



Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

March 2020

March

1 4-H Project Deadline

2 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due

7 Meal Packaging Event/COUNTRY Financial Hall 10:00 a.m.

9 Speech and Demonstration Contest 5:00 p.m. Farm Bureau Basement

10 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.

14 YQCA Training Extension Office, 9:00 a.m.

18 Yankee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church

18 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Church

18 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6:00 p.m.

25 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church

28 Shooting Sports Mtg. 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club

31 Ag Olympics, Edwards Co. Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.

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Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We couldn't make it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Take time and thank them for all they do for our 4-H program.



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING



Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the "Tickets" down arrow.

Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM
Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM
Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



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Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

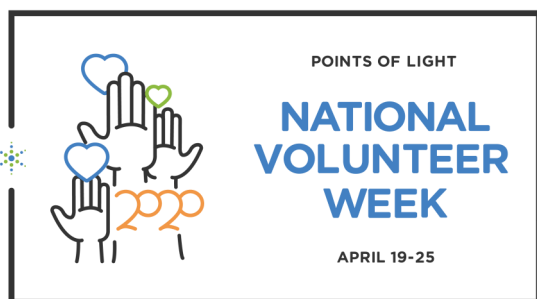
Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
- **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
- **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
- **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
- **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
- **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
- **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
- **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
- **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
- **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
- **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
- **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
- **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
- **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.



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Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In Edwards County, there are 18 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

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.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair



With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- **Steers** advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Edwards County exhibit day is Sunday, August 16.

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.



How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs.

On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**

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FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD

Edwards Co. Fair Dates are set!

Fair Shows/dates and times have been set for 2020. Now is the time to mark these dates down so you are prepared and ready come show day. Remember all shows are open to the public so invite your family and friends to the 4-H Fair! (See enclosure)

4-H Day with the Cardinals

The date has been set for 4-H day with the Cardinals. It will be May 9, 2020. See info in this newsletter.

Enrollments are In

The enrollments have all been put in, books are in, and the mailing list has been updated. Everyone should be receiving their newsletter. If you hear of someone who is not receiving it -please call the office. We want everyone to be able to keep up on all upcoming events in 4-H!

Off-Premise Forms

If you are housing livestock off of your own premises, remember you must fill out an off-premise form and turn it in to the Extension office. You can find this form on our website or contact the office.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

We have a few 4-H members that need to complete online QAEC in order to show at the 2020 Edwards Co. Fair. Leaders know the members, in their clubs, that need certification. If you are enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats for the first time this needs completed by June 1.

You can find the online training at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Farm Bureau AG Olympics

The Edwards Co. Young Farmers will be sponsoring the Ag Olympics on March 31, 2020. Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items, as your entry fee for the competition. Items will be donated to WADI. This event will be held on the Exhibition Building side of the fairgrounds and will begin at 6 p.m. It should last around 90 minutes. 4-Hers will be divided by age. Each age group will have their own games. The winners of each game will receive \$5 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$2. The club with the most winners will receive \$50. Come have FUN! **Leaders:** no need to pre-register your kids this year.

Important State Fair Show Dates

Each year we have a date that is set for Edwards Co. to show projects at the Illinois State Fair. In 2020 it will be Sunday, August 16. State Jr. Horse Show dates will July 26-August 2, 2020. The State Dog Show date will be August 29, 2020. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Leases on Animals

If you plan to lease an animal be sure to have a written agreement with both parties involved. Also, drop a copy by the Extension office. Anyone needing a basic lease form may stop at the office to receive one. State Fair will only accept lease papers on Horses and Dogs.

YQCA

There is another YQCA training scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m., at the Extension office. You will need to complete this to show cattle, swine, sheep or goats at the 2020 fair. Register at:

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR

Edwards County 4-H Meal Packaging Event

WHEN

**MARCH 7
10am – 12:30pm**

WHERE

**COUNTRY Financial
Hall**

Help Us Reach Our Goal Of Packaging 10,000 Meals!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[HTTP://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/ELRWW](http://extension.illinois.edu/ELRWW)

**OR CALL EXTENSION OFFICE AT:
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AGES 8-ADULT

**ANY AMOUNT
OF TIME YOU
CAN GIVE
WOULD BE
APPRECIATED**

SPONSOR

**Edwards County
Farm Bureau
Young Leaders –
Harvest for All
Program**

BENEFITING

Local Food Pantries

**This event is a
collaboration
between 4-H and
Illini Fighting Hunger**

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2020 Edwards County 4-H Fair Schedule

Monday, June 15 ...**Clothing Show** (Farm Bureau meeting room) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Food Show (Farm Bureau meeting room) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14 ...**General Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration and viewing
5:30 p.m./judging starts 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 16 ...**Fair Clean Up** 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. (turn in records by
p.m.)

(4-H Leaders need to turn in Livestock Judging Teams at Fair Clean Up.)

All livestock projects including small animal projects must be registered at Fairgrounds Clean Up.

Tuesday, July 21 ...**Dog Show** 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24 ...**Equine Show** 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 ...**Fair Parade** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 26 ...**Rabbit Show** 2:00 p.m. **Small Animal Show** 2:00 p.m.

Flag Raising 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 27 ...**Weigh-in** 6:00 a.m. (Edwards County Farm Bureau will furnish
snacks.)

Livestock Registration 7:00—8:00 a.m.

Livestock Judging Mini Session 8:45 a.m.

Livestock Judging Contest 9:00 a.m.

Sheep Show 1:00 p.m.

Poultry Show 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 ... **Swine Show** 8:00 a.m.

Goat Show 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Interviews 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29 ...**Bucket Calf Show** 8:00 a.m.

Beef Show 8:30 a.m.

Tractor Rodeo 1:00 p.m.

Master Showmanship 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 ...**Youth Auction** 9:30 a.m.

Buyers' meal 12:00 p.m.