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# Coles County 4-H



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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### September

- 1.....New 4-H year begins
- 9.....4-H Online registration opens
- 13-15.....Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp
- 14.....State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
- 21.....State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
- 23..... DEADLINE: Member Record, Secretary & Treasurer's books due**
- 28.....18th Street Festival, 4-H @ Health Department parking lot

### October

- 1.....Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm
- 1.....DEADLINE to submit feature photos - see page 3
- 6-12.....4-H Week
- 13.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm
- 12-13.....State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington
- 19.....Shooting Sports Volunteer Training, Monticello
- 25.....Trunk-or-Treat, Downtown Mattoon, 5-8pm
- 31.....RSVP Achievement Night

### November

- 1.....DEADLINE: All state awards and scholarships
- .....Achievement Night - details are being determined
- 2.....Officer's Training
- 10.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4
- 28-29.....Happy Thanksgiving - Extension Office Closed

### December

- 7.....Winter Craft Day
- 13..... DEADLINE: 4-H Re-Enrollment**
- 24.....Extension Office Closed through January 2

### January

- 19.....Skating Party, Silver Star Mattoon, 5:30-7:30pm
- 21.....Superintendents Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm
- 25-26.....Teen Leadership Conference, Decatur



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.





### We Made the Move

Come visit the Coles County Extension Office's new location, 809 W. Broadway Ave., Mattoon. We are still getting settled but are excited to be at our new location. Once the boxes are unpacked and the dust has settled, we will be hosting an open house. Please be watching for an invitation to join us, at our open house, in future issues of this newsletter and on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you!

### Photos to be Featured

Calling all Photography 1,2,3, and Photo Editing past champions. We are in search of photos to feature in our new office. If you earned **Champion or Reserve Champion** in the last five years, please submit your photo(s) to be considered for a place on our walls. Photos will be evaluated by staff from two of our offices. If selected, winners will be asked to print a 20 X 30 photo, we will provide framing. Please submit your past photos by October 1. If you have questions contact Jenny at the office.

### Champion T-Shirts

4-H'ers who earned a Champion ribbon at the General Projects Show, your T-shirts are in. Shirts will be distributed to club leaders during the October leader's meeting. If you would prefer to pick them up prior to that, please contact Jenny at the office to make arrangements.

### Premium Checks

Many of you may have received a check from the Extension office recently. These checks are premiums from the 2017/2018 fair. Please cash or deposit your check within 60 days.

### Trunk-or-Treat

4-H has, once again, been invited to participate in the Trunk-or-Treat Festival downtown Mattoon on Friday, October 25 from 5-8p.m. This is a great opportunity to let others know what 4-H is all about! 4-H themed trunk decorating and activity ideas are needed. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Jenny at the office. If your club would like to donate one bag of Tootsie Pops, you may drop them off at the office by October 19.



*To Make the Best*  
**BETTER**

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### Congratulations to our State Fair Champions

Coles County had 34 members participate at the Illinois State Fair. All of them represented our county very well and we are proud of all of you! Members with the highest score received a Champion Award, second highest Reserve Champion. Members who scored 80% or above on their scoresheet received an Outstanding award. Some members received an Inspire Award given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge as good work.

#### Congratulations to the following for earning both Outstanding/Champion Awards:

Whitley Dearing - Cooking 401      Dylan Ealy - Tractor      Matthias Hacker - Robotics Innovation **(Inspire)**  
Beatrice Lee - Food Decorating      Gabriel Weiss - Passport to the World

#### Congratulations to the following for earning a Champion Award:

Blain Homann - Robotics 2      Mallory Homann - Leadership 1      Madeline Nunamaker - Food Science **(Inspire)**

#### Congratulations to members who earned Reserve Champion:

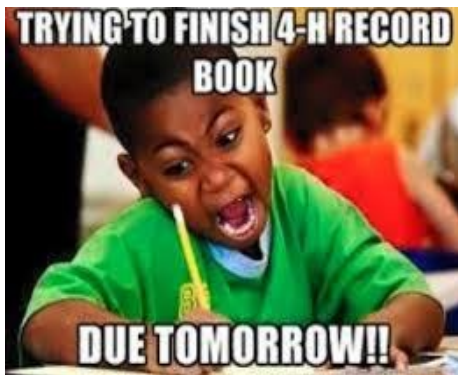
Casey Fisher - Scrapbooking - Intermediate      Skylar Rhoads - Metal **(Outstanding)**  
Parker Spear - Intermediate Visual Programming

#### Congratulations to members who earned an Outstanding Award:

Colby Metzger - Veterinary Science      Stevi Nichols - Animated Video      Macey Vanderport - Health 1

#### Congratulations to the following members for earning an Inspire Award:

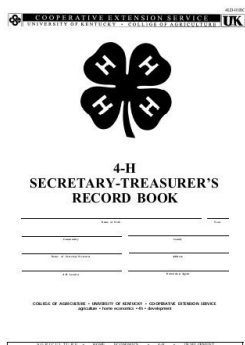
Lizzie Froeschle - Animal Science      Mariah Weiss - Paper



### Member Record Books & Awards

Member records and award applications are due in the office by Monday, September 23. It is important to have records turned in on time so judges have time to review them. Please refer to the 2019 4-H Fair & Policy Book regarding available awards. Updated forms for county awards can be found on our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-coles-county>, under County Awards. State Awards can be found on the state 4-H website <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>

members/awards. If you have questions please contact Jenny at the office. Applications will not be accepted past the September 23 deadline.



### Club Secretary & Treasurer's Books

The secretary and treasurer books are required to be turned into the Extension office by September 23. Fillable books can be found on our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>, under Club Meetings.

In the Treasurer books, all required signatures are needed in the audit. Please double check that all are provided. The fiscal review committee can be a parent, leader, and a member of the club. If leaders are signatories on the account, then two parents and one 4-H'er may be on the committee.

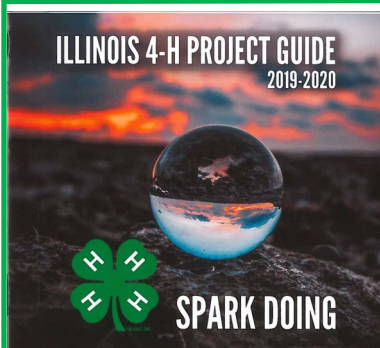
### Superintendents Needed

We are in search of a swine superintendent and beef superintendent. If you are interested in applying for either or **nominating** someone, please contact Jenny at the office for more details. You will be required to complete an application, background check and attend an interest meeting. **Applications will need to be completed by September 30.**

### New 4-H Year

The new 4-H year will start September 1 and run through August 31, 2020. Online enrollment/re-enrollment, will begin September 9. Step-by-step instructions on how to enroll in the 4-HOnline system, can be found on our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/4h/how-enroll>.

In order to participate in the 2020 4-H Fair, returning members must be re-enrolled by January 1. **Members that re-enroll and have paid the enrollment fee by December 13 will receive a 4-H backpack! 4-H members must be enrolled in 4HOnline before attending any type of 4-H activity.**



### Information to make your new year sparkle!

It's the new 4-H year, and we've got lots of things to get the new year started! We've added four new projects: Child Development, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Visual Arts Leather! Our theme for the year and National 4-H

Week is **Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve.**

Download the new Project Guide @ [https://issuu.com/illinois4h/docs/project\\_guide/1?ff](https://issuu.com/illinois4h/docs/project_guide/1?ff) The format has streamlined to make it easier to find the projects you want and the resources to help you learn! You may also pick one up from your leader. In addition to projects, you can see events, contests, conferences, and leadership opportunities in the areas you're studying!

Want to know what resources are available for your project, including manuals and downloadable guides? Go to the state 4-H website to view the project selection reference guide, <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>. You will not be charged for the cost of the manuals, however if there is a downloadable guide only, you will need to contact the office. Be sure to request your manual in 4-HOnline when you register. If you do not choose a manual from the dropdown box, I will not know to order it. Can't wait to see your project choices.

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*One day is all you need*

### Become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

- Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.
- Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.
- Pay the \$60 registration cost that covers three meals, snacks, instructor curriculum, hat, and all necessary equipment and materials for the training.
- Staff will complete your registration. Registration is due October 9.
- Attend certification training from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.
- Complete additional online training.
- Check back in with the county Extension staff to begin volunteering.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.

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### SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

#### Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories are:

**Volunteer of the Year** – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

**Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019**.



# 4-H Week

Inspired to Lead - Called to Serve. That is the theme for this year's National 4-H Week and Coles County is jumping on board. 4-H Week is an opportunity to showcase 4-H and to show the community how great 4-H is and how 4-H inspires kids to do so many different things! As you go about "doing" this week, be sure to take photos and post them on Facebook and Instagram using #Colescounty4Hweek, #inspiredby4H and #inspiredtoLEAD.

October 6 - Awareness Sunday - Hand out bags of green & white jelly beans or M & Ms at your church, community park or sporting event as a way to start a conversation about 4-H. Include a little information about 4-H.

October 7 - Recognize Leaders Monday - Tell your leaders thank you for all of their hard work. Give them a shout out on Facebook or Instagram, write them a thank you card, send them some flowers or give a small gift to let them know they are appreciated.

October 8 - Take Cookies Tuesday - Bake cookies or some kind of treat, write a thank you note and take them to a business/4-H supporter in your community. These supporters can be a local business, board members, churches, anyone that has shown support to the 4-H program or your club.

October 9 - Spread the Word Wednesday - Pass out invitations to your friends for your next club meeting. This can be handwritten or an evite. Include our website on your invite so they can learn more about 4-H. Federation will be providing bookmarks and flyers to businesses to pass out to customers.

October 10 - Chris Clover Thursday - Think "Flat Stanley" meets scavenger hunt. Create a Chris Clover, take him to the following places, snap a photo and put it on our Facebook page. Be sure you wear your 4-H shirt or hat in the photos.



1. In front of our new office 2. With Abe Lincoln 3. With a farm animal 4. In front of any business 5. With another clover 6. With a human alphabet "4-H" 7. With 4-H parents making silly faces 8. With your leader 9. With 4-H Ribbons 10. In front of 4-H Center sign at the fairgrounds Have fun!

October 11 - 4-H Shirt Friday - Wear your 4-H shirt to school and/or work, or wear green from head to toe.

October 12 - Service Day Saturday - Participate in a community service project with your club. Organize a blood drive, host a bingo night at a nursing home, volunteer at the animal shelter, organize a book drive and donate the books to the library.

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### Records!



### 4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

#### August events:

- ★ State Fair projects - section 2 - 8/10

Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates.

### Leader's Digest

- Club Secretary and Treasurer's books due **September 23**
- New 4-H Year - Online enrollment will open September 9. I will be distributing new materials at our next meeting.
- Leader's Meeting - October 1, Extension Office, 6pm.
- Please encourage at least one member of your club to be active in Federation this year!
- Encourage members to read the newsletter for important deadlines and activities.



## Federation News

### Upcoming Federation Events

September 28 - 18 the Street Fall Festival  
October 6 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 pm  
October 6-12 - 4-H Week  
November 2 - Officer Training  
November - Achievement Night  
December 7 - Winter Craft Day

4-H is a **community**  
of **young**  
**people**  
across **America**  
who are learning  
**leadership,**  
**citizenship** and  
**life skills.**

### Federation Who We Are

Federation is a youth-driven team of the local 4-H clubs that band together for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, and assists with fun 4-H activities and events such as workshops, 4-H BBQ, Barnyard Bash, and achievement night. Federation members must be at least 13 years of age to join.

Why should you join? It's fun and it helps youth in developing great leadership and mentoring skills. Federation gives members confidence when leading activities and helps members gain public speaking skills. Members who are active, earn a free trip.

How do I join? Read the newsletter and watch for monthly meeting notices or contact Jenny at the Extension office. Represent your club! Join today!





## Just the help you need for your 4-H club

The Illinois 4-H Website has 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](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)
- Click on the **Clubs** tab.
- Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:

**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 the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be 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 more other important resources.

## Take a trip across the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:



- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.
- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ [states4hexchange.org/](http://states4hexchange.org/).



National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag #inspiredby4H and #inspiredtoLEAD as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.

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### Time is running out to come to Family Camp

Registrations are being accepted for Family Camp Program at 4-H Memorial Camp, Sept. 13-15! We hope you come out and enjoy all that the camp has to offer! Come experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing you enjoy a weekend together!

Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided (starting Friday dinner and ending with Sunday Lunch), and enjoy A LOT of fun activities! Many of the same staff that run our summer camp programs volunteer to make this an enjoyable experience for your family. Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime!

At least one youth attending must be 8 to 16 years old, and children must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. The fee for participants 8 years and up is \$75/person, while those 4-7 years old are only \$35/person.

Information and registration forms can be found at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping>. Please contact Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) with any questions or if you need an accommodation.

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### Georgia Boot will provide 50% off coupon codes to anyone affiliated with the 4-H program

Families, members, alumni and volunteers may use the codes during August & September. The coupon works on their website only and you must register with Georgia Boot and the code will be provided to you after that. Please do not share the code openly on social media to help ensure the code does not end up on coupon sharing sites. Georgia Boot will also give 5% back on all boots sold using this coupon code to National 4-H Council. Visit <https://www.georgiaboot.com/> for more information.