

The Clover

Lee County 4-H Newsletter

13 September 2019

4-H will really



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Upcoming Dates

	October			March
6-12	National 4-H Week 4-H Display Windows 4-H Week Challenge	13-14		Boys Science Siesta, Rockford Project Pool, Fairgrounds
10-20	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign, Dixon	3-4		April
12, 1-3pm	4-H Family Fun Day, Franklin Creek Grist Mill	4		Girls Science Siesta, Rockford Carroll/Lee/Whiteside Public Speaking Contest, Lee County Council on Aging (Dixon)
19	4-H Day at TSC, Dixon			
19	Shooting Sports Volunteer Training (adult only, contact Kathy if interested)			
	November	1		May
1	Have you enrolled yet?	1		<i>Last day to Add/Change Projects</i>
23, 1pm	Awards Ceremony for 2018-19 are invited! Fairgrounds	15		FINAL order for Project Books placed
25	First order of Project Books placed			Fair Registration Opens (must do in addition to 4-H enrollment)
28-29	Office closed for Thanksgiving			
	December	27		June
21	Holiday STEAM workshop, Sterling			Multi-County Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center
23-1	Office closed for Holidays			
	January	1		July
1	Have you enrolled yet?	23-26		<i>4-H Fair Entries due</i> 2020 Lee County 4-H Fair and Jr Show
	February			September
1	Beef Weigh-in for Premiere or State Fair Classes, Fairgrounds	1		<i>County Award Applications Due</i>
19	Winter Superintendent's Meeting, 6pm, office	1		New 4-H Year Starts!
25	Second order for Project Books placed			

New 4-H Year!

Sept 1 marked the first day of the new 4-H year! A new year means new opportunities, new experiences, new friends and more!

We are working on lots of new opportunities for all our 4-H'ers this year! Watch your monthly newsletter for details on upcoming events!

Federation Report

At the September Federation meeting, we picked a new county theme for the year!
4-H Will Really Mooooooooooooooooooooove You! (yes, there are 20 'o's in there! For the 2020 year 😊)

Officer Elections will be held on October 14. If you are a delegate or alternate for your club (or just want to come!) please attend the October meeting.

Federation will be taking their annual outing to Alfano's and Jonamac Orchard on October 19. Federation members are able to bring one 4-H'er with them on the trip. RSVP's due Oct 14.

Federation will be hosting a Club Officer Training on November 11 @ 6pm. ALL Club officers or youth interested in holding a club office are invited to attend.

Federation will be planning WinterFest this year. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please attend our October meeting.

Enrollment

Welcome to the 2019-2020 4-H year!
We cannot wait to see all the things you will do in 4-H in the County, our Unit and our State.

Enrollment is NOW open!!
ll.4honline.com

At your next meeting, your leader will give you a re-enrollment packet with information on how to re-enroll and the newest project list (There are some new projects!! Yay!!)

There will be three dates that books will be ordered. November 25, February 25 & May 1. Make sure you have any books you may want ordered ASAP!

New Projects

We have 4 new projects available for 4-H'ers to pick from!

Child Development | Sports Nutrition | Family Heritage | Visual Arts: Leather

Award Applications

Individual Award Descriptions

Due Sept 16 by 12pm to Amboy Office
Awards Ceremony, November 23, 1pm, Fairgrounds
go.illinois.edu/LeeCountyAwards

*Due to an updated website, applications are not available online. Please see your email for a digital copy of the Experience or Excel applications

Experience

My Illinois 4-H Experience Application

Jr & Sr County Outstanding

Awarded to 4-H'ers who meet the award level requirements for Bronze or above

Top Jr & Sr County Outstanding

Awarded to 4-H'ers who meet the award level requirements for Silver or above

Top Jr & Sr Lee County 4-H'er

Chosen from Top County Outstanding

Excel

Junior County or Senior County Illinois 4-H Award Application

Jr Illinois 4-H Award Application (9-13, as of Sept 1, 2018)

Awarded to 4-H'ers who receive at least 75 of 150 points.

Sr Illinois 4-H Award Application (14-18, as of Sept 1, 2018)

Awarded to 4-H'ers who receive at least 125 of 200 points.

Other

Top President

Leader nominated

Top Vice President

Leader nominated

Top Secretary

Judged off of submitted Secretary Book

Top Treasurer

Judged off of submitted Treasurer Book

Top Reporter/Scrapbook

Judged off of submitted reporter records/scrapbook

I Dare You Award

Chosen from submitted applications that are eligible

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week Challenge

Sunday, October 6-12

Theme: Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve

It's time to celebrate! Join us for the

Carroll, Lee, & Whiteside National 4-H week Challenge! The winner will be chosen by average points received. (Number of points/ 2018-2019 enrollment numbers)

Awards given:

- Top Club in County (in each county) – Pizza Party!
- Top club in Unit (Carroll, Lee, & Whiteside) – Bragging Rights!

Congratulations to Soaring Eagles who won last year!

How do we know what you've done?

- Tag us on Social Media! Use hashtag **#CLW4HWeek**, **#inspiredby4H** and **#inspiredtoLEAD**
 - (Facebook & Instagram) *Make sure your posts are made public so we can see it*
- Don't have social media? Email kbook@illinois.edu

Things to do all week!

- Wear your 4-H Swag! (5pts per day per 4-H'er)
- Help your club prepare your 4-H week display (50 pts – 1st place , 20 pts – 2nd place, 10 pts – all other club displays)
- Make a 4-H commercial about why you love 4-H (25 pts per 4-H'er)

Things to do the rest of the month!

- Invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting (must come to club mtg. & share photo) (10 pts, 25 additional pts if they enroll by Oct. 25)
- Help with your clubs community service project in October (25 pts)
- Become a 4-H Buddy in your club (intent must be signed by Oct. 25) (25 pts per pair)
- RE-Enroll in 4-H by October 25 (Top clubs: 50 pts - 1st place, 25pts – 2nd place)

International Travel

Take a trip across the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.
- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ www.states4hexchange.org/

Family Fun Day

We are excited to be Franklin Creek Conservation Association to bring a Family Fun Day! This event is open to the public, so invite your friends! See flyer at end of Newsletter and check out our Facebook Event!

Each Lee County 4-H Club, Master Gardeners, and the Franklin Creek Conservation Association are asked to provide an activity table. Upon completing all the activity tables, participants can place their names in for drawings!

Paper Clover Campaign

Paper Clover Campaign returns in October

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council, are October 9 - 20. Money donated during the campaign STAYS in that local county. The campaign runs twice a year. Money raised at the Dixon Store goes to Leadership & Camp Experiences for Lee County 4-H'ers. Last year, 5 4-H'ers were able to attend State Leadership Conferences free of charge because of money raised!

Lee County will have a 4-H Day at Tractor Supply on Saturday, October 19 from 10-12. Information will go out in October about how to volunteer for this NATIONAL event!

Shooting Sports Training

One day is all you need

Become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

- Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.
- Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.
- Pay the \$60 registration cost that covers three meals, snacks, instructor curriculum, hat, and all necessary equipment and materials for the training.
- Staff will complete your registration. Registration is due October 9.
- Attend certification training from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.
- Complete additional online training.

Nominate your Favorite Volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories are:

- **Volunteer of the Year** – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.
- **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019**.

FAMILY FUN DAY



**Conservation Celebration
Franklin Creek Grist Mill
October 12, 2019
1-3 PM**



Free Event Open To The Public



Activity Stations With Prizes Awarded



**Sponsored by 4-H, Master Gardeners
& Franklin Creek Conservation
Association**

**Grist Mill located at:
1893 Twist Rd
Franklin Grove, IL
For more
information contact:
Kathy Book
815-857-3525**

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4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training October 19 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

A 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer is...

- Interested in youth and their development
- Interested in some phase of shooting and outdoor recreation
- Willing to learn how to teach shooting safely and effectively
- Willing to be open, helpful, and supportive
- Interested in challenges with rewards



Choose your discipline of interest

- Coordinator
- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Archery
- Pistol
- Hunting & Wildlife

Adult leaders must attend an 8 hour in-person training PLUS a 4 hour online course. All volunteers must pass background checks before becoming qualified to directly conduct 4-H activities with youth.

Shooting ability is not essential but coaching skills are. Training is provided by nationally-certified volunteers. Your local University of Illinois Extension Office is willing and ready to help you in your local community.



Illinois 4-H
AIMING TO GROW GREAT KIDS!

Volunteer Training

Saturday, Oct 19

9am-7pm

4-H Memorial Camp
Monticello, IL

\$60

Contact Kathy Book at
kbook@illinois.edu
815-857-3525



LEARN MORE @

go.illinois.edu/4Hshootingssports

All registration must be handled by the County Extension office.

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