

March 2023

MARCH 4-H NEWSLETTER

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET SIGNED UP

Register in Zsuite today

Follow the steps below to get registered:

1. Thanks to the Moultrie-Douglas Extension Foundation, 4-H members in our county will not have to pay program fees for the 2022-23 4-H year! How cool is that?! This means you will not have to pay the program fee when you enroll.
2. You will need to create a profile at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
3. Follow the instructions here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>
 - a. This link also includes a video!
4. ZSuite prides itself on its customer service. Whenever you log onto their website, you will see the ZSuite Live Chat at the bottom that can help you if you encounter problems (in addition to me!).
5. If you have any questions, let me know!



Deadlines:

APRIL 1ST - TO ENROLL IN 4-H

MAY 1ST - TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

University of Illinois * US Department of Agriculture * Local Extension Councils Cooperating
College of Agricultural, Consumers, and Environmental Sciences

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Jaylynn at the Extension Office. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

4.....Public Speaking Contest

April

1.....Deadline to enroll in 4-H

19.....YQCA Training

May

1.....Deadline to add/drop
projects

June

17.....Horse Show

July

3-5....County Livestock 4-H
Fair

August

13.....Moultrie-Douglas County
Day at IL State Fair (General
Project Exhibits)

Upcoming Office Closure Dates

March 13 – Unit Staff Meeting (am)



HORSE SHOW



This year we are combining the Horse Show in Coles, Cumberland, and Moultrie-Douglas Counties. The Horse Show will be June 17, 2023 held in Cumberland this year, at the new fairgrounds in Toledo (205 S New York St. Toledo, IL 62468). The show will begin at 9am.

PROJECT BOOKS

Once you sign up for your projects in ZSuite, you can request the supplemental project book. Each project (almost all) have a book that you use to work and complete your project. The first 5 books are provided free to each member!

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



PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Annual Coles, Cumberland, and Moultrie-Douglas Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, March 4th at the Coles County Extension Office, starting at 10am. By having a combined show, our youth have the opportunity to have more competition and grow from the experience! If you are interested in Public Speaking, be sure you're enrolled in the project in Zsuite.

Contact Macey Maxey at mvmxey@illinois.edu or by calling 217-345-7034 to sign-up





Spring Family Camp



Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



Camp Coral



4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is "To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs." To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE!

ILLINOIS SUMMER ACADEMIES WILL BE BACK JUNE 25-29 ON THE UIUC CAMPUS!

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Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be.

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL!

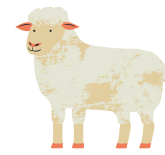
Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees.

Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.



YQCA Training



Youth for the Quality care of Animals training is required **yearly** for all 4-H members exhibiting **beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine**. YQCA training must be completed in order to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. An email, with the subject line "YQCA Training", has been sent to all 4-H leaders and all 4-H members that are in enrolled in Zsuite and taking one or more of the projects listed. This email has all the links and steps to follow in registering for the YQCA training. This training can be completed in two different ways: online or in-person.

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

If taking in-person: Cost is \$3 per 4-H member

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Moultrie-Douglas County Extension Office

Instructor: Jessica Hays (Coles County 4-H Program Coordinator)

If taking in-person, youth must complete a pre-test before attending.

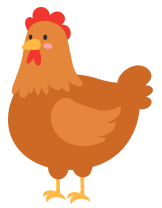
If taking online: Cost is \$12 per 4-H member

There is a final test at the end of the training and then you should receive a certificate of completion for the course. This certificate must sent in to confirm the training has been completed. Please email certificate to mvmxey@illinois.edu or mail to the Moultrie-Douglas Extension Office (304 E. Progress St. Arthur).





QAEC Training



The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all 4-H members that are enrolled in horses, dogs, cats, rabbits and poultry. **4-H members only complete this training one time and must be taken their first year in 4-H if showing horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, or poultry.** Failure to complete QAEC will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at the county fair. An email has been sent out to all 4-H leaders and 4-H members that is enrolled in one of the projects listed and has not completed QAEC.

QAEC Training link: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Once this training has been completed, the certificate needs to be emailed to mvmmaxey@illinois.edu or mailed to the Moultrie-Douglas Extension Office.





4-H Seniors



As you embark on a new chapter upon graduating high school, the Illinois 4-H program is PROUD of your accomplishments. You have excelled in your 4-H work and beyond. All Seniors are encouraged to fill out the 4-H Senior Survey. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path, and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions.

Deadline March 15, 2023. Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H and be entered into a drawing for 1 of 4 - \$50 VISA gift cards!.

The 4-H Survey Link is:

https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9S9BU9E5MuHVtxs.

**Be sure you're staying up to date
with all news and events by
checking our Facebook pages, your
emails, and Extension Website.**



Cumberland County 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/MoultrieDouglas4H>



Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby County Extension:
<https://www.facebook.com/UniversityOfIllinoisExtensionUnit19>



<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms>