

4-H FAMILY



ST. CLAIR COUNTY

OCTOBER 2023
NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

It's starting to feel like fall! At 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!

Remember 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



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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 photos with us on Facebook or send them to Meghan at mawolff@illinois.edu



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>

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<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.

Join the Blasters Shooting Sports Club Today!



Blasters Shooting Sports Club in St Clair County would love new members. We are an air rifle club and meet at O'Fallon Sportsmen Club. We usually meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. We welcome ages eight and up. All members are required to take a safety course before using our firearms. We provide the safety course. All members must have protective eyewear and close-toed shoes. We hope to hear from you. Please contact Ryan Stoks at ryan.stoks@us.af.mil for more information.



Junior Leadership Conference: November 4-5, 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 ZSuite 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.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2023

- October 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- 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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