



4-H Friday Update **January 31, 2020**

If you have any questions regarding information in the Friday Update, please contact Molly Sedig, Carroll County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Summer Camp – The 2020 4-H camp flyer and application packet is ready for you to download from our website. 4-H Camp is for campers age 8-14 and will be held this year at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. The dates for camp are Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12, 2020. We will be camping with youth from throughout nine counties in northern Illinois.

Please contact the office before you register, scholarships may be available!

The site for online registration is open and can be accessed at: go.illinois.edu/4hsummercamp.

Please be sure to download all the necessary forms, fill them out completely and submit them to the Ogle County Extension Office as soon as possible. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis!

Fair Book Cover Contest – Get your art featured on the front page of the Carroll County 4-H fair book! We are looking for fair book cover submissions for the 2020 fair book. Please submit your artwork on an 8.5x11" (letter sized) piece of paper by Friday, February 7th, submissions should not be in color and should be original to the artist, if drawings are done in pencil, please trace with a black pen before submission. Submit by email to msedig@illinois.edu, to the Carroll County Extension Office, or to your 4-H club leader.

Ogle County Poultry Clinic – Ogle County 4-H is offering a Poultry Clinic presented by Philip Newendyke at the instructor's farm, located at 1205 N Rock Rd, Oregon, IL 61061 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on Saturday February 22nd, 2020. Please RSVP to the Ogle County Extension Office by February 14th, at 815-732-2191 if you are planning to attend. Topics will include husbandry, raising poultry, show preparation, learning about judging, and a tour of the Newendyke facilities.

Livestock Judging Contest – Save that date! Livestock judging will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the Carroll County Highway Department. 4-Hers can register online at go.illinois.edu/carrolljudging.

Beef Weigh-in Date – The annual beef weigh-in and tattooing will be held on **Saturday, February 8**, from 10:30 – 12:00 at **Jim Ruter's farm**, 14584 Shannon Route (located south of Shannon). If the weather is questionable, call Jim Ruter at 275-8049 or Brian Witt at 541-6210 before coming to the weigh-in. If needed, the following Saturday, February 15 will be the snow date. Please register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/CW2020weigh-in> or contact the office at 815-244-9444 by **Friday, January 31** if you plan on participating.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E) – The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats**. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in

the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) – The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.** All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org> The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

If you complete the online training, we suggest you print out two copies of the certificate of completion, maintain one for your own records, and turn one into the Extension Office.

Save the date for in person training, registration information is available in the [attached](#) "YQCA registration instructions" document:

Carroll County YQCA- Monday February 17th, 9AM, Carroll County Extension Office

Snow Date: Saturday February 22nd, 9AM

Lee County YQCA- Wednesday March 4th, 6:30 PM, Lee County Extension Office (Amboy)

Whiteside County YQCA- Thursday March 19th, 6:30 PM, Whiteside County Extension Office (Sterling)

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.