

4-H FAMILY



ST. CLAIR COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2023

NEWS



4-H ENROLLMENT

We have extended the enrollment deadline for the 2022-23 4-H year to **February 17!** All 4-H families and volunteers will need to create a new household account in the new ZSuite enrollment system and add profiles for their participating family members (youth and adult volunteers.)

Learn how to enroll here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

Be sure to check out all of the exciting project options before enrolling:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/project>



4-H PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIPS

4-H YEARLY PROGRAM
FEE IS \$20.00 PER 4-H MEMBER

**\$10.00 of each 4-H member's
Enrollment fee will be Sponsored by:**

St. Clair County Farm Bureau

1478 IL-15,
Belleville, IL 62221



4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to St. Clair County Farm Bureau for their generosity.



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Illinois
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4-H JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM AT ATKINS' ACRES



The mission of the University of Illinois Junior Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resource specialists and young people to foster an understanding of Illinois's plants, water, soils, and wildlife. This program will give local youth the opportunity to discover the outdoor world through hands-on activities and outdoor investigation. The classes will be held at Atkins' Acres Educational Farm in Millstadt, IL.

The Junior Master Naturalist program will engage children in experiences exploring the environment, geology and soils, ornithology, pollinators, an Earth Day field trip, and how to enjoy hiking trails.

The program is open to youth ages 8 – 12.

Time and date: 8:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. | March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Kimberly Atkins: atkinacres7@gmail.com

JOIN ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS



The St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors hosted a Bowling Night at Bel-Air Bowl on Thursday, January 19. The group of teens enjoyed pizza, soda, and crazy bowl!

The 4-H Ambassadors will be meeting again on **Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turkey Hill Grange in Belleville**. All St. Clair County 4-H Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to join. We hope to see you there!



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 of age 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 the chance to explore your own 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 of this – and more – is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/18228>. Registration will close February 17.



Change in Date St. Clair County 4-H Steer Weigh-In



4-H Exhibitors wanting to participate in the Rate of Gain class at the St. Clair County 4-H Livestock Shows should attend this weigh-in.

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Ag. Building in Scheve Park

Please RSVP to Tonya Roberts at 618-344-4230 or
tbmoore2@illinois.edu



4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

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

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in ZSuites by **February 17, 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.

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>



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some background in training dogs?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**



DOG SUPERINTENDENT

We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can lead Dog Obedience trainings and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Dog Show.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu

SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some knowledge of shooting sports and event coordination?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**



We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can attend Shooting Sports trainings in the Spring (see next page) and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu





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.



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" which teach range management.
An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification
process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.*

If interested, contact Emily Reece at ereece@illinois.edu or 618-344-4230

HELP NEEDED

4-H CLUB JOURNALIST & 4-H CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS

Does your 4-H Club have fun? Does your 4-H Club go places?

Do you like to WRITE?

Do you like to take PHOTOGRAPHS?

If you answered yes, this may be the perfect job for you! Talk with your 4-H club leader today to see how you can utilize your skills to help promote your 4-H club.

The University of Illinois Extension Office would like to showcase all of the St. Clair 4-H Clubs and their activities.

Please submit any articles and photographs for the 4-H Newsletter by the 15th of each month. When submitting photographs please include names of members that are pictured. Articles do not need to be long, a short paragraph highlighting the details of the clubs' activity is all that is needed. Don't forget to include date, location, and activity title to your article. Let's make the 4-H Newsletter great together.

IF INTERESTED OR TO SUBMIT ARTICLES CONTACT
TONYA ROBERTS AT TBMOORE2@ILLINOIS.EDU 618/344-4230



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

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

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 it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

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, 2023** for evaluation.

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 one time 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 each year for all 4-H beef, dairy, goat, sheep and swine exhibitors.

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

Trainings must be completed by June 1.



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 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 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 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 exhibitor only by June 1, 2023.
- **Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2023.**

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only 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 prior to June 1.



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 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

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2023
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2023
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. 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.
- Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- Ownership and nomination deadline is **March 15 to May 15, 2023.**
- **Lambled 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 local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of 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



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 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 11am 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 fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$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 ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt 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 ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt 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 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has 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 ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



CAMP EMPLOYMENT

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of 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 ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt 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 a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work 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 just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.





SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMCREDITIL.COM/EN/ABOUT/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://www.farmcreditil.com/en/about/community-engagement/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 includes academic achievement, participation and leadership within school and community organizations, and a commitment to pursuing an agriculture-related career.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMCREDITIL.COM/ABOUT/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/IMPROVEMENT-GRANTS](https://www.farmcreditil.com/about/community-engagement/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.



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 link and all supporting materials including eligibility details can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 4 Steer Weigh In, Ag. Building in Scheve Park, Mascoutah, IL
- February 16 St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors Meeting, Turkey Hill Grange
- March 25 State Horse and Hippology
- April 29 State Speaking Contest
- August 4-6 St. Clair County Show-A-Rama and Livestock Shows
- August 12 St. Clair County Day at State Fair



4-H Program Weather Policy:

When St. Clair County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well 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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