

Newsletter Shorts for June, July, August, September 2019

(From State 4-H Office)



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.

4-H STORYTELLERS

Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms.

Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

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.

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.



Join Collegiate 4-H at U of I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittany Muschetto at

uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.



End of year award time is approaching

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @

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

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

Celebrating volunteers at the fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

Cream of the Crop photo entries due

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at

https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest.

Great Neighbor contest due June 16

Submit a photo with a 200-word description and enter in the Great Neighbor Contest sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. The photo should show how you're making a difference in your community. Winners will be invited to special activities at the TSC's Mobile Fair Tour at the Illinois State Fair.

Winners get a plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack. Deadline is June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.



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.



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.



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.



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.



Online ethics certification required for 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.



Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

Poultry test waived

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has announced that the antigen required to do the poultry pullorum test is currently unavailable and will not be required at the state fair.

Repeated information from last issue



Illinois State 4-H
Youth Leadership Team

YLT 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.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Be aware:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
- Applications are due June 1.

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu



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.

Could you use \$1,000 for college?

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. Send registrations to Debra Hagstrom, U of I Extension Horse Specialist, 386 Animal Science Lab, 1207 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana
- Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7. Send registrations to Dan Jennings, U of I Extension Animal Science Educator, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563
- Dairy: August 17. Send registration to Dave Fischer, retired U of I Extension Dairy Specialist, 901 Oak Hill St., Trenton, IL 62293.

The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

State Fair junior livestock entry July 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 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.

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
June 12 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
June 17	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
June 20 – July 19	Outbound travel to Costa Rica
June 23 – 29	Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
June 26 – July 27	Outbound travel to Finland
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	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 11	GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 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 12	SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM, Springfield
August 12	RABBITS: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show, 9 AM; Holstein, 1 PM, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show: 9 AM; Holstein: 1 PM, Springfield
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