

MAY 2023

# 4-H FAMILY NEWS



## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

### 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

#### 4-H Show-A-Rama

Thursday, August 3, 2023

5:00 p.m. Project Registration

6:00 p.m. Judging Begins



#### St. Clair 4-H Livestock Shows

August 4-6, 2023

#### St. Clair Livestock Auction

August 5, 2023

#### St. Clair Super Showmanship Contest

August 6, 2023

#### St. Clair County Day at the Illinois State Fair

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Illinois State Fairgrounds,

Springfield, IL 62706

St. Clair 4-H Shows will take place at the Ag Building in Scheve Park  
900 Park Drive  
Mascoutah, IL 62258

### 2022 4-H PREMIUM CHECKS

If you exhibited a 4-H project(s) in the 2022 4-H Shows, you should have received your 4-H premium check in the mail over the past few weeks. **Please remember to cash your checks ASAP.**

**\*\*If you have not yet received a premium check and believe that you should have, then please call the Extension Office at 618-344-4230 or email Nicole Hellon at [nhellon@illinois.edu](mailto:nhellon@illinois.edu)**



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A poster titled "Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)" with a torn paper effect at the top left. The text reads: "This training is required for all members enrolled in: HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET projects shown live or via an Animal Science project." Below this is a URL: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. Further down, it says: "Certifications only need to be completed one time. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again." The poster features illustrations of a rabbit, a horse, a chicken, a cat, and a dog.

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The YQCA training is mandatory yearly for all 4-H **beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine** exhibitors.

Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for upcoming YQCA training date options.

The online training information can be found at:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Additional training resources are also available below.

**Web Based Training Help Document & Video**

[https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA\\_HelpDoc\\_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf)

<https://youtu.be/qC5n5YWx1rl>

**Training must be completed by June 1.**



## ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Please remember that to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in ZSuites by **February 17, 2023**.
- All livestock project members must show their leader an in-progress Livestock Record Book at their May, June, or July Club meeting before the county 4-H Shows.

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## 4-H SHOWS AND REGISTRATION

### How do you exhibit your 4-H project(s)?

- Review the 4-H Showbook for class guidelines for the Show-A-Rama (general projects):  
[https://go.illinois.edu/StClair\\_Showbook](https://go.illinois.edu/StClair_Showbook)
- Review the 4-H Livestock Showbook for class guidelines for 4-H Livestock Shows:  
[https://go.illinois.edu/StClair\\_LivestockShowbook](https://go.illinois.edu/StClair_LivestockShowbook)
- Register to exhibit, please follow these instructions:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/StClairFairEntryInstructions2023>

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## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

### The 2023 Award Applications are available now!

- Record Keeping: <https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>
- 2023 Award Application:  
[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023\\_award\\_application\\_1.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023_award_application_1.pdf)
- Livestock Record Books: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- (Guide: [https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\\_Guide](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide))



## 2023 Concession Stand and Project Watch Schedule

DATE	TIME	4-H Club
Thursday, August 3	5:00 PM - 8:00 p.m.	St. Clair Foundation
Friday, August 4	10:00 AM - 12:30 p.m. 12:30 PM - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 PM - 8:00 p.m.	Happy Herd Turkey Hill Busy Bees Atkins Acres
Saturday, August 5	10:00 AM - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 PM - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 PM - 8:00 p.m.	Creative Critters New Ideal Emerald Clovers
Sunday, August 6	10:00 AM - 12:00 p.m. 12:00 PM - 1:30 p.m.	Farmers & Friends Trailblazers
Please contact the Collinsville Office at 618-344-4230 or Mary Kay Rahn <a href="mailto:mkrahn@illinois.edu">mkrahn@illinois.edu</a>		

## ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Do you plan to exhibit livestock at the Illinois State Fair this year?

Please review the Livestock Premium Books here:

<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/premium-books.html>

**Entry forms must be postmarked by July 1**, and although these shows are Junior Shows and not 4-H Shows, they still need to be signed by Extension staff to show that you are an active 4-H member.



## 4-H CLUB NEWS

### ATKINS' ACRES JR. MASTER NATURALISTS

"Atkins' Acres Jr. Master Naturalists examined climate change and significant weather events. The club recently talked about the atmosphere, different climates, and precipitation. They continued to brave the cold and measured the precipitation for the past 24 hours, which was only .58 of an inch. The temperature machine captured 73 degrees yesterday and 39 this morning, a great example of a cold front.

The club also did a couple of fun experiments, like making a tornado in a jar, checking to see if air takes up space, and making clouds in a jar. Using the Beaufort wind scale, they predicted the wind speed very close to the 27 knots reported on the weather channel. We built some super stealth airplanes and had a friendly contest to see whose airplane could travel the farthest. What impressed youth were the great ideas used to modify the airplanes with tape, paper clips, and tongue depressors to make them heavier in the wind."



# RABBIT FUN SHOW AND WORKSHOP 2023



teaching and leading



judging and learning



St. Clair County  
4-H Ambassadors

*Thank you!*

to all of the volunteers that led the Rabbit Fun Show and Workshop.

Thank you, St. Clair, Livestock Booster Club for helping sponsor this event!



## TEEN LEADER CAMP

Ready for the ultimate cool summer camp?



Illinois 4-H Leadership Camp is an opportunity for 9th-12th graders to participate in various activities designed to help them understand the fundamentals of leadership, practice effective communication, work as a team, and become self-confident and motivated individuals.

And it's all happening July 6-8!

PLUS, youth will experience everything they love about camp, like swimming, hiking, campfires, and more at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello!

Register by 6/1 when you head to [go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp](https://go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp)

## BECOME AN IL 4-H INFLUENCER



Are you ready to try a social media career on for size? Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers!

On this team, you will receive university-level social media management training as you get hands-on experiences and portfolio pieces for college/future careers in this awards-eligible statewide leadership team. You'll also strengthen your communications and marketing experiences before college, award, and job applications. Apply here:

[go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers](https://go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers)

## STATE FAIR NATIONAL ANTHEM



Sing the National Anthem at State Fair! We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link:

<https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem>

Please submit by June 15, 2023, and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details:

Need to be available the morning of August 11, 2023, with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. You must be a 4-H member to audition.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 20: 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- June 1: YQCA and QAEC must be completed
- June 12-15: Youth Cooking School in Millstadt, IL
- June 30: Fair Entry Deadline
- August 3: St. Clair County Show-A-Rama
- August 4-6: St. Clair County Livestock Shows
- August 12: St. Clair County Day at State Fair



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