



Henderson and Warren County 4-H Clover

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4-H Families and Friends:

Happy Holidays from your 4-H Extension Team! Thank you for re-enrolling in 4-H by **December 1st**. In the newsletter there are many opportunities that you can take part in. Think about taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. There are several local, state, and national 4-H workshops or conferences that you can attend for a reduced fee due to the local 4-H Scholarships. Make sure you talk to the office before you register online. In addition, please read all the deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact us. You must be enrolled in all livestock and companion animal projects by **January 1st**! Again, Happy Holidays and enjoy your time with your families!

Please remember that the Extension Office will be closed December 24th through January 4th and will resume normal business hours January 5th. This means if you have questions about registering for your livestock project, we won't be available during that time. Please don't delay. Registration is open now!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H Can Make a Difference

Our clubs do an amazing job helping others in the community! This is a very busy time for community service and every extra helping hand counts. COVID has presented some unique challenges to our 4-H clubs but everyone is rising to the occasion. Please keep us in the loop of any projects you have planned this season so we can help get the word out. You can do so by emailing Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu.

Save the Date

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022. The State contest will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign. Our local contest will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the 4-H Center in Macomb at 10 a.m.

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. If you have any questions, please let email Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu.

Citizenship Washington focus – coming summer 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!

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 4th "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: web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Unit-Wide Policies

It is important for you to either review the Unit-Wide policies or become familiar with them. Since we are beginning the new 4-H year, we want everyone to have a copy of the unit-wide policies for 4-H. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so, it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned into the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m.

- **October 15th** – New members must turn in the Lifetime Risk Form and emergency medical form into the office or to your 4-H leader. Returning members, please turn your emergency medical form in to your leader.
- **December 1st** - Re-enrollment deadline. The step by step guide will be emailed to you once 4-H Online opens for re-enrollment. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1, 2021 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.**
- The \$20 program fee is required. We will invoice your 4-H clubs; work with them on your 4-H Club's payment arrangement.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. You have to be physically present at the 4-H meeting or logged in and attending via a Zoom option. Excused absences do not count as attending.
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets monthly** after their meeting to the Extension Office. This can be by email, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary book; you can either save it electronically or print it from your computer. We ask 4-H Leaders to review your secretary attendance sheet monthly prior to the office receiving them monthly.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online form. For the new 2021-2022 4-H year, Treasurers need to start with the ending balance of the prior 4-H year fiscal report.
- **January 1** – All Livestock Project enrollment deadline (Cat, Cattle, Chicken, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, and Sheep). This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Again, you may add this in 4-H online. We will know when you add past the January 1st date.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your project enrollment when you re-enrolled in 4-H Online. However, if you need to add a general show project you may do so before this deadline. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about!
- **May 1**- Horse project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures papers due to the office.
- **May 1 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members exhibiting cattle, sheep, swine, and goats. For cats, dogs, rabbits, poultry and horses, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **4 Weeks Before Fair** -Entries are **due online** by 11:59 p.m in FairEntry at fairentry.com. Please keep in mind that staff cannot help you after hours that day. It is suggested that you have the entries completed online prior to office closing at 4:00 p.m. that day. *Just because you enroll in a project doesn't mean you are automatically entered in the fair. Late entries will not be accepted. **Please make sure you complete your online entries. This is where you tell us what projects you plan to bring to the fair.** Watch the newsletter and the 4-H Facebook page for dates where you can stop in and get help with entries.*

Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Workshops

Sewing Workshop

Join us to learn the basics of sewing, "One Stitch at a Time." This free workshop is open to beginner sewers, ages 8-18. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Beginning sewing skills will be taught so you can create your own masterpiece for the 4-H fair! Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m.** at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 N Main, Monmouth, IL.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/sewing

Gift Wrapping Workshop

Join us for a fun afternoon of learning how to wrap like a pro and even make a bow! This free workshop will be held **December 20 from 4– 5 p.m.** at the 4-H Center in Macomb, 3022 W. Jackson. Topics covered include; how to wrap a boxed gift, how to problem solve when it's an odd-shaped gift, when to use a gift bag, how to make a bow, and how to add a special twist to your gift wrap. Your friends and family will be amazed at your wrapping skills this season. Youth will need to bring 1 item to wrap. Wrapping supplies will be included at the workshop.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/GiftWrap

DIY Code & Build

Have you ever wanted to know just what makes your video game controller work? Wished you could design a way to make your drawings speak to you? Explore the technology behind these ideas at the DIY Code and Build Workshop. Using Scratch and Makey Makey technology, members will be able to experience the magic of computer science at the tips of their fingers. The workshop will be held on **December 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Warren–Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 N Main, Monmouth. Free of charge and lunch will be provided.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/DIYCodeAndBuild

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



Registration for Events with a Gift:

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.
- Let your program coordinator reach out to the 4-H Foundation.
- 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.

Project Highlight: Clothing & Fashion

Calling all future fashion designers! Have you ever thought about designing and making your own clothing? Learn the basics of sewing construction and how to make simple clothing and accessories. In this project you will develop skills in design and fashion illustration, business and marketing, technology in sewing, and learn about careers in the textile industry.

Ready to explore? Head to <https://go.illinois.edu/clothing4-H>



What is Federation?

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 Henderson and Warren Counties. 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. Any 4-H member in Henderson and Warren Counties in 6th grade or older interested in becoming a part of Federation, should email Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu or call the office.

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

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 is 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!

Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competition Shooting

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 will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt [Sinclair](mailto:Sinclair@illinois.edu) at Sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

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

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

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois



Inclusive Leadership SPIN 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. We hope that you will join us for this new club! This is a great way to add to the leadership section of your awards applications.

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP



FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO WANT TO BECOME BETTER, MORE AWARE, & INCLUSIVE LEADERS

NEW SPIN CLUB COMING THIS WINTER IN KNOX COUNTY
INTERESTED? LET US KNOW BY FILLING OUT THIS SURVEY!
go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub

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Ordering your 4-H Project Manuals

Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals.

YQCA

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must complete their annual YQCA training either on-line at yqca.org (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. An email from Jill will follow with details for registering. In-person trainings are being scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held at:

McDonough- Saturday, February 19 , Noon | 4-H Center, Macomb

Warren- February 21, 3:30 p.m. | Warren Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, Monmouth

Henderson- TBD

QAEC

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

Steer Weigh-In

If you are showing steer at the County 4-H Show or going to the State Fair, please plan to weigh-in at one of the following weigh in locations. An email from Jill will follow with details for registering. At that time, please call the Extension office to specify where you plan to weigh-in, how many you plan to weigh-in, and with 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.

Henderson County | TBD

Abingdon Fall Festival Grounds | February 12

Warren County | TBD

Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in December!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

McKelvey Bugner	Backcountry Braves
Ethan Bullen	Warren County STEM
Emilee Denison	Backcountry Braves
Ethan Elswick	Cameron Kids
Christian Keenan	Willing Workers
Leo Mahoney	Happy Hustlers
Laney McLaughlin	Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Owen Oaks	Cameron Kids
Carly Perry	Willing Workers
Brooklyn Pieper	Willing Workers
Blake Ricketts	Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Kirsten Roberts	Terre Haute Superstars
Sophie Russell	Willing Workers

We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."

Dates to Remember

*** All dates and times are tentative and subject to change. ***

December 1	DEADLINE: Re-enrollment on 4-H Online
December 11	Sewing Workshop
December 20	Gift Wrapping Workshop
December 21	DIY Code & Build Workshop
December 24– January 4	Office closed for Holiday
January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment
February 19	Poultry Workshop
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
May 1	YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due

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