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Lee County 4-H Newsletter

7 February 2020

4-H will really



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Upcoming Dates

	February		May
10	Federation Meeting, 7pm, Office	1	<i>Last day to Add/Change Projects</i>
19	Winter Superintendent's Meeting, 6pm, office	1	YQCA training due
22-23	Junior Leadership Conference	1	Horse Papers due
25	Second order for Project Books placed	6	FINAL order for Project Books placed
		11	Leaders meeting, 6:30pm
		15	Federation meeting, 7pm, Fairgrounds
	March		Fair Registration Opens (must do in addition to 4-H enrollment)
4	YQCA Training, Amboy, 6:30		
9	Federation Meeting, 7pm, Office		June
13-14	Boys Science Siesta, Rockford		Rabbit Workshop, 10-11:30, office
14	Project Pool, Fairgrounds	6	
16	Registration opens for Illini Summer Academies	8	Fair Orientation, 6pm, Fairgrounds
21	Speaking for II 4-H Training, Sterling	8	Federation meeting, 7pm, Fairgrounds
		8-12	Northern IL 4-H Camp
		21-27	Illini Summer Academies
	April	27	Multi-County Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center
3-4	Girls Science Siesta, Rockford		
4	Carroll/Lee/Whiteside Public Speaking Contest, Lee County Council on Aging (Dixon)		July
13	Federation Meeting, 7pm, Office	1	4-H Fair Entries due
17	Registration closes for Illini Summer Academies	23-26	2020 Lee County 4-H Fair and Jr Show
18	Rabbit Workshop, 10-11:30, Office		
22	Horse Clinic	14	August
25	Horse Clinic		State Fair Exhibit Day
			September
		1	County Award Applications Due
		1	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.

Wyoming Indians

Wyoming Indians held their January meeting on 1/11/2020. Treasurer Lucas Odle called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, in the absence the President, Vice President and Secretary. The meeting got a late start due to the weather and allowing members to arrive.

There were no guests, 14 members, 5 clover buds and 6 leaders present.

Lucas reported that Winter Fest was well attended. Our club had 3 games.

The club's community service project was finalized. A soup and chili luncheon will be served Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 11:00-1:00 for the community.

Talks were given by Liam Prendki on Poultry. A group demonstration about mini burgers and pizza cones by Bear Fitzpatrick, Gage Lopez, and Alexis Lopez. And Jaiden Dyer, Lillian Dyer and Bethany gave a demonstration on cookies. Jaiden Dyer, Report pro-tem

Wyoming Indians 4-H Club of Paw Paw held a community service project on January 26. Twenty-six members and 5 adults served chicken noodle soup and chili with bread, crackers, carrots, celery and cookies to about 50 residents of Paw Paw. The residents all said thank you and hope the club will do it again.

A free will offering was taken and any proceeds will be donated to the Lee County fairgrounds for improvements/updates as needed.

Federation

At the January meeting, Federation recapped Winterfest and discussed a few ways to improve for next time. Federation rescheduled their team building event for January 8. Discussion was also had regarding the upcoming project pool, Speak Out for 4-H Training, and Science Siestas. Federation began brainstorming video ideas to help future 4-H'ers, current 4-H'ers and all their families. If you are interested in helping with the video project, please contact Kathy. This project is not limited to just Federation members.

AFC Aggies

At the meeting we talked about old business and new business. Ashton Christmas was this past Saturday and was alot 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!

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 4th at 6pm. It will take place at the Amboy Community Building. Registration information was emailed to 4-H'ers required to take it.

Any 4-H'ers who have not taken the training by May 1 will be unable to show at the fair in July.

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.

Project Book Reminder

The next project book order will be placed at the end of February. If you still need books, please select the books needed in 4-H online under each 4-H'ers project selections.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Fee Waivers are available for overnight activities. Contact Kathy for information.

Public Presentations
Livestock Judging Contest
Rabbit Workshops
Kids & K-9's
Project Pool
4-H Camp

****if you plan on registering for 4-H Camp, please contact Kathy BEFORE registering****

Science Siesta
Snappy Crafters
Shooting Sports Volunteers

Public Presentations Contest 2020

Saturday, April 4 at 10:00a.m. Location TBD (Sterling/Dixon)

**Open to all Carroll, Lee & Whiteside 4-H'ers
Register online by March 27, 2020**

at go.illinois.edu/PublicPresentations

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

Welcome to the Digital Age

What is My Connection to the Global Community?

Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?

If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.

Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.

Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

Broadcast Media Program

Theatrical

Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

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



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Registration available at:

go.illinois.edu/kidsk9

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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

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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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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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