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Fulton County 4-H Newsletter March/April 2020



Dear 4-H Families:

It's March already, and our spring and summer events will be here soon!

4-H has **so much** to offer. You can do lots of things, or just a few. Be sure to read in this newsletter about judging contests, weigh-ins, 4-H show dates, and much more. Are you a Cardinals fan? How about going to statewide events? You'll find details on all of this and more on the following pages.

This newsletter is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County, but it's up to you to read it!!! As always, call us at 547-3711 if we can help you in any way to get more out of 4-H.

Visit our website!

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county>

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4-H Skating Party!

4-H Federation is sponsoring a 4-H Skating Party for all 4-H members and their families. Come to Skateland, 1040 West Hickory in Canton on Sunday, March 29, from 6-8 p.m. and have fun! We'll have the place to ourselves. Your admission and skate rental will be paid for, but you may want to bring money for the snack bar or arcade area. We have also invited Mason County 4-Hers to join us. Come have fun!

4-H Federation Meeting

Fulton County 4-H Federation met on February 23rd at the Extension Office. After their business meeting, they worked on a community service project. Operation Santa is an organization that sends Christmas stockings filled with much-needed items to all branches of the military who are stationed overseas. Each year they send thousands of filled stockings in time to reach the troops by Christmas. The organization needs three things, in preparation for this year's stockings — stockings made from their pattern, cards and letters to go in the stockings, and money for postage. A group of 11 4-H Federation members and adults did the ironing, trimming, and sewing of the stockings, and also wrote messages in Christmas cards. These 37 stockings and 36 cards have been sent to the Operation Santa headquarters.

The next Federation meeting will be in May. Details will be in the next 4-H Newsletter.

Ag Literacy Fundraiser Dinner

The Fulton County Ag Literacy Committee will hold a fundraiser Chicken and Noodle dinner at the Farm Bureau Building in Lewistown on **Friday, April 24**, to support *Ag In the Classroom* programs. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., and carryouts will be available. The meal will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, and drink. Tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to benefit the Fulton County Ag Literacy Program, which is a partnership of area groups and individuals that funds Ag In the Classroom activities through the Fulton County Farm Bureau.

Show Helpers Needed

Adults, please call the Extension Office (547-3711) or email jblout@illinois.edu if you would like to help as a Superintendent on General Show Day. Also, older 4-H members are needed to help as 4-H Assistants that day. Another place that we need help is during the County Fair Livestock Shows, where we need an adult for each species to record the 4-H ratings and pass out ribbons. Please call the Extension Office if you could help in any of these areas, or send an email to jblout@illinois.edu.

4-H Enrollments

Check with your leader to make sure you are enrolled in the right projects — You cannot exhibit something you are not enrolled in.

May 1, 2020 is the deadline for making changes (except for those production livestock projects which had a January deadline — see the November/December 4-H Newsletter). Young persons may join 4-H at any time of the year, but to show at the 4-H Shows, they must be enrolled in their projects at the Extension Office by May 1st of each year.

New 4-H Show Book Will Include Many Changes

New 4-H Show Books will be available around April 1st. 4-H leaders will receive copies for their club. Many projects will have requirement changes, as there have been changes in State Fair requirements, on which we base ours. Please be sure to look up all of your projects and read the requirements carefully. ***Please — get rid of your old show books! I'm begging you — get rid of them!! Recycle them, burn with trash, use as cage liners... :)***

The 4-H Show Book will also be posted on our website. If you do NOT want a paper copy, please send an email to jblout@illinois.edu to be taken off the list.

YQCA and Quality Assurance — Important Animal Project Information

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (if showing live animals)

New statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

Must be done every year they are in the project. There are options –

Youth may attend one in-person training presented by Extension staff, a little over one hour long. YQCA Training Dates – **Sign up at <http://yqca.org>**

Saturday, March 28 10 a.m. Extension Office, Lewistown
Saturday, April 18 2 p.m. Extension Office, Lewistown
Thursday, April 30 6 p.m. Extension Office, Lewistown
Sunday, May 3 3 p.m. Fairview Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, Fairview

Mason County Extension Office, 127 S High, Havana –
Monday, April 13 1 p.m.

Peoria County – Kickapoo Township Hall, Kickapoo
Tuesday, March 31 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28 6 p.m.

Tazewell County Extension Office, Pekin --
Thursday, May 7 6:30 p.m.

- Pre-registration online is **required**. You may not just show up.
 - \$3 per person online payment ahead of time is required. **You cannot pay by check or cash, must be done online.**
 - Adults may attend with their kids, but do not register. Adults may not be certified in this by attending, just youth.
- or
- Youth may take training online individually. <http://yqca.org>
- Cost for this is \$12 per person.

Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbits

If a 4-H member is taking Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits – They are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics training, one time during their 4-H years. The website for that is – <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Animal Science Posters or Displays at 4-H General Show

For any animal projects -- If a 4-H member is showing a poster or other display (not a live animal) at 4-H General Show, they now do NOT have to do any type of ethics training. They can do it if they want to. It is still a good learning experience.

4-H Day With the Cardinals

4-H families are invited to attend 4-H Day With the Cardinals on Saturday, May 9, when the Cardinals will be playing the New York Mets in a 1:15 p.m. game. For information on special ticket prices, etc., go to the link below, or call the Extension Office at 547-3711 to have a paper copy mailed to you. Order deadline is March 23, or earlier if all seats are sold out. Here is the link to the form and more information — <https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-opportunities/4-h-prog/4-h-days/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals>

4-H Clover Clinic

About 50 youth and several adults from Fulton County attended the 4-H Clover Clinic held February 15th at Illinois Central College in East Peoria. About 200 youth participated, plus dozens of helpers and instructors. It was a very enjoyable day!



Fair Queen Candidate

4-H Federation has been invited to sponsor a Fulton County Fair Queen candidate. If you are at least 16 years old, and would be interested in being 4-H Federation's queen candidate this year, send a short letter to the Extension Office by April 10, or by email to jblout@illinois.edu by April 10.

Livestock Judging Club

4-H Leader Robyn Hendel invites anyone interested to join the 4-H Livestock Judging Club. They will be going to some area farms and practice contests. There is still time to join this club if you are interested! Contact the Extension Office at 547-3711 for more information.

Public Presentations Judging

For those enrolled in the 4-H Public Presentations project, the judging this year will be Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m., at the Extension Office in Lewistown. If you wish to participate, and are not yet enrolled in that project, you have until May 1 to add it as a project. Call 547-3711 to do so.

Categories are Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, and Oral Interpretation. All presentations must be four to eight minutes in length. More information will be found in the new 4-H Show Book. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 if you would like a copy of the score sheet for a certain category.

The state contest this year will be held during the Illinois State Fair. More information will be given to those chosen to go on to the state contest.

Secretary and Treasurer Books

Leaders — ***Please*** check with these officers from time to time, to see if they need help in getting this done. They are due in the Extension Office each year by September 30th.

Volunteer Banquet Held

The Extension/4-H Volunteer Banquet was held March 9th at the Extension Office. Many 4-H and other volunteers received recognition, including Crista Hartstirn, 4-H Leader of the Year (left) and Nancy Williams, 4-H Volunteer of the Year (right).



Fulton County 4-H Offers College Scholarships

Fulton County 4-H offers college scholarships to Fulton County 4-H members who are graduating this spring. Complete information was in the January/February 4-H Newsletter. If you need another copy of this, call 547-3711.

For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current Fulton County 4-H member; must also be an achievement member; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals.

The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals.

To receive a 4-H Federation College Scholarship Application, contact the Fulton County Extension Office at 547-3711, or stop by. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2020.

What Is an Achievement Member?

A 4-H Achievement Member is one who does what is expected of an active 4-H member —

- Attend 2/3 of the club meetings after joining. Leaders may authorize excused absences.
- Give a talk or demonstration, or exhibit a project.
- Turn in some kind of paperwork — can be record (planning) sheet, 4-H award application, or completed project manual.

This information is in the 4-H Show Book. Most 4-H members do more than this.

Missed Radio Programs

If your club had to cancel its 4-H radio program recording, please call Janis at 547-3711 to reschedule for another time. 4-H clubs are asked to share in this responsibility just once a year.

International Hosting

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth. Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required. Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility. Applications are accepted until all placements are made.

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu

Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension Unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county 4-H Program is separate, but all work together on unitwide events and program planning.

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More Where That Came From—

Every two months, I gather information I think you will want to know about and put it into this newsletter. I also do lots of posts on the Fulton County 4-H facebook page, and special mailings, but there's still more! State 4-H opportunities are many, so there are other things out there you may be interested in, as well. The following website can show you more — 4h.extension.illinois.edu

4-H Club Display Contest At the Fair

4-H clubs are invited to create a poster display about their 4-H club to be hung up at the Fulton County Fair. Each poster should include pictures, leader contact information, where and when your club meets, and some things your club does. They will be judged, and a prize will be given. More information will be available soon — watch the next newsletter. I hope all of our 4-H clubs will participate!

A Look Back At the 2019 Fulton County Fair

The Fulton County Fair and Racing Association has established a photo account, fultoncofairIL.smugmug.com for viewing, sharing, and ordering prints of any size and quantity of fair events and activities. The visitor password is "fulton", while the password for any album, including all of the livestock shows, grandstand events and everything in between, is "fair". (Both are case-specific.)

If you have any questions or issues, please contact the organization via their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fultonfair/>. Photos from the 2018 fair will be uploaded soon.

State Robotics Challenge

Any 4-H member with an interest in Robotics might want to enter or attend/observe the 2020 Robotics Competition, May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds, Bloomington. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31. More details are found at that website.

Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.

Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.

Illini Summer Academies

Spend six days and five nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies, June 21-26. Registration will open March 16 and close April 17. To learn more and to register, go to go.illinois.edu/illini4H.

The conference is open to youth who will be at least 14 years old and not yet 19 by 9/1/20, and will have completed 8th grade or higher. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose, and varies from \$280 to \$490. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. To apply for one, go to go.illinois.edu/illini4hscholarship no later than April 1.

Experience up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study:

Agricultural Leadership and Communication

Animal Sciences

Beekeeping

Chemistry Around Us

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Game Design: Storytelling & Fabrication

Human Development & Family Studies

Journey From Farm To Table (food sciences)

Meat Judging & Evaluation

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Sustainable Summer (natural resources/environment)

Veterinary Medicine

Work Hard, Play Hard (health sciences)

Outside of class time, participants will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures only found at the UIUC campus.

Barrow Tattooing and Weigh-Ins

Rules For Barrows —

To be eligible for the County Rate-of-Gain Contest or the Illinois State Fair Premiere Contest, your barrow(s) must be weighed and tattooed before they are 35 days old. All pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2020. Tattooing of barrows is done at the Extension Office, **by appointment only**, and must be done by the deadlines listed. Call 547-3711 to schedule an appointment.

You only have to do this if you are showing in the Rate of Gain class at the Fulton County Fair, or if you are showing Premiere at State Fair.

For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2020. For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate of Gain Contest, the farrowing date is on or after February 10, 2020.

Barrows must be castrated and ear-notched prior to tattooing. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 25 barrows at the time of tattooing. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pounds per day of age when tattooed.

Please read the rules and deadlines carefully, and check the age and weight per day of age to determine when you may need to have your barrows weighed and tattooed.

Show Clinic — Beef/Sheep/Goats

There will be a Livestock Showmanship Clinic for youth showing Beef, Sheep, and Goat projects on April 11th at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.) at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Roseville. This open to anyone. For more information or to pre-register, contact Robyn Hendel at 309-333-0516.

4-H Livestock Judging Contest, April 4

The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, **April 4**, at the WIU Livestock Pavilion, located at the intersection of N. Wigwam Hollow Road and Tower Road, Macomb (near the WIU golf course).

To register, complete the form on the following website —

<https://go.illinois.edu/WIU>

If you do not have internet access, call the Extension Office at 547-3711, or email jbout@illinois.edu and we will get you registered.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, payable at the contest.

This contest is open to 4-H members only. Junior division is for those under 14 as of 1/1/20. Senior division is for those 14 and older as of 1/1/20.

Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. Each contestant should provide their own pencil, clip board, and paper for notes. Fulton County 4-H members who score the highest at this event will be invited to attend the State Judging Contest on June 15.

This event is sponsored by Illinois Extension in McDonough County and by the WIU Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team.

State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest

This contest will be held August 17th in Springfield. Please call the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

Livestock Registration and Health Papers

If you have breeding stock that you want to show at a fair this summer, you must have registration papers. No joint ownership is allowed, and ownership must reflect appropriate deadlines. Livestock shows also require health papers on some animals. You may request a copy of the current County Fair Exhibition Health Requirements from the Extension Office, or view it online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/fair-exhibition-requirements.aspx>

Reminder of Horse Helmet Rule



Horse Members -- All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving AT all 4-H horse and pony events, shows, activities, or practices. **THAT MEANS EVEN WHEN YOU ARE WARMING UP AT THE SHOW.** Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified head gear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Helmet policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. It is recommended that all adults working with 4-H members model the desired youth behavior by also wearing protective helmets whenever mounted or driving. If cost is an issue, the 4-H Horse Committee will help you find a helmet that is affordable. Call 547-3711.

4-H Fish Camp

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

Fish Camp is open to any adult/child “team” interested in learning more about fishing. Each adult may attend camp with up to three youth campers. An adult must attend the entire weekend event with the youth campers. It is recommended that youth campers be at least eight years of age. A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You’ll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment are required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

Find out more at go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

Weighing and Tattooing Sheep and Meat Goat Wethers

Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – Nomination format —

Lambled on or after January 1, 2020
Ownership Date – May 15, 2020
Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension staff.
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, 2020. Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

Junior and Open Premiere Wether and Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

Lambled on or after January 1, 2020.
Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level by Extension staff, using designated tattoo. Call 547-3711 to make an appointment.
Completed nomination forms must be signed by local Extension staff, who will send to Dan Jennings for you. This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020.

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – Nomination format —

Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2019
Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2020
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, 2020. Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

Horse Knowledge

If you would like information on participating in the Regional or State 4-H Horse Bowl (quiz contest) or 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, or in Horse Judging, call the Extension Office at 547-3711, or email jblout@illinois.edu. We have a 4-H parent who is planning to volunteer to help with these 4-H Horse Project activities this year. Let us know if you're interested!

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest. Our regional contest is April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 to register.

4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest. Our regional contest is April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 to register.

4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage, and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension Office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Join the new Cover Crop Scientist Special Interest Club

Are you interested in science? Or agriculture?
Or agricultural sciences?
Then this club is for YOU!

Right now, chemists, biologists, geneticists, and agronomists from all over the midwest are investigating how cover crops can play a role in our economy and our ecosystem - **and you can help!** Join the new Cover Crop Scientist Special Interest (SPIN) Club to participate in this latest research firsthand and hands-on. You can dissect plants, conduct soil experiments, explore biodiesel, take a field trip to real biology labs, and more!

Club Meeting Location:

Farmington Fire Station
49 North Cone Street
Farmington, IL 61531

Time: 10-11:30am

Dates:

March 21
March 28
April 4
April 18
April 25
April 26 (field trip to ISU)

For more information, contact Janis Blout at the Extension Office in Fulton County, 547-3711, or Emily Schoenfelder, Educator, at eschoe@illinois.edu or 309-347-6614.

This program is supported by the IPREFER project (Integrated Pennycress Research Enabling Farm and Energy Resilience), a grantee of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. You can learn more about the IPREFER project [here](#).

State Fair Information

August 13-23, 2020

We will not have parking passes or admission tickets available for sale.

Non-Livestock —

Projects will be conference-judged. That means that if your non-livestock project is **selected** for State Fair, and you choose for it to go, you must go with it. That is called being a State Fair Delegate. Your project remains on display all day. You will bring it home that same day. If you cannot go, the opportunity is passed to an alternate.

To have your non-livestock project exhibited at State Fair, it must be selected as a State Fair Delegate at one of our 4-H Shows in 2020. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit **only one** non-livestock project at State Fair, if selected to do so. However, they are also allowed to exhibit in the State 4-H Public Presentations Contest if they were selected in that project, too.

Our exhibit day for non-livestock projects at State Fair will be **Friday, August 14.**

What is the Difference Between Best of Show and State Fair Delegate?

Every project or project area will have a Best of Show selected at our County 4-H Shows. In larger project areas, sometimes, a Best of Show is selected per unit.

However, State Fair tells us how many projects we can send there. Therefore, many more 4-Hers receive Best of Show honors than can go to State Fair. Just because you get a Best of Show, that does not automatically mean you can take your project to State Fair.

Plus, not every 4-H project has a category at State Fair. Over the years, State Fair has had to eliminate some projects from their list because of budget cuts. They eliminated the ones where there had been the lowest number of participants.

Livestock —

The State Fair premium book is online — <https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Documents/livestock.pdf>

Our office will print off the sections that you need, if you are unable to access this information from your home. **Entries (non-Horse) are due at the Fulton County Extension Office by June 29. State Junior Horse entries are due June 1.**

Please see page 3 in this newsletter regarding the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals requirement. Your State Fair entry will not be approved and signed if you have not completed YQCA.

The State Junior Horse Show is July 26-August 2. Entries are due **June 1.**

All Illinois State Fair Junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for their animals entered. Fees will be due at the same time as entry forms, June 29th at the Extension Office (Horse deadline is June 1st). Fees are listed on the website.

State Fair Junior Show age eligibility

4-H members aged 8-18 as of September 1, 2019 are eligible to participate in the Illinois State Fair Junior Department, both livestock and non-livestock.

FFA members (who are not also in 4-H) up to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2019 are eligible to participate in the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Division. **THESE ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED BY FFA ADVISORS; THEY CANNOT BE SIGNED BY EXTENSION/4-H STAFF.**

Individuals **previously** enrolled as active members in Illinois 4-H and/or FFA programs and turning 19-20 years of age by September 1, 2019 may participate in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair **only if they are active FFA members** as verified by Illinois FFA and in accordance with one of the following program options:

Maintain active membership on the roster of their local high school FFA Chapter; Maintain active membership in a collegiate FFA Chapter in a post-secondary institution of higher education in the State of Illinois; or Maintain active membership in an Illinois FFA Alumni Chapter. FFA members 21 years of age prior to September 1, 2019 are ineligible to show in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair.

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Spring 2020 Session



Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports is a Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Club, shorter in duration, and focusing on one subject.

Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 8 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/19	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer and Craig Hand	April 19 & 26; May 3, 17, & 31; and June 7 (six sessions)	1:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/19	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 19 & 26; May 3, 17, & 31; and June 7 (six sessions)	1:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/19	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 19 & 26; May 3, 17, & 31; and June 7 (six sessions)	2:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 Participants	10-18 as of 9/1/19	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	April 19 & 26; May 3, 17, & 31; and June 7 (six sessions)	4:00 p.m. Lasts a little over an hour

*If you pay your 4-H program fee through a 4-H community club, you do not need to pay it again. You would still owe the supply fee.

Mandatory Safety Meeting – April 15, 6:30 p.m. at Fulton County Extension Office. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to come. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this time, you must attend the safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment packets are available on our website, https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fulton_county_4-h_shooting_sports_spring_2020_registration_packet.pdf or you may call to have one mailed to you (547-3711), or pick one up in person at the Fulton County Extension Office. You may not enroll online for this; signed forms and payment are required.

Deadline to register – April 14, or earlier if it becomes full. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time. Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment and all signed forms must be submitted to reserve a spot. If you need assistance with the fee, contact the Extension Office at 547-3711.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members who have permission from the instructors.

Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set.

Instructor Lonnie Van Pelt is willing to visit your 4-H club to tell you more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 for contact information.

4-H Leader Notes

4-H Program Fees

Again this year, there is a \$20 per member 4-H Program Fee. In our county, there is a family (household) cap of \$60, meaning that a family (household) will only pay \$60 at the most, regardless of how many children are members.

4-H key leaders will receive a statement shortly after May 1, listing their members and the amount due. The payment from the club will be due June 1.

It is very important that the due date of June 1 is honored. There is a fee waiver form for families to submit if they cannot afford to pay the fee. No one will be denied membership because of inability to pay.

Some 4-H clubs that have larger treasuries may decide to pay the fees (or a portion) from the club treasury. Some 4-H clubs may receive a donation from a local business that could help pay the fees. Some 4-H clubs will opt to collect it from individual families. Some 4-H clubs may decide to have fundraisers to raise these funds. It is up to the individual 4-H clubs how they want to handle the collection of the fees. It is up to the clubs whether they collect the fee now or later, but it must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than June 1st.

Count Them All

Please make sure that ALL 4-H-age youth who attend your 4-H club meetings are enrolled. This provides them with accident insurance at the meetings and legal parental permission to be there. This is important! **Please check the lists we send you, or ask Janis to be able to see the lists online.**

Treasurer and Secretary Book Printouts

At the end of the 4-H year, you **must** turn in your club's 4-H Treasurer's record book (unless you do not have a treasury) and the 4-H Secretary's book to the Extension Office. This is required by the state. **Please periodically check** with your treasurer and secretary, to be sure they are keeping track of and working on the book on their computer. **These MUST be turned in.** There are IRS and other rules that mandate this, and it is not optional. Due date is September 30.

Required Training For All New 4-H Leaders/Volunteers —

ANCRA (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act) training is required of all NEW 4-H and Extension volunteers. To become a 4-H volunteer, this training must be completed, and a form signed and submitted to our office.

This training is available only online. You may take it at home (or at our office by appointment), but you must follow up by printing out and signing a ***Protection of Minors Acknowledgement Form*** and bringing it to our office (or mail, fax, or send as an email attachment). You are not shown as complete until you do the training and submit the form to us. Here is the website for online training -- <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/extensionprotection/index.cfm>

Please call 547-3711 or email me at jblout@illinois.edu for assistance.

4-H CALENDAR

March

- 15 Astoria Pirates 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m., 1560 AM
- 28 YQCA Training, 10 a.m. at Extension Office — MUST register online, see article
- 29 4-H Skating Party, 6-8 p.m., Skateland in Canton (see article in this newsletter)

April

- 4 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at WIU (see article)
- 5 Canton Dulotts 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m., 1560 AM
- 15 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 18 YQCA Training, 2 p.m. at Extension Office — MUST register online
- 23 4-H Horse Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 24 Chicken and Noodle Fundraiser for Ag in the Classroom,
Farm Bureau Building, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 26 Fairview Farmers 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m., 1560 AM
- 30 YQCA Training, 6 p.m. at Extension Office — MUST register online

May

- 1 4-H enrollment deadline **to exhibit at shows this year**
- 1 Horse Ownership and Horse Lease Forms due to Extension Office
- 1 County 4-H college scholarship applications due to Extension Office
- 2-3 4-H Fish Camp at Monticello (pre-registration required)
- 3 YQCA Training, 3 p.m. at Fairview Reformed Church Fellowship Hall — MUST register online
- 9 4-H Day With the Cardinals (order deadline March 23 or before if full)
- 17 Checkrow Volunteers 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m., 1560 AM
- 30 4-H Public Presentations Judging, 10 a.m. at the Extension Office

June

- 1 State Junior Horse Show entries due at the Extension Office
- 12 Cuba Livestock Show, held at Fulton County Fairgrounds
- 13 Farmington Livestock Show, held at Fulton County Fairgrounds
- 15 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, U of I Campus
- 20 4-H Sewing and Textiles Show -- 1 p.m., Extension Office
- 20 4-H Performing Arts Night -- 7 p.m., Checkrow Community Church, rural Avon
- 21-26 Illini Summer Academies
- 29 **State Fair Junior Show livestock entries (non-horse) are due at the Extension Office.**

July

- 1 4-H Livestock Entries and 4-H Horse Show entries due at the Extension Office
- 8 4-H Pet Show (not dogs) at the Extension Office — 6 p.m.
- 9-10 Fairview Livestock Show, Fairview
- 11 **4-H General Show – at Cuba High School — projects to be in place by 12:45 p.m.**
- 20-25 Fulton County Fair -- 4-H Dog and Livestock Shows, Foodstand!
- 26-8/2 State Junior Horse Show -- Entry deadline is June 1st

August

- 1 Official 4-H Horse Show, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown -- 9 a.m.
- 13-23 Illinois State Fair (Our non-livestock exhibit day is August 14.)
- 31 4-H award applications due at the Extension Office (it's always the last Monday in August)

September

- 1 First day of the 2020-2021 4-H Year

Extension Office Hours — The Fulton County Extension Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon to 1 p.m. The answering machine is left on when we are out of the office, or when we are away from the phone. Our office is located in the lower level of the Farm Bureau Building, on the north edge of Lewistown.

If you are a person who needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of the programs or events listed in this newsletter, contact Janis Blout at University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County Office, phone 309-547-3711.

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