

Illinois 4-H State Events- September 2022

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Illinois 4-H is excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year on September 15th-October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America.

Head here: go.illinois.edu/4HHispanicHeritageMonth for ideas of how you can celebrate this month.

New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration will open in this new system in early October. Look for emails from your local 4-H staff at that time with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.

National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!). Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>

Junior Leadership Conference is October 15-16

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

Conference location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 US 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522; Hotel phone: 217-422-8800

Open to any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$185 (t-shirt, meals, conference supplies and activities)

Registration deadline: September 16, 2022

How to register: Participants may visit the event website, <https://go.illinois.edu/4hjlc> to register or for more information.

Scholarships: Scholarship funds are available for 4-H member attendees who need financial assistance in order to attend. To apply, fill out the following scholarship application: <https://form.jotform.com/222158552384054> by **October 1, 2022**. If accepted for a scholarship, 4-H members will receive a reimbursement following attendance at the event. We appreciate the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing these scholarships. We will not be doing the county scholarship codes this year. However, local funds can be used or direct youth to the scholarship application on our website.

Conference Check In: 10:00 – 10:30 AM

Conference Program begins: 11:00 AM

Pick Up: 11:30 AM

Shooting Sports

2022 4-H State Shoot News:

New for 2022....4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior (the old rule was age 13 by Sept. 1st).

Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached. Fee includes T-shirt.

Details on rules of each shoot can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>

4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL

\$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HArcheryShoot

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL

\$40 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HShotgunShoot

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

\$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HRifleShoot

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

.\$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HPistolShoot

State Events

September

- September 9-11 Fall 4-H Family Camp,
- September 17 4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin Archers Pekin
- September 24 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

October

- October 8 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington
- October 9 4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois
- October 15-16 Junior Leadership Conference

November

- November 25-29 National 4-H Congress

January 2023

- January 13-15 Youth Livestock Conference

April 2023

- April 1 State Awards Banquet
- April 8 State Robotics Competition
- April 22 State Public Speaking Competition