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# Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

May 2021

## May

- 1 YQCA training at Extension office 9:00 a.m.
- 6 Dog Obedience at the Arena at 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Bone Gap Cardinals Meeting Christian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Dog Obedience at the Arena at 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Sr. Federation Meeting 4-H Barns 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- 19 Blue Ribbon Meeting 6:00 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 19 Yankee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 20 Dog Obedience at the Arena 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- 22 Horse Clinic at 4-H Horse Arena 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- 26 Ellery Panthers Meeting LPCC 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Dog Obedience at the Arena 6:00 p.m.  
Little Wabash Ramblers Meeting Date TBA

## June

- 1 QAEC Deadline!!!
- 1 FairEntry Deadline
- 1 Lease Papers Due today
- 1 Off Premise Forms Due today
- 14 Food & Clothing Show Reg. 5:00 p.m. Judging 5:30 p.m.



ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!! You will be receiving in the mail instructions on how to register your projects for fair. With this online system, you can sign up day or night! Deadline is June 1st. Do Not Wait till the Last Minute to do this!



## Alumni Engagement

We would love to hear how 4-H has impacted your life! Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel.

Complete the survey online: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey>

## Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings



Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)



## New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to submit a request!



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## Shooting Sports, Environmental Education

Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!



I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small “study” gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4’ x 6’ in size.

A detailed training will open April 26<sup>th</sup>, and data collection won’t start until National Pollinator Week June 21<sup>st</sup> but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the U of I with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at [ipollinate.illinois.edu](http://ipollinate.illinois.edu)

## Dog Obedience

**Dog obedience classes have started! The classes are being held each Thursday at 6:00 p.m., at the 4-H arena. You do not have to be an enrolled 4-H member to attend. Young and Old are welcome!**



## 4-H Memorial Camp

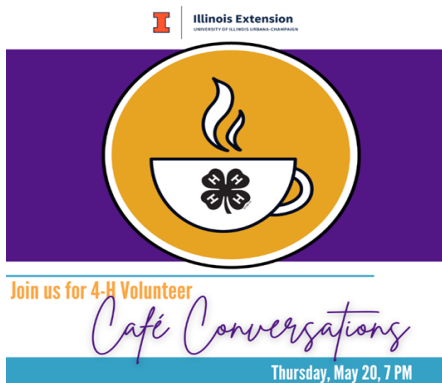


4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

[Head here to register.](#)

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

## Service Opportunities



We want to hear how you are impacting your community!

Register your service outreach efforts (or outreach plans!) for the months of March, April, May and June that demonstrate support of your communities.

## 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 by June 1. Anyone needing a basic lease form may stop at the office to receive one or look on the website!

## Off Premise Forms

Off Premise forms are due to the office by June 1, 2021. You only need one of these if you have animals and they are not located on your own property. Stop in the office to pickup a form or go to the Extension website under Edwards Co. forms. Thanks!

# Congratulations to all of our 4-H 8th Grade & Senior Graduates!



## 4-H in a Bag

Thank you to everyone that made 4-H in a Bag a success. We had numerous members that took part in these at home activities during the months of January—April. A big THANK YOU to families that picked up kits at the office and others that helped distribute at drop-off points!

## State Fair Jr Shows

Be sure to read complete rules and regulations for State Fair Jr. entries. The 2021 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is posted to the State Fair website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

Again this year Jr. Show Entries for the 2021 Illinois State Fair may be sent directly to the Entry Department by the Exhibitor. Again this year a signature is required to verify your 4-H status. Stop by the Extension office to have your entry form signed before you mail it. Entries must be post-marked by July 15.

## QAEC Still Needed

We still have a few that must complete the QAEC by the deadline of June 1st! This is an absolute date and it is your responsibility to do this. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals and poster exhibits. It is a one time certification! Training is at:

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

## 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 [mangerecfb@gmail.com](mailto:mangerecfb@gmail.com)

## YQCA Certification

Be watching for upcoming YQCA certification trainings in the near future. You will need to have this completed to show your livestock at the fair this summer.

## Blue Ribbon Pollinator Garden

Blue Ribbon 4-H members planted a pollinator garden on the south portion of the Edwards County Fairgrounds during their April meeting. They received seeds from GROWMARK and the Edwards County Farm Bureau.

## Horse Clinic

A reminder that the horse clinic will be held May 22, at the 4-H horse arena. It will be held from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. David Shain and Brooklyn Hazel will be instructing on Horsemanship and Showmanship. Plan to attend! Register @ <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID-23423>

## Cake Decorating Workshop

The cake decorating workshop was well attended. Everyone that attended went home with beautifully decorated cakes. They all learned a lot of great tips about baking and decorating cakes. Thanks to Lynn Hartzell for spending time and sharing with those that attended!

## Goal Sheets/Livestock Records

You will be receiving goal sheets and livestock records at your next club meeting. Your leader will have them. You can, also, find them on the Edwards Co. Extension website.



## II. 4-H Food Action Summit

The deadline to register for the Food Action Summit has been extended until May 1. Anyone 13 and up is encouraged to register, for the Food Summit, which is May 15. Ava Anderson of the Ellery Panthers is a member of the team. Registration link to sign up is <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021>

## Little Roots Workshop

A total of 17 Tag-A-Longs attended the Little Roots Gardening Workshop. A total of 28 have signed up for the gardening program. Each of them will be receiving radish, pumpkin, sunflower and sunflower seeds. They will also be receiving a tomato and pepper plant to transplant. Be watching Edwards County Facebook this spring and summer to watch the progression of their gardens!

## Local County Fair Dates

Richland—July 3-11

Wayne—July 10-17

Edwards—July 21-31

Wabash—July 24-30

Lawrence—July 24-29



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Edwards County 4-H