



## **4-H Friday Update** **February 7, 2020**

***If you have any questions regarding information in the Friday Update, please contact Molly Sedig, Carroll County 4-H Program Coordinator.***

**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)** – The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.** All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend 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 annual 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.

If you complete the online training, we suggest you print out two copies of the certificate of completion, maintain one for your own records, and turn one into the Extension Office.

Save the date for in person training, registration information is available in the [attached](#) “YQCA registration instructions” document:

Carroll County YQCA- Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Carroll County Extension Office

Snow Date: Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9AM

Lee County YQCA- Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Lee County Extension Office (Amboy)

Whiteside County YQCA- Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Whiteside County Extension Office (Sterling)

**Summer Camp** – The 2020 4-H camp flyer and application packet is ready for you to download from our website. 4-H Camp is for campers age 8-14 and will be held this year at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. The dates for camp are Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12, 2020. We will be camping with youth from throughout nine counties in northern Illinois.

**Please contact the office before you register, scholarships may be available!**

The site for online registration is open and can be accessed at: [go.illinois.edu/4hsummercamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4hsummercamp).

Please be sure to download all the necessary forms, fill them out completely and submit them to the Ogle County Extension Office as soon as possible. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis!

**Livestock Judging Contest** – Save that date! Livestock judging will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Carroll County Highway Department. 4-Hers can register online at [go.illinois.edu/carrolljudging](http://go.illinois.edu/carrolljudging).

## **State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl**

**February 29 | East Peoria | 11 AM – 5 PM**

**Register at your county Extension office before February 14.**

Be the first to buzz in with the answers to questions all about the dairy cattle industry. You'll have fun competing with friends as teams of four who share your interest in dairy cattle. Competing as an individual? No worries, we'll find a partner for you. Register the day of the event prior to the 11:30 kick off test. The contest will be held at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members (15-18) participating at this state contest. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy).**

**Speak up for 4-H**

**February 1 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Mt. Vernon**

**March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Sterling**

**Register @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H) | Cost \$12**

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. If you're at least 14, you can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. Two trainings are available:

- **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon
- **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

The day-long 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, then put that story into words. You'll learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.