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*Shelby*  
*County*

**4-H**

**December**

*News*



Achievement Night



Winter Craft Day



# Calendar of events

### December

- 10.... Community Service Workshop, 9-11 a.m.,  
Shelby County Senior Center
- 12.... Deadline to enroll in ZSuites for early  
enrollment incentive (enrolled and program  
fee paid)
- 23-31.... Office closed for the holidays

### January

- 1-2.... Office closed for the holidays
- 16.... Office closed for the holiday
- 21-22.... Youth Livestock Conference
- 21.... Basket Weaving, 4-H Center, 9-12 p.m.
- 23.... 4-H Camp Registration opens
- 28.... Unit Officer training, Toledo 9-12 p.m.

### February

- 4.... Cloverbud String Art Workshop, Shelby County  
Senior Center, 10 a.m.
- 10-12.... Food Action Summit
- 11.... Steer Weigh-in 8 a.m., Shelbyville Sale Barn
- 11.... Bank Steer pick up, 10 a.m. Shelbyville Sale  
Barn
- 17.... Fair Book Cover Contest Due Date
- 18.... Snow date for Steer Weigh-in

### March

- 11.... 4-H Fire-UP, 9-11 a.m.
- 11.... County Public Speaking Contest, 4-H Center,  
6:30 p.m.
- 12.... Skating party, Silver Stars Skating Rink,  
Mattoon, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- 13.... Window display judging
- 14.... International Night, Nazarene Church Gym,  
Shelbyville, 6 p.m.
- 15.... Wear your 4-H T-shirt to school day
- 16.... Community Service Day
- 17.... Family Fun Night, Nazarene Church Gym,  
Shelbyville 6: -7:30 p.m.
- 18.... Spring Craft Day, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.
- 25.... Spring Clean up day at the Shelby County  
Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.

### April

- 1.... Deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the  
Shelby County 4-H Fair
- 22.... Cloverbud Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.
- 29.... State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

## Are you enrolled?

December 12 is the early enrollment deadline!

Illinois 4-H has moved to a new enrollment system called ZSuites. Enrollment can be completed through this link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> Club leaders have instructions for you and they will also be emailed to families. If your club pays your 4-H'ers program fee, then select the payment by check option. If your club doesn't pay the fee, families can pay by credit card or select payment by check and give your payment to your club leader or drop it by the Extension office. If you have more than 3 children, select the payment by check so that the 4th child discount can be applied to your account. All youth who complete their enrollment online and pay their program fee by December 12 will receive a free county t-shirt. Youth attending county workshops such as Winter Craft Day must be enrolled in ZSuites in order to attend. Please let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

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## Shelby Extension Foundation

Shelby County 4-H would like to thank Extension Foundation for providing refreshments at the Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night. They also have given a donation to Federation to assist with some of their upcoming activities this year. They provide scholarships for youth attending 4-H Camp and going on to college.

Watch for updates coming in the new year as they kick off recruiting efforts for families to join them to continue to provide support to our 4-H members.

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## Dates to remember

- December 12 – Early enrollment incentive deadline (enrolled in ZSuites and program fee paid)
- April 1 - Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H, in order to exhibit at the fair
- May 1 - Deadline to add/drop projects
- Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair July 16-20, 2023



## **Awesome Autumn Photography Contest Results**

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the Awesome Autumn Photography Contest. There were 53 entries. The judge was very impressed with all the great photos. Check out the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page to see all the photos.

Thank you to DJ's Custom Framing in Shelbyville for framing the grand prize photo. Shelby County 4-H Federation and Cumberland County 4-H Federation provided cash prizes to the winners.

### **Results:**

#### **Cloverbuds - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Alexi Nees  
2nd - Beau Duckett  
3rd - Avery Duckett

#### **Cloverbuds - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Cale Duckett  
2nd - Will Hall  
3rd - Marshall Beitz

#### **8-13 - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Annabelle Nees  
2nd - Cooper Elliott  
3rd - Nora Ahrens

#### **8-13 - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Esmi Small  
2nd - Lincoln Jackson (Cumberland)  
3rd - Phiona Beyers

#### **14-18 - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Ashlyn Hunter  
2nd - Delaney Nation  
3rd - Keshan Miller (Coles)

#### **14-18 - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Ashlyn Hunter  
2nd - Keshan Miller (Coles)  
3rd - Madison Beitz

Overall Grand Prize Winner - Annabelle Nees (8-13 Fun in the Fall) John Jordan Jaybirds

Reserve Grand Prize Winner - Esmi Small (8-13 Autumn Beauty) Silver Spurs

Fan Favorite - Isabelle Morrow (8-13 Fun in the Fall) Coldspring Copperheads

## **Cloverbud String Art**

Saturday, February 4

Shelby County 4-H is excited to offer a String Art Workshop for Cloverbud members (ages 5-7 years of age).

Missy Hendrickson of Gays, will walk Cloverbuds through the string art process.

Cloverbuds may choose between a heart, clover or a dinosaur.

When signing up, families will need to specify which design they would like to do. The boards are pre-drilled so designs will be made for each member.

If possible, Cloverbuds should bring a small hammer with them as we will have a few hammers to share.

The cost is \$10, **Cloverbuds need to RSVP and pay their \$10 fee by January 27.** RSVP via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546. Space is limited, so RSVP soon.

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**Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Little Food Pantries at Achievement Night!**

**We collected 500 items from 42 4-H members, with 8 clubs participating.**



### Basket Weaving Workshop

Saturday, January 21

Shelby County 4-H is sponsoring a Basket Weaving Workshop on Saturday, January 21. Lynn Kay Bilyeu and Kathy Barnes will lead the workshop. The workshop is being planned from 9-12 at the Shelby County 4-H Center. Youth must be in 6th grade and up to attend as this is a more advanced workshop geared towards older members.

**RSVP's are due by Friday, January 13 and payment is due at this time as well.** Sign-up via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546. The finished project would be eligible to be exhibited as a Visual Arts Fiber.

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### Unit Officer Training

Saturday, January 28

4-H members from Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties are invited to a 4-H Officer Training Workshop. The workshop is being planned for Saturday, January 28 from 9-12 p.m. The training will be held in Toldeo (location TBD). Lunch will be provided.

4-H members will learn how to be a more effective leader and officer in your club. 4-H'ers do not have to be a current officer to attend. There is no charge to attend the workshop. This workshop would count on your year-end records as a multi-county activity.

Registration is open until January 23, 2023. The registration link will be shared when it becomes available.

4-H'ers are invited to participate in a community service project. After lunch, members will make Valentines cards for area nursing homes. This project would count on your year-end records as multi-county community service project.

Questions - contact Yolanda for additional information.

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### 4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Saturday, February 11

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date is February 18. ALL market steers going to the 2023 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

**4-H'ers must be enrolled in ZSuites and have paid their program fee in order to weigh steers or market heifers.**

Contact Yolanda if you will be attending by Thursday, February 9.

### Bank Steer pick-up

4-H members participating in the Bank Steer program, will attend the drawing for steers on Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville.

Letters will be mailed in January to those members with more information. Insurance will need to be purchased the morning of the pick up. A parent must accompany the 4-H'er at pick up.

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### 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. Check out pictures from all the events and see the great things Shelby County 4-H'ers are doing.

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### Public Speaking

Saturday, March 11

Youth planning to participate in the county Public Speaking Contest need to be registered in ZSuites by Friday, February 17. Entry information will be sent to 4-H'ers the following week.

The contest will be held on March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Stay tuned for more information on the contest rules, etc.



### Shelby County 4-H Week

March 11-17, 2023

The theme for the Shelby County 4-H Week is Shelby County 4-H: Dream it, Do it, Show it, Love it

- March 11 – 4-H Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.
- March 11 – County Public Speaking Contest 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- March 12 – Thank a 4-H Volunteer (text, mail, Facebook)
- March 12 – 4-H Skating Party, Silver Stars Skating Party 5:30– 8 p.m.
- March 13 – Window Displays in place by 9 a.m.
- March 14 – International Night, Nazarene Church Gym - 6 p.m.
- March 15 – Wear your 4-H shirt to school (send photo to Yolanda)
- March 16 – Community Service Day
- March 17 – Family Fun Night, Nazarene Church Gym, 6-7:30 p.m.
- March 18 – Spring Craft Day, Shelby County 4-H Center, 9 a.m.

New 4-H families - Here's the scoop on International Night. Clubs choose a country they are interested in learning more about. Clubs must submit their country to Yolanda so we don't have duplicate countries. Clubs will research and prepare 2-3 dishes to serve sample sizes at International Night. Clubs may also decorate their table with their country's history, heritage, etc. Families will go around and receive samples from each of the countries.

Countries taken as of December 5: USA, Italy, Canada, China, Germany.

### Shelby County 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Due February 17

Shelby County 4-H is looking for fair book cover entries. Shelby County 4-H Federation will award a cash prize of \$50 to the winning artist. Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 17, 2023.

***The following rules need to be followed:***

- Drawings should be in **dark ink or markers**.
- Drawings should be on an **8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper**.
- Include the fair dates of **July 16-19, 2023**
- Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

Entries made by emailed if necessary but hard copies work better when copying designs for the fair book.

Contact Yolanda with questions.

### Project books

Members enrolled in a 4-H project for the first time should contact Yolanda via email to receive project manuals. Please include your 4-H'ers name and the project name that you would like a book for.

Some projects books stay the same year after year but as you move up levels such as Natural Resources 1 and then enroll in Natural Resources 2, members should request a new book. After books have been received, they will be given to club leaders for distribution.

Cooking 101-401 and Photography 1-3 are two project areas that 4-H'ers must use the project book to complete their exhibit at the fair.

Don't delay! Get your books ordered now.

### 4-H Year-end Records

Here are activities to record on your 4-H activity sheet .

#### November/December:

##### ***My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)***

- #1 - Achievement Night (Nov. 12)
- #3 - Winter Craft Day (Dec. 5)
- #6 - Community Service Workshop (Dec. 10)
- #7 - Greenery Workshop (Dec. 11)

#### ***IL 4-H Experience***

**Participation - (County)**  
Achievement Night (Nov. 12)  
Winter Craft Day (Dec. 5)  
Greenery Workshop (Dec. 11)

**Community Service- (County)**  
Community Service Workshop



### 4-H Memorial Camp Summer Youth Camp

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

**Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23.** Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp [website](#) closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammerse@illinois.edu](mailto:hammerse@illinois.edu) with any questions.

### 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](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammerse@illinois.edu](mailto:hammerse@illinois.edu) with any questions.

### Camp Corral

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammerse@illinois.edu](mailto:hammerse@illinois.edu) with any questions.

### Hiring

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking to fill the following positions.

### Counselors

**Dates:** May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

**Positions:** Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

**Program staff:** 18+ years old

**Dates:** May 15- July 28.

**Positions:** Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our [website](#). Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammerse@illinois.edu](mailto:hammerse@illinois.edu)



## Join us for the 2023 Illinois State 4-H Food Action Summit!

The Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit is where young leaders meet to be inspired and share a vision for food security, food access and food justice in Illinois. University researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates and civic leaders will be present to lead workshops designed to empower young people with the knowledge, confidence and resources they need to build their leadership capacity as they work to create food security in their communities. Youth participants will have the opportunity to get support to put what they learn into action through the Food Advocacy Grant program in order to create positive changes where they live.

**February 10-12—I-Hotel & Conference Center - Champaign, IL 1900 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820**

**OPEN** to 4-H youth in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**COST** is \$75 per participant. Registration fee *includes hotel room, participant t-shirt, Friday Dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and lunch, snacks, and all workshop materials.*

**ARRIVE** by 6:30pm Friday, Feb. 10

**DEPART** by 1:00 pm Sunday, Feb. 12

**Cancellations & Refunds** must be received in writing to Jenna Girman ([jgirman2@illinois.edu](mailto:jgirman2@illinois.edu)). Requests received before January 21 will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given after February 1

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodActionSummit>

**REGISTER BY 01/21/2023** - Scholarship opportunities available.

Contact Yolanda for more information.

## Youth Livestock Conference

January 21-22, 2023

The Youth Livestock Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.

**January 21 & 22, 2023, Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur IL**

**OPEN** to 4-H youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade.

**COST** is \$130 per participant. *Cost includes participant t-shirt, hotel room, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks, and all workshop materials.*

**ARRIVE** by 10 a.m.. Saturday, Jan. 21

**DEPART** by 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/16331>

**REGISTER BY 12/09/2022.** - Scholarship opportunities are available.

Contact Yolanda for additional information.

## Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25 -29 on the UIUC campus!

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.

## States 4-H International

Due to staff transitions, Illinois 4-H is unable to offer outbound exchanges for 2023. We know that this is disappointing and will be exploring all options for continued inbound/outbound exchange opportunities in the future. We will publicize more information when available.





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## Shelby County 4-H Member Policy

If a 4-H member wishes to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair and be eligible to receive premiums, the following items must be completed by the 4-H'er:

- 4-H'er must attend three of their own club meetings. College students must attend two of their own 4-H Club meetings.
- 4-H'er must present a talk or demonstration at their own club meeting. The talk or demonstration must pertain to a 4-H project. It doesn't have to be a project the 4-H'er is enrolled in.
- 4-H'er must participate in a county activity. Examples of a county activity include: Federation Club Challenges, 4-H Round-up, Winter Craft Day, 4-H Fire-Up, 4-H Week activities, Spring Cleanup at the fairgrounds, Spring Craft Day, 4-H project workshops, etc.

### Project Manuals

- 4-H members may order up to 5 project books at no charge. Over 5 project books will be charged to members at cost. Members need to order books by contacting Yolanda.

4-H members need to be enrolled and paid their \$10 program fee by December 12 to qualify for the early enrollment incentive!

Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair is April 1.

Projects may be added until May 1.



### Shelby County

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#### Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**  
8 -12, 1-4:30

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SNAP-Ed

Penny Hood, Community Worker, SNAP-ED  
Diana Litteral, Office Support Assistant

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

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