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May 2020

May

- 7 4-H Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt Begins
- 27 Ellery Panthers Virtual Meeting

June

- 1 QAEC Deadline!
- 1 Lease Papers Due
- 1 Off Premise Forms Due
- 1 YQCA Deadline!
- 7 4-H Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt Ends
- 15 Virtual Food & Clothing Show



Edwards County Virtual Food & Clothing Show

Edwards County will be having their first 4-H Food & Clothing Virtual Show on June 15, 2020 . 4-H members will receive detailed information on this soon. We want to make this virtual experience the best it can be for all of our youth. Let's make this a good experience for everyone and embrace the new format!

- Today: events through July 5 canceled or transitioned to an online format
- June 1: decision shared regarding July 6 –July 31 events
- July 1: decision shared regarding August 1-15 events
- July 15: decision shared regarding August 16-31 events
- August 1: decision shared regarding September 1-30 events

Here is what we know about how 4-H shows and exhibitions will be impacted by this updated policy on public gatherings.

1. 4-H members will have an opportunity to exhibit their project work and finish their 4-H year. The state 4-H office has invested in an online system that will allow members to submit documentation, such as photos of their project, and provide an explanation about their work. This will serve as their exhibit. It works through the 4-H FairEntry program we're already using.
2. Exhibit requirements for the online judging format are being finalized. All Fair Entry registrations will be temporarily paused as we make the migrations in the system to prepare for our new online format. You will receive individual communication from your county office on an updated timeframe for registration and judging based on the originally scheduled dates of your 4-H judging events.
3. Although this system doesn't allow for in-person, real-time discussion, judges will provide vital learning feedback for exhibitors.
4. We will continue our same award and recognition system, including selection of state fair delegates. Should the state fair be canceled, the exhibits nominated will again be judged through the online system used for the virtual county exhibitions.
5. Complete instructions for how to make entries, the new scoring system, and other important information you need will be sent soon by 4-H staff in your county. Please be patient as they work to make this transition for your county judging events. This is new for all of us and I have confidence in everyone's support and understanding as we implement a brand new, online judging opportunity for our 4-H youth.
6. After consultation with the national 4-H program, extension of 4-H membership eligibility will not be offered to members currently in their final year of eligibility. We encourage all our completion members to take advantage of the online system.
7. Because of the planning time and resources involved in each of our 4-H events, we are not able to postpone and stack all events for a later time in the summer. It is also uncertain at this time when large group gatherings will be allowed and considered safe according to public health guidelines. For those reasons, all 4-H exhibition events planned though July 5 will be moved to the online platform on their originally scheduled dates.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

YQCA is still required regardless if we have face to face shows or virtual shows. This is an educational component for livestock, food safety and animal welfare. Not just an exhibition/fair requirement.

Register at: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>. Login with your 4-H online account. At this point, you will have to complete a Web-Based training. It will need to be completed by **June 1**.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification

QAEC needs to be completed by **June 1** if enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, cats and small animals for the first time. This is a requirement for face to face or virtual shows. Online training at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>.



The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>

Leases on Animals

If you plan to lease an animal be sure to have a written agreement with both parties involved. Send a copy to the Extension office by June 1. Anyone needing a basic lease form can find them on the Extension website or by emailing Debra at djc@illinois.edu, if you need a form sent to you.

Off Premise Forms

Off Premise forms are due to the office by June 1, 2020. You only need one of these if you have animals and they are not located on your own property. These forms can be found by going to the Extension website under Edwards Co. forms or by emailing Debra at djc@illinois.edu, if you need a form sent to you.

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

- Originally scheduled for June 15 on campus.

- Will now be a virtual contest hosted through

LivestockJudging.com. Placings and questions.

- Date TBD but will be by the end of June.

Project Grant Winners

If you were a project grant winner, please send a picture of yourself and what you purchased to Edwards County Farm Bureau. The pictures can be emailed to Rebecca Perry at managerecfb@gmail.com.

State Fair Livestock Entry Deadlines

Horses: Old June 1, New June 20

Livestock Old July 1, New July 15

Horse lease/photos Due June 1

Signatures - may have to verify later

State Fair Livestock Nominations

Lambs - Due June 10 Form and photo of ear with Scrapie tag in it, readable

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lambs - Due June 10 Form and photo like above with scrapie tag in ear. No weighing or tattooing

Goats - Due June 10 Form and photo of ear with Scrapie tag in it, readable

Swine - Due June 10 Form with breed, ear notch, and birth date for purebreds. No weights or tattooing

4-H Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt

The Edwards County 4-H Ambassadors is sponsoring a photo scavenger hunt. All 4-H families received an email about this event. Participants have 30 days to get as many photos on the list provided. Photos should be emailed to ec4hsummer@gmail.com. The individual who submits the most photos, will win \$25.00 worth of 4-H gear from the 4-H Mall.

Talks/Demonstrations/Specials

Continue sharing these with your leaders. It's great to see that you are keeping active.



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2020.

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the “application” at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: June 1, 2020

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

Virtual Learning

If you have participated in virtual learning related to 4-H projects, be sure to include it on your Experience Awards!

4-H Interstate Teen Meet-Up

On Saturday evening, April 25, four Edwards County 4-H members attended a zoom meeting, with 4-H members from Saratoga County in New York. Ava Anderson, Lauren Luker, Emma and Jake Wiseman had the opportunity to connect with other 4-H'ers. They all shared 4-H experiences with each other and things about their communities.



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