

# 4-H FAMILY



## MONROE COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2023

# NEWS

## GOAT WORKSHOP

### MANAGING YOUR SMALL GOAT HERDS

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
10 a.m.

Heidi Ruwald's Farm  
3666 KK Rd. Waterloo, IL 62298

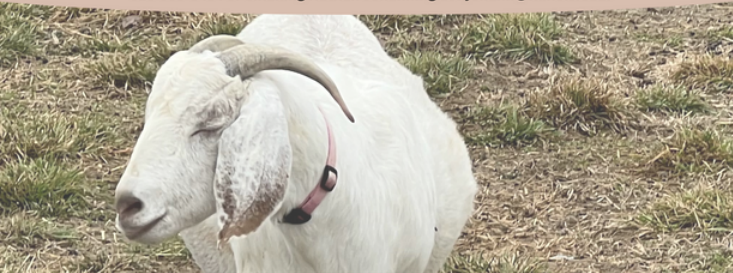
#### Topics

Feeding and building a good ration  
Animal Health and Parasite Management  
Grazing and Pasture Management

Join us for this on-farm program to learn about keeping goats healthy and happy as we prepare for spring.

Educators Teresa Steckler and Katie Bell will discuss goat nutrition, health, and pasture management. "Feeding and building a good ration can be key to animal health and parasite management," Bell shared. They will offer some insight into using goats and grazing as tools for pasture management and how to keep pastures and goats healthy.

Please register by Thursday, February 2, 2023 by calling 618-939-3434 or emailing Nathan Johannang at njohann@illinois.edu.



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## STEER WEIGH-IN & WINTER SHOW



Saturday, February 18

8:00a.m.

Monroe County  
Fairgrounds-Beef Barn

### Show Order\*

Senior: 16-19  
Intermediate: 13-15  
Junior 1: 10-12  
Junior 2: 8-9

\*Ages by Sept. 1, 2022



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### SHOTGUN CLUB



There is still room for members in the 4-H Shotgun Club. The 2023 intro meeting will be held on **February 23 at 7:00p.m.** at the Monroe County Annex. Enroll in the club by logging onto [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org) and add "Shooting Sports-Shotgun" to your profile. **Youth must be 10 by Sept. 1, 2022 to join.** Club meetings are held at the shooting range in old Valmeyer.



The **Golden Eagles 4-H Club** sponsored a family for Christmas thru House of Neighborly Service for one of their community service projects. Each of the club's families donated items off the wish list.



The **Monroe County 4-H teen Federation club** sponsored a "4-H for the Holidays" event for youth on December 17. Participants enjoyed crafts and games while parents got a chance to complete last-minute holiday preparations.



## MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2023**

Applicants must be seniors in high school who have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2022, and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least four consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud School districts.

4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship>.

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## FARM CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

### Scholarships

Thirty \$2,500 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.

Selection criteria include academic achievement, participation and leadership within school and community organizations, and a commitment to pursuing an agriculture-related career.

<https://www.farmcreditil.com/en/About/community-engagement/Scholarships>

### Community Improvement Grants

Fifty \$500 grants are available to **4-H clubs** and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

<https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/improvement-grants>



## STATE LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE



Eight Monroe County 4-H members attended the State 4-H Livestock Conference on January 21-22 at Decatur Hotel & Conference Center. This year's conference theme was "Livestock in Paradise." Attendees included: **Parker Brandt, Ava Gilbert, Cody Schmitz, Lane Shevlin (Maeystown Clovers), Avery Cope, Elizabeth Koch (Backyard Bandits), Natalie Finke, and Amelia Guebert (Clover Friends).**

Members of the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team helped to plan and execute this learning experience aimed at 7th, 8th, and 9th graders.

## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown and signed by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

**\*NEW: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell in 2024, except for new members.**

The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>  
They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here: [https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\\_Guide](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide) to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.



Hosted by the Waterloo FFA Livestock Judging Team, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, on March 18, 2023.



### Registration:

- two teams allowed, 5 members each
  - only top 3 scores count
- deadline is March 13, 2023
- starts at 9 a.m.

Open to all 4-H clubs and FFA chapters

## Livestock Judging Clinic

Reasons clinic for High-School aged kids

Judging clinic for Jr. members

**Clinic starts at 8**

## Livestock Judging Competition

8 classes: 2 classes of Cattle,

Sheep, Goats, and Hogs

**Judging starts at 10**

We will break for lunch after judging concludes, and give placings at 1:30 pm.

## 2023 BREEDING ANIMALS BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DATES FOR ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW

### **STEERS:**

- Calved on or after January 1, 2022
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2023
- Weighed, Tattooed, and EID tagged: February 18, 2023 (Monroe County)

### **BARROWS: Regular Barrows**

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2023, and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making an entry for ISF

### **BARROWS: Premiere Barrows (carcass class)**

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2023, and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2023
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

### **SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers**

No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Lambed on or after January 1, 2023
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2023
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in a nomination form with a photo of a lamb's ear with a scrapie tag installed in the ear (close-up photo of the ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

### **Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe Lambs**

- Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:
- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.
  
- The local Extension Office must sign completed nomination forms.
- Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2023.
- Lambed on or after January 1, 2023.

### **Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers**

No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2022
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2023
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by the local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in a nomination form with a photo of goat's ear with a scrapie tag installed in the ear (close-up photo of the ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

## 2023 BREEDING ANIMALS BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DATES FOR ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW

### **BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS**

#### Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2021, to March 31, 2023 (w/ addition of Senior Yearling class)
- Owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 1, 2023
- Performance Cows
- Cows must be born before September 1, 2021 (Cow-Calf Class only)
- Owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since January 1, 2023

### **SWINE – GILTS**

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2023
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2023

### **SHEEP – EWES & RAMS**

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2022
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2023
- Owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 25, 2023

### **DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS**

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2023
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2023

### **HORSE & PONY**

- On or before June 1 – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

### **DOGS:**

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2023
- At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H Fair Entry Program.

### **DAIRY GOATS**

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by the exhibitor only by June 1, 2023.
- Milking Does must be owned by the exhibitor only by January 1, 2023.

### **MEAT GOATS**

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) will be owned by the exhibitor by May 15, 2023.

### **RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY**

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor before June 1.



## COUNTY/STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW REQUIREMENTS

### Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

Taking QAEC training is mandatory for all **horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal** projects. Please visit:

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

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QAEC via this site **once** during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

The YQCA training is mandatory yearly for all 4-H **beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine** exhibitors.

*Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for upcoming YQCA training date options.*

**Training must be completed by June 1.**



## 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year; you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2023.
- All livestock project members must show their leader an in-progress Livestock Record Book at their May, June, or July Club meeting before the county fair.





## LIVESTOCK AUCTION

To participate in the youth livestock auction, sponsored by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, youth must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 4-H or FFA member age 8-19 on or before Sept. 1 of the previous year.
- Be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
- Be a member of the Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least 4 meetings during the 4-H year
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2023.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.
- **\*NEW: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 in order to be eligible to sell in 2024, with the exception of new members.**
- **\*NEW: Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry or dairy basket.**
- **\*NEW: Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing 2 or more dairy animals are eligible to auction a dairy basket of products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.**
- If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any specie area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand or Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.

**A FULL LIST OF ADDITIONAL AUCTION & SHOW REQUIREMENTS ARE POSTED IN THE 4-H SHOWBOOK**

## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2023 Award Applications will be provided to members soon!  
In the meantime, please keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H

Experience log:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>

## 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions



Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook:

<https://go.illinois.edu/FamilyHandbook>



## 4-H PROJECT BOOKS

***Do you need a book to learn more about your 4-H project?***

Please review project book options for your project here:  
<https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>

Click on this link to request books:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HProjectBookOrder>

Enter the names of the book(s) you are requesting for each member. You may request up to three publications which are included with your enrollment (this is covered by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation). Additional publications will be at your expense.

4-H staff will order books 1x/a month. You will be notified when they arrive at the Extension office, where they can be picked up.

For any projects that have books with “levels,” we recommend staying in a project “level” for 2-3 years before moving up to the next level.

Please contact your leader or Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator, at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 with questions.

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## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: *Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator*

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: *Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Outdoor Skills*

*These dates are 9-hour “field days” that teach range management. An additional 3-hour online 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open from Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.*

**If interested, contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 618-939-3434**



## TELL YOUR 4-H STORY – JOIN THE SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H TEAM

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years or older can join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H team.

**There will be a virtual training offered on Monday, February 20.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you a chance to explore your 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity, and Mastery. All this and more is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to participate in our Legislative Connection events.

**Registration is open NOW at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/18228>.**

**Registration will close on February 17.**



## IAA SCHOLARSHIP

The 2023 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is NOW OPEN! The lineup includes 100 scholarships totaling \$201,501 in tuition support. Students can apply between now and February 15, 2023. Many of our scholarships prefer or require the student to be a former or active 4-H member.

### **Apply Online**

Application links and all supporting materials, including eligibility details, can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.



## CHANGEMAKERS CONFERENCE

***Now more than ever, the world needs the inspiration you as a high school teen bring to the table.***

Your leadership, your compassion, and your drive is needed to make the world a better place for all to thrive. Your generation is most affected by challenges facing our communities, nation, and world. This means you are the voice for change! Use your innovative ideas and energy to build a better world, influence societal change, and stimulate a shift in how we support each other.

*You are the Changemakers of the future!*

**At this conference you will:**

- Learn to use the power of youth voice as you increase your involvement in civic engagement,
- Gain leadership skills and the confidence to be that person out in front initiating change,
- Share your passion for making a positive difference and being a catalyst for change,
- Collaborate with other high schoolers across the state to develop your great ideas!

**LINK TO REGISTRATION:** [go.illinois.edu/4hchangemakers](https://go.illinois.edu/4hchangemakers)

**Conference Date: March 4-5, 2023**

**Deadline to register: February 10, 2023**

Early registration is encouraged. Registration is limited to the first 100 members who register.

**Location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur IL**

**Open to: high school age 4-H members**

**Cost: \$185 per participant. Registration fee includes hotel room, participant t-shirt, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and all workshop materials.**

CHAPERONE OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer chaperones can apply using the same registration link listed above.

Chaperones must be fully screened volunteers. Those wanting to be a conference chaperone or a changemaker mentor but are not screened should contact their local Extension office to begin that process as soon as possible due to the lengthy time to get screening results returned.

1) Changemaker Mentor: Mentors will be responsible for supporting the teen Changemakers as they develop their Changemaker Action Plan during the conference; mentors will also assist teens with implementation of their plan when they return home. The role of a Changemaker Mentor is to: 1) be an active listener who is enthusiastic about helping the teens achieve their goals; 2) show the teens respect, provide honest feedback, and recognize that their role is to support, not to take over the project; and 3) serve as a cheerleader, encouraging the teens while providing guidance and advice to help the teen(s) achieve their end goal. There is a registration fee for this type of volunteer since they have no other responsibilities during the conference.

2) Conference Chaperone Responsibilities: Chaperones will be responsible for assisting conference staff monitor workshop and activities during the conference, conduct attendance checks at Saturday night curfew and Sunday breakfast, and encourage students to engage in conference activities. The ultimate goal is to have conference participants to have fun, safe, and enjoyable learning 4-H experience. With adults and participants following the rules, we can ensure a positive experience for everyone in attendance. There is no registration fee for this type of chaperone. Yes, you can be both a conference chaperone and a mentor and not have a registration fee.

### QUESTIONS:

For programming questions contact conference director: Patricia McGlaughlin, State 4-H Volunteer Specialist, [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu)

For hotel and logistic questions contact events coordinator: Carla Blue, [blue1@illinois.edu](mailto:blue1@illinois.edu), 217-244-6916

SUPPORT: The conference is supported with funds from the Illinois 4-H Foundation



## SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth aged 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11 a.m. this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non-4-H Club members on February 6th.

The camp fee is \$315 for 4-H Club members and \$355 for non-4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp website closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt at [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.

## SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February.

More details, including activities and fees, will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt at [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.

## CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023.

This six-day youth camp is for youth aged 8-15 with one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is “To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs.” To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt at [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.



## CAMP EMPLOYMENT

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes many people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

### Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

### Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our website. Please contact Andy Davis at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt at [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu)

## ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

**Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!**

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy various engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine working alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and do it! This program allows teens to explore various degree programs at University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 1 6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef Committee Meeting (high school beef members)
- February 4 10:00 a.m. Managing your Small Goat Herd Workshop, 3666 KK Rd.
- February 18 8:00 a.m., Steer Weigh-in, and Winter Show, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- February 20 7:00 p.m. Speaking for Illinois 4-H Virtual Training
- February 23 7:00 p.m. Shotgun Club Intro Meeting, Monroe Co. Annex
- March TBD YQCA Trainings
- March TBD Public Speaking Contest
- April 8 9:00 a.m., Southern IL Sheep Fest Youth Sheep & Goat Judging Contest
- April 28 Monroe County 5th Grade Conservation Day, Waterloo Sportsman's Club
- May 6 8:00 a.m., Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- May 13 9:00 a.m., 4-H Horse Show, Monroe County Fairgrounds
- June 24 8:30 a.m. Show-A-Rama (general projects show)
- July 23-30 Monroe County Fair
- August 12 Monroe County Day at State Fair



### **4-H Program Weather Policy:**

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will also be closed unless otherwise notified.

If the weather gets bad in the evening before the event, please watch your email and Facebook for cancellations.



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