



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Jersey County 4-H Families**

January 2020



New for 2019-2020
YQCA Training for Livestock Members

Members enrolled in a livestock project will have a new training process to complete each year in order to show at the 4-H show (both county and state levels). Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a nationwide assurance training that teaches youth about three key livestock pillars—food safety, animal well-being and personal life skills.

All members must sign up for the training online and attend either an in-person workshop or complete the training through an online module. Costs for the training are as follows: \$12/member online or \$3/member in-person. The cost for attending the in-person training will be covered by the Jersey County 4-H Livestock Committee and Jersey County Fair Association.

Members must complete this training by May 1st, 2020 in order to be eligible for the 2020 shows.

Letters with more information will be sent to all livestock families this month. In-person training dates can be found on the flyer on the next page.

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Jersey County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/jersey4h>



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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). THE TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY.

Jersey County Extension Office

Monday, January 20
9:00 am - 10:00 am
&
10:30 am - 11:30 am
201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A
Jerseyville, IL

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 14
9:30 am - 10:30 am
#1 Industrial Plaza
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Christian County Extension Office

Saturday, April 25
9:30 am - 10:30 am
1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

Macoupin County Extension Office

Tuesday, February 6
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
#60 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626

**Register online at:
<https://yqca.learn-grow.io>**

Cost - \$3

**Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth
Development Educator**

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Jersey County 4-H

SOUPFEST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

23098 Glenda Ave.
Jerseyville, IL 62052

MENU

Chili
Vegetable Beef Soup
Carrot and Celery Sticks
Desserts
Drinks
Hot Dogs - available
for an additional \$1

DONATIONS

Adults - \$6
Children - \$4
Under age 3 - Free

**SILENT AUCTION
DURING EVENT!**



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JERSEY COUNTY 4-H



**PRIZE FOR
CONTEST WINNER**

4-H SHOWBOOK COVER CONTEST!

Help us design a new showbook cover
for the 2020 4-H Fair

SEND YOUR ENTRIES BY JANUARY 31.

Entry Requirements

1. "Jersey County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2020" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. Use any fair or project theme.
3. Must be a 4-H member
4. Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
5. Your entry must be on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover, accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.

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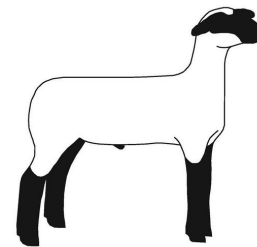
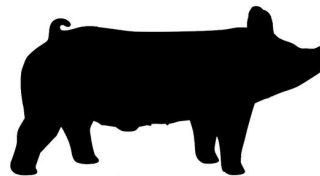
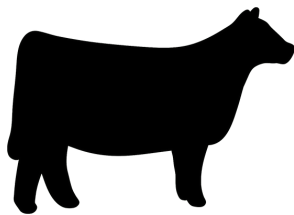
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Livestock Weigh-In Dates

Beef Weigh-In	Saturday, February 1, 2020	9 a.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms
Swine Weigh-In	Monday, April 6, 2020	5:30 p.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms
Wether and Goat Weigh-In	Saturday, May 2, 2020	9—10 a.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms



LOOKING FOR WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS!

We are always looking for volunteers to help lead one-time workshops or a series of lessons on a variety of topics—visual arts, cooking, sewing, environmental sciences, robotics, science, crops and agriculture and more!

Contact the Jersey County Extension Office if you would like to volunteer your time and talents to our 4-H program!

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December Workshops



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Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

January 18 | Dixon

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic. There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.



Save the Date for *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Spring trainings

February 1 | Mt. Vernon
March 21 | Sterling

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. The first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long 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, put that story into words, and 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: 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. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

Apply today: 76 scholarships total \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online** @ www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline.** You must apply **BEFORE** February 1. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, their mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. They proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture and those with family farming backgrounds.

FAMILY FUTURE LEGACY
IAA Foundation Scholarship Program
More than **\$875,000** in scholarships are awarded annually through the Illinois Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus.
Visit www.iaafoundation.org
Application Period: **December 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020**



Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

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It's 'udderly' amazing

February 29 | East Peoria

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.)

The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at hotel OR they can go (with adult supervision) across parking lot to Steak 'n Shake. County Extension staff must register participants before Feb. 14.

Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team.



Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21.

Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.



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YES! you can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.

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.extension.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 @ <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.



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

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. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

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.

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mark your calendar!



January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
January 20	YQCA Training, Jerseyville, IL
January 31	DEADLINE: Showbook Cover Contest
February 1	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Jefferson County, Mt. Vernon
February 1	DEADLINE: IAA Scholarships Due
February 15	SoupFest Prep Day, Jerseyville, IL
February 16	SoupFest, Jerseyville, IL
February 21	DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
February 29	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.
February 29	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Contest, East Peoria
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 15	STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY: Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, & Montgomery,