



## **Tell Your 4-H Story**

**March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

**Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling  
Shawnee Community College in Ullin**

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21**. The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.

The training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved and put that story into words. Learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol this spring.

Register @: [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H) before **March 13**.

## **We're going to the Capitol**

**March 4-5 & May 6-7 | Springfield**

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

## **STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

**February 29 | 11 AM**

**Black Hawk College | Galva, IL**

**Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff**  
In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging).**

## **STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST**

**April 18 | 8 AM**

**David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

You must pre-qualify at the **regional contest** to be held **March 28** at Emily G. Johns Intermediate School (off Rt. 34)  
Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology).

## **STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST**

**April 19 | 8 AM**

**Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

You must pre-qualify at the **regional contest** to be held **March 28** at Emily G. Johns Intermediate School (off Rt. 34)

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl).

## STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking).

There are 5 divisions:

- **Original individual formal speech**
- **Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
- **Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
- **Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.
- **NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

## Here's help to pay for college

### FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!



## Study food science and win cash

Science is cool, and now it pays! A **\$50 cash prize** will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to

enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

## Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

Applying online @

<https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>.

Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



### YES! You Can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ [www.projectyouthextension.com](http://www.projectyouthextension.com).

## Two ways to give to 4-H

**TSC Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!



### Get your Clover at JOANN stores

Between **March 1 and April 30**, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

Don't forget to purchase custom 4-H fabric at either the McHenry or Algonquin stores!

<https://4-h.org/ways-to-give/corporate-foundation-support/joann-fabric-craft-stores/>



### How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award

recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at:

<http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award> . **Nominations are due May 1.**

### Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21. Don't miss your chance to thank a person

who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

### Shooting Sports volunteers needed

**March 28 | 9 AM – 7 PM**

**Tombstone Gun Range | Marion, IL**

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports.

Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:
  - **Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.
  - **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
  - **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

### Let's go fishing

**May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello**

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp)

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H

Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



## Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South 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! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

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 accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit:

<http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).



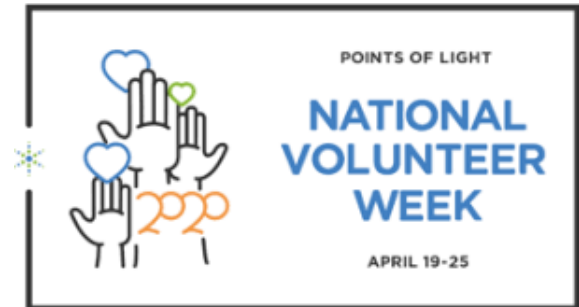
## Be a true leader in service

**April 25 | Nationwide**

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part

of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.



## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

## 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. 18 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.

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## **Illini Summer Academies**

**June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

- Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship) before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
  - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
  - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
  - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
  - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
  - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.

- **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
- **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
- **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
- **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
- **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
- **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
- **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade. No repeat students from last year.
- **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

## **Get cash to help improve your community**

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com).

## **You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest**

**June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM**

**Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana**

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 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](http://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 each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

## 4-H Poultry judging at state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

### Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on 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, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



## Look for these changes at Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16. (*McHenry County exhibit day is August 16*)

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

## Taking an animal project? READ THIS...

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

- The **YQCA** is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://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 \$12 for the online version.

**For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:**

- The **Quality Assurance and Ethics** training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.



## **Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show**

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

### **ARRIVAL TIMES**

- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11
- **DAIRY:** must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18
- **GOATS:** Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15
- **SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12
- **SWINE:** Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13
- **POULTRY:** must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

### **SHOW TIMES**

- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE:** 7 PM on 8/12
- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY:** 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:** 7:30 PM on 8/14
- **BEEF:** Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12
- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)

## **Upcoming 4-H events:**

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| February 29        | DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.   |
| February 29        | State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria                           |
| February 29        | State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Black Hawk College, East Campus |
| March 1            | DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship                                |
| March 1 – April 30 | JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign                                  |

- **BEEF:** Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15
- **DAIRY:** Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21
- **DAIRY:** Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21
- **GOATS:** Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17
- **SWINE:** Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13
- **SWINE:** Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14
- **SWINE:** Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All Others 9 AM on 8/22

### **RELEASE TIMES**

- **BEEF CATTLE:** released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15
- **DAIRY CATTLE:** released after 4 PM on 8/22
- **MEAT GOATS:** released after the meat goat show on 8/14
- **DAIRY GOATS:** released after the dairy goat show on 8/16
- **PYGMY GOATS:** released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22
- **MARKET SHEEP:** released after the market show on 8/15
- **BREEDING SHEEP:** released after the breeding show on 8/17
- **SWINE:** released after the barrow show on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** released after the poultry show on 8/17
- **MEAT PEN RABBITS:** release after the show on 8/17
- **ALL OTHER RABBITS:** release 8/23

March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield (by invitation only)
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 13	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H training registration
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 18	DEADLINE: Registration for Southern Illinois Shooting Sports Instructor Training
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Ullin
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL
March 31	DEADLINE: State Robotics Challenge registration
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 4	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Knoxville
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 6-7	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield (by invitation only)
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 9	4-H Day at the Cardinals
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 3	DEADLINE: Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 13	Shooting Sports Training, Pike County
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 22 – August 17	Inbound youth from Japan and South Korea in states
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 12	Superior Young Producer Contest for Beef/Sheep/Swine
August 12	ISF Beef Showmanship Contest
August 13	ISF Beef Cow, Heifer Show for these breeds: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer
August 13	ISF Swine Showmanship Contest
August 14	ISF Beef Heifer Show for these breeds: Angus, Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental
August 14	ISF Meat Goat Show





August 14	ISF Swine Gilt Show
August 14	ISF Master Showmanship Contest
<b>August 14 - 16</b>	State Fair 4-H Judging
August 15	ISF Steer Show
August 15	ISF Market Lamb Sheep Show
August 15	ISF Swine Barrow Show
<b>August 16</b>	<b>McHenry County Day - State Fair 4-H general project judging</b>
August 14-16	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Illinois State Fair, Springfield
August 16	Dairy Goat Show
August 17	ISF Meat Pen Rabbit Show
August 17	ISF Poultry Show, State Fair
August 17	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, State Fair
August 17	ISF Breeding Sheep Show
August 18	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event at the State Fair
August 19	ISF Brown Swiss and Holstein Show
August 20	ISF Guernsey and Ayrshire Show
August 21	ISF Milking Shorthorn and Jersey Show
August 22	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, State Fairgrounds
August 22	ISF Pygmy Goat Show
August 22	ISF All other rabbit classes Show
August 29	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
September 1	New 4-H Year Begins
September 2	DEADLINE: Shooting Sports Training registration
September 12	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day Training, Winnebago County
September 19	State Archery Shoot, Pekin
September 26	State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park
October 10, 11	State Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington