

# The Clover

## Lee County 4-H Newsletter

17 January 2020

4-H will really



### Items Highlighted:

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- Beef Weigh-in
- Required Livestock Training
- State Events
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## Upcoming Dates

	<b>January</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May</b>
29	Project Pool Workshop proposals due	<b>1</b>	<i>Last day to Add/Change Projects</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>FINAL order for Project Books placed</b>
	<b>February</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Fair Registration Opens (must do in addition to 4-H enrollment)</b>
1	Beef Weigh-in for Premiere or State Fair Classes, Fairgrounds, 10am		
19	Winter Superintendent's Meeting, 6pm, office	8-12	<b>June</b>
22-23	Junior Leadership Conference	21-27	Northern IL 4-H Camp Illini Summer Academies
<b>25</b>	<b>Second order for Project Books placed</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Multi-County Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center</b>
	<b>March</b>		
4	PQA Training, Amboy, 6:30		<b>July</b>
13-14	Boys Science Siesta, Rockford	<b>1</b>	<i>4-H Fair Entries due</i>
14	Project Pool, Fairgrounds	<b>23-26</b>	<b>2020 Lee County 4-H Fair and Jr Show</b>
	<b>April</b>		
3-4	Girls Science Siesta, Rockford	<b>14</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Carroll/Lee/Whiteside Public Speaking Contest, Lee County Council on Aging (Dixon)</b>		<b>State Fair Exhibit Day</b>
		<b>1</b>	
17	Registration closes for Illini Summer Academies	<b>1</b>	<b>September</b>
			<i>County Award Applications Due</i>
			New 4-H Year Starts!

## Club Reports

At the beginning of each newsletter, any club reports the office has received, will be highlighted! We love seeing what all the clubs are doing, and encourage each club's reporter or secretary to send a short highlight about what the club did that month.

### AFC Aggies

At the meeting we talked about old business and new business. Ashton Christmas was this past Saturday and was a lot of fun. We gave a cup of hot cocoa to people in the fire station so they could warm up. We also talked about Winter Fest. It is on January 4th at the 4-H fairgrounds from 1-3pm. There will be games, food and drinks. We decided on bringing two games as a club. All members of AFC Aggies are looking forward to making and bringing our games to the Winter Fest. We also, briefly discussed other events taking place soon like the Holiday STEAM workshop, Food Lab, and Kids K-9s. We finally discussed a new required livestock training that is in March. You can attend in person March 4th, or do this online. By: Rhayanna

### Your club here!

## Beef Weigh-In

The 2020 Beef Weigh-in will be Feb 1, 10am, at the Fairgrounds. You are required to bring your animals if you wish to enter in the Rate of Gain or Premiere classes at the fair. OR if you wish to show your animals in certain classes at the State Fair.

You are able to nominate 3 head for the county classes. Each animal must have a minimum of 450 pounds or a maximum of 900 pounds to qualify.

Please notify the office if you plan on coming and if any will be nominated for state. In case of a snow storm, those we know are coming, will be notified. Snow date is Feb 8.

## New Required Livestock Training

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA (which no longer exists). It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. Lee County will offer the live training on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It will take place at the Amboy Community Building. Registration information will be available soon and emailed to those who are required to take it.

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will

result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones. Contact the office if you'd like to use one of our computers to complete this training.

## Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

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. Training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long 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: 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 at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H).

## True Leaders in Service

### April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of *True Leaders in Service*! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

## 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award> .

**Nominations are due May 1.**

## State 4-H Camp

### Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30

## Upcoming 4-H Workshops and SPIN (SPecial INterest) Clubs

Over the next several pages you will find the flyers for our upcoming events! Registration is required for all events and spin clubs.

These events are open to ALL YOUTH (unless an age requirement is listed) Please share events with your friends.

Scholarships are available for overnight activities. Contact Kathy for information.

Kids & K-9's  
Health & Wellness  
The Food Lab  
Project Pool – Presenters needed  
Northern IL 4-H Camp  
Science Siesta

# Kids & K-9's

This is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility and showmanship.

It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family.

This is also the perfect class for those wishing to prepare for

The 4-H dog show or the annual Show 'N Show off day.



## Details:

- Open to youth ages 8-18 (as of Sept 1, 2019)
- K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon
- Starts Saturday, February 8  
(See additional dates online)
- Advanced 9:30 am
- Beginners (new dogs or 4-H'ers only) 11:00 am
- Cost: \$20 yearly 4-H membership fee

## Bring:

- A collar
- A 6 foot leash
- Soft treats
- **Current Shot Records (must be brought to first lesson)**

Please note: Parental supervision may be required as deemed necessary by instructor



## Contact:

Kathy Book 815-857-3525 [kbook@illinois.edu](mailto:kbook@illinois.edu)  
[Office@grannyrosek-9.org](mailto:Office@grannyrosek-9.org)

## Registration available at:

[go.illinois.edu/kidsk9](http://go.illinois.edu/kidsk9)

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**K-9** Enrichment Center  
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# Kids & K-9's Important Information

As of 12/5/19

Advanced—9:30 am      Beginners— 11 am

While attending as many sessions as possible is preferred,  
you must attend at least 8 to qualify for the 4-H Dog show  
Registration for the beginners class closes April 1 (or when full)

## Class Dates

Feb 8, 22

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

March 7, 14, 21, 28

June 13, 20

April 4, 18, 25

\*Class dates subject to change  
depending on center schedule\*



## Upcoming Shows

**June 6**

Granny Rose Show N Show-off Day

**June 27**

Multi-County 4-H Dog Show

**August 29**

State 4-H Dog Show

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS 4-H CLUB

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**MEETING AFTER SCHOOL  
THURSDAY'S  
2:30-3:30 PM  
JANUARY 23 -FEBRUARY 27  
MADISON SCHOOL LIBRARY, DIXON**

Youth grades 4-8 will enjoy learning about healthy lifestyles while having fun.

Register online:

[go.illinois.edu/LeeHealth4H](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeHealth4H)

**\$20 4-H Membership Fee**

For more information:

Kathy Book: 815-857-3525

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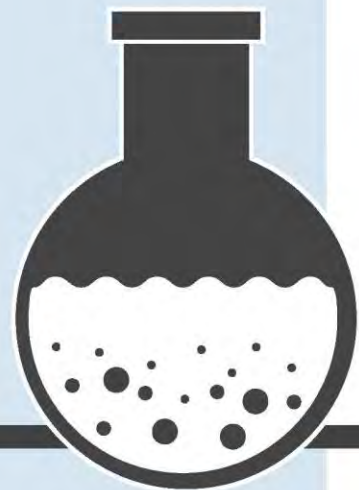
JOIN OUR 4-H FOOD SCIENCE CLUB  
JANUARY 23RD-FEBRUARY 27TH  
THURSDAYS 5-6 PM  
AGES 8-13

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# Lee County Project Pool

Saturday, March 14, 2020  
Lee County Fair Grounds 9am – 12pm  
Workshop Profile

*Workshops should be geared towards a project that can be shown at the fair or a lesson(s) in a project book. **High Schoolers in 4-H or adults can teach workshops.***

*Cloverbuds will meet the whole morning and will need facilitators.*

*Workshops are 55 minutes long*

*9-9:55*

*10-10:55*

*10:55-11:05 (BREAK!)*

*11:05-12:00*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of workshop/project area \_\_\_\_\_

*Description - No descriptions will be printed.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**List any equipment that you would like Extension to supply or any tasks that you will need us to do to help you prepare:** (number of tables, copies made, supplies to be purchased, etc.)

*If not known at this time, please let us know by March 1.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Would you be willing to present this session a second time? Yes/no**

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Please return this form **ASAP or by Wednesday, January 29**

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Amboy, IL 61310

[kbook@illinois.edu](mailto:kbook@illinois.edu)

fax: 815-857-3527

## Facts about 4-H Camp

### Activities:

Early bird activities are held for campers who like to get up early - before the normal 7 a.m. wake-up bell. These early bird activities include games and nature hikes. Early birds will return to camp in time for breakfast. Campers will get to choose 2-3 other activities during the day and then participate in a group evening activity led by 4-H Youth Development staff and counselors.

### Typical daily activities include:

Arts & Crafts	Archery
Crate Stacking	Hiking
High Ropes (Must be 5' tall)	Zipline (Must be at least 45 lbs)
Team Building	Pool
Sports & Games	and more!

In all activities, campers are encouraged to try their best and develop their skills throughout the week. Curious about what else RRCC has to offer or interested in what it looks like? Check out their website at: [www.rockrivercnc.net](http://www.rockrivercnc.net)

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For questions and/or more information, please contact the following 4-H Youth Development Staff:

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## 4-H CAMP - 2020

Rock River Christian Camp  
Polo, IL  
June 8-12, 2020



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Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties

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## Who Can Attend 4-H Camp?

4-H Camp is open to all youth, ages 8-14 by June 8, 2020. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth need to be interested in and excited about having a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology, where they can make new friends and try new things.

## Want to Know About the Location?

Thank you for your interest in 4-H Camp at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. Rock River Christian Camp has 94 acres that have been transformed over the years into a beautiful facility for youth and adults.

## Life at 4-H Camp

At 4-H Camp, youth will have new experiences while in a safe environment where they can develop new skills. With the great outdoors as a background, staff, in cooperation with 4-H Camp counselors, have designed activities to teach life lessons, using creative problem solving and teamwork to achieve a common goal. The cabin atmosphere shows campers how to live cooperatively by sharing chores and respecting each other's differences. At camp, **EVERYONE** belongs! So youth can be completely engaged at camp, cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted.

## Check-In/Check-Out & Leave Policy

Campers and their families will need to check-in on **Monday** between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - No Exceptions!

Parents should return to camp check-out on **Friday** between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Parents will be asked to provide a photo ID at check-out. **Early departures are not allowed.**

4-H Camp does not permit campers to leave during the camp week for activities such as sports, vacations, etc. Making special arrangements for individuals to leave can compromise the safety and services being provided for the group as a whole.

## Speaking of Safety

Staff at RRCC are certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. There is a qualified first aid person at camp at all times. Campers select their own activities, and are supervised at all times. If there is an accident, or a problem with a camper, the parent/guardian is contacted immediately. Except in emergency situations, campers and counselors are not allowed to make or receive phone calls. 4-H Youth Development staff extensively train all camp counselors.

We strive to maintain an environment that both encourages personal growth and creates an unforgettable summer experience.

## Camp Fee Schedule



Register by **March 1**:

\$250 (4-H Members)  
\$270 (non 4-H Members)

*Must be paid in full by March 1 or price goes up.*

Register **after March 1**:

\$300 (4-H Members)  
\$320 (non 4-H Members)

*Must be paid in full by May 20 or spot not held.*

Contact your local Extension Office **prior to registration** to see if financial assistance opportunities are available.

Limited funds are available from the Illinois 4-H Foundation for families expressing a need for financial assistance. Also, a limited amount of funds are available for youth in DeKalb, Ogle, and Lee counties, sponsored by CHS.



Applications for 2020 Camp and online registration can be found at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>

We look forward to seeing you at Rock River Christian Camp for 4-H Camp this year!

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## Science Siesta 2020

To register and hold your spot either complete the form below with appropriate payment, or register and pay with credit card online at either <https://go.illinois.edu/boysscience siesta> or <https://go.illinois.edu/girlsscience siesta>

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program interested in attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Boys Science Siesta 3/13 – 3/14**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Girls Science Siesta 4/3 – 4/4**

**Workshop Choices:** Check your preferred workshop choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Drones

\_\_\_\_\_ Monarchs on the Move

\_\_\_\_\_ Rockets to the Rescue

**T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes)** check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ X Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ XX Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Large

Email address for confirmation notification \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

**BOYS: FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

**GIRLS: MARCH 20, 2020**

## University of Illinois Extension presents Boys Science Siesta & Girls Science Siesta - 2020

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> GRADES.**

Participants will have fun while learning about science and spending the night in a museum.

Here's the event information:  
Coordinated and sponsored by the  
University of Illinois Extension,  
Science Siesta will be held at  
Discovery Center Children's Museum  
711 N. Main, Rockford IL

**BOYS SCIENCE SIESTA**

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 AT 5 P.M. UNTIL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 8:30 A.M.

**GIRLS SCIENCE SIESTA**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AT 5 P.M. UNTIL  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 8:30 A.M.

The registration fee is \$40, and it covers the costs of a cool t-shirt, pizza for dinner, snack, breakfast, overnight in the museum, and the materials needed for many activities.

**Fees and registration materials are due no later than Friday, February 28, 2020 for boys and Friday, March 20, 2020 for girls.** Space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.



## HELLO!

I am very excited to invite you to  
**Science Siesta 2020!**

Science Siesta's are special overnight "Sleep in a Museum" and "Learn about Science" experiences for youth in 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades. One weekend is specifically for the boys and another weekend is specifically for the girls.

Each event will start out with a pizza dinner, then meeting real scientists who will tell you about their jobs and get you involved in what they do.

Later in the evening, you will have the choice to learn about either **DRONES, MONARCHS ON THE MOVE, or ROCKETS TO THE RESCUE.**

Science Siesta takes place at a very cool location: *Discovery Center Children's Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL.*

Besides all the fun activities – you will get time to explore, play and sleep in the Discovery Center Museum!

Space is limited for both of these Science Siesta programs, so please hurry & sign up today! Registration accepted online or by mailing in this form with your payment.

Sincerely,

Johnna Jennings  
Unit Educator  
Boone, DeKalb & Ogle Counties



## Tentative Schedule

Time	Activity
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Arrival-Registration-Pizza
5:45-6:10 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
6:10 – 7:50 p.m.	Meet REAL Scientists
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Hands-on workshop sessions based upon choice.
9:00-9:15 p.m.	Snack
9:15-9:30 p.m.	Select Sleeping Assignment
9:30-11:00 p.m.	Fun activities at museums
11:00-11:30 p.m.	Quiet time & go to bed
7:00-7:30 a.m.	Awake, Packing Time
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast/Wrap-Up
8:30 a.m.	Homeward Bound

## Workshop Choices

• **Drones** – Did you know that drones are used for more than just fun? In this session, learn how drones work, basic aerospace principles, and practical uses of drones. Youth will work in teams to identify problems that we can't see from the ground level.

• **Monarchs on the Move** – Did you know that monarch butterfly numbers are declining? In this session learn about caterpillars' needs and the biological and environmental challenges that influence survival rates. Youth will work in teams to learn the challenges associated with the monarch butterfly and how landscapes can be managed to benefit monarch butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife.

• **Rockets to the Rescue** – Explore firsthand how aerospace engineering can be used to solve real world challenges—such as food distribution in emergency situations—to make a positive impact in our world.

## University of Illinois Extension Presents Boys Science Siesta & Girls Science Siesta 2020 EDITION



**Held at the Discovery Center Children's Museum**  
711 N. Main St., Rockford IL

**Boys Science Siesta is**  
Friday, March 13 at 5 p.m. to  
Saturday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m.

**Girls Science Siesta is**  
Friday, April 3 at 5 p.m. to  
Saturday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m.

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To reserve your spot, individuals can send the form on the back of this brochure with the registration fee made payable to:

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**DeKalb County Office**  
1350 W. Prairie Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178

OR – Individuals may also register and pay online at: <https://go.illinois.edu/boysscience siesta> for the Boy's program or <https://go.illinois.edu/girlsscience siesta> for the Girl's program.

Even if paying and registering online, participants will need to download the complete registration packet (includes: registration form, health form, behavior guidelines, assumption of risk form, consent and assent forms, packing list & map) and return it the DeKalb County Office by **Friday, February 28, 2020 for boys and Friday, March 20, 2020 for girls.**

For a complete registration packet, you can:  
1. Download the packet from the following website:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceSiesta>  
2. Call 815/758-8194 or your local Extension Office.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the DeKalb County Extension Office at 815-758-8194. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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