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Effingham County 4-H Illinois

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

December

- 8 Candy Cane Shuffle
22—Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

January

- 3 IL State Award Forms Due
(TBA) Navigating Workshop

February

- 2 Beef Weigh-In

March

- 10 Skating Party

May

- 1 Project Enrollment Deadline
7 Sheep Weigh-In

July

- 27— Aug. 3 Effingham County Fair

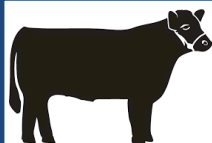
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- 9 Effingham County Exhibits at State Fair

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

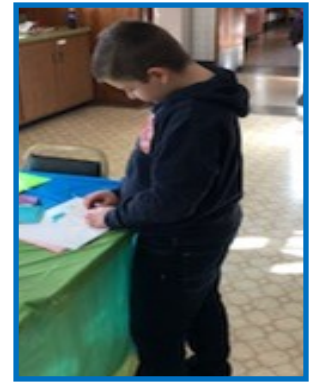
Reminder for ALL 4-H families, superintendents, or volunteers that you will need to go onto 4-H Online to register your children for the current 4-H year. If you were enrolled last year go to the link below and select "I Forgot My Password", use the email address that you gave last year and it will prompt you to create a new password. Follow the step- by- step enrollment process and submit enrollment at the end. If you have more than one child you will have to do one for each of them. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Effingham County Extension Office or email Patti Logan at logan1@illinois.edu in regards to the enrollment process. The link to 4-H online is <https://www.4honline.com/>

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BEEF WEIGH IN - FEBRUARY 2, 2019
*at Effingham County Fairgrounds
from 9 to 11:00 a.m.*

Effingham County 4-H



The T-Town Wranglers 4-H club recently held a craft project day. The kids decorated three dozen small jars to put special surprises in for people that receive meals on wheels, made over dozen Veteran Day cards for soldiers, and made reindeer bags that contain goodies for some of the local people at CSS group homes.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work and dedication! A special thank you to Miss Effingham County Fair Queen, Serena Strullmyer, and Jr. Miss, Annie Frost, for a fantastic job and for coming to help make our evening more special at the 2017-18 4-H Achievement Night.

Thank you Sunshine Pals & Midnight Riders 4-H club for hosting the event, along with presenting all the awards. We have received many compliments regarding 4-H clubs working together to host the evening. The place looked fantastic and everyone did a great job on your public speaking skills! You inspired another club to step forward and we are excited to announce the Easy Riders 4-H club will be hosting the 2018-19 Effingham County 4-H Achievement Night! If your club would like to host in 2020, we will put you down!

Click here for the 2017-18 Effingham County 4-H Achievement Night Award Winners!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cejf/downloads/77615.pdf>

SHEEP WEIGH IN - MAY 7, 2019

at Effingham County Fairgrounds
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

The annual 4-H Skating Party held by the Lit'l Bit Country 4-H Club is inviting all 4-H members from Effingham, Coles, Clay, Fayette, and Jasper counties to a skating party from 5:30 PM to 8 PM, Sunday, March 10, 2019, at the Silver Star Skating Rink in Mattoon.

The cost is \$4 per skater (payable to Lit'l Bit Country), plus \$1 rental for skates or inline skates (or bring your own at no cost). A snack bar is available and there is a play area for smaller kids. Be sure to invite your friends to come join the fun!

You can register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=19497>

Help for Your 4-H Club Meetings. Make your meetings MATTER

Need agenda templates?

How about role descriptions for new officers?

Check out

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cejf/cat79_3593.html
for these items, as well as meeting ideas, parliamentary procedure, and more!

Effingham County 4-H

Take a bow. You are amazing. DEADLINE SOON for state 4-H awards.

No matter how you're involved in the 4-H program, you are eligible for awards.....whether you take a variety of projects or belong to a one-project SPIN club.....whether you serve as a Teen Teacher or you use your skills to promote 4-H..... whether you've been a member for two years or 11..... there is an opportunity for you.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted to the University of Illinois Extension office in Effingham by 4 p.m. on January 3, 2019. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Applications will then be scanned and emailed to the State 4-H Office.

Download any of the award applications you need from <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards> for award applications.

You will need to download them to your computer for them to work and save properly.

All applications are in writable PDF form. Just click through the application and fill in the information. All applications must be typed, not handwritten.

Save and print the completed form. Complete, sign and turn the forms into the must be submitted to the University of Illinois Extension office in Effingham by 4 p.m. on January 3, 2019. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Types of State Awards

Illinois State 4-H Award Application: Can be won only once in a 4-H member's career. Open to 4-H members who were 15-18 years of age on Sept. 1, 2018 and are *currently* enrolled in 4-H may apply in any of the award areas. Winners choose their prize: National 4-H Congress trip (valued at \$1,300), other national 4-H trip (valued at \$1,000), or \$1,000 educational scholarship.

Apply in any or many of the following five areas:

Community Service This award recognizes youth that have focused on 4-H work in service to/for others.

Communications This award recognizes youth that have focused their 4-H work in the art of communicating with others.

Leadership This award recognizes youth that have focused on the development of leadership skills, including offices held, committees served on, programs lead, and public presentations on behalf of 4-H.

Personal Growth This award recognizes youth that have focused on personal growth through participating in the 4-H program.

Project Mastery This award recognizes youth that have focused specific and diligent work in their primary project area of 4-H. (Youth may only apply for one project area... choose your best)

The new application primarily focuses on the *last three 4-H years* of 4-H, school, or community activities. Two essays are also included as part of the application – focusing on Excellence in Mastery (of your award area) and Impact (of your award area).

STATE 4-H KEY AWARD: This award recognizes youth who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and a strong focus on community service and mentoring. Open to youth who were 16-18 years of age on September 1, 2018. Can only be won once in 4-H career. Plaque and state recognition.

ILLINOIS 4-H LCP (LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AND PROFESSIONALISM) AWARD: This award recognizes youth who have excelled in demonstrating leadership, citizenship, and professionalism in their 4-H work on a local, area, state, and national level. Open to 4-H members 17-19 years of age as of December 1, 2018. Can only be received once in 4-H career. Plaque and invitation to Premiere 20 Conference.

4-H VET SCIENCE AWARD: This award recognizes youth that have enrolled and demonstrated mastery in the 4-H Veterinary Science project for a minimum of three years. Open to youth who were 15-18 on September 1, 2018. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Vet Science project. Can only be received once in 4-H career. \$200 cash prize.

Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards> for award applications.

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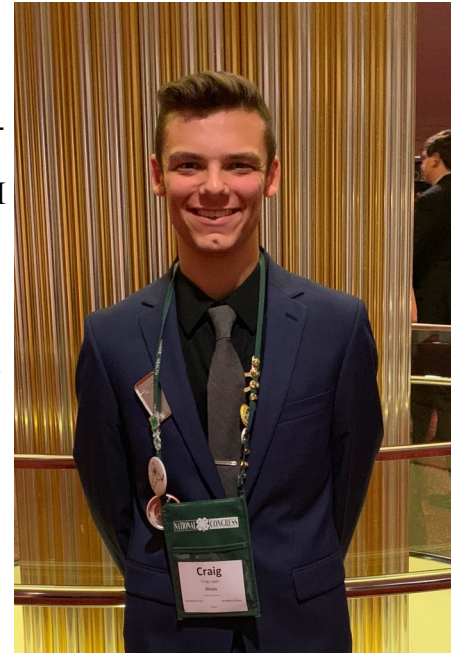


Logan attends National 4-H Congress

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas they may enjoy, and explore opportunities around the state and country. This is exactly what Craig Logan of Altamont did when he submitted the Illinois 4-H award application last fall. His application, essay on communications, 4-H impact story, and interview was one of 22 from across the state selected to receive a \$1000 college scholarship or attend National 4-H Congress. Craig chose to attend National 4-H Congress. He was one of 13 Illinois 4-H delegates attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA November 23-27, 2018.

For more than 98 years, National 4-H Congress has been a premiere nation-wide opportunity for 4-H members across America. Originally held in Chicago, the event is now held in the “Capitol of the South,” Atlanta, Georgia during the Thanksgiving break.

National 4-H Congress is a five-day event that engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants not only have the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, they also have the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States.



When asked what it meant to win this trip, Craig stated, “*A goal of mine is to be a better speaker and not be shy around people. Winning this trip reassured me that I am accomplishing what I set out to do. It was an honor to win.*” The trip created opportunities to work on speaking skills and taught him to be more confident. Craig enjoyed listening to others speak and see what he needs to work on. He was inspired by their speaking skills and knows if they can present in front of a 1000 people he can speak in front of a few.

Craig said it was cool meeting lots of 4-H’ers from other states and learning about their 4-H program. He even learned Puerto Rico has 4-H. He said he had no idea other country’s had 4-H. The network and bond he made with 4-H’ers from other states and the other Illinois delegates is ever lasting. Since returning home, the Illinois delegates have continued communicating and plan to meet within the next few months.

“It was the best experience I have ever had in my whole life. It was amazing! It is life changing. I learned to be more confident, the skills I learned will help me in the future, and it is really fun!” says Craig. Because his experience was so positive he plans on applying to be on the design team for next year’s National 4-H Congress.

Illinois delegates to National 4-H Congress are selected through the state 4-H Award Recognition process. To learn more about state and national 4-H opportunities contact your local extension office. If you would like Craig to speak at your club meeting on his experience at National 4-H Congress contact the Effingham County Extension office.



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Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF

Help us understand youth!

The Youth Engaged 4 Change website has a fresh, new look with content that continues to inspire and empower young people to improve their lives and the world around them. Check it out @ <https://engage.youth.gov>. The site will help you **FIND OPPORTUNITIES**, including volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities. **FIND ANSWERS** and explore resources on topics they care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more. **FIND INSPIRATION** from Change Makers who are volunteering, acting as leaders and role models, advocating, and making an impact in the lives of others.

Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

World of 7 Billion Video Contest

Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your world. The contest challenges students to create a short video connecting world population growth to one of three global challenges: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, or human rights. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline is February 28, 2019. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found online @ <https://www.worldof7billion.org>.

Neat opportunity for 4-H alum

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group's entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group's coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council's educational curricula to groups of youth. Apply online by January 15 @

4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!/program-assistants



Just so you know

Dates for the 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show are July 22-28.



There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2019. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond.

Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

Interview will be held on February 23-24 and March 9-10. If you or someone you know would be interested in interviewing or taking a tour, please visit 4house.com or contact Interviewing Chair, Madison Wilson, @ 4hhouseinterview@gmail.com.

Grab your gear and head to 4-H Memorial Camp



Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!

Begin your global travels with 4-H

Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

- Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019
- Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019
- Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019
- Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019
- South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

Eligibility:

- Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18** for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ go.illinois.edu/global4H.

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CAMP LEAD

February 23 & 24 | Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Check out these workshops:

Survival Wearables: There are many kids in the world who will never get the chance to go to camp. In this workshop, you'll work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world!

The Wilderness Challenge: Do you have what it takes? Come experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging physical and mental obstacles.

Exploring the Forest of 4-H: Discover all of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. The possibilities in 4-H are endless. 4-H offers opportunities in science, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where you get guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to be a leader. Explore the forest of 4-H and search for your team.

Crafty Rafty: Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine. This workshop allows attendees to work together and be creative to accomplish their goal!

Science Explorers: Join us to explore different area of science under the Milky Way. You'll create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with your man made rockets.



Spring 2019 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

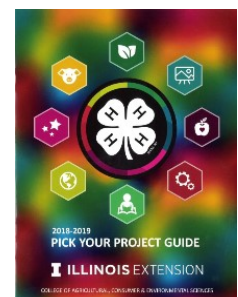
Be watching for upcoming Speaking for Illinois 4-H training dates after January 1, 2019! Two more training opportunities will be scheduled in spring 2019. We anticipate the spring trainings to be held in central and southern Illinois locations. Exact dates will be identified once we have access to the 2019 Illinois Legislative Calendar.

Why should you participate in Speaking for Illinois 4-H training? You'll be trained to effectively share your 4-H story with legislators, donors, 4-H volunteers, and civic groups. You will also develop skills to explain the impact 4-H has in your local community, across Illinois, and the world. Training is provided by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Those who complete training will be invited to attend the Spring 2019 Legislative Connection events at the state capital in Springfield.

Your Guide to the New 4-H Year!

See the 2018-19 edition of The Pick Your Project Guide

(Formerly the Clover) Access it online @
4-H.Illinois.edu



Illinois 4-H

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

JOYCE BETZ SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html> .

The \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html> .

LOIS BRITT MEMORIAL PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, this scholarship provides 10 \$2,500 scholarships to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by January 4, 2019 @ nppc.org/programs/scholarships

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.



Give to others this holiday

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports more than \$600,000 worth of projects and programs each year. Every county benefits from these gifts. Has your club given back to the Foundation? As you support others in your community, consider supporting the work of YOUR 4-H Foundation. Giving is easy at <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu>

Running list of state 4-H events:

January 1	DEADLINE: TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship
January 1	DEADLINE: Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship
January 4	DEADLINE: Pork Industry Scholarship
January 15	DEADLINE: Program Assistants for Citizenship Washington Focus
January 26 & 27	Youth Livestock Superhero Conference, Decatur
February 23-24, 2019	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
February 28	DEADLINE: World of 7 Billion Video Contest
March 1	DEADLINE: 4-H Livestock Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Community Service Grants
June 4 – 8	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1
June 8 – 15	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC
June 8	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest (tentative)
June 9 – 13	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2
June 16 – 20	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3
June 17	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
June 23 – 27	Illini Summer Academies
June 30 – July 4	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4
July 22 – 28	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 9 – 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
August 24	Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon





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