



# Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



August 2020

## Calendar of 4-H Events

To Make the Best  
**BETTER**

### August

- 17 Extension Staff Returns to Office
- 18 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame Virtual Induction Ceremony
- 29-30 IDOA Jr. Horse Show (English Show Portion)

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need a reasonable accommodation to  
participate in this program please  
contact the Edwards County  
Extension office at 618-445-2934.  
Early requests are strongly  
encouraged to allow sufficient time  
for meeting you access needs.

### September

- 2 Illinois 4-H State Award Training Webinar 7-8 p.m.
- 5-6 IDOA Jr. Horse Show (Western Show Portion)
- 7 Extension Office Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Deadline for T-Shirt Contest (info in newsletter)
- 11-13 IDOA Jr. Livestock Expo: beef/sheep/dairy goats/pygmy goats/  
rabbits/poultry
- 18-20 IDOA Jr. Livestock Expo: swine/dairy cattle/meat goats

# Thank You! Thank You!

**Thank You Leaders, Parents, 4-H members, Edwards Co. Fair Board, and to the Community for all your help to make the Edwards County 4-H program a real success. We appreciate all that you do throughout the 4-H year!!**

**A strong support system is vital to keep the program Strong for our area youth! Let's keep it Strong Together!**



# Edwards County 4-H



## 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 Scholarship 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>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships>.

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!

## CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

**I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY**

# ILLINOIS 4-H STATE AWARD TRAINING WEBINAR



SEPTEMBER 2nd  
7-8 pm

Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/4hwards](http://go.illinois.edu/4hwards)

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## STATE 4-H GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

We are excited to start the online judging of this year's state fair delegates. Results for state judging will be sent to counties to share with families. Week 1 judging results will be sent to counties approximately Aug. 17, Week 2 results on Aug 24, and Week 3 results on Aug. 31. Unfortunately, families will not be able to view judge's comments until all three weeks of state judging are

## GOOD LUCK TO EDWARDS COUNTY STATE FAIR DELEGATES

The following individuals will be representing Edwards County 4-H in the State Virtual General Project Show: Addison Anderson, Ava Anderson, Aleya Bare, Cheyenne Duncan, Amelia Fearn, Felicity Fearn, Skylar Greathouse, Wyatt Greathouse, Hannah Hawkins, Adelynn McCaleb, Madison Miller, Hayley Perry, Kayleigh Sanford, Chase Shelton, Hallie Shelton, Elizabeth Spillman, Emily Spray, Kolby Terry, Kaylie Vallette, Aly Williams, Sydney Williams and Jake Wiseman.

**I PLEDGE ... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE**

## JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

**Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

**Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

**Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

**More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

## PROGRESS IN A NEW SUSTAINABLE AG PROJECT

In collaboration with the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the FarmBot company we are beginning to roll out several pilot sites for the implementation of STEM programming in Ag Education. This educational program is aimed at developing the critical thinking and STEM-related skills of Illinois youth by bringing them into contact with precision agriculture technology and promoting design-thinking approaches to agriculture's greatest challenges. See this link for a short interview with Illinois Farm Bureau to learn more about the progress we've made.

<https://vimeo.com/438292870>

## DON ST. LEDGER TO BE INDUCTED INTO ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME

Don St. Ledger will deservedly be inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame on August 18. He has been a very active 4-H leader in Edwards County for 23+ years. He cares about the kids and the projects that they take. He is involved with the families of Edwards County throughout the year. He has been a Veterinarian for 42 years, and has been the Edwards County Fair Veterinarian for over 30 years. Each year at his practice he gives all 4-H youth regardless of what club they are in a special discount for services needed for fair. Don has a very busy schedule, but always takes time to answer questions and be actively involved.

## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.

Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website

at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)

Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

August 29-30, 2020 (English Show Portion)

September 5-6, 2020 (Western Show Portion)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, Du Quoin, IL

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrHorse.pdf>



## TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

## T-SHIRT CONTEST

Illinois Extension and 4-H want to commemorate the unique situation in which we find ourselves – our first-ever virtual 4-H fair! Every 4-H'er who enrolls a project in this year's virtual 4-H fair will receive a free T-shirt, and YOU get to decide what that shirt looks like!

Our multi-county unit, which includes Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne Counties, is sponsoring one T-shirt contest for the entire unit, and 4-H'ers from all five counties who have enrolled in the virtual 4-H fair will receive a shirt with the same winning design.

Rules:

1. The design must follow the 4-H name and clover copyright rules. (see rules here <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/a.../cuatro-haches/resources>)
2. The design should highlight the virtual 4-H fair event and year 2020.
3. The design should contain a maximum of 2 colors.
4. The color of the t-shirt will be heather gray so this should be a consideration of the design.
5. The design will be on the front of the t-shirt only and must fit within a 14 x 17 inch area.
6. The design must NOT include your county name as the same shirt will be used for all five counties in the unit.
7. Only one design entry per 4-H member.
8. To enroll, upload a drawing, photo, or other form of digital rendering of your design to the University of Illinois Extension – Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne Counties Facebook Page. (<https://www.facebook.com/Illinois-Extension-Edwards-Lawrence-Richland-Wabash-and-Wayne-Counties-101689044878396/>)
9. The design with the most LIKES as of 4 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 will be the winner.