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DeKalb County 4-H Flashes

Winter 2019/20

Please Support the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation Restaurant Fundraisers on:

- Monday, January 20 ... Pizza Villa Fundraiser
- Monday, February 10 ... Sycamore Jamrah Fundraiser
- Thursday, March 12 ... Gillerson's in Genoa
- Thursday, April 16 ... South Moon BBQ in Hinckley
- Thursday, May 14 ... Panera Bread in DeKalb
- Monday, June 8 ... Noodles & Company in DeKalb

The Re-enrollment Deadline for the 2019 - 20 4-H year is JANUARY 15, 2020

If you have not done so please go to IL4Honline.com and enroll in 4-H TODAY!

You have until April 15th to drop and add projects

Save the Dates Summertime Fairs



- 4-H General Project Show - Wednesday, July 8
- 4-H Livestock Fair - July 31, Aug. 1-2
- 4-H Multi County Dog Show - Saturday, June 27
- 4-H Multi County Horse Show - Thursday, July 30
- State Fair General Projects - Saturday, August 15

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the DeKalb County Extension office at (815) 758-8194.

JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!



Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a *NEW* workshop 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 18** at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Come out & learn tips on how to best prepare for 4-H Dog Shows. Expert handlers will present an interactive hands-on clinic covering all facets of dog showing. The workshops will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The workshop is free and all Illinois 4-H members are invited to attend. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Please do not bring your dog. Register at go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic.

Ski Trip to Cascade Mtn.: January 18



The 4-H Federation is sponsoring 4-H Ski Trip to Cascade Mountain in Portage, WI on **Saturday, January 18**. The skiing begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Transportation will NOT be provided so families are strongly encouraged to attend. 4-H Federation will be paying the cost of the lift tickets for 4-H members. Ski lift tickets for parents/non-4-H members who are 13 and older are \$24 and 12 years old and younger is \$6. Participants can bring their own skis/snow boards or rent them for \$19. Everyone will be on their own for dinner. There are various dining options at Cascade so plan on bringing money. For more information about Cascade Mountain go to their website at: <http://www.cascademountain.com> Registration forms & payment is due Jan. 7 to the Extension office.

Welcome to 4-H Day—March 7

Come and Explore Everything 4-H!

Saturday, March 7

2:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building

Pre-registration is required by Monday, March 2 by calling the Extension Office at 815/758-8194



Try out a few project areas by doing activities in Cooking 101, Horticulture, Citizenship, Animal Science, Dogs and Visual Arts. Also learn how to make a motion and the ins and outs of 4-H club meetings. This is not only open to 4-H members but to anyone interested in learning more about 4-H. To attend you must be between the ages of 8-18 as of September 1, 2019. Parents are encouraged to come from 4:30 - 5:30 to learn about 4-H and what to expect in 4-H.

Extension Office Holiday Hours

The Extension Office will be closed the following days: **Dec. 24 - Jan. 1**. The office will re-open on January 2. We will also be closed for Martin Luther King Day on **January 21**. Thank you and have a great holiday season!

Federation Meeting

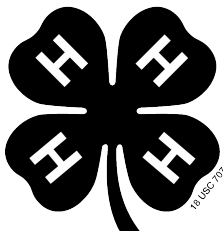
The next 4-H Federation meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building. All 4-H members in 8th grade or older are welcome to attend these meetings and to get involved in planning county events and activities. The following meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building.

4-H Leader's Meeting



The next 4-H leader's meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building. At this meeting we will be having a short training and discussing upcoming events. Each club should have at least one leader from their club at this meeting. Refreshments will be provided by the Extension office. Please let the Extension office know who is coming to the meeting by **Jan. 21**

Super Saturday Classes NEEDED!



It may seem too early to start thinking about Super Saturday, but we would like you to put some thought toward this event. The date for the 2018 4-H Super Saturday will be **Saturday, February 15, 2020** in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau building.

We would like to have 4-H members, volunteers and parents start thinking about a variety of different sessions they would like to teach or see offered at this event.

In the past there have been a number of wonderful sessions that were taught by 4-H'ers, parents, and community supporters. Once again we are hoping for this same kind of involvement in teaching workshop sessions. The workshops should be hands-on oriented and something both boys and girls would like to do.

Enclosed with this newsletter please find a sign-up sheet for individuals to complete if they would be willing to teach a session at Super Saturday. Past involvement indicates that 4-H'ers have enjoyed learning from other 4-H members, leaders and parents on a wide range of topics.

We would like to have all sessions set by no later than **January 6**. Please return the form as soon as possible.

Take the next step in your leadership journey



Junior Leadership Conference

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment. Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

Be a true leader in service



Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of *True Leaders in Service!* 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

Speaking for Illinois 4-H

February 1 | Mt. Vernon

March 21 | Sterling

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. The first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



Support the 4-H Foundation by shopping ...

Amazon Smile

When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate to DeKalb County 4-H Foundation. Turn your Amazon purchases into a force for good. With every eligible purchase, AmazonSmile donates 0.5% to the charity of your choice. This includes all Charity List purchases as well as millions of everyday items at smile.amazon.com. Please support us every time you shop at Amazon! Go to Amazon Smile to sign-up today: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7165054>

Escrip at Schnucks and other participating companies

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on “sign-up”
3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards
4. **Our group's name is DeKalb County 4-H Foundation and the eScrip Group ID is 500400176**

A percentage of the proceeds will go directly to support the 4-H program right here in DeKalb County. Here are just a few of the merchants: Schnucks, American Airlines, Disney Cruise Lines, Princess Cruises, Carnival, Celebrity Cruises, Royal Caribbean.

REQUIRED: Child Protection Orientation

“A 4-H Pledge: Keeping Youth Safe” has been created to help 4-H volunteers understand the protection policies 4-H has put in place. This training discusses child abuse and neglect, how to report suspected abuse and various strategies to help reduce volunteer’s risk of being accused of abuse. It also shares safety issues and expectation of working with 4-H members. All volunteers are REQUIRED to complete this training. It may be accessed at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/extensionprotection/index.cfm>. This session typically lasts 45 minutes.

Volunteer Screening



This is a reminder to all 4-H clubs and their leaders that the state requires all county 4-H volunteers and leaders to complete an application (volunteer screening forms). These forms are required for all individuals who volunteer in any way to help with the 4-H program. The purpose of this screening process is to protect youth from individuals who may physically, sexually, or mentally abuse them. While it is the hope that the volunteers here in DeKalb County do not fit this category, for the safety of all youth it is an important task to complete. If a club has new leaders, volunteers, or active parents, please be sure that everyone has completed the necessary paperwork and volunteer screening process.

The Extension Office will be reviewing volunteer files to check that forms can be found on all volunteers. In addition, all volunteers’ files are updated every 5 years. If it is discovered that a form is not on file or is in need of an update, one will be mailed to the appropriate individual. These forms are a must when it comes to working with youth in the 4-H program. The office has all necessary forms, so stop by and pick some up if they are needed.

Understanding copyright and trademark laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can’t use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don’t use something that doesn’t belong to you.

4-H members can’t draw or copy someone else’s design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can’t draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can’t create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can’t draw a Disney princess. You can’t put Sponge-Bob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn’t take your neighbor’s bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren’t yours but use them like they are, that’s stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what’s allowed, contact Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu and ensure you’re respecting the rights of others.

Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either 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 needed each year 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. **The face-to-face training is on February 24 or March 31. Both trainings will be held at the Farm Bureau building from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Registration is necessary more information will be mailed to those enrolled in an animal project.**

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible 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.

Beef Weigh-Ins

Individuals wishing to participate in the Illinois State Fair with a steer exhibit (Premiere program or otherwise) or in the DeKalb County 4-H Beef Efficiency program should mark their calendars for **Saturday, February 1** from **10:00 to 12:00 p.m.** for their cattle to be weighed and tattooed. Tattooing and weigh-in procedures will be conducted at Larson's Farm, which is located at 17520 Keslinger Rd., Maple Park. We will be working in the processing barn at this location.

This will be the only day available for steers to be weighed and tattooed for either the State Fair or the county Beef Efficiency program...so please make arrangements to attend.

Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

Livestock Possession Deadlines

The following dates are the 4-H possession deadlines for livestock projects:

January 1

Beef & Dairy Cows, Goats-Milking Does & Meat Does

February 1

Market Beef Steers & Heifers

May 1

Horses and Ponies, Bucket Calves, Beef or Dairy

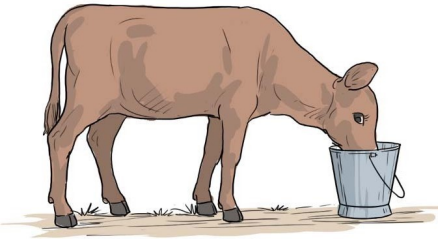
Calf, Market and Breeding Sheep, Dairy Heifers, Goats all other

June 1

Breeding Beef Heifers, Swine - Gilts and Barrows, Poultry, Rabbits

4-H'ers must be enrolled in the appropriate project no later than April 15 and have their animals in their own possession by the deadlines listed above.

Beef Efficiency and Bucket Calf Class Deadlines



Beef Efficiency - Once again this year, the Cattlemen's Association will allow 4-H members to use their own steers in the Beef Efficiency Contest. By using your own steer you can show it in both the efficiency class and the regular beef class at the 4-H Fair. Steers will be weighed in February 1 with the state fair weigh-in. The contest is based on rate of gain, record book, ultrasound and the live class placings. Premiums are paid in each of these areas and, the overall winner receives a monetary award of \$200. **NOW is the time to enroll**

in the Beef Efficiency Contest by obtaining an enrollment form from the Farm Bureau office. Forms are due at Beef Weigh-Ins on February 1.

Bucket Calf Class - The Bucket Calf Class is a great opportunity to raise a small calf. The Bucket Calf Class is open to members 8 to 13 years and includes raising a small calf, keeping records and showing it at the Fair. Calves need to be born between Feb. 1 and April 1, 2020. **NOW is the time to enroll in the Bucket Calf Class by obtaining a form from the Farm Bureau office. Please return the form to the Farm Bureau office by Feb. 1 in order to show in the Bucket Calf Class at the 4-H Fair. Record books will be distributed at an informational meeting in February.**

Second Year Bucket Calf Class - This is another option for the 2020 fair. Those of you who showed a bucket calf at the 2019 Fair may show it in the Second Year Bucket Calf Class at next year's fair. This will be a show class only and be based entirely on the animal. **Enrollment in this class will be in June as part of the 4-H Fair entries.**

DeKalb-Kane Class - We will once again offer this class to 4-H members who purchased calves from local producers who are members of the DeKalb-Kane Cattlemen's Association and raised the calf. The producer will be responsible for nominating the calf and you can then show it in this class at the Fair (plus the regular beef class). **Enrollment for this class will be in June as part of the 4-H Fair entries.**

Any question about these beef projects can be directed to Paul Koeppen Jr. at 815/739-6010.

4-H Camp - Change Your Child's Life This Summer



Registration for 4-H Camp 2020 will be coming soon!! 4-H Camp '20 is set for **June 8-12, 2020 at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL.** Camp is open to all youth ages 8-14 by June 8. If you register by March 1 it is \$250. That cost may be reduced by special funds raised by CHS to provide camperships to participants. If interested check the appropriate box on the registration site. To register or for more information go to:

go.illinois.edu/4HSummertimecamp

4-H Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see

Camp registration at Camp Shaw is open. If you sign-up by December 31 you will save \$75! The DeKalb County week will be **June 21-25**. If that week doesn't work for you check out the other camps offered all summer long. For more information or to register for camp go to <http://campshaw.org/>

Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.

Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies



The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held **June 21 – 27** on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is **July 4 – 11, 2020**. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and muse-

ums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020. Register at : <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus>

Here's help to pay for college

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>.

JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

There's a place for you at 4-H House



Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

2019-2020 Club Reporters

As a club reporter it is important that you write a brief article about your club meeting and special events. Those reports can be sent to the local newspapers as well as the Extension office. To be included in the 4-H Flashes drop off the article to the Extension Office or email it to Nicole at: groezing@illinois.edu. So share what you are doing at your 4-H club meetings with the community and other 4-H'ers!

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Dear 4-H Families:

With the early snow & cold this year, it feels like winter started months ago. Even though it is winter, we still have many activities taking place and 4-H members should make special note of dates and deadlines. Within this newsletter please find a variety of 4-H programs and opportunities available to our 4-H members and their families. If you have any questions please do not ever hesitate to give the Extension office a call. We are here to help make your 4-H experience a positive one for you and your family. Take care and stay warm!!

Sincerely,

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