

Newsletter Shorts for July, August, September, October 2019

(From State 4-H Office)

You decide the theme!

We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to illinois4H@illinois.edu by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of “inspire” so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.



Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
 - Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
 - In my 4-H project, I've learned
 - 4-H has taught me to care about my community.
 - 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by
 - I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
 - Here's how 4-H has prepared me for my future career.
- Every video should end with “Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!”
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted through August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

Repeated information from last issue

New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- Their knowledge about the project
- Their conference presentation of the project
- The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair. For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received. Outstanding awards will also be awarded to any exhibit that achieves 80% or higher.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

Which dairy cow do you place first?

Line 'em up and rank them at the 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, and the contest begins at 10. All contestants must be current 4-H members, but you do not need to be enrolled in a dairy project. There will be six classes of cows and heifers of various breeds. Youth 13 and younger (as of 1/1/19) will be in the junior division. Youth 14 and older will be in the senior division. All participants will be invited to present oral reasons,

but it is not mandatory. Juniors may read or recite from memory. Those seniors wishing to be considered for the state team must give two sets of oral reasons. State team members must be at least 14 but not older than 18 as of Jan. 1, 2019. The national contest will be Sept. 30 in Madison, Wisconsin. The national team is supported with funds from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

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.

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.

Save the date for fall shooting sports contests

Test your skill at the State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Read the age restrictions carefully. You may participate in one, two, three, or all four contests as long as you've received instruction from a certified 4-H instructor in THAT discipline. The top performers this fall may be eligible to compete in the 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Registrations for all State Shoots begins July 15

Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

- Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.
- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.
- To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

Shoot dates:

- Shotgun will be held September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill
- Archery will be held September 21 at the Pekin Archers in Pekin.
- Rifle & Pistol will be held September Oct. 12 -13 at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS), Bloomington



Shooting Sports volunteer training on target for July 20-21

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. Volunteers should apply at their local Extension office who can share ways you can get involved. Volunteers must also complete a weekend training July 20-21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$95. Some counties cover the cost of this program. The deadline is early July, but counties must complete screenings prior to registering volunteers, so don't delay.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline to attend per session. These include archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.

NEW IN 2019-20

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show.

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

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 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.

State Calendar

July 1	DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
July 7 – 12	Camp Corral at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 10 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
July 15 – Aug. 13	Outbound travel to South Korea
July 20 – 21	4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
July 22 – 28	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield
July 24	Superior Young Producer Horse Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
August 1	DEADLINE: Video submissions due

August 7	POULTRY: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 7	Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Springfield
August 7	BEEF Showmanship, 1 PM, Springfield
August 7	Superior Young Producer Beef/Sheep/Swine Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF Performance Cow/Calf Show: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF: Heifer Show: AOB, Charolais, %Simmental, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Maintainer, Shorthorn Plus, Springfield
August 8	SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM, Springfield
August 9	BEEF: Heifer Show: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, and Simmental, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show, Springfield
August 9	SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 9	Master Showmanship at the State Fair, 7:30 PM, Springfield
August 9 – 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
August 9	State Fair Exhibit Day for Clark, Clay, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Massac, McLean, Menard, Ogle, Pulaski-Alexander, Sangamon, Union, and Woodford counties.
August 10	SWINE: Barrows: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 10	SHEEP: Market Lambs: 8 AM, Springfield
August 10	State Fair Exhibit Day for Bond, Clinton, Edwards, Gallatin, Grundy, Hamilton, Henderson, Jefferson, Kankakee, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, McDonough, McHenry, Monroe, Pope-Hardin, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Winnebago, Will, and Winnebago counties.
August 11	GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM, Springfield
August 11	State Fair Exhibit Day for Bureau, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Fulton, Henry, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Macon, Marshall-Putnam, Mason, Mercer, Moultrie-Douglas, Peoria, Piatt, Rock Island, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, and Tazewell counties.
August 12	SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM, Springfield
August 12	RABBITS: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 12	State Fair Exhibit day for Adams, Boone, Brown-Schuyler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Cook, Ford, Franklin, Greene, Hancock, Iroquois, Jackson, Jersey, Lee, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Scott, Vermilion, Whiteside, and Williamson counties.
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show, 9 AM; Holstein, 1 PM, Springfield
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August 15	DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM; Ayrshire: 1 PM, Springfield
August 16	DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM; Jersey: 1 PM, Springfield
August 17	DAIRY: Overall Showmanship: 1:30 PM, Springfield
August 17	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 17	GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 17	State Dairy Judging Contest, Springfield
August 24	Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon
September 13 – 15	Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp
September 14	State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
September 21	State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
October 12-13	State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington