

# The Clover

## Lee County 4-H Newsletter

6 March 2020

4-H will really



### Items Highlighted:

- Club Reports
- Required Livestock Training (additional date scheduled)
- State Events
  - Speaking for Illinois 4-H training (in Sterling!)
  - 4-H Poultry Judging @ State Fair
  - Celebrate 4-H Volunteers
  - Illini Summer Academies
- Upcoming workshops & spin clubs
  - Public Presentations Contest
  - Livestock Judging contest
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## 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

The AFC Aggies meeting was held on 02-09-20. Ava called the meeting to order. There were three adults, two youth members and all ten club members. We talked about old and new business. There was not much old business discussed, just the treasurer's report. For new business we talked about a project book order being placed at the end of February. We also talked about upcoming 4-H activities and events. For instance Carroll County Livestock dairy judging March 14th, Rabbit workshop April 18th, and on June 6th. Also project pool March 14th, 4-H camp in June, snappy crafters art club and finally science siestas at the discovery center. Autry gave a talk about a bow and arrow. This was very informational speech with items to look at and hold. Her poster board was well created and cool. This gave our club members a good idea of what to demonstrate a talk about and how you could do this or fair showing. Finally, we asked if anyone wanted to put in another shirt order. The adjournment was by Will and Claire.

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 AN ADDITIONAL live training on March 26 at 9:30 am. It will take place at the Lee County Extension Office. 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.

## 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).

## 4-H Poultry Judging Contest at State Fair

**August 17 | 4-6 PM**

**Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair**

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

**April 19-25**

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

## Illini Summer Academies

## June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five 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 conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Contact Kathy BEFORE you register. Lee County has some Fee Waivers available for youth attending. Check to see if you are eligible.\*\*\***

- Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship) before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
  - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
  - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
  - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
  - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
  - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
  - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
  - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
  - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
  - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
  - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
  - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
  - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade. No repeat students from last year.
  - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

## Upcoming 4-H Contests, 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 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](http://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

## 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)

## ILLINOIS Extension



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

University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, & Environmental Sciences  
United States Department of Agriculture

## 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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