

APRIL 2024

# 4-H FAMILY NEWS



## MONROE COUNTY



## 4-H SHOWBOOK

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with show dates and project guidelines for the Horse Show, Food Demo Show, and Show-A-Rama (general projects):

<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>

using these instructions:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

\*The Monroe County Fair Showbook, including Horticulture, Crops, and Livestock classes, is coming soon!

## 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Remember that to show projects at the County and State levels, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair AND complete their book by September 15.

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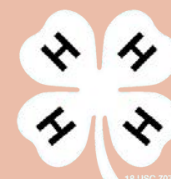
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# Learn about Leather Crafting!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ART  
OF LEATHER CRAFTING?

JOIN US:

**APRIL 3 , 7:00P.M.**

**MONROE COUNTY ANNEX**

901 ILLINOIS AVE., WATERLOO

**\*OPEN TO BOTH  
YOUTH AND ADULTS!**

**REGISTER:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/LeatherCrafting>

Local leather crafter,  
Dan DeWilde will talk  
about the history of  
leather crafting, items  
you can make, types of  
leather, and more.

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# YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family! YCS in 2024 is sure to be a magical experience!

### STEP 1: Choose your date and location

**June 3-6 Waterloo, IL**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

**June 10-13 Hecker, IL**  
Hecker Commercial Club

**June 24-27 Columbia, IL**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### STEP 2: Choose your session

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

### STEP 3: Register at:

[go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2024](http://go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2024)



For more experienced Chefs, register for the:

### FOOD CHALLENGE

Ages 11-15  
Cost \$60

**July 16-18 Waterloo, IL**  
Monroe County Annex



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## YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



# Youth Cooking School Challenge 2024

The Food Challenge is for experienced chefs that have attended youth cooking school in the past. Youth will learn slightly more advanced cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and will be given challenges to prepare their own tasty recipes!

**Tues. July 16- Thurs. July 18**

**Monroe County Annex**

901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo

**Morning:** 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Afternoon:** 12:30-3:30 p.m.

**Register@**

[go.illinois.edu/CookChallengeAM](http://go.illinois.edu/CookChallengeAM)

[go.illinois.edu/CookChallengePM](http://go.illinois.edu/CookChallengePM)



Call (618) 939-3434

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## STATE AWARDS WINNER!

Congratulations to **Janella Neary** as a recipient of the **Emerald Level State 4-H Experience Award** and the **4-H Sustaining the Future Award**



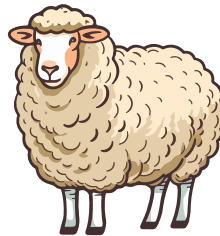
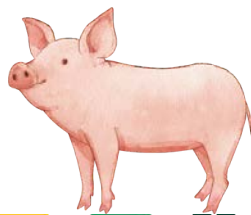
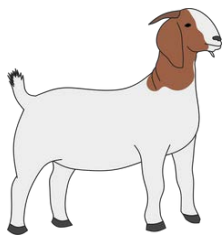
## LIVESTOCK JUDGING SUCCESS!

Great job to the following 4-H participants in the Waterloo FFA Livestock Judging Contest:

Monroe County 4-H Livestock Judging Team -- Greyson Kruse, Evan Muench, Emma Schultheis, Jackson Klinkhardt and Blaklee Schwarze

Backyard Bandits Team -- Wyatt Ruwald, Avery Cope, Kaleigh Halleran, Nathan Koch, and Jacob Mudd

**Congratulations to Avery Cope, who placed 2nd overall individual, Wyatt Ruwald, who placed 3rd individual in cattle, and the Backyard Bandits Team, who placed 3rd overall!**



# YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING

FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN  
BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP & SWINE PROJECTS

VETERINARY INSTRUCTOR-LED  
TRAININGS:

**MARCH 25**

6:30 P.M.

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OR

**APRIL 15**

6:30 P.M.

MONROE COUNTY ANNEX

**BOTH SESSIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY  
A LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK HELP  
SESSION FOR ANYONE INTERESTED**

**\*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THESE  
SESSIONS, YOU MAY TAKE THE WEB-  
BASED TRAINING:  
[YQCAPROGRAM.ORG](https://yqcaprogram.org)**



**\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\***

Please register by **MARCH 22**

<https://yqcaprogram.org>

**NEW members:**

Register for a new account under a parent name and fill out all required fields.

Confirm your account through a link sent to your email.

Click on the blue "Add Child" button on the YQCA website and enter required fields for each child participating in the YQCA training.

Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right hand corner.

**RETURNING members:**

Sign in with their previous username and password.

Choose "Enrolled ILT Trainings" from the dropdown list.

Click on the blue "Go to Courses" button.

Click on the blue button indicating child's age next to his/her name.

Choose appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 OR "Web Based Training" for \$12.

Next, choose participants name, state and training date.

Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office asap.

Repeat registration process for each family member required to take the training.



**This training is required to exhibit and sell beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine at the Monroe County Fair per USDA requirements.**

**Please call the Extension office at 618-939-3434 with any questions.**

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## MONROE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW



**Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Monroe County Fairgrounds**

Open to all 4-H members enrolled in a horse project.  
Check out the 4-H Showbook for class information and requirements:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:  
<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>  
using these instructions: <https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>  
(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the  
username/password you previously used.)

**Register by May 5.**

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## SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH-IN



**Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Monroe County Fairgrounds**



Sheep will weigh first, followed by goats.

If you plan to show and sell a market lamb and/or goat at the Monroe County Fair, your lamb/goat MUST participate in the weigh-in. We hope that exhibitors can be present for the weigh-in; however, if you are unable to attend, make sure your lamb(s)/goat(s) are there to be weighed.

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## LAMB & GOAT CAMP

Champion Choice Camps is hosting a lamb/goat camp on **April 27** at the  
**Monroe County Fairgrounds** for youth ages 5-21.

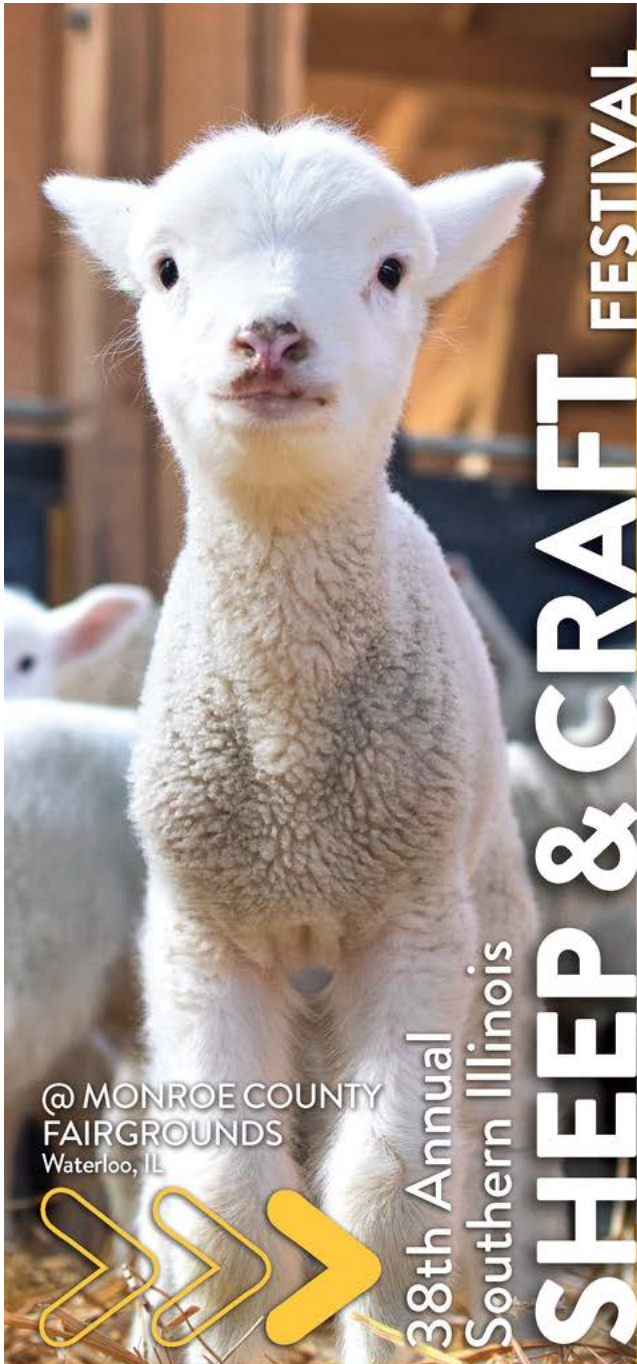
This one-day camp is for youth interested in learning more about handling, nutrition, health, exercise, fitting, showmanship, and marketing of lambs AND goats.

The camp is designed for ALL skill levels, not just beginners.  
**The fee is currently discounted to \$200 from \$250 and includes lunch and drinks.**

Participants can bring their animals.  
For more information or to register, visit:  
<https://www.championschoicecamps.com/>



# SHEEP & GOAT JUDGING CONTEST OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS AT 9:00 A.M.



SATURDAY APRIL 13 2024

## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

- » **KIDS CORNER / GAMES & ACTIVITIES**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County 4-H Federation*
- » **BALLOON ARTIST** • 11am-1pm
- » **JUDGING CONTEST BEGINS** • 9:00am  
open to all youth ages 8-19 - *please sign-up prior to contest*
- » **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County FB Young Leaders*  
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10am  
Pull starts @ 11am in exhibit (main) building  
{Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}
- » **SHEARING DEMOS** • 9:30 - 1:30 • hourly
- » **WORKING SHEEP DOGS** • 11am & 1pm  
Exhibition by *Robin Reasoner*  
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 2pm}
- » **LUNCH** • 11am - 1:30pm  
**CARRYOUT** with Dine-in areas available  
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -  
**1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger w/2 sides**

## ALL DAY DISPLAYS:

Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos  
Sheep Breeds

### Local Lamb Cuts available to Purchase:

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event

### ADVANCE ORDERS TAKEN-PICK UP DAY OF:

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: [info@mcsheepproducers.com](mailto:info@mcsheepproducers.com)

## MoCo Spring Showcase:

- Jackpot-style show after Judging Contest
- More info on Facebook: MoCo Spring Showcase or Erin 618-570-5514 or Garrett 618-340-2826

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

- |                  |              |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Richard Woodcock | 618-939-8536 | Matt Wiegard | 618-340-8151 |
| Craig Hick       | 618-779-3213 | Amy Halleran | 618-530-5373 |
| Ray Henerfauth   | 618-581-2183 | Gary Brandt  | 618-920-5924 |
| Jonathan Koch    | 618-521-1604 |              |              |

@ MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Waterloo, IL

38th Annual Southern Illinois

# SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

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# MOCO SPRING SHOWCASE SHEEP SHOW

For more info, visit “MoCo Spring Showcase” on Facebook.



**APRIL 13TH, 2024**  
**MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298**  
**ENTRY INFO**  
**\$15 PER HEAD**  
**\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE**  
**NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE**



*Open to all ages*  
*Market and breeding classes available Entry on Showman app opens 10/1-4/5 Late entry on showman open 4/6-4/11 Payouts determined by entries*  
*Weigh-in at 8:00 am on 4/13*  
*Papers required for breed classes*  
*See Facebook page for rules and more info.*

**Contact**

<i>Erin Halleran</i>	<i>Garrett Brandt</i>
<i>618-570-5514</i>	<i>618-340-2826</i>



## NEW GARDENBUDS CLUB!



# 4-H Gardenbuds

**Ages 5-8\***  
\*Must have completed Kindergarten

Participants will learn how to grow vegetables and flowers, cook with produce, explore pollination & insects, weather, plant parts, the plant life cycle, and more!

**MEETING DATES:**

- JUNE 4, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JUNE 18, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JULY 16, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- AUGUST 20, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 17, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- OCTOBER 15, 6:00-7:30P.M.

Register: [www.zsuite.org](http://www.zsuite.org)  
Choose "Gardenbuds" club  
\$30 fee includes supplies and snacks for 6 sessions.

\*Limited to 10 participants  
Call 618-939-3434 for more info.



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# Ag Tech SCIENCE CAMP

**JUNE 17, 18, 20**  
**JULY 15-18**  
**JULY 22-25**  
**9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.**



Camp sessions will alternate between:  
Baebler Educational Farm, 4022 JJ Rd., Waterloo  
and the Jackie Joyner-Kersey (JK) Food, Agriculture, Nutrition Innovation Center,  
plus field trips!

\*Transportation is provided to JJK Center & field trips from Waterloo.

Participants will learn about the role science & technology plays in agriculture through hands-on field activities including planting/observing different types of corn, using drones, collecting data, learning from scientists and more!

**FREE TO YOUTH AGES 12-15**

**LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**  
**REGISTER: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2024AGTECHSCIENCECAMP](https://go.illinois.edu/2024agtechsciencecamp)**

**BY MAY 31**  
**LIMITED TO 15 YOUTH**



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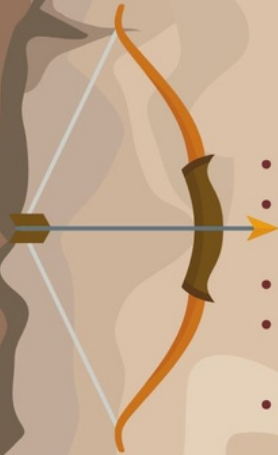
**DONALD DANFORTH  
PLANT SCIENCE CENTER**



# SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Monroe County 4-H Shooting Sports **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**



- 21 years of age or older.
- Willing to complete a one-day training and receive background screening.
- Knowledgeable and interested in outdoor recreation.
- Eager to instill positive youth development while teaching shooting skills and safety.
- Able to work with local youth a minimum of 6 times per year.

### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FIELD DAY TRAININGS

- ➔ May 11, Piatt County (central IL)
- ➔ July 27, Franklin Co. (southern IL) \*Rend Lake



**\*Monroe County has a specific need of Archery and/or Pistol Instructors right now.**

**Please contact Kelly Brandt, Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator at 618-939-3434 or [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu)**

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## MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Applicants must be seniors in high school who have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2023, and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least four consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud School districts.

4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship>

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## LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Requirements:

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
  - A permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County
- The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria, including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, a history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.

**The application is available at:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>

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## GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

At the time of their application, students must be:

High School Senior OR Continuing Student

Enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2024 in the United States or Ontario, Canada

Pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate.

[https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en\\_US](https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en_US)



# 4-H Teens as Teachers Training

at 5:30 p.m. in the Monroe County Annex Building

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday, May 17

## What is Teens as Teachers?

- University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and the Monroe County Ag in the Classroom are partnering to teach youth about agriculture.
- This program is open to teens 14-18 years old.
- Teen Teachers will be required to complete 8 hours of training and 8 hours of volunteer teaching in order to complete the program

## As a member of the Teens as Teachers team...

- You will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- You will expand your own knowledge by preparing lessons and teaching the material to youth.
- You will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.



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## Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in:  
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET  
projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.



<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>

Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification



Certifications only need to be completed one time.

Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.



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## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown and signed by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

**\*NEW: Members must have completed a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell in 2024, except for new members or members not previously in that project.**

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

[https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\\_Guide](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide) to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.



## YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

To participate in the youth livestock auction, sponsored by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, youth must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 4-H or FFA member age 8-19 on or before September 1 of the previous year.
- Be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Be a Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter member in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.
- Members must complete a livestock record book for the previous year, with the exception of new members.
- Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry, or dairy basket.
- Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing two or more dairy animals are eligible to auction a dairy basket of products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.
- If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any species area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand or Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.

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## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 Award Applications are posted on our website:

[https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe\\_AwardApp](https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp)

You can also log your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log to help prepare for filling out the Award Application:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>

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## 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions

Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFamilyHandbook>







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● **Historical Fire History**

Grasslands and forests

● **Prescribed Fire Benefits**

Prairie restoration, Oak forest restoration

● **Basic Fire Behavior**

Fuel, Topography, Wind, Relative humidity, Temperature

● **Burn Plan Writing Basics**

Objectives, Maps, Burn prescription, Firebreaks, Ignition plan, Equipment & crew, Safety plan, Smoke management, Public safety and neighbor notifications, Mop up standards, Evaluation and monitoring



Register by calling 618-939-3434 or emailing [ruth1@illinois.edu](mailto:ruth1@illinois.edu)



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participate, please contact the event coordinator.





# Baebler Bird Hike

WEDNESDAY

**MAY 15, 2024**

Come and explore the spring migrating birds passing through and our year-long feathered neighbors. Bird watchers of all levels welcome. Participants can bring binoculars, cameras, and water.

**9 AM - 10 AM**

Baebler Farm, 4022 JJ Road, Waterloo, IL

**RSVP to Sarah at 618-939-3434 or [ruth1@illinois.edu](mailto:ruth1@illinois.edu)**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 3 Learn about Leather Crafting, 7:00 p.m., Monroe County Annex
- April 13 Sheep Fest-Sheep/Goat Judging, 9:00 a.m., Mo. Co. Fairgrounds
- April 13 MoCo Showcase Sheep Show, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- April 15 YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., Monroe County Annex
- April 15 Livestock Record Book Workshop, 7:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
- May 4 4-H Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 a.m., Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- May 11 4-H Horse Show, 9:00 a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 18 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, STL
- June 4 4-H Gardenbuds Club begins
- June 19 Livestock Entry Night, Monroe County Fairgrounds
- June 29 4-H Show-A-Rama (general projects), Imm. Luth. Church Hall
- July 21-28 Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops & livestock)
- August 11 Monroe County Day at State Fair



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