

COUNTY EVENTS

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT - Annual awards ceremony conducted by the Youth Committee and Federation Officers. 4-H'ers receive recognition for their past 4-H year's participation. Engage, Experience & Excel awards, county awards and all special awards are presented. The event is held at Casey each November.

BARBECUE - The Clark County 4-H Barbecue is an annual event held on the first Saturday after Labor Day in September at Martinsville. Sponsored by the county's leader organization, the barbecue is the major fund raising activity of the year for 4-H'ers. This event is a major undertaking and requires the assistance of each 4-H family.

CARNIVAL - An annual event held in late January or early February, the Carnival provides an opportunity for clubs to design a booth and raise funds for the county Federation. The event is held at the Casey Roosevelt Jr High and Community Center.

COUNTY 4-H SHOW - 4-H Shows provide an opportunity for members to have their project work evaluated and placed on display for public viewing. The Clark County 4-H Fair is held at the Martinsville Fairgrounds.

DOG OBEDIENCE - A series of ten classes are held to teach basic Dog Obedience skills. Classes are held weekly in early spring. Classes may not be offered on an annual basis.

HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY CONTEST - A Clark County 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology team practices throughout the fall and winter to compete in the Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests. Any 4-H'er is welcome to participate.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING AND CONTEST - A Clark County 4-H Livestock Judging Team practices throughout the fall and winter to compete in multiple contests. Any 4-H'er is welcome to participate.

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM - Designed for high school students to give them the direct experience of observing workers in their daily activities, 4-H'ers choose a professional in their area of interest for one-half day. Job shadowing is held over spring break.

OFFICER TRAINING - Held each November to provide club officers the training necessary to carry out their duties. Individual training sessions are held for each office.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATIONS - 4-H'ers are required to give a talk or demonstration at their local clubs. An extra opportunity is to take a public speech (or any other) and compete in a county contest in April. Several categories are included and are listed under the Public Presentation project requirements.

REGIONAL & MULTI-COUNTY

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP - 4-H Memorial Camp is held June through July at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL. Registration opens February 4 - March 31

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp> . Each participant may choose the week they prefer to attend. Cost of the camp is approximately \$195. The five day camping experience is designed for young people ages 8-15. A variety of outdoor activities are offered.

SPACE CAMP - 4-H'ers travel to Huntsville, Alabama for the 4-H Missions in Space at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Participants experience hands-on training through various astronaut simulators. The three-day trip is usually held over a long weekend in October. This opportunity may or may not be offered each year.

STATE

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMY - Youth 14 by January 1 and older can attend a four-day conference at the University of Illinois campus in June. Teens from across Illinois gather to meet new friends, learn life skills, explore college curriculum, recognize outstanding 4-H members, and have a great time. Specialized "Academies" focus on an intense exploration of a variety of career areas.

ILLINOIS JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Seventh and eighth grade 4-H'ers can attend this two-day conference which provides youth with leadership skills as well as an opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers from across the state. This event is generally held in February or March.

STATE JUDGING CONTEST - Skills in judging are tested at the judging contest held on the U of I Campus. Judging is held in dairy, forestry, horses, horticulture, livestock, meat and poultry.

STATE FAIR - Members selected as having the top exhibit in their project represent Clark County at the State Fair. The State Fair begins the second Friday in August. Any 4-H'er eight and older may also exhibit their livestock projects at the State Fair.

ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM – YLT offers an opportunity for teens to plan 4-H programs and represent Illinois at state and national events. The team is comprised of 15 – 20 young adults, 16 – 21 years old, who are selected by application and interview for a two year term.

NATIONAL

CITIZENSHIP-WASHINGTON FOCUS - Youth 15 by May 1 and older can attend a seven-day conference at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Cost is about \$1000 and a fee waiver for approximately one half of the amount are available to county 4-H'ers. This trip is offered every other year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – The Clark County 4-H Foundation offers four to five \$750 scholarships. To be eligible, members must have participated in 4-H for the past four years and exhibited at the past 4-H Fair. Selection is made on the basis of 4-H involvement, citizenship and leadership.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarships available to college bound 4-H'ers include Illinois 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship, Livestock Scholarship, State Fair Jr. Horse Show Scholarship, and Superior Young Producers Scholarship Program.

4-H EVENT FEE WAIVERS – 4-H provides fee waivers for members who attend regional, state and national events. The fee waiver varies per event and a full fee waiver may be requested if necessary for a member to participate in an event. These events include:

4-H Memorial Camp	Illinois Summer Academy
Jr. Leadership Conference	Citizenship Washington Focus
Space Camp	

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Illinois 4-H program focuses on three areas of recognition.

ENGAGE: Recognition is given to all members as they engage in the 4-H program. Informal recognition is provided to members as they participate throughout the year.

EXPERIENCE: Recognition is provided for members who are involved in diverse 4-H experiences in club, county, multi-county, state, national and international levels.

4-H are recognized by submitting their **“MY EXPERIENCE AWARD APPLICATION”** – Based on their number of experiences in **Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning**, 4-H members will be recognized as a Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover at our 4-H Achievement Night in November. Diamond and Emerald Clovers are a very high level of recognition and those members will also be recognized at the State Recognition Banquet. Included is a description of the requirements for each award level.

This form can be completed on-line and downloaded from the Clark County 4-H website. Recognition is based on:

BRONZE – Complete 1 experience in each of the four dimensions. *(May not count the same experience two years in a row)*

SILVER – Complete 2 experiences in each dimension.

- At least 2 must be at the county level or beyond. *(May not count the same experience two years in a row)*

GOLD – Complete 4 experiences in each dimension;

- 2 must be BEYOND the county level. *(May not count the same experience two years in a row)*

DIAMOND – Complete 6 or more experiences in ONE dimension;

- 4 must be BEYOND the county level
- Participation activities cannot be used *(May not count the same experience more than once)*

EMERALD – Complete 8 or more experiences in ONE Dimension;

- at least 4 must be BEYOND the county level.

- at least 2 must be at the State or National Level
- Participation activities cannot be used (*May not count the same experience more than once*)

EXCEL: 4-H members who excel in their work can compete for county and state honors in a specific award area. 4-H'ers use the Illinois 4-H Award Application for the state honors and the Clark County 4-H award application for county honors. Areas of recognition include:

- Communications
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Personal Growth
- Project Mastery

Each 4-H member should complete and submit in August:

1. "My Experience Award Application"
2. Clark County Member Portfolio
3. Livestock Record (optional but recommended)

Members 2nd year and over

1. Clark County 4-H Award Application

OTHER AWARD OPPORTUNITIES:

SECRETARY, TREASURER AND SCRAPBOOK AWARD - Clark County sponsors an award for the Outstanding club Secretary and Treasurer's books, and scrapbook. Scoring of the book is based on: completeness, accuracy, and neatness of each section.

BARBEQUE TOP SALES AWARD - The top 4-H'ers selling the most tickets for the BBQ will be honored with a cash prize.

OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK RECORD AWARD - An award is presented each year to the 4-H'er with the most complete and neat Livestock Record. A certificate is presented to the winner at Achievement Night.

"I DARE YOU" AWARD - The "I Dare You" awards are presented to four 4-H'ers each year based on personal integrity, balanced living and a potential for leadership.

OUTSTANDING COUNTY AWARDS - An award is presented to the 4-H'er with outstanding records in each of the five award areas. Reference books are presented as the awards.

ALUMNI AWARD - Awards are given up to two past 4-H members whose contributions to society exemplify effective citizenship and leadership, success in their chosen careers, and a sustaining interest in 4-H and similar worthy community endeavors.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD - Awards are presented up to two individuals in the community who have been strong supporters of the Clark County 4-H program throughout the years.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - 4-H'ers currently in the 12th grade or above can apply for one of the five \$750 scholarship provided by the Clark County 4-H Foundation. Members must

have been in 4-H for the past five years and exhibited at the most current 4-H Fair. Applications are due by October 1.

STATE AWARD OPPORTUNITIES - 4-H'ers 15 – 18 years of age may apply for State Awards. Candidates must complete the Illinois 4-H Award Application and submit to the county office in early January. 4-H'ers may be selected to attend National 4-H Congress or National 4-H Dairy Congress or named as a State 4-H Blue Award winner.

RECOGNITION PROVIDED AT THE COUNTY 4-H FAIR:

COUNTY PROJECT BANNERS OR PLAQUES - Banners or plaques are donated by local businesses and individuals and the county leader's organization to be presented to 4-H'ers showing outstanding project work. In livestock projects these trophies are given to Grand and Reserve Champions. Plaques are presented to members whose projects are selected as top exhibit in several general project areas.

FIRST & SECOND YEAR OUTSTANDING SEAMSTRESS AWARD - One first year and one second year seamstress are selected to receive a sewing award. Seamstresses in each division are selected as having the top constructed garments.

OUTSTANDING ELECTRICITY AWARD - The Energy Education Council presents a plaque to the 4-H'er showing the most work in their electricity project during the current year.

HERDSMAN'S AWARDS – Superintendents in the area of beef/dairy, sheep, swine, horse, rabbits, goats and poultry will select one 4-H'er as the recipient of the Herdsman Award for their specie. The award will be based on a Neat Pen and Show Box or supplies, keeping animals presentable, helpful attitude, and general helpfulness in the barn and arena. The award will be presented before the Livestock Auction on Wednesday evening.

ADULT LEADERS AWARD - The 4-H Award of the Clover is the official recognition pin for volunteer 4-H adult leaders. The Clover awards are made at five-year intervals with a special recognition certificate given yearly.

CLUB AWARDS

4-H AWARD OF THE CLOVER - This award is presented to clubs who achieve one or more completions on the Clark County 4-H Bingo checklist.

CLUB EXCEL AWARDS – Each club may submit a written summary to receive the county award or complete the Illinois 4-H Club Award Application to apply for a state award in the following categories: Community Service; Leadership; Project Mastery

