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### Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

The 4-H year is now in full swing and before you know it, warmer weather will bring fair season right along with it. General Show projects must be signed up for by March 1st. Be sure to double check that you are signed up for everything you want to learn more about. To add a project, log in to 4-H Online. I also want to remind you that to show at the fair, you must give a talk or demonstration and attend at least 4 meetings. Check with your club leader for additional club requirements and to see how many meetings you have attended.

February is a busy month for those of you in livestock projects! Don't forget to weigh in your steers, take the YQCA training, and make sure you know the ownership deadlines for livestock! A great way to keep up with the news about workshops being hosted is by liking your local 4-H Facebook page. Don't worry, we will still write about them in your monthly newsletter!

Due to the paper shortage and in an effort to go green, starting in March, our 4-H newsletter will switch to a virtual format. If you wish to keep receiving your newsletter in a hard copy via mail, please go to <https://go.illinois.edu/Newsletters> or use the QR code below and let us know! Requests may also be made by calling the office at 309-342-5108.



Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

### 4-H STEER WEIGH-IN SCHEDULED

If you are planning on bringing a steer to the County 4-H Show or to the State Fair, please plan to weigh-in at the Knox County Fairgrounds—**Saturday, February 5 from 10-11:30 am.**

If you have issues with the Knox Fairgrounds date, contact the office. Please call the Extension office to specify how many you plan to weigh-in and a number to call in case of bad weather. We would like to remind members that weigh-in should be done in the county of your enrollment.

### YQCA & QAEC

4-H members enrolled in **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats** must complete their annual YQCA training either online at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. An email from Nicole will follow with details for registering. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. Register at <http://yqca.org/> In-person trainings will be held on: **Wednesday, February 16, Knox Agri Center** QAEC training is required for members enrolled in **cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit**. This training must be completed once in a members career. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

# INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP



NEW SPIN CLUB MEETING FEB & MARCH IN KNOX COUNTY  
FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO WANT TO BECOME  
BETTER, MORE AWARE, & INCLUSIVE LEADERS

FREE FOR ALL. DO NOT NEED TO BE A 4-H MEMBER ALREADY.  
INTERESTED? REGISTER HERE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
[go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub](https://go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub)

Meetings will be 6 PM to 7:30 PM at United Way of Knox County  
1215 Monmouth Blvd, Galesburg, IL 61401

## WE PLAN TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

**February 8** - What is Bias?

**February 15** - Are Fair and Equal the Same Thing?

**February 23** - Does Racism Still Exist?

**March 8, 15, & 23**

topics will be decided on by club members based  
on what they wish to learn more about

We plan to have one final meeting where members share what  
they learned with family members and community partners  
over a meal. This date will be decided on with the input  
of club members during initial meetings.

Contact Nicole Nelson at [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu) or 309-342-5108



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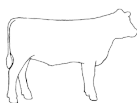


# KNOX COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK GUIDE



must have added project in [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com) by January 1

## BEEF



YQCA Required - Due May 1  
Weigh In - February 5 @ 10 AM Knox County Fairgrounds  
Premiere Eligible  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1  
Bucket Calf - Pick up Records Book by March 1

## DAIRY CATTLE



YQCA Required - Due May 1  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## DOG



QAEC Required - Due May 1  
Dog Obedience Orientation - required March 31 @ 6 PM  
Dog Obedience Class - 6 required classes to be eligible  
Rabies Vaccination Paperwork Required  
Ownership or Lease Paperwork - Due June 1  
• [go.illinois.edu/DogPaperwork](http://go.illinois.edu/DogPaperwork)

## GOATS



YQCA Required - Due May 1  
State Fair Self Nomination  
• [County page under "Fairs and Shows"](#)  
• Complete between March 15 - May 15  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## HORSE



QAEC Required - Due May 1  
Ownership or Lease Paperwork - Due May 1  
• [go.illinois.edu/HorsePaperwork](http://go.illinois.edu/HorsePaperwork)  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due June 1

## POULTRY



QAEC Required - Due May 1  
Poultry Workshop (not required) - February 19 @ 10 AM  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## RABBIT



QAEC Required - Due May 1  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## SHEEP



YQCA Required - Due May 1  
State Fair Self Nomination  
• [County page under "Fairs and Shows"](#)  
• Complete between March 15 - May 15  
Premiere Eligible  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## SWINE



YQCA Required - Due May 1  
Premiere Eligible  
State Fair Entry Deadline - Typically Due July 1

## HELPFUL LINKS

YQCA - [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) [go.illinois.edu/YQCA-register-instructions](http://go.illinois.edu/YQCA-register-instructions)  
• Training on February 16 @ 5:30 PM Knox Agri Center  
QAEC - [web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/)  
FairEntry Registration - Due June 6 [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com)  
Knox County 4-H Showbook - [County page under "Fairs and Shows"](#)  
Ownership Deadlines - [County page under "Fairs and Shows"](#)  
State Fair Entry Paperwork - [illinois.gov/statefair/](http://illinois.gov/statefair/)  
Weigh In & Premiere Info - [County page Under "Fairs and Shows"](#)  
Contact Nicole with any questions 309.342.5108 | [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu)

Knox County Show Dates

Dog Show - June 11 | Livestock Shows - July 17-19 | Horse Show - July 10

Illinois State Fair Show Dates

Horse Show - July 24-30 | Livestock Shows - Aug. 11-21 | Dog Show - Aug. 27

# Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Workshops

## INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP SPIN CLUB

Join us for Inclusive Leadership SPIN Club! Open to High Schoolers who want to become better, more aware, & Inclusive leaders. You do not need to be a 4-H member to join this club. During this SPIN Club we will have conversations on how each of us can be better, more inclusive leaders by acknowledging our own bias, hearing from different perspectives, and understanding how diversity, equity, and inclusion play a role in our communities and the world. **Meetings will be on February 8, 15, & 23 and March 8, 15, & 23 from 6-7:30 PM.** Register at [go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub](https://go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub) by **February 1**.



## QUILTING WORKSHOP



Join us for an afternoon learning about a new 4-H project, quilting. Piece by piece, you'll learn basic quilting techniques, patterns, selecting appropriate fabrics, quilting equipment, options for finishing quilts, and binding. This free workshop is open to beginner quilters, ages 8-18. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m.** at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 N Main, Monmouth, IL. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/quiltingworkshop](https://go.illinois.edu/quiltingworkshop)

## POULTRY WORKSHOP

Join us as we learn about poultry showmanship and evaluation along with the basics of embryology at our 4-H Poultry Workshop. Western Illinois University student, Luke Jesgarz, will be sharing his knowledge of all things poultry on **February 19 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon** at the 4-H Center Auditorium in Macomb. This workshop is open for young people ages 8-18 and is free of charge. You don't even have to be a 4-H member to attend so grab your friends and poultry questions and we will see you there! Register online at [go.illinois.edu/Poultry](https://go.illinois.edu/Poultry). A YQCA training will immediately follow for those who need it!



## COOKIE BAKING & FOOD DECORATING WORKSHOP

Join Knox County 4-H Federation on **March 12 at 9:30 am** as we learn how to bake cookies and learn food decorating basics. This workshop is open to members ages 8-18. Those that attend will learn to make a batch of jackpot drop cookies and the basics of decorating. Some of what we make is yours to keep! Registration is free. The workshop will be held at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd in Galesburg. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Nelson at 309-342-5108 or [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/CookieBaking> by **March 4**.

## FEDERATION MEETING

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in Knox County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Nicole for more information; 309-342-5108 or email [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 20 at 6 PM in the Knox Agri Center Meeting Room.**

## LOVING BOTTOMS DIAPER BANK DRIVE

The Knox County 4-H Federation will be collecting items to donate to the Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. Once again we will be making it a competition between clubs. The first place club will be awarded a special surprise treat party courtesy of the Federation Board! The winner will be chosen based on points earned by the club. Points can be earned by bringing in items: diapers, pullups, baby wipes, or sanitary products. 1 item equals 1 point for all items except for the highly needed items which receive 2 points. Highly needed items are pull ups size 5 & 6, baby wipes, and tampons. All sizes and brands welcome. Clubs can get 200 points for hosting a service event at Loving Bottoms. Winning club will be selected on **February 28**. Items can be brought to the office now until **February 18 at 4 PM extended deadline**.



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## 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

Any 4-H members interested in creating an original design for the 2022 Knox County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 28**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a prize and will have their art on display. **To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:** **Title:** Knox County 4-H Fair Book **Paper:** 8.5x11 piece of paper with at least 1/2 inch border on all sides. **Ink:** Black ink or Black Marker (pencil isn't dark enough and the book is printed in black and white) **Originality:** Everything must be freehand. You may not use a computer or copyright graphics. **Fair Date:** Leave a 1x3 inch space for the Extension Office to insert the dates and locations of the 4-H Show and Project Show. **4-H Clover:** The 4-H Clover may not be distorted or rotated. Do not place text or pictures over the 4-H Clover. For a list of guidelines regarding the 4-H Clover, please contact your local Extension office. **Deadline: Friday, February 28**

## SAVE THE DATE—Public Speaking

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. The State contest will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign. **Our local contest will be held on Thursday, March 24 at the Knox Agri Center.** You must be enrolled in a Public Speaking project in 4HOnline by March 1 to be able to participate.

There are 4 division in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique. Beginner: 8-13 years of age. Advanced: 14 years of age and older. Please note that 4-H members are able to attend the State Contest in one category.

- **Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**
- **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**

We offer a "4-H Pledge" class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/21.

Food Demonstrations are also held at this time. You must be enrolled in a Foods Project to participate.

## KNOX COUNTY 4-H FAIR

We are currently finishing up the details on our 2022 Knox County 4-H Fair. We want to help you plan ahead in case our 4-H families need to request time off of work or want to invite family and friends to the fair. Please mark these dates on you calendar:

- Dog Show—June 11
- Horse Show—July 10
- General Show, Clothing Show, and Cloverbud Judging—July 16
- Livestock Shows—July 17-19

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars! Knox County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is **Friday, August 12**. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking passes for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.

## 2022 STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young. The 2022 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> Click on "Fairs and Shows" at the bottom of the page. Then choose "2022 livestock Ownership Deadline".

## SUMMER HELP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

We are looking for help this summer! Are you or someone you know interested in a summer job where you can gain experience while still being a part of your favorite youth organization? We are looking for one motivated and enthusiastic person to assist us in planning and implementing our summer programs including the 4-H Fair. If interested, please contact Nicole Nelson at [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu)

**PROJECT MANUALS** Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - [go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals](https://go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals)

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

- **KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Online application and guidelines are found at <http://www.knoxcfb.org/scholarships> along with a full listing of eligibility requirements. **Applications are due February 11.**

- **IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The IAA Foundation offers many scholarships. Online application and guidelines are found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org), along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a FAQ section. Application period **opens on January 1 and ends February 15.**

- **COMPEER FINANCIALS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Must be a resident of Compeer's 144 county territory. **Application Period: January 1 – March 15, 2022** (application must be received by). <https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/scholarships/high-school-senior-scholarships>

- **DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 1**. Submit completed applications to: Knox County Extension, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Ste 108 Galesburg, IL 61401. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KNOX COUNTY SWCD—MAX AND FRANCES SANFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must be Knox County residents enrolled or planning to enroll in an Agricultural or Environmental related program. Applications are due **April 1** <https://knoxcountylswcd.wixsite.com/knox/about>

- **GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide 15 \$1500 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, or technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada. Applications are due by midnight (Central Time) on **April 14**. Application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/220095171367151>

- **KCAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is designed to be awarded to Knox County 4-H Members, relatives of KCAHCE members (past and present), or KCAHCE members who are attending college. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **April 15**. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KNOX COUNTY 4-H AND EXTENSION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation offers scholarships each year to incoming freshman and sophomores attending a university, college, junior college, or technical school. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **May 14**. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

## SAVE THE DATE – ILLINOIS 4-H TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on **Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm**, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

*Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.



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## SPECIAL WORKSHOP - INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITIONS

**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

**New Date: March 19, 2022** Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL. Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](http://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

## 2022 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

**Sat., March 26, 2022** Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

**Sat., May 7, 2022** 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

**Sat., July 16, 2022** Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



Archery | Pistol



Rifle | Shotgun



The shooting sports program provides a supportive environment in which young people can experience hands-on, fun learning experiences.

It instills a love of outdoor sportsmanship while also teaching safe and responsible handling and use of archery equipment and air rifles.

**This activity is open to kids ages 8-18.**

**An informational meeting will be held March 19 from 2 PM - 4 PM  
at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd.**

For more information or to join contact Julian Inniss  
309-342-5108 | [jinniss@illinois.edu](mailto:jinniss@illinois.edu)



## 4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

If you see your county shaded in green and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

## COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by **March 1, 2022**. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>



**FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.**

## REGISTERING FOR EVENTS:

4-H has so many opportunities for its members to take part in. Did you know the local extension office will help cover the cost of state conferences and events? It's true! Make sure you follow the correct procedure so you don't miss out on any opportunities. The Extension office will cover half of the fee up to a total of \$300 per year per member. The local 4-H Foundation may choose to cover more of the cost.

- Contact your local program coordinator and let them know about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining balance
- Please do not pay until you have been invoiced for the total remaining cost

## CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).



### Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022: 4-H Members Only Feb. 7, 2022- until full: 4-H Members and non-members

**Camp Dates:** June 5-9, 2022 June 12-16, 2022 July 5-9, 2022 July 17-21, 2022

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

### Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director, Lead Male/Female Counselors, Lifeguards, Outdoor Education Director, Arts & Crafts Director, Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director, Recreation Director, Climbing Tower Director

### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*. Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to [carissa7@illinois.edu](mailto:carissa7@illinois.edu).

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

**Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!** Instagram: @illinois4h Facebook: @Illinois4H

## GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges

**Coming Soon!** Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Tournament details coming soon!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



# Club Reports

Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu)  
Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 200 words to ensure space for all club reports.

**Delong Livestock Report by Dylan Nimrick** The **December** meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was held on December 12th at the Orange Township building. Under old business we reminded members to keep bringing diapers for the diaper drive. We also collected baking items that members brought for the Forgotten Initiative. Paige Nimrick gave a Federation report and encouraged members to attend the next meeting. Shelby Taylor showed us the items she purchased for the girl angel tree recipient and Allie Hopkins showed us what she purchased for the boy angel tree recipient. Since it was our Christmas celebration, there were no talks or demos. After the meeting was adjourned, we had a pizza party and gift exchange. The next meeting will be held on January 9th at 6pm at the Orange Township building. The **January** meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was held on January 9th at the Orange Township building. We discussed important dates and information in the Hilite. We also reminded member to continue bringing in diapers for the diaper drive. There were no talks or demos tonight. After adjourning the meeting, we enjoyed some snacks. The next meeting will be held on February 13th at 6pm at the Orange Township building.

**Williamsfield Town & Country Report by Jaden Doubet** The Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club held a meeting on Sunday, January 9th at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church. We discussed important dates and deadlines, future meetings, our upcoming educational tour, and our community service project. Prior to the club meeting, members made Valentines Day cards for Veterans and played games. Mentor groups also discussed the 4-H pledge and what it means. After the meeting, several members presented their talks and demos. Our next meeting will be held February 6th at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

**Federation Report by Emma Seiboldt** The Loving Bottoms Diaper Drive has been extended to collect diapers and other items through February 18th at 4:00pm. All items need to be turned in to the office by this date. This is a competition between 4-H clubs, and the first place club will be awarded with a special treat. The winner will be chosen by points, and are earned by bringing in items for Loving Bottoms. The Knox County 4-H Federation Board will be volunteering at the Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank the following day, February 19th. On January 23rd, there was a Food Stand Meeting that was held at the Knox Agri Center in Galesburg. Federation will be selling items at all of the livestock shows, while the General Show will possibly have a food vendor.

## ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities.

**The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!**

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

## NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose. Four selected recipients will: earn a \$5K scholarship, serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more! Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

## 2022 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

**Application opens on January 18, Deadline to apply: March 18**

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

## Dates to Remember

Jan 24-Feb 6	4-H Memorial Camp Members Only Registration
February 1	DEADLINE: Inclusive Leadership SPIN Club Registration
February 5	Knox Steer Weigh-In
February 11	DEADLINE: Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship
February 12	Quilting Workshop
February 15	DEADLINE: IAA Foundation Scholarships
February 16	YQCA Training, Knox Agri Center
February 17	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
February 18	DEADLINE: Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank Drive
February 19	Poultry Workshop
February 19	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
February 20	Federation Meeting
February 28	DEADLINE: Fair Book Cover Contest
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> General Project Enrollment
March 12	Cookie Baking & Food Decorating Workshop
March 15	DEADLINE: Compeer Financials High School Senior Scholarship
March 19	Shooting Sports Orientation
March 22	Tractor & Lawnmower Safety Driving School
March 24	Knox 4-H Public Speaking Contest
March 31	Dog Obedience Orientation
April 1	DEADLINE: Don Teel Schol. & KCSWCD Max & Frances Sanford Memorial Schol.
April 2	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest
April 14	DEADLINE: Growmark Foundation Scholarship
April 15	DEADLINE: KCAHCE Education Scholarship
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day & Fairgrounds Cleanup
April 23 & 24	State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contest
April 30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> YQCA yearly certification and QAEC
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Horse Ownership & Lease Paperwork
May 14	DEADLINE: Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation Scholarship
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Dog Ownership & Lease Paperwork
June 6	<b>DEADLINE:</b> FairEntry Registration
June 11	Knox County 4-H Dog Show—Tentative
July 10	Knox County 4-H Horse Show—Tentative
July 16	Knox County 4-H General & Clothing Show—Tentative
July 17-19	Knox County 4-H Livestock Show—Tentative
August 12	Knox County's Day at the State Fair



## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations are a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January! **Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM** Watch for future registration details!

## Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). Articles are due no later than the **26th of the month at 11:59 PM**. Need Ideas about what to write? Just ask!

**February:** Cameron Kids **March:** Delong Livestock **April:** Happy Hustlers **May:** Henderson Aggies **June:** Knox County Power Clovers **July:** Rio Livestock **August:** Rising Clovers **September:** Rusty Spurs  
**October:** Union **November:** Victoria Cloverleaf **December:** Walnut Grove Progressors



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