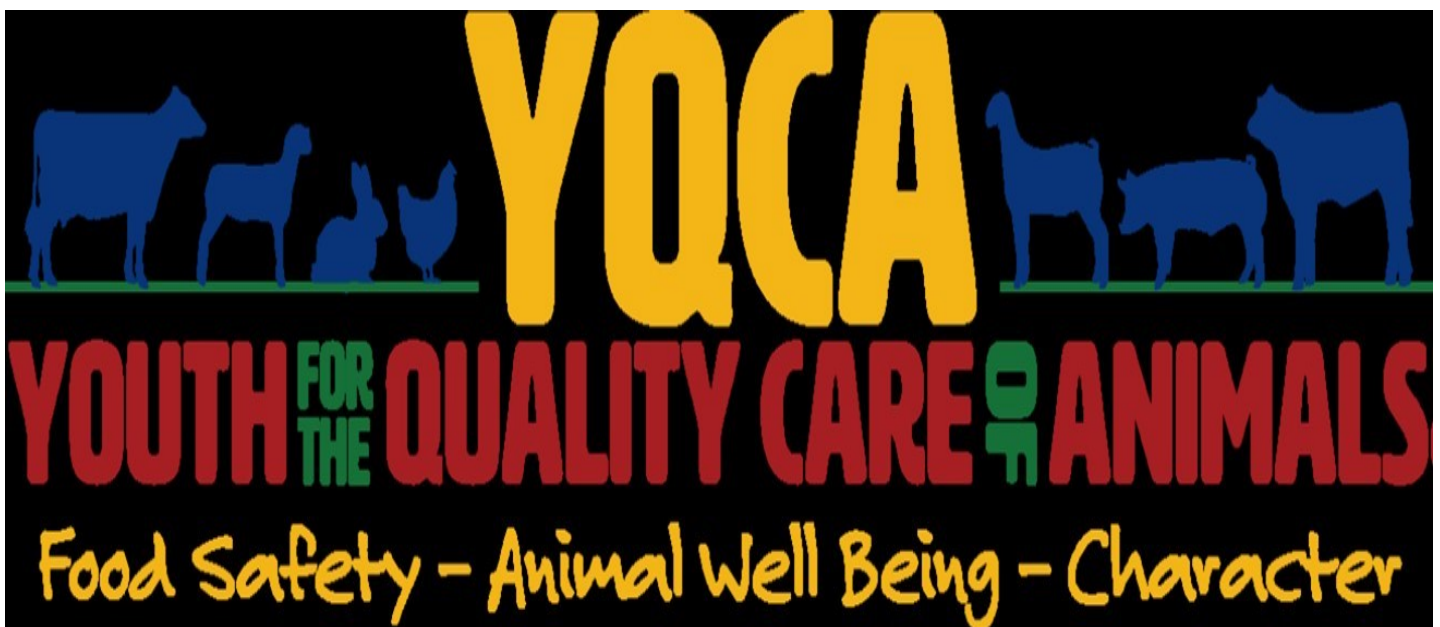
If you are a 4-H Member showing: **sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or beef** you will need to do your Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training again **BEFORE the June 1 deadline**. This is for all members ages 8-18 showing livestock for a 4-H show.

1) **Online training** (there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. Once completed please print 2 copies of your certificate— 1 needs to be given to the Extension office before June 1, and the other one travels with the 4-H member to the shows.

Link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Whether you take the online course OR attend an in-person training, you MUST submit your certificate of completion to Brenda at the Extension office—NO LATER than 4pm on June 1.

If you missed the email with step-by-step instructions on how to setup your new YQCA account, please reach out to Brenda at bheimann@illinois.edu





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

****Some dates/times subject to change****

APRIL 2022

18-24	National Volunteer Week
23-24	4-H State Hippology, Horse Bowl & Speech at UIUC Campus
27	Leader's Meeting HCC, Building R 6 p.m.
30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland Community College, Champaign, IL

MAY 2022

1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
2	DEADLINE for 4-H Camp registration
4, 11, 18, 25	Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
17	Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30p.m. Location TBD
21	Forestry Club Meeting 3
30	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2022

1	Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification
1	Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office
1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office
1	Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office
1	Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Swine- gilts & barrows, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds,
14-16	4-H Camp, Daycamp- Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm - Stephenson County Fairgrounds
17	Extension Office Closed for Juneteenth
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
25	Multi- County Tubing Day, 10:30 a.m., Sugar River Adventures- Rockton, IL

JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
6	Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m.
8	Dog Show SPIN Club- Final practice, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
9	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
	4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
19	Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
20	General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
22	Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows



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****Some dates/times subject to change****

24-30	At Highland Community College, building TBD
25	State Fair Jr. Horse Show
	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM
	Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings
25	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds
	Foresight building
26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows -Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-30	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
28	Fashion Show, E & R Tent, 1:30-3:30p.m.
30	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring

AUGUST 2022

6	Stephenson County 4-H Horse show, at Winnebago County Fairgrounds- 8:00 a.m. registration
11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day



4-H FORESTRY CLUB— On April 9, the 4-H Forestry Club, along with the University of Illinois— Extension, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Jane Addamsland Park Foundation planted 25 oak trees out at the Espenscheid Forest Preserve in Rock City, IL .



Stephenson County 4-H News



Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Go to our webpage:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Under Calendar of Events & 4-H Show book, there is a link on "How to Order Manuals."

If you have any questions regarding manuals, please call me direct at 815-235-4125 or bheimann@illinois.edu

Are you looking for more ways to help your child learn & engage with 4-H?

Illinois 4-H has many resources that can help!!

Check out the 4-H Spark Sheets—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>

And 4-H At Home—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>



4-H Camp—June 14, 15, 16

Registration for 4-H Camp 2022 is OPEN!!!

4-H Camp is open to **ALL** boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 14, 2022. **4-H membership is not required**; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$70. **All camp fees must be paid in full by May 2, 2022.** Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda at 815-235-4125.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP



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JUNE 14, 15, 16

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN
CAMP
POLO, IL



SAVE THE DATES
COME JOIN THE FUN IN 2022
ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS!

4-H ROBOTICS TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROBOTICS TEAM $A^2 = B^2 + C^2$!!!

Last weekend our Robotics team competed at the State Robotics Competition and they won the Champion Award for the Rookie Division & the Best Table Performance Award!!

Great Job Team!



L to R: Wade Sheffey,
Connor Bausman,
Brogan Keltner, and
Cassandra Bausman
(front)

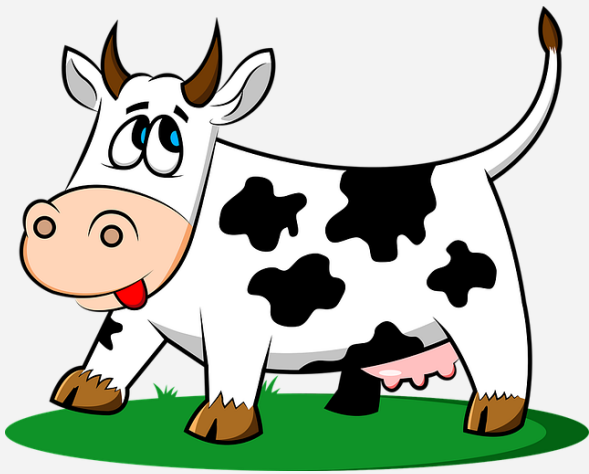


DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

The Illinois 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contest was held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois. Stephenson County had 18 participants attend: Ben Bremmer, Eli Bremmer, Ethan Bremmer, Abby Busker, Magen Busker, Matthew Busker, Aidan Dinderman, Alaina Dinderman, Amery Dinderman, Ella Gunderson, Ethan Gunderson, Owen Gunderson, Blake Kompood, Collin Meier, Colton Meier, Jaymeson Pudwill, Jayse Pudwill, and Lila Sloan.

Ben Bremmer was asked to represent the state of Illinois in the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

The dairy quiz bowl contest challenges the 4-H members' knowledge and quick recall of information relating to the various aspects of dairy cattle management and dairy products. Each competition round included



12 questions presented one-on-one followed by 16 toss-up questions with bonus point options. The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl requires many hours of dedicated learning and a good understanding of the dairy industry.

Great Job representing 4-H & Stephenson County!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Let's help our fellow 4-H club reach their goal of 1,000 items of hygiene products for the Miss Carly's place in Rockford!

German Valley Golden Eagles 4-H Club Presents:

Hygiene Donation Drive

{to benefit Miss Carly's}

From April 12 to May 8, you can donate at:

- German American State Bank (German Valley location)
- Forreston Public Library

Donation Ideas:

Full Size: Body Wash - Shampoo - Conditioner
Wet Wipes - Deodorant - Toothpaste - Toothbrushes
Lotion - Razors - Shaving Cream - Chapstick
Feminine Hygiene Products - Baby Wipes - Diapers
(Monetary donations are also accepted!)



THANK YOU!!!



For more information on 4-H or to donate monetarily, please call 815-738-2230.

SCHOLARSHIPS



R.C. Miller Scholarship— The scholarship was established by R. C. Miller, a lifetime Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and enrolled in an agriculture, natural resources or related degree program. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

To receive an application, please call the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County Office at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by **June 1, 2022** to the U of I Extension, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. Chosen recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



This is for all 4-H youth, whether in
General projects or Livestock projects.
It's a great way to tell your 4-H Story & make
A little dough to support your projects!!!

Parents, Grandparents, and 4-H Youth

Compeer Financial has been a longtime supporter of 4-H youth through donations and actively attending the county 4-H Livestock Auction in the past. We would like to continue to support our local youth's 4-H experience by broadening our approach and providing all 4-H members in our area a donation.

In order to qualify, 4-H members must submit an essay describing their 2022 project, what they learned completing their project and knowledge gained. We ask that the essay be at least 150 words and picture of the member with their project when possible. The 4-H member's name and address must be included with the essay. Essay form is attached and needs to be submitted to Compeer Financial by September 1st, 2022. The amount of each award will be determined by the final number of applicants and will be delivered by mail.

Please mail your essay to:

Compeer Financial
c/o 4-H Awards
651 W Meadows Drive
PO Box 719
Freeport, IL 61032

Compeer Financial 4-H Award

Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

Project: _____

Essay: _____

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STATE 4-H NEWS

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. GO HERE for more info: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament> GO HERE to register your fish: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



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STATE 4-H NEWS

Applications are now OPEN for the **2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards!** Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUlb0>



Applications now open!



EXTENSION NEWS

Joys of Gardening Series

The University of Illinois Extension and the Freeport Public Library have teamed up to offer the Joys Spring Gardening Series. Extension Staff and Volunteers will be leading classes to get you geared up for spring and the growing season ahead. The series will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. in the main floor meeting room at Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport.

- **Success with Succulents** will be offered on Thursday, April 21
- **Rainwater Management in Your Landscape** *will be offered*, Tuesday, April 26. Learn about options to put rainwater diverted from the hardscapes in your yard to use instead of lost as runoff.
- **Totally Tomatoes, Perfect Peppers** will be offered Thursday, April 28. This class will help you determine what varieties to grow, diseases and insects to look out for, methods to trellis for success, and troubleshooting of these two popular summer vegetables.
- **Creative Container Gardening** will be offered Thursday, May 5. Growing annual plants in containers is a great way to highlight a front door, add an accent to a porch or deck area, or garden in a small space.

To register for one or all of the classes offered at the Joys Spring Gardening Series call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on-line at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is no charge to attend but registration is required.

Preserve the quality and nutrients of your produce

Spring is right around the corner, and summer gardens will be bursting with produce in no time. You can enjoy your summer flavors year-round by preserving your fresh produce now. Home food preservation continues to be a favorite by many.

Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely: Freezing Your Summer Harvest will be held both in-person and virtually. Pick the time and date that works best for you.

Thursday, May 12, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the [University of Illinois Extension- Stephenson County, Highland Community College, Building R, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport.](#)

Virtually via Zoom, Wednesday, May 25, from 1-3 PM.

Reserve your seat today by calling our office at (815) 235-4125 or visiting us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5 registration fee which will cover the educational session. Space is limited, so register today. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please contact our office at (815) 235-4125.



Save the
date

4-H River Tubing Float Day

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:30 am



*Sugar River
Adventures.com*
Rockton, IL

More information coming soon!

WARREN COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Registration

8 AM

Contest

9 AM



IF you are interested
in attending this contest
and would like to go
with others from your
county—

Call Brenda!

Saturday, May 28, 2022
Warren County Fairgrounds
Roseville, IL



Junior Division, Ages 8-13 as of January 1 | Senior Division, Ages 14-18 as of January 1

Team and Individual Awards Presented to Overall and Species Winners

\$3/person | Checks payable to "University of Illinois Extension"

Contact Shelby Carlson, 4-H Youth Development Educator at srcarls2@illinois.edu or

(309)734-5161, or Lynn Shimmin at (309)224-1469 with questions

Advanced registration requested by emailing Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu

**Lunch Available for Purchase
from Happy Hustler's 4-H Club**



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