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4-H Happenings

April	Volunteer Appreciation Month
April 1	4-H Grant Applications Available
April 6	Federation Meeting
April 16	Pick up 4-H in a Bag
April 17	Popsicle Paddle Boat Workshop
April 19	Adventure Club Meeting
April 26	Clever Clovers Meeting
April 27	Crafts and Critters Meeting

Lawrence County Farm Bureau Young Leader 4-H Grants

Needing some help purchasing your supplies needed for your 4-H project this year? How about applying for the Lawrence County Farm Bureau Young Leader 4-H Grant! The Young Leaders will be giving out grants to lucky 4-H members in Lawrence County. This project has been done in past years and they are brining it back. Eligible to apply are any current 4-H member who fills out the application and has their leader fill out the leader page. Applications are available online, in our office starting April 1, 2021 and they are due back to the Lawrence County Farm Bureau Office on April 19, 2021. Don't miss out on this opportunity apply today!



Federation News

Tuesday, April 6

2:00 p.m. Extension Office

Federation will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Extension office. We will be brainstorming project workshops, the 4-H 101 series and federation activities. If you are in the 8th grade or older and would like to join Federation now is the time. Contact Samantha for more information. Hope to see you all there.



April 4-H in a Bag: DIY Birdfeeder

Let's make a birdfeeder together! April's 4-H in a bag is a DIY Birdfeeder. From March 22 to April 2 we will be taking registrations. Remember that we will have supplies for you to pick up on Friday, April 16 then tune into the Unit Facebook page on Wednesday, April 19th to assemble the birdfeeder. This will count as a meeting so don't miss out on the fun and register today!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22978>

Club Meeting

Many clubs may start meeting in person soon. Please watch our Facebook page and emails for when your club will be meeting.

We ask that you wear a mask and social distance while at meetings. If you or your family do not feel comfortable attending in-person meetings, we will still have some clubs meeting virtually. Contact Samantha for information on how to attend those.

Crafts and Critters—April 27 6:00 p.m. at Bridgeport First United Methodist Church

Adventure Club— April 19 6:00 p.m.

Clever Clovers— April 26 6:30 p.m.

Meeting



Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- April - 15 Purebred Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May - 1 Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams
All Horses
- June - 1 All Poultry and Rabbits

All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates

Off Premise Form

Off Premise Form are required for any youth who doesn't house their animals at their house. Forms are located online at our website. Please fill these forms out, as well as, have the owner of the location where your animals are being housed complete the form. These forms will be due to my office by May 1, 2021. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.



Popsicle Paddle Boat

Saturday, April 17

1 p.m. at Lawrence
County Fairgrounds

Building things doesn't only make the mind stronger, it makes you more creative. Join Lawrence County Federation members on Saturday, April 17 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds for some fun in building and racing popsicle paddle boats. This workshop is limited to the first 15 who sign up so register today!

During all 4-H events participants and spectators must wear a face covering while in the defined 4-H space. If you have questions please contact Samantha at 618-943-5018.

Leader's Meeting

Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

Calling all 4-H Leaders! We will have an in-person meeting at the Extension office on Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. We will be going over fair information and hopefully be passing out fair hand-books. If you cannot make it that night, please send a parent represent your club. There will be a zoom link option if you feel more comfortable attending virtually. Please contact Samantha for the link.

Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2021 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website yqca.org The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and for the online Version it will be \$12.

Lawrence County Face-to-Face training will be held on Monday, May 3, Thursday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 18 all starting at 6 p.m. The training will last an hour, and will be held at the main building at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. There will be a limit of 25 people that may attend this training and you must wear a face covering and social distance while attending. You must register on the YQCA website at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> and pay your \$3 online. You must complete this course by June 1, 2021 to be able to exhibit your animal at the fair. If you choose to take the course online you will need to provide the office with your certificate number on completion.

You may attend other counties:

Wabash– Tuesday, April 27, 6 p.m., Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. All held at Annex Building on Fairgrounds.

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



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States 4-H International Exchange

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!



Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

This year Lawrence County 4-H is asking that your club or family find a cemetery in Lawrence County and help clean it up. Pick up trash or faded flowers. Please take pictures and send them to Samantha. We want to send pictures to participate in the state wide Illinois 4-H Making a Difference.

Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!



With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

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4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity

Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

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4-H Volunteer Café Conversation

Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We couldn't make it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Take time and thank them for all they do for our 4-H program.

Thank You!

