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Shelby County



April News



4-H Fire-Up



Calendar of events

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

May

- 1.... Horse and Pony ownership and lease agreements due into the Extension office

June

- 1.... 4-H members deadline for taking QAEC
- 1.... Foundation Scholarships due
- 20.... State Junior Horse Show entries due at Springfield (this date was extended)
- 25.... State Livestock entries due at the Shelby County Extension Office for signature

July

- TBD.... County Public Speaking Contest
- 11.... Fair Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
- 19-23 ... Shelby County 4-H & Jr Fair
- 27-Aug 2 . State Junior Horse Show

August

- 1.... Swim party at Shelbyville Pool, 6:15-8:15, ice cream social to follow
- 14.... Shelby County 4-H General Projects judging at the IL. State Fair

Summer Overnight Activities

Camping is a valued part of the Illinois 4-H experience for thousands of kids every summer. Each year, we invest a great deal of effort in creating a camp experience that provides a fun, safe space for kids to learn and grow. With public health and safety as a pressing concern around the world right now, we have had to make some tough decisions in order to prioritize community health.

University of Illinois Extension has made the decision to cancel all summer camps sponsored or hosted by the university through July 31. **This decision applies to all overnight camps organized by Illinois 4-H, the Illini Summer Academies, and Citizenship Washington Focus.**

We're working to provide suggestions for alternate activities for campers and their families to safely participate in this summer. We look forward to planning a celebratory return to camping in summer 2021!

COVID-19 Impact

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, campus leadership has implemented social –distancing protocols that impact all university events. Illinois Extension, as the outreach program of the university, aligns with all policies related to public health and safety.

All face-to-face events through May 31, 2020 have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery.

University of Illinois Extension has suspended normal office hours at all our offices. While our staff will be working, it will be done so remotely, in most cases from their homes. While the office is closed, you may mail documents to:

University of Illinois Extension
1125 W. North Second Street
Shelbyville, IL 62565

The best way to communicate with the Shelby County Extension Office is by emailing Yolanda (4-H Program Coordinator) at nation2@illinois.edu or through the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. You may also call the office and leave a message.

Decisions about 4-H Exhibitions for Summer 2020

As of today, no decision has been made about 4-H exhibitions for summer 2020. We are actively gathering critical input from several key stakeholders, and it is our intention to announce a decision on summer 4-H exhibitions, shows, and fairs by April 17. As always, our decisions will align with the current guidance from campus and the public health department.

4-H Project Manuals

The last order of 4-H project manuals will be mailed to 4-H families this week. 4-H'ers need to select the manual when enrolling in 4H Online. If you believe you are missing a project manual, please contact your leader to see if they have it or contact Yolanda. Some project areas require the project book to accompany the project at the fair.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking horses/ponies, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats First year animal exhibitors - take note!

All 4-H members enrolled in the animal project areas of horses/ponies, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics** course one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. Members who do not complete the certification by June 1 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. June 1 is the deadline! If you have questions regarding the training, contact Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu.**

The link can be found at <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/quality-assurance-ethics-training>

New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock (YQCA)

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. 4-H'ers enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, sheep and swine will be required to take the training. The training must be completed each year.

At this time, we are asking members to wait for additional information regarding the training. Training dates will be set when it's safe to do so.

State Fair Sheep, Goats and Pigs

Lambs, goats, and pigs for the live shows are all self-nominated. All non-premiere lambs and goats for the state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2020 as follows: Exhibitors fill out and send in a nomination form with a photo of the lamb's ear with a scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). Nominations forms can be obtained from Yolanda and must be signed by Yolanda to verify you are a current 4-H member. This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020.

Premiere lambs and Premiere pigs, which are carcass animals, are the ones that prompt a change. All tattooing and weighing of carcass class lambs and pigs are being suspended for both county fairs and the state fair. These animals can be tattooed and weighed at a later date when current social distance sanctions are lifted. This can be put off until early to middle of June if necessary.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Wednesday, May 1, 2020

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Friday, May 1, 2020. Two pictures (each side) of horse to be shown or as a back-up horse must accompany lease/ownership papers.

If you are planning to show at the State Fair as well as the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair, TWO sets of pictures must be turned in. The correct lease and ownership papers are available from Yolanda or can be found on the website at:

<http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/horses>



Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Book

Since we weren't able to get the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Books out to 4-H members before the COVID-19 restrictions, I wanted to let families know the fair book is posted on the Unit 19 website. *The link to the fair book is: <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmsshelbyfairbook2020.pdf>*

If you have questions about project requirements, livestock questions, etc., this link to the fair book should answer your questions. If you have additional questions, please contact Yolanda with any questions via email at nation2@illinois.edu.

Shelby Extension Foundation Scholarships

Due June 1, 2020

Shelby Extension Foundation offers various scholarships to 4-H members who meet the requirements. *The link to the scholarships can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>* Scroll to the bottom to find the heading Scholarships. Follow the Scholarship Instructions document. If you would like to type your information into the Scholarship Form, contact Yolanda and she can email you the Word document. Scholarships are available through the Shelby County Pork Producers, Chris Barker Memorial, 4-H Federation and Foundation. 4-H'ers are eligible to win Foundation and Federation scholarships a maximum of two years.

Please be sure to include the cover sheet with all necessary signatures, the scholarship form and each scholarship application you wish to apply for and turn in to the Extension office by June 1. If you have questions, please contact Yolanda for assistance.

4-H is for **all youth**
who like **action**,
learning and **FUN!**

Community Service Ideas

Yolanda has been in contact with Shelbyville Manor, Shelbyville Rehab and Hawthorne Inn. All three places are accepting cards, coloring pages, crafts, etc. to give to their residences during this time. 4-H members can do this on their own or as a club project organized via an online meeting (Zoom, Skype, etc.) or done through email. If you do donate items, please take pictures to share with Yolanda. Shelby Rehab has 40 residents, Shelbyville Manor has 65 residents and Hawthorne Inn has 20 residents. This is a great way to give back to the community. This would also count as a True Leader in Service project, which is a National event on the Illinois 4-H Experience Award as well as a county community service project.

Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of *True Leaders in Service!* 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities.



In the current COVID-19 situation, it is important that we all follow CDC and safety guidelines, but there are still ways to serve safely and practice social distancing – write and mail cards to those who are socially isolated, organize a group online to teach and share something from your 4-H project, sew PPE masks to donate locally. If you have ideas for a statewide, COVID-safe service project, this is a great opportunity to plan and promote something for others to participate in. Send your ideas to Illinois4H@illinois.edu.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

Please contact Yolanda with your ideas and pictures if possible. We want to promote the great work being done by Shelby County 4-H members.

Public Presentation Contest

The Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking contest will be held in July with the date TBD. Those 4-H member who are enrolled in public speaking will be mailed information in early June.

Three youth from each county will advance to the State 4-H Public Presentation Contest in August at the Illinois State Fair. The contest will be held August 14th-16th. All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions: Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, Oral Interpretation. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 6 minutes in length. See the rules and scoresheets online at 4-H.illinois.edu. Click Member>Projects>Communications.

Specific details about the four divisions can be found in the fair book link on pages 101-102.

Virtual 4-H Meetings

While face-to-face 4-H meetings are not able to held at this time, why not try a virtual 4-H meeting! 4-H meetings are where 4-H members learn what is going on in their club and keep up to date on county activities. 4-H meetings are where you get to see your friends, talk about 4-H projects you are interested in and have fun.

Virtual 4-H meetings can be held a variety of ways including through Skype and Zoom. Meetings can be held via a smartphone, computer or Ipad. Yolanda has resources to help set up these type of meetings. If there are any clubs that would like to set up a virtual meeting and need help, let Yolanda know. Leaders - if you do try a virtual meeting, let Yolanda know how it went. It would be great to share successes or things to improve upon for future virtual meetings.

Things to include in your virtual meeting - reciting the pledges, roll call, discuss the county newsletter, club updates, and give talks/demo's. This is a great way to get 4-H members involved who are tech savvy and could help set up virtual meetings.

Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page

Stay up to date with all the activities happening in Shelby County 4-H and Shelby County 4-H Clubs by liking the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. Upcoming deadlines and reminders are posted to help families.

Yolanda is looking for pictures of 4-H members working on their projects or doing community service work. Please share by sending her an email or sending a message through Facebook. Let's show off the great things being done by Shelby County 4-H members.

4-H Year-end Records

Each month, there is a records section in the newsletter. Ask your leaders for the My 4-H Activities sheet (tan sheet), and work on updating your records throughout the year or stop by the office to pick up records.

February

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)

#7 - Multi Species Workshop (County), Feb. 29, 4-H Fire-Up (County), March 14

IL 4-H Experience

Participation - (Multi - County) Multi Species Workshop, Feb. 29 (County) 4-H Fire-Up, March 14

Understanding your 4-H projects

If you are looking for help understanding your 4-H project, click the following link to learn more.

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

Yolanda will also be making project tip sheets that will be posted to the Unit website in upcoming weeks. Watch for more information.

Shelby County 4-H Policies

The current county 4-H policies will be updated in the next month. With 4-H week events, face-to-face meetings and the BBQ cancelled, it's understood that 4-H'ers may have not meet their current county requirements.

New Statewide Leadership Opportunity: Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team

The Illinois 4-H State Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new statewide leadership opportunity for Illinois youth seeking to improve food security and food access in their community. The Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy team is a group of teens and young adults from across the state of Illinois who are recognized for their dynamic leadership and who want to increase their impact on the future of food in Illinois. Team members will influence the annual Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit event and provide support for Food Systems programming in Illinois. You will also be eligible for state and nationwide opportunities.

If you're looking for a way to serve your community while strengthening your leadership, communication and advocacy skills, this is the next step for you. Applications, along with one professional reference, are due to the Illinois State 4-H Office by Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. For more information please contact Mark Becker (mbbecker@illinois.edu), Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist.

Application Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamApplication>

Professional Reference Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamReference>

How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**

Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest (pending)

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM, Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

4-H State Scholarship Opportunities

The Illinois 4-H Awards program will be expanding for the 2019-2020 program year! We will be offering five \$1,000 scholarships in each of our program areas. More information, applications and training video will be released prior to May 1st. The applications will be due November 1st. We thank our generous donors and the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing this opportunity for our members!

Illinois 4-H Virtual Fishing Fun-Fest

4-H members currently enrolled in Fishing 1, 2, or 3 are eligible to win big this spring! Between April 17 – May 15 these 4-H members can enter a statewide fishing contest (Fun-Fest) via smartphone. New spinning rod and reel combos will be given away weekly to the longest largemouth bass and channel catfish entered.

The simple contest details can be found on the Illinois 4-H Events Page and Illinois 4-H Facebook page. Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu with questions. Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine on the lake!

National Volunteer Week - April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In Shelby County, there are 45 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. Shelby County 4-H members - This is a great time to send a thank you card to your club leader for all they do to support the youth of Shelby County.

Elizabeth Rich awarded Diamond Experience

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas that interest them, and explore opportunities around the state and country.

Shelby County 4-H member Elizabeth Rich was awarded the Diamond Experience in Project learning. Elizabeth is a five year member of the Oconee Eager Beavers. As part of her intercultural project, Elizabeth visited Italy and left memorials to veterans killed there. She has participated in a variety of activities, including making owl houses, planting a home garden, providing food at funeral dinners, and donating to the Oconee food pantry.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16. Shelby County 4-H Day is August 14.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

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Learn by doing

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.

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