

# 4-H FAMILY

## MADISON COUNTY

DECEMBER 2023 **NEWS**



Hello 4-H Families,

It's already December! I am not sure where November went, but hopefully, you were able to spend time with family and friends. The 4-H staff for Unit 22 are very thankful to have you as a part of our Madison County 4-H family. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes going into the new year.

Just a reminder, please ENROLL in 4-H on [zsuites.org](https://zsuites.org) for the 2023-24 year if you have not done so already! The deadline to enroll is January 1, 2024. Also, please add all the projects you plan to show or are interested in for this year in ZSuites.

Big thanks to those who have already enrolled! Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-244-4385 with any questions!

Thank you,  
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program  
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# 4-H Enrollment Info

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is open! We will again be using the Z-Suite platform to collect enrollment information. New members, please use the instructions below to create a household account for your family and enroll youth members. Returning members, please use the same login information as last year. Adults who volunteer as club leaders or assist at meetings and club events should also enroll. If you have any questions, please email or call Meghan at 618-344-4230 or mawolff@illinois.edu

There is a \$20 fee for all youth enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program. Enrollment fees will be Sponsored by **Madison County Farm Bureau** - 900 Hillsboro Ave. Edwardsville, IL, and **Southwestern Electric Cooperative** - 525 US Route 40 Greenville, IL 62246 (Attn: Susan File, VP of Member Services). 4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to both sponsors for their generosity.

## Instructions to enroll:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

## Z-Suites

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>



Please make sure to get your families enrolled in ZSuites. **The deadline is January 1st, 2023. If they are not enrolled by January 1st, the youth will not be able to show any projects for the 2024 fair season.**

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# Club Spot Light

The Pin Oak 4-Hers put flags out at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville honoring the Veterans buried there. It was truly an honor and something we want to continue for a long time.





## *4-H Holiday Photography Contest*

Submit your digital holiday photograph by Dec. 15  
to [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

### Rules:

- Take a picture with a holiday theme.
- Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.
- 2 age Groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 8-18
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!
- Questions should be directed to Meghan at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)



Winners announced and pictures displayed on county 4-H Facebook page.





# Madison County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

Entries are due **Dec. 18, 2023** to the Extension office.

## Entry Requirements:

- "Madison County 4-H " must be shown somewhere in your design.
- Use any 4-H fair or project theme or a 4-H saying/quote
- Must be a 4-H member. This includes Cloverbuds.
- Your artwork can be done in Canva, Publisher, or Word
- If you like another county's design, take a photo and send to Meghan
- The shirt can have artwork on the front and back but you can just submit artwork for just the front.
- Two colors only for the artwork
- No entries with trademark characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover are accepted. If you need to correct clover, please email Meghan and she will send it to you.
- **When you submit, please include your name and club on the email or on paper. You can email the design to Meghan Cope at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu) or drop it off at the Collinsville Office.**
- Design must be vertical.
- One entry per person



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# Madison County 4-H Showbook Cover Design Contest



Entries are due **Feb. 2, 2024** to the Extension office.

## Design the 2024 Showbook Cover!

### Entry Requirements:

- "Madison County 4-H Showbook" and the year "2024" must be shown somewhere in your design.
- Use any 4-H fair or project theme.
- Must be a 4-H member. This includes Cloverbuds.
- Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
- Your entry must be on white unlined paper.
- No entries with trademark characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover are accepted.
- Put your name and club on the back of your design in pencil.
- Design must be vertical.
- One entry per person



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 2023

- December 15 - Holiday Photography Contest Due
- December 18 - Design of the T-shirts Due
- December 22-Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED for the Holidays

### January 2024

- January 15 OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 22: 4-H Camp Registration opens for 4-H club members

### February 2024

- February. 2 - Showbook Design Contest Due
- February 19 - Speaking For Illinois 4-H Training
- February 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles

### March 2024

- March 16 4-H Leader Training

### May 2024

- May 18 - Madison 4-H Horse Show



### 4-H PROGRAM WEATHER POLICY:

When Madison County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified. If the weather gets bad in the evening before the event, please watch your email and Facebook for cancellations.



ENJOY A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO 4-H DURING 2023!  
WE WISH YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2024!

*Madison County Extension Staff*



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