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Fulton County 4-H Newsletter March/April 2019



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!

[http://web.extension.illinois.edu/
fmpt/fulton4h/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/fulton4h/)

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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 31, 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. We will have a donation can out, which is totally optional, if you want to donate to a foster home in Haiti that one of our members has volunteered at.

4-H Wiener Roast

All 4-H families are invited to attend a Spring 4-H Wiener Roast! It will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the home of 4-H Federation President Jaelyn Janssen, 30411 N Seven Hills Rd, Avon. Some fun games will be planned. Please call 547-3711 or email jblout@illinois.edu if your family plans to attend, so we can be prepared. Hot dogs, buns, table service, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and lawn chairs. In case of severe weather, it could be canceled, so check the Fulton County 4-H facebook page for any notifications. **Remember to let us know if you're coming!**



4-H Federation Meeting

Fulton County 4-H Federation met on February 24th 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 19 4-H Federation members and adults did the ironing, trimming, and sewing of the stockings, and also wrote messages in Christmas cards. These 32 stockings and 132 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.

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, 2019 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 many 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.

4-H Day With the Cardinals

4-H families are invited to attend 4-H Day With the Cardinals on Saturday, May 11, when the Cardinals will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates 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 April 1, or earlier if all seats are sold out. Here is the link to the form and more information — <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms/downloads/78350.pdf>

4-H Clover Clinic

About 40 youth and several adults from Fulton County attended the 4-H Clover Clinic held February 16th at Illinois Central College in East Peoria. About 230 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 15, or by email to jblout@illinois.edu by April 15.

Livestock Judging Club

4-H Leader Robyn Hendel invites anyone interested to attend 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 4th, 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 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.

This earlier date will allow Fulton County 4-H to enter 4-H members in the statewide contest, which will be held in June in Decatur. More information will be given to those chosen to go on to the state contest.

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.

Fulton County 4-H Offers College Scholarships

Fulton County 4-H announces college scholarships being offered to Fulton County 4-H members. Complete information was in the January/February 4-H Newsletter.

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, 2019.



Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. The all-day training will be on Saturday, April 27, at the Logan County Extension Office in Lincoln. This will prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h after March 28.

Teen Leadership Opportunities

Do you want to make your mark on the statewide Illinois 4-H program? Apply for one of the statewide 4-H Teen Leader opportunities that are opening this spring and summer. See this link for more details —

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/leadership>

Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team – This team of 4-H members and recent alumni plan, teach, implement, and evaluate the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference and Speaking For Illinois 4-H program. They also assist at various statewide events throughout the year and have opportunities to travel to national conferences. Applicants must be 16-19 years of age by September 1, 2019 in order to apply for the two-year teams. Interviews are required. See above link for more information and the application form.

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 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 due April 1.

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

ACES Family Academies

Are you a graduate of University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences? Share your excitement for U of I with a child you know. Participants will enjoy the college experience living in a residence hall, eating in the dining facilities, and participating in educational classes on the College of ACES campus. This program will give you an opportunity to relive and share your college days, as well as create new memories with your little Illini. ACES Family Academies is geared for children ages 8-13 years. Mark your calendars for **July 11-12**, and register after March 15 @ <https://acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies>. Illinois 4-H is proud to support the efforts of the ACES Alumni Association.

Plant A Pollinator Garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:

- Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.
- Complete the online application by April 1 @ www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator
- If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, kjones@growmark.com or 309-557-6184.
- You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.

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

Illini Summer Academies

Spend seven days and six nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies. Registration is open at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in is at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference, and will be at least 14 years old before the end of 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose, and varies from \$240 to \$465. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in an up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study:

Aerospace Engineering

Ag Communications: Telling Stories of Ag & Environment

Ag Mechanization: Horses to Drones

Animal Nutrition & Welfare: From the Wild to the Mild

Animal Sciences

Beekeeping/Entomology

Work Hard & Play Hard: Health, Sports, and Wellness Careers

Crop Science: Sustainable Food Systems

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Food Science & Human Nutrition: From Farm to Table

Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication

Human Development & Family Studies

Molecular & Cellular Biology

MyPI Disaster Preparedness

Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: Sustainable Summer

Light & Sound Technologies for Stage & Theater

Veterinary Medicine

Outside of class time, you will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures you will only find 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, 2019. 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, 2019 (date change this year). For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate of Gain Contest, the farrowing date is on or after February 10, 2019.

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.

Poultry Testing

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day. The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines.

Our County Poultry Superintendents, Nancy and Lee Hackett, could be contacted with any questions, or call the Extension Office.

Area 4-H Livestock Judging

Contest, April 6

The Area 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, **April 6**, 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 —

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hkmw>

If you do not have internet access, call the Extension Office at 547-3711, or email jblout@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 1/1/19. Senior division is for those 14 and older as of 1/1/19.

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 17.

Parents — Help is needed in the scoring room that day. Please let Janis Blout know if you can help. This event is sponsored by Illinois Extension in McDonough County and by the WIU Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team.

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/Documents/2019%20County%20Fair%20Exhibition%20Health%20Requiriements.pdf>

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 4, and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. 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

Weighing and Tattooing Sheep and Meat Goat Wethers — *Big Changes* — *No more regional check-in sites*

Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:

Live Show Wethers – New nomination format

Lambled on or after January 1, 2019

Ownership Date – May 15, 2019

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, 2019. Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

Junior and Open Premiere Wether lambs: -

Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

Lambled on or after January 1, 2019.

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, 2019.

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – New nomination format

Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2018

Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2019

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, 2019. Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

Attention: All Animal Project Members — Quality Assurance and Ethics (QA&E)

If you have not done this before:

All 4-H members who enroll in ANY animal project must complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics training, unless they have already done this in the past. This even applies to those who plan to do a poster at General Show Day about their animal project. The online training is easy to do, and does not take very much time. This must be done by July 1st. If you did it in a previous year, you do not have to do it again. Any 4-H animal members who do not have the training done by the deadline will have their name removed from the animal project they had enrolled in. This would mean they could not show for 4-H or receive 4-H premiums or awards. Anyone who does not have internet access at home to do this may come to the Extension Office and do it here. Once you have completed it, your name appears on a register that Extension Offices can refer to. You do not have to print anything out, even if it looks like you are supposed to. This is a one-time training, good for all your 4-H years. You must complete the basic training plus choose one specie, and complete that. You do not have to do more than one specie, no matter how many you show. Here is the website —

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Go ahead and get it done soon, so you won't forget!

Please disregard the article from the last 4-H Newsletter regarding this topic, as the requirement called YQCA is not being required this 4-H year for 4-H shows.

State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest

This contest will be held August 7 in Springfield. Please call the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

State 4-H Horse Contests

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27, at Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate. Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from your county Extension Office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

The State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13**, at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning at 10 a.m. All 4-H members may participate. You must register at the Extension Office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Regional horse contests will be held across the state to determine who goes to the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests. State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning at 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14**, at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology for contest details.

The Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests will be held on April 6 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield.

Contact the Extension Office at 547-3711 for more information on any of these events.

State Fair Information

August 8-18, 2019

We will not have parking passes available for sale as of this year. We will have discounted admission tickets 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 2019. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit **only one** non-livestock project at State Fair, if selected to do so.

Our exhibit day for non-livestock projects at State Fair will be **Sunday, August 11**.

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 27. State Horse entries are due June 1.**

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is required for all animal exhibitors, unless they have completed it in the past.

The State Junior Horse Show is July 22-28. 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 27th 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, 2018 are eligible to participate in the Illinois State Fair Junior Department, both livestock and non-livestock.

FFA members up to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2018 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, 2018 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, 2018 are ineligible to show in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair.

4G STEM Camp

4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes five days of hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers.

4G STEM Camp is set for June 24-28, 2019. Camp meets at Bradley University and includes tours at Advanced Medical Transport, Illinois American Water, The Nature Conservancy at Emiquon, University of Illinois - Springfield, and more.

Registration will open March 20. Visit the Extension website at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4gstemcamp/> for more information.

STEM Bootcamp

The Society of Women Engineers' (SWE) STEM Bootcamp will sponsor a fun and educational workshop on careers in engineering, hands-on experiments, and peer interaction to promote problem-solving and self-esteem. Resources for career exploration will be shared, and girls will participate in mock interviews to help prepare them for future internship and job interviews.

WHO: STEM Bootcamp is for girls in 8th grade through high school.

WHERE: Olin Hall, Bradley University

WHEN: April 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., lunch and snacks are included

REGISTER: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=19736>

The cost is \$5 per youth. This includes snacks and lunch during the event and all supplies. The camp is provided through a partnership with Society of Women Engineers, University of Illinois Extension, and Bradley University.

Parents will be invited to a closing event at 3 p.m. that day. To complete your registration, please print the [REQUIRED FORMS](#) and mail to the Peoria County Extension office, 4810 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614.

Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do.

This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. Team registration will close March 31. There is a \$20 entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. To register follow this link:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-robotics-competition

To view the challenge introduction video, follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/xtLxA-kL49c>

For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@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.

Janis Blout, 4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

Joli Pierson, 4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

Cathy Ludolph, 4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

Katharine Girone, 4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H Youth Educator

Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator

Earl Allen, County Director

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Spring 2019 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 10 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/18	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee		Terry Cremer	None set at this time	
Air Pistol Limit of 10 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/18	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 28; May 5, 12, 19; June 2 and 9 (six sessions)	1:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 10 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/18	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 28; May 5, 12, 19; June 2 and 9 (six sessions)	2:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/18	\$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 28; May 5, 12, 19; June 2 and 9 (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 24, 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 will be available online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/fulton4h/>, 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 22, 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, call 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 to be able to see the lists online.**

Treasurer and Secretary Book Printouts

At the end of the 4-H year (8/31), 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.

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

- 8 Chicken and Noodle Fundraiser for Ag in the Classroom, Farm Bureau Building, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 11 Extension/4-H Volunteer and Supporter Banquet, 6:30 p.m. meal (invitations sent)
- 24 Fairview Farmers 4-H Club Radio Program, 6:03 a.m.
- 31 County 4-H Skating Party, 6-8 p.m., Skateland in Canton (see article)

April

- 6 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at WIU (see article)
- 17 4-H Horse Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 24 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

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
- 4 4-H Public Presentations Judging, 10 a.m. at the Extension Office
- 4-5 4-H Fish Camp at Monticello (pre-registration required)
- 5 Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Radio Program, 6:03 a.m.
- 5 County 4-H Wiener Roast, 4:00 p.m., Janssen residence (see article)
- 11 4-H Day With the Cardinals (order deadline April 1 or before)
- 26 Astoria Pirates 4-H Club Radio Program, 6:03 a.m.

June

- 1 State Junior Horse Show entries due at the Extension Office
- 17 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, U of I Campus
- 21 Farm Safety Day Camp — at the Fulton County Fairgrounds — see next newsletter for more info
- 22 4-H Sewing and Textiles Show -- 1 p.m., Extension Office
- 23-29 Illini Summer Academies
- 27 4-H Performing Arts Night -- 7 p.m., Checkrow Community Church, rural Avon
- 27 **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
- 6 **4-H General Show – at Cuba High School — projects to be in place by 12:45 p.m.**
- 10 4-H Pet Show (not dogs) at the Extension Office — 6 p.m.
- 22-27 Fulton County Fair -- 4-H Dog and Livestock Shows, Foodstand!
- 22-28 State Junior Horse Show -- Entry deadline is June 1st

August

- 3 Official 4-H Horse Show, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown -- 9 a.m.
- 8-18 Illinois State Fair
- 26 4-H award applications due at the Extension Office (it's always the last Monday in August)

September

- 1 First day of the 2019-2020 4-H Year
- 13-15 Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

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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