

# *Coles County* **4-H** *July News* **2019**



Aerospace Model Rocket exhibitors with their amazing rockets at the 2019 Aerospace Show.

From left to right: Parker Spear, Bea Lee, Annabelle Lee, Olivia Passig, Caleb Walters, Matthias Hacker, Isabel Spear.

# Coles County 4-H



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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### 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.
- 18.....General Projects Set-up, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 20.....General Projects Show, 4-H Center, 9 - 11 a.m.
- 20-21.....4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
- 22-28.....Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show
- 25.....Fair Prep/Set-up, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 28.....All livestock in place at fair 8 a.m.
- 28.....Rabbit Show 1:00 p.m.
- 28.....Poultry Show 3:30 p.m.
- 28.....Home & Family, General Projects Awards Program 5:30 p.m.
- 28.....Barnyard Olympics following awards
- 29.....Goat Show 8:00 a.m.
- 29.....Swine Show 8:30 a.m.
- 29.....Beef Rate-of-Gain 4:00 p.m.
- 29.....Sheep Show 6:00 p.m.
- 30.....Beef Show 10:00 a.m.
- 31.....Master Showmanship Contest 6:00 p.m.
- 29-Aug 2 ....4-H Fair

### August

- 1.....4-H Livestock Awards Presentation 5:00 p.m.
- 1.....4-H Livestock Auction & Pork Burger Meal 5:30 p.m.
- 2.....Horse & Pony Show 9:00 a.m.
- 8-18.....Illinois State Fair
- 11.....Coles County Day at State Fair, Orr Building
- 13.....Honorary Inductees Day, State Fair, Orr Building

### September

- 13-15.....Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp
- 14.....State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
- 21.....State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
- 28.....18th Street Festival, 4-H @ Health Department parking lot

### October

- 12-13.....State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington

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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.

# Fair Volunteers Needed

## Home & Family Show and General Projects Day

Judge's helpers and project runners are needed to assist our judges at the Home & Family Show on July 9 starting at 4:15 p.m. & General Projects Day on July 20 starting at 8:30 a.m. **Judge's helpers** will assist with the following:

1. Make sure judges have all supplies needed for judging – ribbons, pencils, score sheets, copies of project manuals, when needed, and a bottle of water – especially if judging foods.
2. Make sure judges know any special awards and the criteria they are to use.
3. Monitor judging stations to see if judges are moving along, not being too critical, being positive to the 4-H'ers and adequately questioning 4-H'ers about their projects.
4. Grades/ribbons for each person should be carefully recorded for awarding of premiums.
5. Make sure all paperwork is complete.

When judging is complete ask the judges if they have any general comments for improvements about the way the show was organized and be sure to thank the judges for their work and their time.

**Project runners** will assist with check-in, take exhibits to the appropriate table, and place the exhibitor's name on the exhibitor's sheet. Please contact Jenny at the office if you are available to assist. Thank you!

## Livestock Shows

**Jr. Superintendents** are still needed for the following shows:

Swine Show - July 29, 8:30 a.m. - may need two, this is a long show

Beef Rate-of-Gain - July 29, 4:00 p.m.

Jr. Superintendents will assist with handing out ribbons and awards, making sure the Superintendents and Judges have water and anything else they need throughout the show.

**Record keepers** (adults or 4-H'er's 16 & up only please) are also needed for the Rabbit and Poultry Shows. Please contact Jenny at the office, 345-7034, if you are interested or have any questions.



READ THE FAIR & POLICY BOOK FOR DATES, TIMES, PROJECT REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

### Home & Family Show

The 2019 Home & Family Show will be held **Tuesday, July 9, 4:30 p.m.** at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon. Judging will take place near the JC Penney store located in the northwest corner of the mall. All foods, clothing, interior design, and visual arts food decorating will be exhibited. **Check-in will begin at 4:00 p.m.** Please proceed to the check-in table to receive your exhibit tag. After you have checked in, take your exhibit to the appropriate table for your exhibit and sign in (if we have runners available, they will assist you with this process). Then take a seat until your name is called.

4-H'ers will receive their ribbons, and exhibit Champions and Reserve Champions, along with State Fair Delegates/Alternates, will be announced following judging completion. Awards for the Champions will also be given during the Awards Program portion of the show. A photo shoot of all the exhibit Champions, Reserve Champions and State Fair Delegates/Alternates will also take place.

Forms for State Fair Delegates/Alternates will be available after judging and may be turned in that evening or until Wednesday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m.

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### General Projects

The 2019 General Projects Show will be held **Saturday, July 20 from 9-11:00 a.m.** at the 4-H Extension Center, Coles County Fairgrounds. All exhibits will be judged on a first-come, first-served basis. All exhibits need to arrive **no later than 10:00 a.m.** Please proceed to the check-in table to receive your exhibit tag. After you have checked in, take your exhibit to the 4-H Center and sign in at the appropriate table for your exhibit (if we have runners available, they will assist you with this process). Then take a seat until your name is called.

4-H'ers will receive their ribbons, and exhibit Champions and Reserve Champions, along with State Fair Delegates/Alternates, will be announced following judging completion. The **Awards Program** will be held on **Sunday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Show Arena.

Forms for State Fair Delegates/Alternates will be available after judging and may be turned in that morning or until Wednesday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m.







### Dog & Cat Shows

The Dog Show will be held on **Saturday, July 20, 3 p.m.** at Fetcher's Pet Supply in the basement. Enter through the outside entrance located on the north side of the building.

The Cat Show will be held on the same day, **10 a.m.** in the Arts Hall next to the 4-H Center. Be sure to review all the rules in the Fair & Policy book pertaining to these shows.

### General Projects Set-up

Set-up for General Projects Show will be **Thursday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Center. **All** 4-H'ers and their families are asked to assist. We appreciate all those who are willing to give of their time and energy!

If you will be joining us, please let Jenny know by contacting her at the office, 345-7034.



### Fair Prep/clean-up

Fairground clean-up and set-up for the Coles County 4-H Fair will be held on **Thursday, July 25 at 5:30**. All 4-H members are asked to help. Please bring

necessary working tools (rakes, hammers, cleaning supplies, etc.). Again, we appreciate all who are willing to help make our fairgrounds ready for the fair.

**This is everyone's fair and we need everyone there to help!**

### Coles County 4-H Fair Dates



**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., check-in 9-10 a.m.

**Sunday, July 28** - Barnyard Bash, 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), Animal Science, Bicycles, Cats, Civic Engagement, College & Career Readiness, Communications, Computer Science, Consumer Education, Crops, Electricity, Entomology, Exploratory, Forestry, Geology, Geospatial, Health, Horticulture, Inter-cultural, 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 (except food decorating), Weather, Welding, Woodworking, County Projects (except food).



### Cloverbud Exhibit Opportunity

Cloverbud exhibitors may display their project in the 4-H Center during the General Projects Show. Cloverbuds will have an opportunity to have **one** of their projects “judged” on Saturday, July 20 between 9-11 a.m. “Judging” isn’t required but is a great experience in learning how to talk to others about their project. This is an excellent opportunity for Cloverbuds to be introduced to conference judging so they will know what to expect when they are first-year members. Refer to page 28 in the Fair & Policy book for further details.



### Attention Livestock Exhibitors

If your 4-H livestock animal is ill, do not bring it to the fair! Animals may be subject to an evaluation if showing symptoms or behaviors

deemed abnormal. These animals may be excused from the show and removed from the fairgrounds. Please, do not jeopardize the health of the other animals in the barns!

**GOATS** - Weigh-in **AND** vet check will be on Sunday, July 28 following the swine and sheep weigh-ins/vet checks. The vet will check health papers at this time. Please have them available for inspection.

**CATTLE** - Vet check will be on Monday, July 29. Please have your health papers ready for inspection.

**SWINE & SHEEP** - Health and registration papers must be checked by the superintendent &/or vet after the Sunday weigh-in (swine weigh-in 8:00 a.m., followed by sheep). Please do not leave the premises until after your papers have been checked and approved! Purebred animals will not be allowed to show without registration papers.

**HORSE** - In an effort to speed up the Horse Show, our superintendent has asked exhibitors to please bring in a copy of your mandatory Coggins Test to the Extension office prior to show day. If, for some reason, you are unable to do so, it will be required the morning of the show.

### Say Thank You

It is very important to say "Thank You" to the sponsors of the awards and those businesses that help support the 4-H program. Our sponsors are very important and their support means a lot to 4-H families and the Extension program. Please be sure to send a thank you to the donors to show them their donation is appreciated. **Thank you cards will be available in the 4-H Center during fair week.** Stop in and write your thank you!

Why say thank you?

1. Kindness promotes gratitude.
2. Gratitude improves self-esteem.
3. Higher self-esteem leads to greater confidence.



### 4-H Pop Stand Work Schedules

#### Sunday - July 28

2:30-6:00....Impact

#### Monday - July 29

1:00-4:00....Cooks Mills Clovers

4:00-7:00....Coles County All Stars

#### Tuesday - July 30

Noon-3:00....Blue Ribbon Go-Getters

4:00-7:00....Kickapoo Ramblers

#### Wednesday - July 31

1:00-4:00....Oakland Oakleaves

5:00-8:00....Lincoln Railsplitters

#### Thursday - August 1

4:30-8:30....Federation

### 4-H Center Work Schedules

#### Sunday - July 28

1:30-5:00....Barnstormers

#### Monday - July 29

1:00-4:00....Southsiders

4:00-8:00....Above & Beyond

#### Tuesday - July 30

1:00-4:00....Lincoln Railsplitters

4:00-7:00....Golden Spur

#### Wednesday - July 31

1:00-4:00....Blue Ribbon Go-Getters

4:00-7:00....Showstoppers

#### Thursday - August 1

4:00-8:00....Cooks Mills Clovers



#### Friday - August 2

#### Clean-up

9am-11am...Impact & Kickapoo Ramblers

### Congratulations to our Aerospace Model Rocket Champions

Members worked hard to produce some very impressive rockets this year! Many hours are spent preparing these rockets and members showed some great attention to detail! Congratulations to Isabel Spear. She earned Champion and State Fair Delegate. Congratulations to Matthias Hacker who earned Reserve Champion and State Fair Alternate.

We followed up judging with launching. This is the best part of the evening. Seeing the rockets get propelled into the air is a blast! (see what I did there?) We even had spectators from outside the fairgrounds enjoy the launch!

Thank you to Jim Sparks and Jackie Beck from Shelby County, for judging this year's entries.



## Coles County 4-H - July 2019

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Federation will once again be hosting Barnyard Bash on **Sunday, July 28** following the General Projects Awards Presentation (5:30 p.m.). We would love to see each club send a team(s) to play in the games. There will be a total of seven events this year: Bucket Restack, Duck Walk, Balloon Toss Relay, Bucket Brigade, Poop Toss, Egg Hunt, and Obstacle Course. Each event will be timed and scored. The team/club with the most points will receive a traveling trophy and a \$50 pizza gift card.

**Cloverbud Club Spirit Award.** Cloverbud clubs are encouraged to support teams by displaying posters, wearing t-shirts, and cheering for their favorite team. 4-H will be providing all Cloverbud members with a hand clapper to help them cheer for their team. The Cloverbud club with the most spirit will be awarded a \$20 pizza gift card.

Thank you to Rural King for helping sponsor this event.

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### Barnyard Bash Rules & Guidelines

1. Each team will consist of 6 people.
  2. Clubs may enter more than one team but not all teams will participate in all events, the club as a whole will compete. You choose which team will compete in which event.
  3. Members may participate in more than one event.
  4. A total of seven games will be played.
  5. Each event will be timed, and points awarded as follows:  
Fastest time – 5 points; second place – 3 points; third place – 1 point
  6. Points will be totaled at the end of the games, the club with the most points wins.
  7. If your club does not have enough members to make a team, two groups may join together to form a team.
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### New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- ★ Their knowledge about the project
- ★ Their conference presentation of the project
- ★ The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair). For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received. Outstanding awards will also be awarded to any exhibit that achieves 80% or higher.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.



### State Fair Entries



4-H'ers selected as State Fair delegates will need to make their entry no later than **Wednesday, July 24 by 4 p.m.** If your entry is not received by this time, we will begin contacting State Fair Alternates to fill the spaces. Forms will be available after judging is concluded at both the Home & Family and General Projects Shows. These forms must be turned in either to the office or in the box at the 4-H Center by Wednesday, July 24.

Alternates will also fill out a form available after judging, to be completed by **Wednesday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m.** Alternates will be contacted beginning Friday, July 26 to take the delegate spot. Alternates will have until Monday, July 29, 1:00 p.m. to notify the office to finalize your entry. Members may only exhibit in **one** project area. If you are selected as a State Fair candidate in more than one project, you must choose which project you wish to exhibit at State Fair.

Delegates will receive a packet in the mail in early August, which will have their exhibit tag and important information about judging day at State Fair. Participants must take their own projects to State Fair. Coles County judging at State Fair is Sunday, August 11. All general project judging will take place in the Orr Building. Members may drop off their projects between 8 - 9:30 a.m. **All projects will remain on display until 3:30 p.m. or when judging is complete, whichever is later.**

Gate passes: A limited number of gate passes are available to general project 4-H exhibitors and their families. These passes must be purchased at the Extension office, cost is \$5, 12 & under are free. Passes will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone. These passes are offered to general project 4-H families at a discounted rate. Free loading/unloading passes will also be available. These passes allow **temporary parking** (10-15 minutes) at the Orr Building to load and unload your exhibit, not to park for the day. **Regular parking passes will need to be purchased at the State Fairgrounds, cost is \$5.00.**

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### End of year award time is approaching

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

## Coles County 4-H - July 2019

### Records!

### 4-H Records update—



The following are this month's records update.

#### June events:

- ★ State Public Presentations - section 2(S) 6/8
- ★ Cake Decorating Workshop - section 3(C) 6/13
- ★ Photography Workshop - section 3(C) 6/17
- ★ Visual Arts Workshop - section 3 (C) 6/19
- ★ LEAD Conference - section 3 (S) 6/9-14

#### May events:

- ★ Food Distribution Day - section 6 (M) 5/4
- ★ Shred Day - section 6 (L) 5/18
- ★ Public Presentations - section 2

### Leader's Digest

- Encourage members to participate in 4-H State events.
- **Be sure your members have paid their dues.**
- Encourage members to read the newsletter for important deadlines and activities.
- **Remind members to read their Fair & Policy Book.**
- If you have not turned in your member attendance or fair work schedules they are past due. Please turn them in ASAP.
- **Please be sure you are watering planters during your scheduled time.**



## Federation News

### Upcoming Federation Events

- July 9 - Home & Family Show
- July 20 - General Projects Day
- July 28 - Awards & Barnyard Bash
- August 1 - Pop Stand Pork Burger Sale
- August 18 - Meeting
- September 15 - Meeting
- September 29 - Fall Festival

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Members be sure to add to your record book  
Thankful Thursday 4-H  
Promotion - section 8.

### Federation Trip

Our Federation members had a great time at Holiday World in Santa Claus Indiana.





## 4-H Storytellers Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

## Tell Your Story

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
  - \*Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
  - \*In my 4-H project, I've learned .....
  - \*4-H has taught me to care about my community.
  - \*4-H has helped me feel welcomed by .....
  - \*I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
  - \*Here's how 4-H has prepared me for my future career.
  - \*Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I ..... Thanks for helping me grow!"
  - \*Send the video file to us at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
  - \*Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
  - \*A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
  - \*It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
  - \*Videos will be accepted through August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
  - \*Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
  - \*Questions? Email Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).



### Upcoming 4-H events:

August 7	POULTRY: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 7	Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Springfield
August 7	BEEF Showmanship, 1 PM, Springfield
August 7	Superior Young Producer Beef/Sheep/Swine Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF Performance Cow/Calf Show: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF: Heifer Show: AOB, Charolais, %Simmental, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Maintainer, Shorthorn Plus, Springfield
August 8	SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM, Springfield
August 9	BEEF: Heifer Show: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, and Simmental, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show, Springfield
August 9	SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 9	Master Showmanship at the State Fair, 7:30 PM, Springfield
August 11	GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM, Springfield
<b>August 11</b>	<b>State Fair Exhibit Day for Coles</b>
August 12	SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM, Springfield
August 12	RABBITS: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show, 9 AM; Holstein, 1 PM, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show: 9 AM; Holstein: 1 PM, Springfield
August 15	DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM; Ayrshire: 1 PM, Springfield
August 16	DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM; Jersey: 1 PM, Springfield
August 17	DAIRY: Overall Showmanship: 1:30 PM, Springfield
August 17	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 17	GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 24	Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon

### 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.

### Celebrating volunteers at the fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

### You decide the theme!

We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of “inspire” so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.

### NEW IN 2019-20

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.

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