



Deadlines:

Jan. 4 - State Award Apps

March 1 - Enrollments and Project Enrollments

Events:

Jan. 26-27 - State Livestock Conference

Jan. 26 - Geneseo FFA Judging Contest

Jan. 28 - Henry Archery

Feb. 2 - Beef Weigh-in

Feb. 16 - IL Pork Youth Day

Feb. 23 - 4-H Academy

Feb. 23-24 - Junior Leadership Conference

April 27 - National 4-H Day of Service



Clubs in the Community

Members of the Stark County Century Clovers, pictured above, toured Black Hawk East's Vet Tech building and learned about all the equipment used in surgeries.

The Atkinson Boosters held a canned food drive for the local food bank. Their officer team is pictured on the right with their donation.



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Enrollment Updates

1. Visual Arts is no longer a project. We have deleted several visual arts projects from enrollments. Check to ensure you are enrolled in specific visual arts disciplines.
2. If your credit card was declined, you have to pay by check. Checks are payable to U of I Extension and can be sent to Extension office or given to club.
3. Manuals are only ordered if you selected them from the drop-down menu under each project in 4-H Online. If you did not do this and need manuals, call the office.
4. New enrollments must be in by **March 1** in order to exhibit at the fair.

Beef Weigh-in

When: Saturday, February 2

Time:

Stark/Peoria : 8 - 11 a.m. at the Wyoming Sale Barn. Be on the grounds no later than 10:30.

Henry: 12-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Cambridge. Arrive by 3:30. *The Noon start date is approximate.*

Who: Anyone planning to exhibit a steer at the county and/or State Fair must have them weighed and tattooed on this date. State Fair steers will receive an 840 tag.

Club News and Notes



Miscellaneous Fair Notes

1. The Henry/Stark General Projects day at the State Fair will be **Sunday, August 11, 2019**.
2. The State Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. County (or Unit depending on entries) contests will be held in *early* Spring.



2nd Annual 4-H Academy

Saturday, February 23

9a.m. - 3p.m.

WIU QC Campus

Sign-up for sessions ranging from

Coding to Scrapbooking. Go in the Putnam's Discovery Dome or try out John Deere's virtual reality welding machine. Registration will open in mid-January at web.extension.illinois.edu



Shooting Sports

Henry County Archery will begin again on January 28 and continue every Monday through mid-March. There will be three sessions each Monday. Register online after January 3 at web.extension.illinois.edu or with Stephanie Reed.

State Awards



If you plan to apply for any of the State Awards, *completed* applications must be turned into the Extension office BY **Friday, January 4**.

State award options include:

State 4-H Award - 15-18 as of 9/1/18

Key Award - 16-18 as of 9/1/18

LCP Award - Ages 17-19 as of 12/1/18.

Diamond/Emerald Experience Award - Highest levels of the Experience Award. At county-level we awarded bronze, silver & gold levels.

Find these applications and eligibility details here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

National 4-H Congress



Lindy Couch, of Henry County, attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA in November. She was able to attend the Congress because she was an IL State 4-H Award winner. Congratulations, Lindy!

True Leaders in Service

The 2019 Nation 4-H Day of Service is **April 27**. You can participate for the entire month of April, though. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice for helpful resources. 4-H members do service better than anyone else! Be thinking about how you can make a positive difference now!



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



SHEEP JUDGING

Members from Henry, Rock Island and Stark Counties came together to learn about sheep judging on Sunday, December 9. A big thanks to Brad Ellerbrock for leading the clinic!



Illinois Pork Producers.
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Youth Day

Attend the first ever IL Pork Producers Youth Day. This event is geared toward 4-H & FFA youth ages 8-18 who have an interest in the pork industry.

The event is being held on **Saturday, February 16** at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Livestock Center in Springfield.

It is free to attend, but you must register at ilpork.com.

The day begins with check-in at 9 a.m. and includes guest speakers, a skillathon and more. There will also be an optional opportunity to take YQCA training at 4pm.

Lunch is provided.

For a full schedule of events check ilpork.com



State Fair Dates

4-H Dog Show: August 24, 2019 (Dixon)

Horse Show: July 22 - 28, 2019

Note to dog obedience participants: AKC changed some of their classes. Look for a mailing in January with updated information.

State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest: Scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at David Kinley Hall on U of I's campus beginning at 10 am. All 4-H members can participate. Just register with the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology dates coming soon.



YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a training that took the ideas of Pork Quality Assurance and turned them into a training for all species. This YQCA training is scheduled to replace QAEC (Quality Assurance & Ethics) as the required ethics course for youth showing livestock in Illinois. More information to come, but if you want to get a head-start on the training it can be found here: yqca.org.

Geneseo Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Time: 8:00 to 9:45 - Registration
10:00 - Contest

Where: Black Hawk East Ag Pavilion

Junior Division - 8th Grade and Under

Senior Division - 9-12 Grades

4 members per team

Cost - \$25 on or before January 20; \$30 at the door
\$10 per individual

Contest - 3 Beef, 3 Swine, 2 Sheep, 1 Goat and 1 EPD class with 1 question class from 3 species.

Contact - Brian Stahl @ (309) 945-0347,

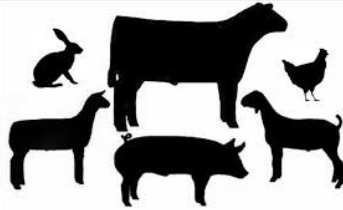


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Scholarships

4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area



of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

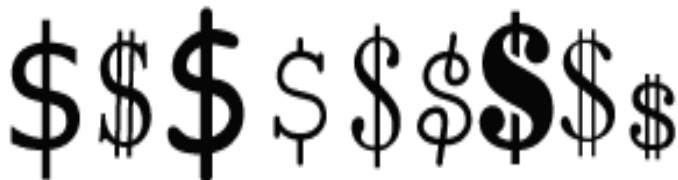


Joyce Betz Scholarships

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

The \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.



PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Lois Britt memorial pork industry scholarship is sponsored by the CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation. There are ten \$2,500 scholarships available to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by January 4, 2019 at nppc.org/programs/scholarships.

Legacy of Leadership

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.



The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members,

spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.



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Around the State



Camp Lead

February 23 & 24 - Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. The cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Workshops include:

- **Survival Wearables** - Work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world.
- **Wilderness Challenge** - Experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging mental & physical obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H** - Discover all the opportunities 4-H has to offer.
- **Crafty Rafty** - Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine.
- **Science Explorers** - Create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with man-made rockets.



Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4
- Sunday, July 28-Thursday August 1

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!

Explorer → ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF



All #TrueLeaders need good role models who can lead through example. Mentoring is just one way adults can help empower youth to make a difference in their club, community, country and world!
#NationalMentoringMonth
#InspireKidstoDo



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What's New in 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something NEW and DIFFERENT and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.



Governor's Service Awards

Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.



Citizenship Washington Focus: for 4-H Alums

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group's entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group's coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council's educational curricula to groups of youth. Apply online by January 15 @ 4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student's family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ go.illinois.edu/college4me.

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We wish you all a great holiday break and a very happy new year!

We will see you in 2019.

Jennifer & Teresa



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