Newsletter Shorts for April, May, June, July 2019

(From State 4-H Office)

Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. Register @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp or contact Curt Sinclair at (217) 762-2741. You can email Curt at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Another opportunity to see the world

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. An experience with IFYE can bring you this and more. The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.

The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ <u>ifyeusa.org</u>. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

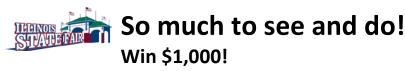
IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of "Peace through Understanding" continues to touch the lives of people around the world.

See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term



The Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program 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. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

Entry deadlines approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms MUST be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

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 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois

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State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.



Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of *True Leaders in Service*!
4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. The link to register your event is now OPEN. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.

The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference. Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.

- 1. Register your event beforehand at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice through the National 4-H Council website.
- 2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.
- 3. **Promote your event on social media** using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!
- 4. **Complete your event** then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.
- 5. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did.

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! **FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than **ANY OTHER STATE in 2018**! Let's see if we can go even bigger in 2019! *If you have questions, please contact Pat McGlaughlin,* patm@illinois.edu.



Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

- 1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
- 2. Tell us a little about your project.
- 3. Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

Pick your winners at State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27 at Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate. Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

National horse teams to be selected

It all comes down to two big days at the University of Illinois for the top 4-H members. Cheer on your favorite equine competitors

- 4-H Hippology Contest is **Saturday, April 13** beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall
- 4-H Horse Bowl Contest is **Sunday, April 14** beginning about 8 a.m. at the Education Building
- 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is Saturday, April 13 beginning about 10 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall

Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day. The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

MATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Kankakee County, there are over 100 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. 4-H leaders, superintendents, assistants, judges, and committee members support 4-H youth. Thank you for your dedication to the 4-H program.

Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29. The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided. Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. If you have questions, email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu. Use the following link to register as a chaperone https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=20007.

Legislative Connection Dates

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12. **The next training is Saturday, April 27** at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h.

Two ways to give to 4-H



Paper Clover Campaign returns in March: It's never been easier to support 4-H. March 27 – April 7, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised \$1 million!





Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for

\$4 off your next visit to the store.



Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.

Come watch robots take over the world; Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.

Important Dates for 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

ARRIVAL TIMES

- **BEEF**: Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/6
- **BEEF**: Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/6
- BEEF: Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/6
- DAIRY: must be in place by 5 PM on 8/13
- GOATS: Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/7
- GOATS: Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/11
- GOATS: Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/16
- SHEEP: Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/8
- SHEEP: Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/10
- SWINE: Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/7
- SWINE: Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/8
- **POULTRY**: must be in place by 9 AM on 8/7
- RABBITS: must be in place by 8:30 AM on 8/12

SHOW TIMES

- SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST HORSE: 6 PM on 7/24
- SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE: 6 PM on 8/7
- SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY: 8:30 AM on 8/17
- MASTER SHOWMANSHIP: 7:30 PM on 8/9
- BEEF: Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/7
- BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/8
- **BEEF**: Heifers: AOB, Charolais, %Simmental, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Maintainer, Shorthorn Plus: on 8/8 (time TBA)
- BEEF: Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental: on 8/9 (other breed times TBA)
- **BEEF**: Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/10
- DAIRY: Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/14
- DAIRY: Holstein: 1 PM on 8/14
- DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/15
- DAIRY: Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/15

DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/16

DAIRY: Jersey: 1 PM on 8/16

DAIRY: Overall Showmanship: 1:30 PM on 8/17
 GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/9

GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/9
 GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/9

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RELEASE TIMES

• Beef Cattle are released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/10

Dairy Cattle are released after 4 PM on 8/17

• Meat Goats are released after the meat goat show on 8/9

Dairy Goats are released after the dairy goat show on 8/11

Pygmy Goats are released after the pygmy goat show on 8/17

Market Sheep are released after the market show on 8/10

Breeding Sheep are released after the breeding show on 8/12

Swine are released after the barrow show on 8/10

Poultry are released after the poultry show on 8/7

Rabbits are released after the rabbit show on 8/12

Upcoming 4-H events:

| Now thru April 30 | National Clovers for Kids Campaign at JOANN Stores continues |
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| Now thru April 7 | National Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Stores continues |
| April 1 | DEADLINE : Inbound Host Family Applications Due |

April 1 – May 15 National 4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign

April 6 Central Region Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land, Springfield

April 6 Northwest Region Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest, Knoxville High School, Knoxville

April 7 – 13 National Volunteer Week

April 13 State 4-H Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 13 State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 14 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 27 National True Leaders in Service Day
April 27 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Galva
April 27 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Lincoln
May 4-5 4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello

May 8-9 Legislative Connection, Springfield, invitation only
May 11 State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington

June 1 Ownership Deadline for Horses

June 1 **DEADLINE**: Entries for Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

June 1 Ownership Deadline for Dogs

June 8 Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur

June 8 – 15 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC

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Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon

August 24