





4-H members having fun at the skating party





Coles County 4-H

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

<u>March</u>

- 1.....Federation Meeting, Jackson Ave. Coffeehouse, 2-4 p.m.
- 6......Women Changing the face of Agriculture, Decatur
- 13.....DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training registration
- 18.....DEADLINE: Registration for Southern Illinois Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- 21.....Sewing Community Serve Project, 4-H Memorial Camp
- 28.....Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL

<u>April</u>

- 3.....DEADLINE: 4-H New Member Enrollment/Add/Drop Projects
- 3.....Pork Chop Salting, Mark's My Store, Mattoon, 5:30 p.m.
- 4.....4-H Pork Chop BBQ
- 18.....State Horse Speaking, Hippology Contest
- 19.....State Horse Bowl Contest
- 25.....National 4-H Day of Service
- 25......Fairy garden workshop, 4-H Center, 9-10am
- 30.....Ending of National 4-H Clover for Kids campaign at JOANN

<u>May</u>

- 2.....Goat registration/Sheep weigh-in
- 2-3.....4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
 - 9.....State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
- 9......4-H Day at the Cardinals
- 21.....County Public Presentations, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

<u>June</u>

- 1......Horse Ownership/Lease papers due
- 5,6......Metal art workshop, Ashmore
- 8,15,22.....Cake Decorating workshop, 4-H Center
 - 15.....DEADLINE: Last day to enter fair projects, FairEntry.com
 - 15.....Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
 - 21-26.....Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
 - 25.....Aerospace Show, Fairgrounds, 5:30p.m.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking My HEART to greater loyality,

My HANDS to larger service, and My HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H Pork Chop BBQ

Saturday, April 4

The Coles County 4-H annual Pork Chop BBQ is quickly approaching! This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds benefit programs for all our county's 4-H members. Please continue to promote the BBQ and remind everyone it will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

Thank you to all our 4-H families for your continued support of your Coles County 4-H program.

Fair Book Cover Contest Winner

Congratulations to Madeline Nunamaker for creating the winning fair book cover design. Madeline is a member of Barnstormers 4-H club and enjoys attending the fair.

Her cover will be revealed when the 2020 Fair & Policy book is made available in mid March. Madeline will be awarded \$50 for her cover art. Great job Madeline!

Coles County 4-H Fair Dates

Public Presentations - May 21, 6:30pm Monday, June 15 - Fair Entry **deadline** Thursday, June 25 - Aerospace Show Tuesday, July 7 - Home & Family Show Saturday, July 18 - General Projects Day Sunday, July 26 - Barnyard Bash Sunday, July 26 - Rabbit, Poultry Show Monday, July 27 - Goat, Swine, Sheep, Beef ROG Tuesday, July 28 - Beef Wednesday, July 29 - Master Showmanship Thursday, July 30 - Livestock Auction Friday, July 31 - Horse Show



Farewell

I want to thank all of the you for your support of the 4-H program. It has been a privilege working with all of your 4-H'ers and to watch them grow and succeed.

In working with 4-H families during these last three years, I've been reminded of the great people who are in 4-H and I have made some great friends. It has been great watching the 4-H program grow.

While I envisioned myself continuing my role as 4-H Program Coordinator for many years, it is with mixed emotions that I tell you that I will be taking on a new role within Extension as the Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Program Coordinator. This was not an easy decision for me to make because I care deeply about the 4-H program and the kids involved! I will miss my role as the 4-H Coordinator and will continue to be involved on a volunteer basis.

I will start transitioning into my new role March 1 but will continue to work with staff to keep the 4-H programming moving forward until someone new is hired. I am sad to be leaving 4-H but excited to start this new journey. I am happy that I will still have the opportunity to interact with you and the 4-H program and hope you feel the same.

Thank you all again for the wonderful experience!

Jenny Lee

Coles County 4-H - March 2020

Deadline to Add/Drop Projects - Enrollment Fee

Remember the deadline to add/drop projects in 4HOnline is April 3. New to 4-H? You have until April 3 to enroll and choose your projects. If you are having difficulties logging in or just need assistance, please ask.

Enrollment fees are due. If you have not paid your fees please do so as soon as possible. Leader's have been sent a list of those who have not paid.

Get your Clover at JOANN

Visit a local JOANN store between March 1 - April 30 and purchase a \$1 or \$4 Paper Clover. With the \$4 Paper Clover, you will also receive a coupon for \$4 off your next purchase at JOANN.



All funds collected go directly back to the 4-H Program, 70% to the state 4-H program which my be used on anything to benefit the 4-H program.

Coles County 4-H is looking for award donations

Coles County 4-H is looking for general and award donations. To sponsor an award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. You may sponsor as many awards as you would like or give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a donation, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Coles County 4-H programs.

General Program Donation \$25 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Award We wish to sponsor an award and have enclosed \$25. Our preferred award area would be:

Name of sponsor:_

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension

Deadline for award sponsorship is May 1.

Payment should be sent to: Coles County Extension, 809 Broadway Ave., Mattoon, Il 61938.





Changes You Should Know for 2020 Fair Exhibits

The state 4-H office has made some changes to our exhibit guidelines for the 2020 fair. These changes will be reflected in the 2020 Fair & Policy Book. Here is a sneak peak:

Beef Show - Coles County 4-H show starts at 9:00am with only a 1/2 hour break.

Child Development - returned with different curriculum.

Cats - NO live show locally, poster projects only.

Family Heritage New project area. See fair book for exhibit rules.

Foods Sports Nutrition - New project area. See fair book for exhibit rules.

Shooting Sports - Now State Fair eligible. See fair book for exhibit rules.

Swine - New rules for Coles County 4-H fair. See fair book for more information.

Visual Arts changes: Leather new project area. See fair book for exhibit rules. No non-original exhibits except for Fiber Arts.

Be sure to read the 2020 Fair & Policy book for all of the changes. Always read the rules for your project area so you know what is expected at the fair.

2020 4-H Fair book will be available mid-March.

State Fair General Projects will be held three days instead of four for the 2020 fair. That means more projects to see, a little more competition, and an additional hour. Projects will not be released until 4:00pm.

Local General Projects Day changes:

- Only exhibitors, volunteers, and staff will be allowed in the 4-H Center &/or beyond the registration area in the Arts Hall.
- 4-H'ers will be expected to set up their display with the help of a Federation member, volunteer, or staff member. Members with multiple projects will be asked to only bring in three projects at a time.
- Exhibitors will leave the judging area once all of their projects are judged.
- Ribbons will be placed the Monday after General Project's Day.
- State Fair Delegates will be contacted via phone &/or email starting the Monday after General Project's Day. Delegates will have until 2:00pm on Wednesday to contact the office regarding their plans on attending State Fair.
- State Fair Alternates will be contacted beginning Friday after General Project's Day and will have until the following Monday to contact the office regarding their plans on attending State Fair.

Coles County 4-H - March 2020

| Records! 4-H Records update— | Leader's Digest |
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| December The following are this month's records update. | Remember to send in photos of your club's activities. |
| Jan. Feb. events: | BBQ packets due March 18. |
| ★ Skating Party/Animal Shelter Drive - section 6 (M) 1/19 ★ Scrapbooking workshop - section 3(C) 1/3 ★ Jr. Leadership Conf section 3 (S) 2/22-23 | Encourage members to participate in 4-H State events. Scholarships are available for many of the State sponsored events. |
| December events: | Be sure your members have paid their dues. |
| ★ Winter Craft Day - section 3 (C) 12/7 ★ DCFS donation - section 6 (C) | Last day to order manuals - April 8. |
| Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates. | THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEW 4-H COORDINATOR IS HIRED. |

Federation News

Upcoming Federation Events

March 1 - Meeting, Jackson Ave. Coffeehouse, 2-4 p.m.

March 7 - Mall Days, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

April 4 - 4-H Pork Chop BBQ

June 3 - Six Flags Trip

June 7 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.

June - Host various

workshops - check our Facebook page for dates and times.



Federation Delivered Donations

4-H Federation members delivered the many donations you gave during the skating party. Thank you to everyone for your generosity! Items delivered: 36 cans/bags cat food, 14 bags dog food, 60 toys, 7 containers cat litter, 55 boxes dog treats, 14 boxes cat treats, 10 towels, 12 blankets, 155 misc./ cleaning supplies.





State Robotics Challenge

May 9 McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.

Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE

Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.



State 4-H News

We're going to the Capitol

March 4-5 & May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling



Shawnee Community College in Ullin

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. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21.** The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.

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.

Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H before March 13.

Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at 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 runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. 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 @ <u>go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship</u> before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any 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. Academies and costs include:

- AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION. Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
- ANIMAL SCIENCES. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
- BEEKEEPING. Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
- CHEMISTRY AROUND US. Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
- **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**. Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
- GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION. Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES. Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
- JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE. Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
- **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION**. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental
- **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER**. Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
- **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY**. School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
- **VETERINARY MEDICINE**. Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
- WORK HARD, PLAY HARD. College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

Please read

Publication of the Coles County 4-H newsletter will be postponed until the new 4-H Program Coordinator is hired. Please visit the Coles County 4-H Facebook page and website for information/announcements. Be sure to check your emails regularly as well. Thank you.



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.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/ credit card.

Go to <u>go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020</u> 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.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing



4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We

need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!

New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website http://yqca.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 annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. Face to face training will be announced when they become available. UPDATE: Coles County will not be offering a face to face training. Please check with neighboring counties for their training dates or certify on-line.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E 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 @ 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. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

Compete in regional horse contests and earn your trip to state!

April 18 & 19 | Champaign

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

- 4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held Sunday, April 19 at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ https://4h.ex.tension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.
- 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is Saturday, April 18, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @
 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.
- 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more <a>(@ http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is Saturday, April 18 at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Our regional contest is **Central Regional**: April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College.