



*Shelby*  
*County* 4-H

# April News



Officer Training



Federation-Food Advocacy Grant

## Calendar of events

### March

- 24.... Illini Summer Academies Registration closes
- 27.... Spring Clean Up Day, 8 a.m., Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds

### April

- 1 .... Deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair.
- 1.... Deadline to add/drop projects
- 13.... Dog Obedience Classes start
- 17 ... Explore 4-H - Stomp Rockets, 9 a.m. (virtual)
- 17.... Explore 4-H - Cloverbud Rockets, 10 a.m. (virtual)
- 24.... State Horse Judging (virtual)
- 24.... True Leaders Service Day
- 24-30.... Shelby County 4-H Week
- 26.... Public Speaking Contest, 7 p.m. 4-H Center
- 24-25 ... Youth Livestock Conference

### May

- 3.... Horse Ownership and lease pictures due into Extension Office

### June

- 1.... QAEC completion deadline
- 4.... State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 5.... State Public Speaking Contest
- 27-30.... Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)

### July

- 1.... Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- 18-21.... Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair
- 25-Aug 1. Illinois State Fair Horse Show

### Aug

- 13.... Shelby County 4-H Day at the IL. State Fair

### Sept

- 13.... Due date for Year-end 4-H Records, Secretary and Treasurer Books



April 1 is the deadline to add projects. Verify which projects you have enrolled in by logging-in to 4H Online. Families now have the capability to add projects. If you have questions, contact Yolanda.

## February Club Challenge Winner is . . . **Moweaqua Rustlers 4-H Club**

Eleven Shelby County 4-H Clubs participated in the February Club Challenge which was to make Valentines Cards for the nursing home and elderly. Thank you to the Chautauqua Clovers, Coldspring Copperheads, FAR, Findlay Feeders, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Shelby County Cloverbuds, Shelby Showstoppers, and Shelby Sparklers 4-H Clubs for their club work. Club names were put in a drawing and the winning club was the Moweaqua Rustlers 4-H Club. They received refreshments at their March meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

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## Shelby County 4-H Federation April Club Challenge

The April Club Challenge is make a minimum of 15 spring crafts and deliver to elderly neighbors or local nursing homes. You might consider making May Day baskets as this was a tradition years ago.

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## Extension Office Update

Pam Vaughan-Sturgeon, County Director serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties has made the decision to open the Shelby County Extension Office on Monday, April 5. Anyone entering the Extension office must wear a face covering.

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## Out of the office

Yolanda Nation, Shelby County 4-H Program Coordinator will be on vacation starting April 1 and will return on April 6. With the enrollment deadline set for April 1, any emails regarding enrollments will be answered when she returns and changes will be allowed. Please don't wait until the last minute to add projects.



## **Spring Clean-up**

Saturday, March 27 at 8 a.m..

The Shelby County Junior Fair Board would like to invite Shelby County 4-H members to Spring Clean-up day. Spring Clean-up will take place at the fairgrounds and is scheduled for March 27 at 8 a.m. Bring drills, rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, ladders, etc. We will be raking leaves from the barns, picking up sticks and making minor repairs as needed. This is not a 4-H sponsored activity, however, it will be considered an activity that 4-H'ers can include on their year-end records.

## **4-H Project Exhibit Requirements**

A 4-H Project Exhibit Requirements Book has been created and can be found on the website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>, then click on the heading, Fairs & Shows.

This book lists all available projects and the classes that will be offered at the 4-H Show. If you are not sure what a project is, the Exhibit Requirements book will be a great resource for members. For those members who like to start working on their fair exhibits, you can look at the exhibit requirements to make sure you have followed all the guidelines. If you find that the project requires activities to be completed in a project manual and haven't ordered a project manual, contact Yolanda to order the project manual. The fair book listing all the fair dates will be published in late April. Let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

## **Mowing at the Shelby County Fairgrounds**

The Shelby County Junior Fair Board is looking for older 4-H members or families to mow the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. If you are interested, contact Yolanda via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or call the Extension office 217-774-9546 and leave a message.

## **Sew Fun SPIN Club**

March 27, 9 a.m.

The Sew Fun SPIN Club will hold its first meeting on March 27 at 9 a.m. Sewing will be held at the Shelby County Senior Center. This club is for beginner sewers. 4-H'ers will need to bring their own sewing machine. Space is limited to six members. Sandy Graven is the leader. For more information, contact Yolanda via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546 and leaving a message.



## **Explore 4-H April Stomp Rockets**

Saturday, April 17, via Zoom.

Open to youth 8-18 years of age.

4-H families will receive supplies to make their stomp rocket along with the launch system.

- Registration will be open from April 1 - 11.
- Families will be notified when kits are ready to be picked up.
- On April 17, a Zoom meeting will be held at 9 a.m. that will walk members through the building process.
- This activity will be limited to 25 families.

DO NOT pay the \$5 fee. This is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation. Refunds will not be issued if you pay by credit card.

Registration information will be sent to families when it's available.

Contact Yolanda with any questions.

## **4-H Year-end Records Update**

### **Activities for March:**

- Explore 4-H Can Can Project March 20 (only if you attended the Zoom meeting)
- Officer Training, March 6 (unit activity)
- Spring Craft Day, March 13

### **Club Challenges:**

- March - Club Choice

### Explore 4-H April Cloverbuds Straw Rockets

Saturday, April 17, via Zoom.

Open to youth ages 5-7 years of age.

Cloverbud members will receive supplies to make their straw rockets.

- Registration will be open from April 1– 11.
- Families will be notified when kits are ready to be picked up.
- On April 17, a Zoom meeting will be held at 10 a.m. that will walk members through the building process.

DO NOT pay the \$5 fee. This is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation. Refunds will not be issued if you pay by credit card. Registration information will be sent to families when its available. Contact Yolanda with any questions.

### 4-H Dog Obedience Classes Starting April 13, 2021

**Registration for Dog Obedience Classes will be held from 6-6:30 p.m. on April 13.** 4-H Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30-7 p.m. at the Shelby County Fairground Show Arena. Dogs should be at least 6 months old. You must bring proof of your dog's RABIES and DISTEMPER-PARVO vaccinations with you to registration. Bring a parent for the registration and your dog. There is a \$9 fee for the training collar and lead to be used only for dog obedience.

New members are welcome to enroll. Youth who are 8 years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before September 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll. Members are required to pay the \$10 program fee but the fee is only paid by members once. Tailwagger only members need to pay the \$10 fee on April 13. This is an 8 week series with a graduation at the end of the series. After the 8 weeks, practice will continue until the fair. For more information contact Sandy Brix at 217-774-4229. Face coverings will be required.

### 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 don't 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. No exceptions! June 1 is the deadline!**

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

### Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Monday, May 3, 2021

#### **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Monday, May 3, 2021. 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 at the Extension office or can be found on the website at:

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



## **Shelby County 4-H Week—April 24-30, 2021**

### **"4-H Rising Above The Rest"**

#### **4-H Fire-Up**

Saturday, April 24

Want to learn more about 4-H projects and have fun at the same time? 4-H Fire-Up is the answer! Federation members are planning 4-H Fire-Up on April 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Everyone is welcome! This is a great workshop for Cloverbuds, first and second year members to experience projects they may not know about. Parents are welcome. Please **RSVP by April 14** so we can purchase supplies for those who sign up.

Face Coverings are required.

#### **Window Display**

Monday, April 26

Window displays must be in place by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 26. Each club display must include the club name, members' and leaders' names, focus on the 4-H theme, and information about joining 4-H is also beneficial. Winners will be announced on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page on Tuesday evening. Call the Extension office with the location of your display.

There will also be a Facebook Fan Favorite contest. Pictures will be posted on Monday and voting will go through Tuesday noon. The winning club will be announced Tuesday evening and the winning club a \$25 cash prize.

#### **Promote 4-H**

Tuesday, April 27

Wear your Shelby County 4-H T-shirt to school to promote 4-H. Email pictures to [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or send a Facebook message to Shelby County IL 4-H of you wearing your 4-H shirt by noon on April 27 and you will receive a free candy bar and your name will be entered into a drawing for a free prize.

The club who has the most members send pictures by the noon deadline (based off of the % of club members) will receive a \$25 cash prize. Pictures will be posted on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

#### **Attend a church of your choice**

Sunday, April 24

Some of our 4-H'ers traditionally attend church as a group during 4-H Week and say a few words about 4-H during the service.

#### **Thank your Club Leader, 4-H Volunteer**

Sunday, April 24

Thank your club leader, 4-H volunteer or 4-H supporter by writing a thank you card, send them a thank you text, etc. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work.

#### **Public Speaking Contest**

Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

The Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center. In early April, 4-H members enrolled in public speaking will receive their entry form. The types of speeches and the requirements were in the March newsletter and will also be sent to 4-H members.



### Community Service

Wednesday, April 28

Clubs are encouraged to do a community service project to give back to others and promote 4-H. For those clubs who do a community service project during April 17-28 and share a picture of the project, will receive \$25 from Federation. Send pictures to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) so your community service project can be shared with others.

### Dacey Trail Walk

Thursday, April 29

Federation will sponsor a scavenger hunt on the Dacey Trail, located at Forest Park in Shelbyville, from 6-7:30. We will have a campfire and s'mores for everyone. RSVP required by April 26.

### Family Fun Night

Friday, April 30

Family Fun night will be held from 6-7:30 at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. If the weather is questionable, we will move to the 4-H Center. Federation is planning fun, games and prizes. Families are asked to RSVP by Monday, April 26 so we can have plenty of prizes for those attending.

### 4-H Week Community Service Project

Shelby County 4-H Federation sponsoring a collection for The Haven, which is a homeless shelter in Mattoon. The shelter may have 5-7 children that are at the shelter at any given time. Items will be collected at 4-H week events and may also be collected at April 4-H meetings. Clubs that donate 25-50 items will receive \$15 and clubs who donate over 50 items will receive \$25. Here are some of the items that the shelter is in need of: board games, card games, coloring books, art and school supplies, children's books, paper products, and personal hygiene items.

### Share Your 4-H Story

We are asking 4-H members to share their 4-H story during 4-H week. We will highlighting 2 stories per day on our Facebook page and will also try and send to area papers. Your story should answer some of the following questions. Why is 4-H important to you? What skills have you learned from 4-H? What is your favorite 4-H memory/project? Anything else you would like to share in your story would be great. We want to hear your story! Please submit your story and a picture to Yolanda via email by April 21.

### Illinois 4-H Horse Judging Virtual Contest

Saturday, April 24

The Illinois 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held virtually on Compass Blackboard on Saturday April 24, 2021 from 10AM to 2PM CST.

Participants must be registered for this event in 4HOnline by **March 31, 2021**. Reasons will be given via Zoom or FlipGrid

**Participation:** A county may enter any number of 4-H participants. Contestants will compete in one of two groups:

**Group I - (Reasons)** - 4-H members wishing to try out for the State 4-H Judging Team.

- All Group I contestants must have passed their 14th and not their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- Only 4-H members eligible to be a member of the State 4-H Judging Team may compete in Group I. -
- Each Group I contestant will give two sets of oral reasons after all classes have been judged. One set will be done on a pre-designated halter class, and one set will be on a pre-designated performance class.

**Group II- (Non-Reasons)** - Contestants of 4-H age not wishing to try out for the State Team.

- Group II contestants may be any age within 4-H age requirements.
- Group II contestants are not required to give oral reasons but can if they want the experience.

Contact Yolanda for more information.





## Host an International Student

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



## New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to submit a request!



## Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

**Registration opens 3/18:**

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



## 4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 p.m.

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>





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## Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrc.org/Riverwatch/>.

## Solar Activity Kits

Free: Six **SOLAR ACTIVITY KITS from Recharge Labs** available on first come/first served basis.



Funded by the *Energy Education Council*, six kits are available for your club or classroom programs on renewable energy. Youth build solar a powered fountain; model solar homes; and play scavenger hunt games experimenting with solar energy. Did you struggle with the Junior Solar Sprint solar car building activity but like the subject? Start here instead. Kits are valued at \$275 each and serve up to 20 youth. Reuseable supplies! Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to request a kit.



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

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