

Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

December

- 10 Tag-A-Long Coloring Contest Sheets Due at Extension office
- 12 Little Wabash Ramblers Meeting
- 14 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at the Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Ellery Panthers Mtg. Little Prairie Christian Church 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Blue Ribbon Mtg. COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Yankees Mtg. 7:00p.m. at Moravian Church
- 24-Jan. 4 Extension office will be closed for Holiday

January

- 1 Steer Enrollment Deadline - must be in possession
- 11 Deadline to contact and register your steers!
- 12 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at the Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
- 14 YQCA Training Extension office, 1:00 p.m.
- 18 Blue Ribbon Mtg. COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 22 Shooting Sports Mtg. Sportsmen's Club 8:00 a.m.
- 26 Ellery Panthers Mtg. Little Prairie Christian Church 6:00 p.m.
Little Wabash Ramblers TBA



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Shooting Sports



INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois

I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Volunteers



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Watch for future registration details!

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career.

You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and or any members who have not taken it before.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

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

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

Community Service



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are *True Leaders in Service*, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th “H” and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

Civic Engagement



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!

Tag-A-Long

Community Service Project

The Tag-A-Longs completed their community service project on Friday, November 19, at the Extension office. Members and clubs brought items that will be donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis. The youth spent the afternoon making cards to send. Thanks to Emma Wiseman, Jaycey Buerster and Chloe Iles, for being volunteers. A great time was had by all!

Robotics Volunteer

We are actively seeking an individual or individuals that would like to volunteer their time as a Spin Club Leader for a Robotics club. Please, contact the Extension office at 618-445-2934, if you or you know someone that might be interested.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, at 5:30 p.m.. Line up starts at 5:00 at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. The theme this year is "A Classic Christmas" Entry forms can be found on Albion, Illinois Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Entry deadline is Thursday, December 9. We hope to see Edwards County 4-H taking part!

State 4-H Club Award Winners

Congratulations to the Bone Gap Cardinals and the Ellery Panthers for receiving State 4-H Club recognition! Each of the clubs, received the award for Community Service.

YQCA Training

The first YQCA training has been scheduled for Friday, January 14, at 1:00 p.m., at the Extension office. If you are enrolled in beef, swine, goats or sheep this is a yearly requirement to show your animal at the Edwards Co. 4-H livestock shows. You must register to attend the training. The registration link is:

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io>



Club Reporters

It is great to see more club reporters sending articles to the local paper. The community is interested in what activities our 4-H members are taking part in. Keep up the good work!

Farm Credit Scholarships & Community Improvement Grants

Farm Credit Illinois have announced their 2022 Agriculture Scholarship and Community Improvement Grant programs. Thirty \$2,000 Agriculture Scholarships are available to high school seniors planning to enroll in agriculture. Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available to 4-H clubs to assist youth members in bringing positive change to their community. Links to apply:

Scholarship: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship

Community Improvement Grant:
www.farmcreditIL.com/community

Deadline to submit is Monday, February 28, 2022



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Invites

Have you invited a friend to join you at a club meeting this new 4-H year?? Did they attend? If so, please contact djc@illinois.edu or the Extension office at 618-445-2934 and get your name in the hat for a chance to win a prize! Winners will be announced in January!!

4-H Enrollments

Thanks to the members who have completed their enrollment/re-enrollments! If you have not yet done this, don't delay. If you need help contact djc@illinois.edu.

Steer Deadline Fast Approaching

All steers need to be in the 4-H members possession by Jan. 1, 2022. If you have steers contact djc@illinois.edu or 618-445-2934 by Jan. 11 to register them. We need to know how many you have, what color they are, and if they are registered or crossbreeds.

Tag-A-Long Coloring Contest

Coloring contest sheets need to be returned by Friday, December 10. They can be returned to Extension office before 4:30 or placed in the tote by the west door or emailed to djc@illinois.edu.

4-H in a Bag

There are still a few months of Unit #25 Extension 4-H in a Bag activities. They will be available through March. Watch Edwards Co. 4-H Facebook page for the fun activities and the registration links!

Speech Contest-Challenge

Speech Contest date is Monday, February 21, at the Farm Bureau basement, starting at 5:30 p.m.

We would like to challenge each club to have at least TWO members do a speech this year! We know it's hard to get up in front of people and make a speech.....just think of it as telling a story. You do not need to be an expert, we would just like to see more kids take on this challenge! Are you up for it?

Your speech can be about whatever you like. It does not have to be project related. Tell us about a hobby, (deer hunting, knitting, reading, sports, riding a horse) Just give it a try! See what creative ideas you can show us!!

Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects must have the animals in their possession.



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Edwards County 4-H