



Lawrence County 4-H Clover Chatter

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4-H Happenings

September 1	New 4-H Year Starts
September 15	4-H Online 2.0 Opens
September 18	4-H Online Training
September 24	Federation Meeting
September 25	Fair Awards
September 30	Leaders Meeting
	Experience Awards Due
October 4-10	National 4-H Week

Happy
New Year



Federation News

Thursday, September 24

6 p.m. Via Zoom

Federation will hold their next meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 6 p.m. via zoom. We will be brainstorming project workshops, federation activities and going over officer training. If you are in the 8th grade or older and would like to join Federation now is the time. Contact Samantha for more information. Zoom link will be sent by email to all youth eligible to be in Federation. Hope to see many new faces.



Leader's Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

6 p.m. Via Zoom

Leaders it is time to kick off the new 4-H year! We have some exciting new programs and projects to talk about. We will be going over the new meeting protocols and arranging times for you to pick up new year kits. We do ask that all 4-H meetings this year start after October 1, 2020 so that all the leaders may pick up their new year kits. The meeting will be via Zoom and Samantha will send you the invite. If you have questions please contact Samantha at sgaither@illinois.edu.

4-H Online 2.0

4-H Online will be rolling over to a newer version called 4-H Online 2.0. We ask that no family register in the new version until after Tuesday, September 15. This will allow us to work out the bugs. Samantha will be holding a zoom call on Friday, September 18 at 6 p.m. to go over the new version. Please watch your emails for the link to the call.



Extension Office

Temporarily Closed

The Lawrence County Extension office is temporarily closed. If you need assistance we ask that you email us or message us via our Facebook Page (4-H Lawrence County Illinois).

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Drive Through Fair Awards!

Friday, September 25 6 –7 p.m. @ The Extension Office

Hop in your car and stop by the Extension office on Friday, September from 6-7 p.m. and get your ribbons, plaques, and celebrate all that you accomplished in our first ever virtual fair. We ask that you use the road past the veterinarian office and follow it around to our office driveway. If you can't make it that night please let Samantha know.

Tips for the New 4-H Year

- New year starts September 1, 2020. (4-H members must be 8 as of September 1, 2020 and have not reached their 19 birthday as of September 1, 2020. Cloverbud members must be 5 as of September 1, 2020 and have not reached their 8 birthday as of September 1, 2020.
- 4-H Online register after September 15, 2020. (This is a new version and there will be a zoom meeting on September 18.)
- **New this year** there will be a Program Fee of \$20 for all youth enrolling in 4-H. (If you need assistance please contact Samantha)

If you have any questions please reach out to Samantha Gaither.



National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020
Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10!

- * Post 4-H window signs in your windows (ask Samantha) “Proud 4-H Member Lives Here” or “Proud 4-H Volunteer Lives Here”
- * Change your Facebook cover for National 4-H Week (watch our Facebook page for the link)
- * Take a picture of you holding a sign that says “To me opportunity means ____” while wearing a 4-H shirt. Send this to Samantha and watch our Facebook page. If your photo appears you will win a prize!
- * 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. We encourage you to show your 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media.

We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks, please watch our Facebook page (4-H Lawrence County Illinois).

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 Scholarship 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>. Applications are due to Samantha on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Applications may be emailed.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

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!

CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD



Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I



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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 Brittney Muschetto at uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.

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JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

Club Meeting Agenda— this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

Club Committee Planning Worksheet – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

Club Yearly Program Plan – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

More – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the [4-H Volunteer Café Conversations](#). We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

Session #3 - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Session #4 - Thursday, May 20, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link will be provided soon.



4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Code of Conduct – Thursday, October 15, 2020

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 7, 2020

Parliamentary Procedure – Date Pending

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.



Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1st

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!