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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

The fair will be here before you know it and, we could not be more excited! Now is the time to get to know a few key parts of your Showbook. Take a look at the schedule and plan on coming to a show you aren't participating in to cheer on your friends. Don't forget to review the 4-H Code of Conduct. Review the 4-H Code of Conduct and remember that you are representing 4-H to the public. I firmly believe that we have the best youth in 4-H, let's show the rest of the world that. Please review the specifications for your projects, some of the rules have changed.

If you have not before, take a few minutes to invite a friend to visit you and check out your projects at the 4-H fair. Even if this friend has never heard of 4-H, they are welcome to come look around. They may just decide they want to join next year!

Yours in 4-H,

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Digital Showbook

Mobile Friendly Fair Book

Our Fair Book draft is live! Unsure what you need to bring to the 4-H Fair for each project? Have no fear! Our website is smart device friendly! Just go to our website extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county and look under "Fairs and Show". A schedule will be added soon. Congratulations to Layla Strom of Williamsfield Town & Country for winning our Fair Book Cover Contest!

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame winners will each be recognized on their general 4-H project judging county days in the **Orr Building. Ours is Friday, August 12**.

Our Honorees—Mike & Kendra Betz!

Kendra and Michael Betz are 13-year leaders in Knox County for the Binary Bullets Robotics Team. They began volunteering with First Lego League and progressed to FIRST Tech Challenge. During their time leading the team, they have had many successes including winning the Inspire Award, Champion Award, Ambassador Award, Chairmen Award, several awards in mechanical design, making it to the state competition consistently, and making it to the All Worlds competition. Kendra's passion for 4-H began when she was a member herself. That passion combined with Michael's knowledge and skills as an Engineering Manager have inspired their members to think analytically and solve problems creatively while having fun. Kendra and Michael have truly empowered future innovators in the STEM community.





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FEDERATION BOARD APPLICATION—DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Knox County 4-H Federation Board is a long-standing tradition that provides board members with leadership opportunities as they serve the greater Knox County membership. The board plans activities, workshops, service events, and much more. 4-H member must be at least a high school freshman this school term to apply. Application deadline for the Knox County 4-H Federation Board has been extended to **June 20. Interviews will be held virtually after that** Online Federation Application — https://go.illinois.edu/KnoxFederationBoard Online Leaders

Comments -https://go.illinois.edu/FedAppLeadersComments Hard Copy Federation Application & Leaders Comments – can be found at https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county at the bottom of the page under "Resources" -> "Knox County 4-H Federation"

YOU BE THE JUDGE AT ILLINOIS 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Registration is open for the 2022 Livestock Judging Contest to be held **June 20** at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana! The Illinois 4-H Livestock judging program teaches youth to identify breeds of livestock and helps them make decisions which improve their local herds. Register here by June 17: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockJudging22



YOU'RE INVITED—MCDONOUGH COUNTY JR SHOW—JULY 5-9, 2022

The McDonough County Jr. Show is a chance for you to showcase your skills AND win prize money too! You can exhibit projects in visual arts, photography, baking, sewing, horticulture, rabbits, pigs, cattle, goats, sheep, horses and more. You can't win if you don't enter, so come on out and join us. For entry forms or more information, please call: Corey Torrence coreyt@proharvestseeds.com (309) 337-4500 Shannon Welsh angus3@mtcnow.net (309) 337-0175



PROJECT MANUALS

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Request any project manuals you may need at go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals. The sooner you order, the better! We cannot guarantee that we will have what you need on hand right before the show.

YEAR-END REPORTS DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Year-end reports include the Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, 4-H Club/Group Awards and Member Awards.

- 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement: All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement form at the end of each 4- H year (Sept. 1 Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to the Extension office by August 31. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be reenrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.
- Secretary's Book: Are club meeting minutes up-to-date, and have they been signed/approved by the club President (or whoever was presiding over the meeting when the club approved them)? The Secretary's Record Book is the permanent record of your club's activities and decisions this year, so it is more important than you may think. Your minutes are the official record of your club's financial decisions too—documentation of approval of spending money is required to back up your club's account activities. This needs to be completed BEFORE they are due and BEFORE club officers leave for college or get busy with school activities.
- 4-H Club/Group Awards: The report requires youth and adult input from volunteers and members on what the club has completed over the past year in a specific 4-H curriculum area (like Engineering & Technology, Agriculture, or Food, Nutrition & Health). Clubs can submit an application in any or each of the seven 4-H project focus areas.
- 4-H Member Awards: If you were an active member of your 4-H club, you qualify for one or more 4-H awards. A
 list of awards you may be eligible for is available on our website. Visit our website at https://web.extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/mcdonough4h/ more information.

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2022 4-H AWARDS CHEAT SHEET

For Knox County & State Level Awards

OFFICER REPORTS - DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Secretary & Treasurer

- · Submit to County Office
- Use most current forms extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources
- Required to keep club status
- · Compete for top report
- · go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics

Reporter & Historian

- Submit to County Office
- · No specified form
- · Shows past year of officer and club work
- Not Required
- Compete for top report
- go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics

MEMBER AWARDS - DUE SEPTEMBER 28



4-H Experience Award Applications

- · Submit to County Office
- All Members Ages 8-18 (as of Sep. 1)
- Application 4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards
- Tip Sheet 4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards

I Dare You Award

- · Submit to County Office
- Ages 14-18 (as of Sep. 1)
- Application go.illinois.edu/IDareYou

CLUB AWARDS - DUE SEPTEMBER 28



4-H Club Award Applications

- · Submit to County Office
- Application 4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards
- Tutorial Video go.illinois.edu/ClubTutorialVideo

Top Club Award

- Submit to County Office
- \$50 Award
- Application go.illinois.edu/TopClub

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER AWARDS



Illinois 4-H Scholarship

- Typically Due November 1
- Submit to State Office Electronically
- Ages 15-18 (as of Sep. 1)
- Signed transcript required to verify GPA
- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Application 4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/scholarships
- Tutorial Video go.illinois.edu/ScholarshipTutorial

Sustaining the Future Award

- Typically Due in January
- Electronic Submission
- Ages 17-19 (as of Sep. 1)
- 2-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference
- Application -
 - 4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards



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GET PREPARED FOR FAIR

ARE YOU FAIR READY?

Your 4-H team is busy working to plan the 2022 4-H Fair. We need you to do your part to make sure you are ready for fair. Remember that all members should have attended 4 meetings to be eligible to show at the 4-H show. You must also have given a talk or demonstration, although some clubs might have additional requirements. Think you are going to struggle to meet these requirements? Reach out to Nicole to form a plan!

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

AVIAN INFLUENZA & SHOW UPDATE

IDOA has extended the emergency rule. This prohibits the sale or exhibition of poultry and poultry products at Illinois events, including fair exhibitions, in order to prevent the spread of avian influenza. These rules will be assessed in 45-day increments and will stay in effect for up to 150 days. This would apply to 4-H shows, live animal workshops, and exhibit opportunities. We are hopeful that the rules will be lifted at the end of the next 45 days (at the beginning of July), but we also want to give you the alternate plan ahead of time so you can be prepared. **Poultry Exhibitors, please look for the email sent through 4HOnline on June 7 for the specific plan outline.**

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.

CHANGES IN FAIR PROJECTS

The following changes are coming to the General Show. There will be more details in your 2022 Fair Book. **Animal Science** ~ Animal Science will be broken into two classes based on number of years in project. Animal Science 1 will be for youth enrolled in this project 1-2 years. Animal Science 2 will be for youth enrolled in this project for 3 or more years. **Food & Nutrition** ~ Cooking 101, 201, 301 and 401 will now have additional classes. You will be able to enter in each class under the project level you enrolled in.

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 under "Fairs and Shows"



Planning to take a horse to the 2022 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show? Entry forms must be postmarked by June 15! 4-H members need to bring filled out forms to their local Extension office to be signed. So don't delay! Entry forms can be found at https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx?
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Planning to take livestock to the 2022 Illinois State Fair? Entry forms must be postmarked by July 1! 4-H members need to bring filled out forms to their local Extension office to be signed. So don't delay! Entry forms can be found at https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx?

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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.

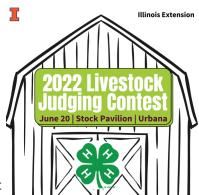
- Contact your local program coordinator and let them know about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining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

FARM CAMP

The Spurgeon Garden Farm will welcome 32 girls ages 12-14 with a desire to learn how to grow your own food and how that process can directly affect how we learn, grow, develop, decide and create our own lives.

Taking place July 11-17, 2022, campers will be housed at Knox College and bused to Spurgeon Gardens, 126 Arizona, East Galesburg, IL, this week-long, overnight camp will have hands on activities, arts & crafts, field trips and much more.

Applications for campers and for those wanting to volunteer at the camp, may be picked up at the University of Illinois Extension Office, 180 S Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL. For more information, contact Wendy Ferguson, horticulture program coordinator at wendyf@illinois.edu.





STATE 4-H FISHING TOURNAMENTS READY TO GO!

Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H

<u>May</u> – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR THE STATES 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Host a youth from Japan or South Korea 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 3 weeks, July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates).

Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program. Students are matched with a host sibling by age, gender, and interests. Families hosting, must have a child between the ages of 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Hosts without children may host an adult chaperone.

For more information or to apply, visit: http://www.states4hexchange.org. Find us on Facebook @ facebook. @ facebook. Or contact Illinois \$4

-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

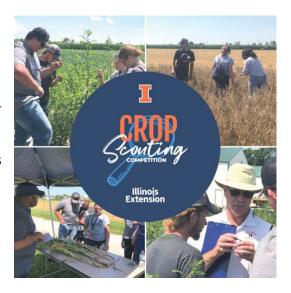


CROP SCOUTING COMPETITION, AUGUST 4, 2022

Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874. Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

- The competition is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2022. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club).
- This will be an outdoor event.
- Meals: Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided.
- Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

Questions? Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at harbach2@illinois.edu.



USE GOOD ANIMAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES THIS SUMMER

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

- 1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
- 2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- 3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
- 4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- 5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
- 6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
- 7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
- 8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
- 9. Avoid stressing the animal.
- 10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- 11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
- 12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
- 13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
- 14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
- 15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.



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

Williamsfield Town & Country Report by Jaden Doubet The Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club held a meeting on Sunday, May 1st at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church. We discussed important upcoming dates and deadlines, our potential project tour activity for the next meeting, and current plans for the Poultry show. Prior to the meeting, members participated in making and delivering May Day baskets for the community. Following the meeting, the last talk and demonstration was presented. Our next meeting will be held on June 12th at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

Federation Report by Emma Seiboldt Instead of holding a Federation Meeting, we were able to celebrate our fellow officers who graduated from high school. Throughout the month of May, some of our senior officers held graduation parties for their close friends and families. It was such a special time to celebrate all their achievements and wish them 'good luck' on their next journey!

The Knox County 4-H Fair is the next BIG upcoming event, and the one we wait for all year long! Continue to read each highlight for other upcoming events and competitions that intertest you!

Within a little over a month, the Knox County 4-H Fair will be underway. The Horse Show will take place on July 10th, with the General Show & Textiles following on July 16th. And, the Livestock Show will be held on July 17-19th. Watch out for the concession stand, as the Federation Board will be running it throughout the week! Save the date, August 12th, for Knox County's day at the Illinois State Fair.



2022 4-H STATE SHOOTS – SAVE THESE DATES (BUT KEEP PRACTICING NOW!)

<u>4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022</u> at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois

<u>4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022</u> at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois

4-H State Rifle Shoot- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois

4-H State Pistol Shoot- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS WANTED!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county! Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in <u>Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills</u> (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois) Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

CHECK OUT THE MASTERS AT THIS YEAR'S STATE FAIR

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7 p.m. **Friday, August 12**. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/21). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Knox County's Master Showmanship Contest will be held during the Livestock Shows on **Monday, July 18** at 5 p.m. The participant with the highest score will represent Knox County during the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest.

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants.

Dates to Remember

June 11 Knox County 4-H Dog Show

June 15 DEADLINE: Junior State Fair Horse Entries Due

June 20 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

July 1 DEADLINE: Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due

July 10 Knox County 4-H Horse Show

July 16 Knox County 4-H General & Clothing Show

July 17-19 Knox County 4-H Livestock Show
July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August 10 SYPA General Livestock

August 11 State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
August 12 Knox County's Day at the State Fair
August 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows

August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy

August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
August 27 Illinois State 4-H Dog Show



Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to 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!

June: Knox County Power Clovers July: Rio Livestock

August: Rising Clovers September: Rusty Spurs October: Union

November: Victoria Cloverleaf December: Walnut Grove Progressors



JUNETEENTH

4-H celebrates and honors 6.19.1865. Also known as African American Independence Day, Jubilee Day, or Freedom Day, this celebration marks a day in 1865 when enslaved Texans learned they'd be free—two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and ended the Civil War and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Stay tuned for an activity you can do to learn more about this day!

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!

We'd love for you to share photos of your volunteers in action for use in social media and the CloverSeed magazine! Please submit any photos through this JotForm: https://form.jotform.com/221324595403047



ANNOUNCING THE STATE 4-H FOOD ADVOCATE OF THE MONTH OPPORTUNITY

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to give highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live.

Nominations can be made at the following link: https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth Should your nominee be selected, they will receive a plaque recognizing their achievement as well as a feature on our Illinois 4-H social media to help boost the reach of their work. They will also receive free registration for our annual Food Action Summit event and be considered for other state and na-

tional leadership development opportunities. Thank you for helping us to recognize the many amazing young people in Illinois who are working hard every day to make food access for all a reality. Please direct any inquiries to Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist: mbbecker@illinois.edu



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