



# Coles County 4-H News

## April 2019



Sportfishing SPIN Club gets underway



Jr. Leadership Conference attendees Elle Jones, Annabelle Lee



Winter Fishing Clinic knot tying activity



Becca Rankin with her pillowcase

# Coles County 4-H



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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### April

- 3 .....DEADLINE: 4-H New Member Enrollment/Add/Drop Projects
- 12 .....Pork Chop Salting, Mark's My Store, Mattoon, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 .....Green Bean Prep, 4-H Center, Charleston, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 .....4-H Pork Chop BBQ
- 13 .....State Horse Speaking, Hippology Contest
- 14 .....State Horse Bowl Contest
- 27 .....Healthy Kids Day, YMCA, Mattoon
- 28 .....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.
- 27 .....National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
- 29 .....DEADLINE: Frazier & Daily Scholarship Applications due
- 30 .....Ending of National 4-H Clover for Kids campaign at JOANN

### May

- 1 .....**Horse Ownership/Lease papers due**
- 1 .....Fair entry opens, FairEntry.com
- 4 .....Goat registration/Sheep weigh-in
- 4 .....Healthy Foods Distribution Day, St. John's School, 8 a.m.-noon
- 4-5 .....4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 7 .....County Public Presentations, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 .....State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington

### June

- 1 .....DEADLINE: QAEC Training - for all members taking an animal project
- 5 .....Cloverbud workshop, TBD
- 8 .....Illinois Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
- 9 .....Federation meeting, Extension Office, 2-4p.m.
- 13 .....Cake Decorating workshop, TBD
- 17 .....**DEADLINE: Last day to enter fair projects, FairEntry.com**
- 17 .....Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
- 23-29 .....Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
- 27 .....Aerospace Show, Fairgrounds, 5:30p.m.

### July

- 1 .....DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Jr. Livestock Show
- 9 .....Home & Family Show, Cross County Mall, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 20 .....General Projects Show, 4-H Center, 9 - 11 a.m.
- 20-21 .....4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
- 28 .....All livestock in place at fair 8 a.m.
- 29-Aug 2 ....4-H Fair

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I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

# **Coles County 4-H Pork Chop Barbecue** **April 13, 2019**

The Coles County 4-H Federation's annual Pork Chop BBQ is quickly approaching! This is Federation's biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds benefit programs for all our county's 4-H members. Please continue to promote the BBQ and remind everyone it will be held on **Saturday, April 13**, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

<b><u>Club BBQ Work Schedules:</u></b>		<b><u>Dine-in</u></b>	<b><u>Drive-thru</u></b>
<b><u>Set-up:</u></b> Wed. April 10, 5:30pm Golden Spur Barnstormers	10 am-1:30p.m:	Blue Ribbon Go-Getters Above & Beyond	Southsiders Cooks Mills Clovers
	1:15-4:00p.m.:	Lincoln Railsplitters	Coles County All Stars
<b><u>Clean-up:</u></b> Kickapoo Ramblers	3:45-6:30 p.m.:	Oakland Oakleaves Impact	Showstoppers

## BBQ Wish List

We are in need of donations of a few items. If you or someone you know could donate, it would help defray the cost of the BBQ.

### Items needed:

Brown Jersey gloves, paper towel rolls, **charcoal (and lots of it)**, lighter fluid, Country Time Lemonade, wide heavy duty aluminum foil, **brown paper grocery bags (and lots of them)**.

Thank you to all our 4-H families for your continued support of your Coles County 4-H program.



## Potatoes & Brownies

When do I drop off my potatoes and brownies?

**Potatoes:** set-up clubs by 11 a.m.; clean-up club between 2:30-4 p.m. All other clubs drop off your potatoes during your scheduled work time.

**Brownies:** set-up clubs by 11 a.m.; clean-up club by noon. All other clubs drop your brownies by noon.

Thank you to everyone who helped bake potatoes and brownies! You are awesome!





### 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Will you be attending college this fall as a full time student? You could be eligible for the Frazier Memorial Scholarship and the Daily Scholarship. Applications and more information can be found on our website:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/coles4h/3302.html>

Applications due April 30.

### Get your Clover at JOANN

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Visit a local JOANN store between March 1 - April 30 and purchase a \$1 or \$4 Paper Clover. With the \$4 Paper Clover, you will also receive a coupon for \$4 off your next purchase at JOANN.

All funds collected go directly back to the 4-H Program, 70% to the state 4-H program which may be used on anything to benefit the 4-H program.

So far Illinois has earned \$4053.27. Let's see how much more we can give back to our Illinois 4-H program. Stop by JOANNs today and pur-

### Publication order, April 8

The **last** project manual order will be made on **Monday, April 8**. After this date, there will be no other chances to order manuals for your projects. Make sure you get your publication requests into the 4HOnline system by the deadline. If you have questions, please contact the office.



### Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects—even those who exhibit posters

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. ***This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.***

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small pets, and swine. This is a one-time requirement and must be completed prior to showing at the fair. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Visit: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/> to complete your certification.

**The deadline to complete the training is June 1.**

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### 4-H Membership Policies for Coles County

Youth who are at least 8 years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before September 1, 2018, may enroll in 4-H. Youth who are 5 through 7 years of age on or before September 1, 2018, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

#### 4-H Exhibit Requirements:

- ➡ **4-H member MUST attend more than half of their club meetings.** (see page 22 of 2019 Fair & Policy Book for further information).
- ➡ 4-H member MUST present and talk or demonstration at their own club meeting or school **about a 4-H project**; and
- ➡ 4-H member MUST participate in a county activity.

A youth who enrolls in a 4-H club but fails to do ALL of the above will NOT be eligible to take part in county 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums or other awards and recognition. Leaders will track this information.

#### Approved County Activities

Each 4-H member is required to participate in an approved county activity in order to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. The following is a list of approved county activities:

**Fall/Winter** - 18th Street Fall Festival, Winter Craft Day, Officer Training.

**January** - Skating Party

**February** - Jr. Leadership Conference

**April** - 4-H BBQ

**May** - 4-H Camp

**June** - Any workshop, Illini Summer Academies

Only one activity is required, but the hope is 4-H members will attend many of the activities and workshops so they can make their 4-H experience the best it can be.

### Coles County 4-H Fair Dates



**Tuesday, May 7** - Public Presentations, Extension office, 6 p.m.

**Monday, June 17** - Fair Entry **deadline**

**Thursday, June 27** - Aerospace Show, 4-H Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 9** - \*Home & Family Show, Cross County Mall, 4 p.m. check-in

**Saturday, July 20** - ^General Projects Day, 4-H Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

**Sunday, July 28** - Barnyard Olympics, 4-H Show Arena, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, July 28** - Rabbit Show, 1 p.m.  
Poultry Show, 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, July 29** - Goat Show, 8 a.m.  
Swine Show 8:30 a.m.  
Beef ROG, 4 p.m.  
Sheep Show 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 30** - Beef Show 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 31** - Master Showmanship, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, August 1** - Livestock Awards Presentation, 5 p.m.  
Livestock Auction, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 2** - Horse Show, 9 a.m.

\*Home & Family Show includes: Clothing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition, Interior Design, Visual Arts Food Decorating, County Food projects.

^General Projects Show includes: Aerospace (display only), Bicycles, Cats, Civic Engagement, College & Career Readiness, Communications, Computer Science, Consumer Education, Crops, Electricity, Entomology, Exploratory, Forestry, Geology, Geospatial, Health, Horticulture, Intercultural, Leadership, Natural Resources, Photography, Plant & Soil Science, Robotics, Shooting Sports (display), Small Engines, Small Pets, Technologies, Theatre Arts, Tractor, Vet Science, Video/Filmmaking, Visual Arts, Weather, Welding, Woodworking, County Projects (except food).



The 2019 Fair and Policy Book has been printed! Check out this year's cover created by Kennedy Douglas! The fair book contains all the important information you need for the 2019 fair season. You will find fair dates and times, 4-H policies and show requirements, fair exhibit rules, and sections regarding large animals, small animals, and general projects. Please be sure to read the fair book, especially those sections pertaining to your project area. Pick up your copy of the latest book from your leader today!

### Horse Ownership & Lease Papers

All Horse Ownership/Lease Papers and color photos of both sides of your horse(s) are due to the office no later than **Tuesday, May 1**. In order to show at the Illinois Junior Horse Show, the Extension office has to send the ownership/lease papers and photos to the State Fair Office. If you are planning to show at the State Fair as well as the Coles County 4-H Fair, TWO sets of pictures must be turned in. If you already have ownership papers and photos on file at the office, it is your responsibility to ensure they are correct and up to date. Lease papers are to be renewed every year. The correct lease and ownership papers are on the Coles County web site or available at the Extension office. Note: Any one horse may be owned or leased, and exhibited by **one** 4-H member.



### Horse Coggins test

If you would like to drop off your horse Coggins test paperwork at the office prior to the fair, you may do so at anytime. This would speed up the registration process the day of the fair.



### County goat registration

The Coles County goat registration will be held **Saturday, May 4** from **8 a.m. to 9 a.m.** at the Coles County Fairgrounds. All Market animals must be presented with a scrapie tag or breed tattoo with registration papers that day. All wethers must be castrated and all Market animals must be disbudded when presented. Goats will not be tattooed.

### County lamb weigh-in

The Coles County lamb weigh-in will be held **Saturday, May 4** from **9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** at the Coles County Fairgrounds. All market lambs, including ewes, to be exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be weighed. Lambs must be castrated before this date. All market lambs will be required to have scrapie tags in ears at the time of the weigh-in. All market lambs and ewes going to the state fair will be tattooed.





### Changes You Should Know for 2019 Fair Exhibits

The state 4-H office has made some changes to our exhibit guidelines for the 2019 fair. These changes will be reflected in the 2019 Fair & Policy Book. Here is a sneak peak:

**Citizenship** has been changed to Civic Engagement - only a name change.

**Communications, Creative Writing, & Journalism** are now state fair eligible.

**Computer Science** major changes: beginning visual programming level is NOT eligible for state fair. An open source class was added and class names were changed to Visual-based & Text-based programming.

**Foods** exhibits major changes in 101- 401. Each class will now need to complete an experiment/activity in the project manual and bring a document with a printed picture of your experiment/activity with your project. Sources for **Food Preservation** have changed, added are Ball/Kerr after 1985, & Mrs. Wages. **Food Innovation** class added.

**Photography** ALL photos must include details of the camera settings, minimum image size 5X7, maximum 8X10. Photography 1 exhibit one framed photo demonstrating a technique you learned from the project manual. Be prepared to show the page in the manual of the technique. Photography 2, 3 - one 8X10.

**Robotics** major changes: Robotics 1 Beginning and Junk Drawer Robotics 1 are NO LONGER eligible for state fair.

**3-D Print & Design** NO LONGER eligible for state fair. **UAV Drones** NO LONGER eligible for state fair.

**360 Video and Technology** classes have been eliminated.

**Visual Arts changes:** Exhibitors MUST be enrolled in a specific project directly tied to their exhibit class. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment has two unique classes depending on the material on which the art was created. Division A - canvas, paper, or glass. Division B wood, metal or textiles. Clarification between Fiber Arts and Heritage arts was added, as well as for wood.

**Weather** - new class

**Maker class** - new to all project areas (see specifics in the 2019 Fair & Policy book)

**Be sure to read the 2019 Fair & Policy book for all of the changes. Always read the rules for your project area so you know what is expected at the fair.**

**Sheep:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details.

**Goats:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details. **Horned goats** will now be staying at the county fair in the dairy cattle barn. **Fair board will not be providing pens.** Extension and Foundation will provide materials needed to build the proper pens/gates. We hope those families with horned goats will help with the construction. More details to come.



## Coles County 4-H - April 2019

### Records!



### 4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

March events:

- ★ Sewing Workshop - section 3 (C) 3/2
- ★ Winter Fishing Clinic.- section 3 (C) 3/9

Jan. Feb. events:

- ★ Skating Party/Animal Shelter Drive - section 6 (M) 1/20
- ★ Jr. Leadership Conf.- section 3 (S) 2/23-24

Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates.

### Leader's Digest

- Remember to send in photos of your club's activities.
- Encourage members to participate in 4-H State events. Scholarships are available for many of the State sponsored events.
- **Be sure your members have paid their dues.**
- Last day to order manuals - April 8.
- Interested in a 4HOnline Training? Let me know.
- If you have a member attending **4-H Camp**, have them contact the office regarding **scholarships**.



## Federation News

### Upcoming Federation Events

- April 13 - 4-H Pork Chop BBQ
- April 27 - Healthy Kids Day, YMCA 9-noon
- April 28 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.
- May 19 - Meeting, Extension Office, 4-6 p.m.
- June 9 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.
- June 5 - Holiday World Trip
- June 11- Cloverbud Workshop
- June - Host various workshops - TBD

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### Federation Trip

4-H Federation members will be taking a trip to Holiday World on June 5. Every year Federation members are rewarded with a trip for all of the hard work they do throughout the year. Just one of the perks of being a Federation member!

### Interested in Joining Federation?

Federation is a youth-driven team of the local 4-H clubs that band together for the improvement of the 4-H program. Federation members make recommendations regarding the 4-H program and assists with fun 4-H activities and events. Any 4-H member age 13 and up may join.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next Federation meeting on April 28 at the Extension Office from 2-4 p.m. If you have questions contact Jenny Lee @ 345-7034.





# State 4-H News



## Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch large-mouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

## Paid camp counselor positions open, male applicants encouraged to apply

Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>

## Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

**NEW IN 2019:** Extension offices will **no longer sell parking passes** in advance. Families should plan to pay for parking when they arrive. This will allow you to choose where you want to park (either at any of the private/non-profit sponsored lots to the right of the fairgrounds road or in public lots on the state fairgrounds). The change was made to make it easier for families in case flooding closes some lots. Families can still purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at SOME Extension locations. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.

### Illini Summer Academies

Spend 7 days and 6 nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have **completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade** by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 years old before the end of 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose! A limited number of [scholarships](#) are available.

**Spend 18 hours in an up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study\*:**

Aerospace Engineering: \$440

Ag Communications: Telling Stories of Ag & Environment: \$280

Ag Mechanization: Horses to Drones: \$440

Animal Nutrition & Welfare: From the Wild to the Mild: \$440

Animal Sciences: \$350

Beekeeping: \$TBD

Work Hard & Play Hard: Health, Sports, and Wellness Careers: \$250

Crop Science: Sustainable Food Systems: \$240

Electrical & Computer Engineering: \$465

Food Science & Human Nutrition: From Farm to Table: \$290

Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication: \$315

Human Development & Family Studies: \$275

Molecular & Cellular Biology: \$365

MyPI Disaster Preparedness: \$400

Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: Sustainable Summer: \$240

Veterinary Medicine: \$355

Outside of class time, you will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures you will only find at the UIUC campus.

\*prices and availability subject to change.

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### Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29. The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided. Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. If you have questions, email Pat McGlaughlin @ [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu). Use the following link to register as a chaperone

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=20007>.



### Entry deadlines approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

### Check out the masters at this year's state fair

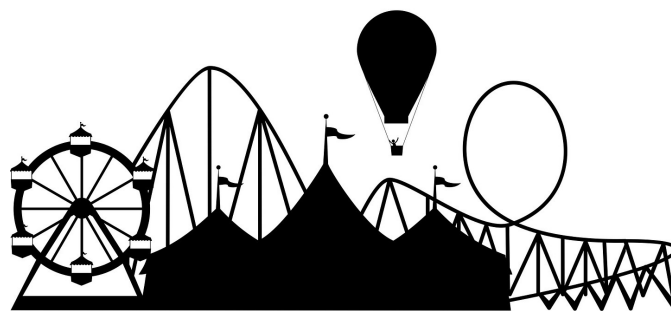
Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

### 4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

### Just so you know

- 2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11.
- 2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8.
- 2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29.
- 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.
- 2019 Coles County Day at State Fair August 11.
- 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is August 24.



amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact> . You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!

**\*Our local Sportfishing Club has a little article on page 43!**

### See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of



### Come watch robots take over the world; Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this

year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/](https://facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact [illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu).

**\*Coles County will be represented by the Cyborg Chickens! Go show your support and see if they can peck their way through the competition.**



### Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

- Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice)
- Tell us a little about your project.
- Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

## Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12. **The next training is Saturday, April 27** at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4h](https://go.illinois.edu/sfi4h).

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Coles County, there are 28 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. Thank you to all of you who help inspire our local 4-H members.