

4-H FAMILY



MADISON COUNTY

OCTOBER 2023
NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

Its starting to feel like fall! With the beginning of October, we also celebrate National 4-H Week.

Please help us by showing your 4-H pride by participating in the 4-H activities all week long
October 1-7!

Do not forget to mark your calendars for the many opportunities approaching in the next few months.

Enjoy this beautiful weather and stay safe!

Thank you,

Meghan Cope, 4-H Program Coordinator

Congratulations to the members who participated in the State 4-H Shotgun Shoot. Our County received 5th Place!!

2023 State 4-H Shotgun Shoot Top Five County Scores

5th Place for Madison County



Great Job to the following members who participated:

Benaiah Bremer, Sara Beth Harrison, Luke Schoen, Ethan Dissett, & Ryan Dissett



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HAPPY 
 NATIONAL
 4-H WEEK

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4-H Week
 October 1-7

Please join us in celebrating National 4-H Week! Join in and participate in the activities below. Make sure to share those with us on Facebook or send them to Meghan at mawolff@illinois.edu

NATIONAL
 4H SPIRIT WEEK

SUNDAY

Service Project Sunday

MONDAY

Member Monday

TUESDAY

Time Machine Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

Why 4-H Wednesday

THURSDAY

Thankful Thursday

FRIDAY

Favorite Project Friday

SATURDAY

Spirit Saturday



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4-H Enrollment Info

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year will open soon! We are hoping for online registration starting October 9! We will again be using the platform Z-Suite for collecting 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/>



Shooting Sports

BECOME A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB LEADER

Help youth in your county! A 4-H Shooting Sports Club leader may be a parent or other adult in the community interested in working with young people on basic shooting skills and safety. Interested adults don't have to be expert marksmen to become involved in the program. Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Fairfield Gun Club in Wayne County. Your 4-H staff person **MUST** preregister you.

Junior Leadership Conference: November 4-5, 2023



Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference 2023

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event that provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision-making, and teamwork, while engaging in hands-on activities.

JLC will be this November 4-5 in Decatur. Log into ZSuites to register your 4-H'er starting September 8.

Apply to attend the Ignite by 4-H conference in Washington, DC

Illinois 4-H is seeking fifteen youth delegates to attend the Ignite by 4-H Youth Summit in Washington, D.C., March 13-17, 2024! If you are selected to participate in our delegation, all travel and summit expenses will be covered with support from the IL 4-H Foundation. Please visit the National 4-H event page for general details regarding the Summit. To apply, log into

ZSuite starting October 5, choose a track to attend as a delegate - Healthy Living, Agriscience, or STEM, and then answer a few short questions to tell us more about yourself.



Leader Retirement



Thank you again, Margaret and Lynn Weis, for your dedication to 4-H. Margaret and Lynn are now retired 4-H Leaders. Both ladies were leaders for 39 years.

Club Highlights

Pin Oak Progressor's 4-H Club

The Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club celebrated 4-H week a little early by showing our 4-H pride in the EHS Homecoming Parade in Edwardsville, IL. We handed out candy and cards with ways to get more information about 4-H. This event is a fun way to spread the word about 4-H to the community.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2023

- October 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- October 3 - Horse Show Committee Meeting
- October 7- State Rifle Shoot, Bloomington
- October 25 - Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting

November 2023

- November 4-5 - Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur
- November 4 - Livestock Skillathon, Urban
- November 24-28 - National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December 2023

- December 9 - Ignite by 4-H Application Deadline



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