Edwards County 4-H Happenings!

September 2022

Calendar of 4-H Events

September
1  New Year Start for 4-H
11  Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 11:00 a.m.
13  Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Christian Church
15  Federation Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Extension Office
20  Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
21  Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Moravian Church
23  Records/Award Applications due at Extension Office
24  Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. Sportsmen’s Club
28  Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC

October
1-31  STEM Challenge Month
2-8  National 4-H Week
15-16  Junior Leadership Conference
24  Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall

November
1  Deadline for Illinois 4-H Scholarship

National 4-H Week – October 2-8, 2022
Theme: Opportunity4All

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year’s theme, Opportunity4All! We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 2–8. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING
**Record Collection**

Records due in Extension office by September 23. Please turn in all your records to your leader prior to this date in order to be eligible for awards. Remember if you turn in records make sure you have done them! Please note: All secretary and treasurer books MUST be turned in by this deadline! Club scrapbooks, if available, need to be turned in by this date as well.

**Achievement Night**

Achievement Night is scheduled for October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We hope to celebrate with all 4-H members and their families! If you apply for an award, please be in attendance!

**Food Advocacy Grants**

Edwards Co. 4-H secured 2 $1,000 grants from the Illinois Food Advocacy. One was received by the Yankees 4-H Club for the "West Salem Lunch Buddies" program. The other will be going to the Blue Ribbon Club for their "Community Action" program, for the local WADI food pantry. Congratulations to both clubs and thank you for your willingness to help our communities.

**State Fair Results**

We had several members representing Edwards County at the State Fair General Projects show. Landon Loyd received the Champion ribbon for Cooking 101, Jaycey Buerster received Reserve Champion for Civic Engagement, Hayley Perry was Reserve Champion in Food Science. Hannah Perry and Lucas Troyer received Inspire Awards for Wildlife 2 and Sportsfishing, respectively. We are proud of each the members that attended!
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
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.

Did you Know???

☺ Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook from the 4-H Shows. Take time to look up “Edwards County 4-H”. Like the page too!

Time to Recruit New MEMBERS!

Our new 4-H year begins on Sept. 1st. We lost a few members due to the completion of their 4-H career. We now call these members alumni. You were a great group and we will miss you! Of course, we hope to see you at the fairs in years to come, and still present to help us carry on 4-H for the younger youth! Now is the time to ask new members to join!! Ask a new prospective member to join your club meeting!! If they actually attend a meeting with you email djc@illinois.edu and have your name put in the pot for a CASH prize!! If you have two friends attend a meeting you get two names added. This is a chance to Win something cool and get a friend in your club!! Offer goes until Jan. 1st so let’s start asking friends NOW!

I PLEDGE ... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE
Edwards County 4-H Goat Show Results
They were inadvertently left out last month

The Edwards County 4-H Goat Show was held Tuesday afternoon, July 26. In the Dairy Goat division, Kamryn Trowbridge showed the Grand Champion Dairy Female. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Ag in the Classroom. Adalynn Potter showed the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Female. In the Meat Goat division, JW Simms-Reisner showed the Grand Champion Female and the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Female. JW received the banner donated by the JTK Services Inc. The Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Kamryn Trowbridge who received a banner donated by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Chloe Iles.

In the Showmanship division, the Senior Showmanship trophy donated by Terry Mewes and Ashley Craig was awarded to Laney Stephens. Parker Biggs won the Junior Showmanship trophy donated by Meredith/Ingram Funeral Home. In the Novice Class, Bristol Duncan won the belt buckle donated by the City of Albia.

4-H Reunions by the Decades

4-H Alumni can share their stories about growing up in Illinois 4-H during their 4-H decade! 4-H Alumni will be invited to join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted (*) from 7-8 pm CST via zoom.

Registration will be available each month before the event date and due one week before the online event to receive the online event link.

Pick Your Decade to Join!

- **1940's** - September 27, 2022
- **1950's** - October 25, 2022
- **1960's** - November 29, 2022*
- **1970's** - January 24, 2023
- **1980's** - February 28, 2023
- **1990's** - March 28, 2023
- **2000's** - April 25, 2023
- **2011-Present** - May 23, 2023

*different day of month

https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades
New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration will open in this new system in early October. Look for emails from your local 4-H staff at that time with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.

National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!
What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!). Share your idea here: https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063

2022 4-H State Shoot News:

New for 2022….4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior (the old rule was age 13 by Sept. 1st).
Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached. Fee includes T-shirt.
Details on rules of each shoot can be found at: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots

4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HArcheryShoot

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL
$40 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HShotgunShoot

4-H State Rifle Shoot- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, IL
$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HRifleShoot

4-H State Pistol Shoot- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, IL
$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HPistolShoot

FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD
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 4-H Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events from club to national events. Available levels you can qualify for include Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, and Emerald. Head here: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/par.../awards-scholarships to learn more and apply!

Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, or STEM/Robotics? Apply for a scholarship honoring your experience and passion in these areas!

Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-18 as of 9/1/2022. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2021-2022 4-H year and applicants can only win one scholarship per program year and can only win once in each of the different award areas.

Apply now through November 1 when you head here: https://form.jotform.com/221795803524156

Does your 4-H club excel in community service, leadership, or project learning? Submit your club for a 4-H Club Recognition Award! Learn more and submit your application before October 1st here: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/par.../awards-scholarships
New 4-H Year Information

Information to make your new year sparkle! It’s the new 4-H year! Download the new Project Guide @ go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide.

Download the new Spark Sheets @ https://go.illinois.edu/4hsparksheets Something new this year is 4-H At Home @ https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/

2022 Junior Leadership Conference

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

Conference Date: October 15-16, 2022

Conference location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 US 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522; Hotel phone: 217-422-8800

Open to: any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: $185 (t-shirt, meals, conference supplies and activities)

Registration deadline: September 16, 2022

- Registration is limited to the first 100 youth who register.
- Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline. A waitlist will be activated once capacity is reached.

How to register: Participants may visit the event website, https://go.illinois.edu/4hjlc to register.

Required forms: Participants need to submit an Emergency Medical form. Fill in the form, sign and email to Jenna Girman, jgirman2@illinois.edu by October 1, 2022. The Code of Conduct and Media Release Forms will be reviewed and accepted online during registration.

Scholarships: Scholarship funds are available for 4-H member attendees who need financial assistance in order to attend. To apply, fill out the following scholarship application: https://form.jotform.com/222158552384054 by October 1, 2022. If accepted for a scholarship, 4-H members will receive a reimbursement following attendance at the event. We appreciate the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing these scholarships. We will not be doing the county scholarship codes this year. However, local funds can be used or direct youth to the scholarship application on our website.
Illinois 4-H is Committed to Making Every Kid's Potential Count

In 4-H you belong and are part of a community. You are an active participant in your future and opportunities. You play a role in your community's success. And you have many paths to learning.

We welcome all young people! Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing, and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.

To learn more about 4-H experiences in your area, contact the Edwards County Extension office!

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