



Deadlines:

- Dec. 1** - Re-enrollments Due
- Dec. 5** - Sheep Judging Registration
- Dec. 17** - Livestock Conference Registration

Events:

- Dec. 8** - Gifts from the Heart
- Dec. 9** - Sheep Livestock Judging
- Dec. 16** - Henry Ag Ambassadors
- Jan. 26-27** - State Livestock Conference
- Jan. 26** - Geneseo FFA Judging Contest
- Feb. 2** - Beef Weigh-in
- Feb. 23** - 4-H Academy
- Feb. 23-24** - Junior Leadership Conference



The Kewanee King Pins made cookies for all the first responders as their club's November activity. Members of the group delivered the cookies to the Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Police Station, and the Emergency Room. This was a continuation of the National 4-H Week when clubs recognized community groups who support 4-H.

Just a reminder...

Enrollment Updates

- **RE-ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1**
- **Visual Arts is no longer a project.** You must enroll in a specific visual arts category, ie. Visual Arts: Wood. If you enrolled in just Visual Arts, it was deleted.
- You will not receive a project manual unless you select one from the drop-down in the project enrollment section.
- Extension pays for 5 manuals. You are responsible for the cost of any additional manuals.
- Remember to check credit card information entered last year prior to submitting enrollment. If your card is declined, you will have to either mail a check to the Extension Office or pay your club.
- Cloverbuds do not pick projects. They all enroll in 'Cloverbud Project'.
- We have NEW risk forms. These should be signed asap and are good for the entirety of your 4-H career! Adult volunteers need to sign them, also.
- Do not enroll in shooting sports projects. You'll be added to the project when you join a specific discipline.

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Club News and Notes



Extension Holiday Schedule:

Closed December 21-January 2

Congratulations!

The Outstanding Secretary & Treasurer awards for the 2017-2018 year went to:

Treasurer - McKenzie Davison, Atkinson Boosters

Secretary - Ella Jeffries, Cambridge Champs



Congrats to Nicole Haverback and Jake Bohnsack on being part of the National Champion Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Team. The National contest was held on Nov. 13 in Louisville, Ky.

Henry County Fair Dates

The Henry County Fair is moving!

The 2019 fair is moving back a week. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, June 22 - General Projects
Monday, June 24 - Swine Weigh-in, Small Pets, Dogs
Tues., June 25 - Sunday, June 30 - Official Fair Dates

Shotgun Exhibition Results



Congratulations to all of the fall shotgun participants on another successful exhibition. The Champion of the Senior Division was Cal Clucas. Winners of the junior division were:

3rd - Ben Seibenthal
2nd - Caleb Seibenthal
1st - TJ Conner



2nd Annual 4-H Academy

Saturday, February 23

9a.m. - 3p.m.

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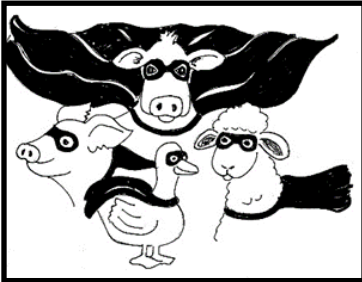
QAEC is required ONCE in a 4-H career for youth enrolled in ANY animal project. Deadline to complete is **April 1, 2019**. The state will be dropping youth from animal projects if QAEC is not completed and they will not be allowed to show at the fair. The training can be found here:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



2019 Livestock Conference: It's More than 'Meats' the Eye

The Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.

When: January 26 & 27, 2019

Where: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center
4191 W US Hwy 36, Decatur

Who: 4-H Youth in 7th, 8th & 9th Grades

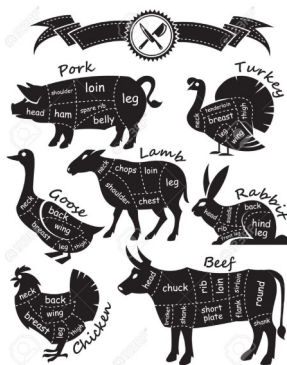
Cost: \$165 per participant

Time: Arrive by 10 a.m. on Saturday, Depart by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Register: by **12/17/18** @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

Sessions include:

- “Marvelous Medics” - Unmask the possibilities of vet science. Become a lifesaver as you learn how to dissect, inject and suture.
- “What Makes a Super Animal?” - Get hands-on experience in meat production. Learn about the different kinds of cuts, use an ultra-sound to see inside animals and compete in meats judging.
- “Becoming Incredible” - Learn the basics of breeding and genetics. Begin by learning about the tools used in artificial insemination, simulate an embryo transfer and try in-vitro fertilization.
- “Saving the Day, the Social Media Way” - Learn the proper way to promote animal science and 4-H to the general public.



Livestock Judging SPIN

The first sessions of the livestock judging SPIN will cover sheep. This club is open to current livestock judging members, as well as youth interested in joining a team in any county.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 9; 2-4 p.m.

Location: Ellerbrock Farms, 13383 E 2000th St, Atkinson
The club is free to all 4-H members. Please register online @ web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs or with Jennifer @ jpetersn@illinois.edu/(309) 932-3447 by **December 5.**

You must be registered to attend!

The swine judging is clinic is planned for Sunday, Jan. 6 at Black Hawk East. Look for full registration details via email in mid-December.



State Fair Dates

4-H Dog Show: August 24, 2019 (Dixon)
Horse Show: July 22 - 28, 2019



Geneseo Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Time: 8:00 to 9:45 - Registration
10:00 - Contest

Where: Black Hawk East Ag Pavilion

Junior Division - 8th Grade and Under
Senior Division - 9-12 Grades
4 members per team

Cost - \$25 on or before January 20; \$30 at the door
\$10 per individual

Contest - 3 Beef, 3 Swine, 2 Sheep, 1 Goat and 1 EPD class with 1 question class from 3 species.

Contact - Brian Stahl @ (309) 945-0347,

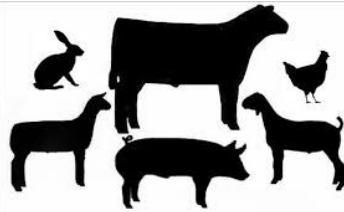


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Scholarships

4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area



of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

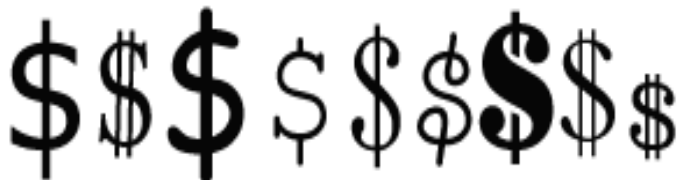


Joyce Betz Scholarships

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

The \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.



PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Lois Britt memorial pork industry scholarship is sponsored by the CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation. There are ten \$2,500 scholarships available to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by January 4, 2019 at nppc.org/programs/scholarships.

Legacy of Leadership

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

Apply for National Award



Are you a middle or high school student making a difference through volunteering? Apply today for national recognition, monetary awards, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. The deadline to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in November 6. Learn more and apply online @ spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019.



NEWS & notes

Around the State



Camp Lead

February 23 & 24 - Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. The cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Workshops include:

- **Survival Wearables** - Work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world.
- **Wilderness Challenge** - Experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging mental & physical obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H** - Discover all the opportunities 4-H has to offer.
- **Crafty Rafty** - Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine.
- **Science Explorers** - Create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with man-made rockets.



Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!

Salute
to

Excellence

The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Outstanding local volunteers can be nominated for consideration as the 2019 Illinois Salute to Excellence Volunteer. If you are interested in nominating a volunteer, contact your extension office.

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nomination criteria will be available at your local Extension Office. Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF



Leader Lesson

Mastery: Engagement in Learning

Mastery is defined as gaining knowledge and developing skills and attitudes AND the ability to accurately use the knowledge, skills and attitudes in your everyday life.

To achieve mastery, you need to be engaged and interested. Simply having a learning experience is not enough. Youth need to be involved in the learning process and given opportunities to successfully meet challenges and solve problems. Engaged youth are curious and focused on learning. They develop relationships and connections that enhance learning. Youth who are actively engaged in learning have a higher degree of self-motivation and creativity, set goals, and are more likely to develop self-confidence and feel they are capable of succeeding.

4-H clubs are a perfect place for youth to develop these positive life skills, but only if clubs are actively doing things to promote this learning. Simply having a club meeting isn't enough. To foster engagement consider:

- Are club activities based on a hands on, learn by doing approach to learning?
- Do club activities and experiences encourage curiosity, questioning and exploration?
- Do club activities provide experiences that make a difference to others or relate to real life situations?

Consider these tips:

- Involve members in planning and organizing club activities. Club officers should take the lead in organizing activities by using committees to plan events and activities so more members are involved in the decision process. Adult volunteers should serve as facilitators, supporting the youth, not leading the process.
- Encourage members to take on leadership roles within the club. Allow all members, regardless of age, to have a voice in program/activity planning.
- Allow time for youth to reflect on their success and failures. Things do not always work out as planned. It is important to discuss the situation, what worked, and what didn't. The best learning experiences are not always the most perfect.

Engagement is the spark that can create excitement that leads to learning ... and that leads to self-confident, capable adults.

By Dana Homann, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper counties

Miscellaneous Notes

1. The Henry/Stark General Projects day at the State Fair will be **Sunday, August 11, 2019**.
2. The State Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. County (or Unit depending on entries) contests will be held in *early* Spring.
3. Henry County archery will begin again on Monday, January 28 and end on March 18. Sign-up will be open at the beginning of January.

Citizenship Washington Focus: for 4-H Alums

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group's entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group's coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council's educational curricula to groups of youth. Apply online by January 15 @ 4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student's family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ go.illinois.edu/college4me.

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

I hope everyone is out from under the mountains of snow! Please use the time you are stuck indoors to finish your re-enrollments. We just placed a publication order and hope to have the first round of folders ready for leaders by early to mid-December.

Please pay attention to your credit card payments. We have had a lot of cards declined recently because CVV numbers or expiration dates weren't updated before submitting. If you have questions, please call the office.

If you are involved in livestock projects, please watch your email for specific dates and deadlines. We can't always get things sorted out in time to make the newsletters.

I am wishing you all a much warmer December.

Jennifer



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