



4-H HOTLINE



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DEAR 4-H FAMILIES:

The new year has arrived and it is hard to believe its 2020! Where does the time go?

This newsletter is full of upcoming events, programs, fair changes, and Day of Dabbling Registration! This year for Day of Dabbling we're trying something new — online registration! We hope this helps kids get into the classes they want. Of course, if you don't have access to a computer, you can always call the office to register.

If you have any questions about something in the newsletter, or about 4-H, please don't hesitate to give our office a call!

Jodi Baumgartner, Program Coordinator

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

All new 4-H members who intend to exhibit at the 2020 Ogle County 4-H Fair MUST be enrolled in the projects of their choice by April 15, 2020. This deadline applies to ALL project areas. Use 4-H Online to make your project choices.

All 4-H members can add or drop projects until April 15th.

CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY

Ogle County 4-H members who wish to exhibit at the 2020 Ogle County 4-H Fair must have...

Attended a minimum of 50% of the club meetings held since joining. (Note: The "join" date is September 1 for all youth who are continuing members for consecutive 4-H years. The "join" date for new members is the first club meeting attended.) You must be present for a minimum of 45 minutes of a club meeting to be counted present.

OR

Fulfilled those obligations established and agreed upon in a properly signed and filed 4-H Agreement (contract).

BAD WEATHER NOTICE



If you're planning to attend a 4-H event this winter, but driving conditions are questionable, call our office, or call/text Jodi at 815-238-4301 before coming! We will post cancellations on our Ogle County 4-H Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter page and on our website.

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DON'T FORGET TO WRITE ACHIEVEMENT DAY THANK YOUS

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Achievement Celebration and to all the winners of awards... CONGRATULATIONS! For those of you who won awards, please don't forget to send a thank you to the sponsor of your award. You were provided with the names and addresses, so please express your gratitude. It is never too late to thank those who support 4-H.

DO DEADLINES APPLY TO ME?

Definitely, if you plan to participate! Enrollment deadlines and animal ownership deadlines are a couple of the big ones to keep in mind! Miss them, and you'll almost certainly ruin your chance of exhibiting at the 4-H Fair. Many of the 4-H events we plan in Ogle County fill up FAST! Sign up for things you're interested in attending when you first hear about them. Call if you find out later that you can't attend.



4-H CONTRACTS

Worried that you won't quite make 50% of your club's meetings? Do you want to make sure you can still qualify to show at the 4-H Fair if you can't make enough meetings?

4-H Contracts are available to help you in this situation. Talk to your leaders or call the Extension Office for a form. Contracts must be complete and on file in the Extension office by January 15 (for re-enrolling members) and by April 15 for all new members.

BEEF WEIGH-IN SET

4-H'ers who plan to exhibit market heifers, steers, and carcass animals at the 2020 4-H Fair must have their animals weighed and tattooed on Saturday morning, **February 15th!** Weigh-in will take place at the Ogle County Fairgrounds between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. **Please arrive early!** Weigh-in ends at 9:30 a.m. If weather conditions are questionable, check the Ogle County Facebook page, and/or website to see if the event has been cancelled. The snow date will be Saturday, February 22nd. Upon arrival, please enter the north gate (which says "enter"). Stay straight. This will be the waiting line. The scale is located in the west end of the swine barn.

Call the 4-H Beef Superintendent, Rachel Safranek at 815/262-1856 if you have questions. Call Jodi Baumgartner at 815/238-4301 if you have questions the morning of weigh-in.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Ogle County will be offering two in person trainings this year: March 18 and April 9. Registration information will be mailed out in late January.

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.



OWNERSHIP DEADLINES

All 4-H'ers who intend to exhibit animals at the 2020 Ogle County 4-H Fair must abide by the following animal ownership deadlines:

January 1st

Performance Cows (Beef)
Dairy Cows
Dairy Goats—Milking Does

June 1st

Dairy Calves & Heifers
All Rabbits
All Poultry
Breeding Beef Females

February 1st

Beef Steers
Quality Meats Beef

May 1st

All Swine

May 15th

All Sheep
Meat & Pygmy Goats
Dairy Goats—Kids & Yearlings not in milk
Beef Bucket Calves



HORSE AGREEMENTS

Don't forget that horse agreements are due May 1st in the Extension Office!! This means that you must own or have leased a horse by this date.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM FORMING

4-H'ers in livestock, dairy, and poultry projects are encouraged to join the county 4-H judging team. Judging contests are open to 4-H'ers, ages 8 and older by September 1 of the current 4-H year. Participants will receive some basic training and will compete at one or two nearby contests. Ultimately, they'll compete in the state 4-H contest in June. Call the Extension office if you are interested. You don't have to own an animal to participate!

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR DATES AND AGE RULE

The **2020 Illinois State Fair** is set for **August 13-23**. AGE RULE: State Fair Junior Department Exhibition is open to "4-H members ages 8—18 as of September 1, 2019. FFA members up to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2019 are eligible to participate. Individuals previously enrolled as active members in Illinois 4-H and/or FFA programs and turning 19-20 years of age by September 1, 2019, may participate in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair provided they are active FFA members as verified by Illinois FFA and in accordance with one of the following program options. 1. Maintain active membership on the roster of their local high school FFA Chapter; 2. Maintain active membership in a collegiate FFA Chapter in a post-secondary institution of higher education in the State of Illinois; or 3. Maintain active membership in an Illinois FFA Alumni Chapter. FFA members 21 years of age prior to September 1, 2019 are ineligible to show in the Junior Livestock Division of the Illinois State Fair."

FEDERATION NEWS

All 4-H'ers, in 8th grade through 18 years old, are welcome to become a part of our county 4-H Federation. This group meets monthly to coordinate county 4-H activities, enjoy programs, and have fun.

This year, Federation chose an "America" theme. Monthly program details are still being finalized, but the plan for the year looks something like this:

January 23—Flag Folding Etiquette
February 27—Movie Night
March 26—Jeopardy
April 23—Federation Trip
June 25—Blackhawk Statue Trip
July 23—American Slime
August 27—Scavenger Hunt
September 24—Campfire



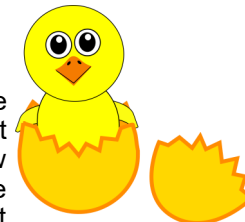
4-H ONLINE PROJECT SUPPORT

The State 4-H website has various information on 4-H projects including support materials.

Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects> and check to see what's available in your project area! If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Extension Office, and we can help you out.

CHICK GIVEAWAY

Each year, schools in Ogle County participate in our 4-H chick embryology project and we have chicks that need homes. If you would like to be the recipient of some of these chicks, please let our office know. We should have chicks available March 20 and May 1. We would like to know which month you would prefer to receive chicks and how many you would like to take. Since the number of chicks available depends on the success of the hatch, we will put you on a list on a first come, first serve basis. These chicks are free, but may require testing prior to the 4-H Fair (depending on the egg source). Call the Extension Office if you would like to have your name added to our list.



CLUB-OF-THE-YEAR STANDINGS

Final Club of the Year standings for the 2018-2019 year were as follows:

Blackhawk Crossing	1260
Leaf River Soaring Eagles	1195
Ogle Jolly	1120
Carefree	1021
By-Y-Badgers	1020
Hub Hickory Nuts	1012
Ogle County Clovers	1005
Grand Detour Greens	920
Mighty Clovers	880
Leaf River Busy Beavers	860
Circle M	635
Pine Creek Valley	565
Summerhill Huskies	370
Kings & Queens	270

Here are the 2019—2020 Club of the Year Standings! See how your club has started the year off:

Ogle County Clovers	208
By-Y-Badgers	186
Ogle Jolly	141
Hub Hickory Nuts	123
Summerhill Huskies	121
Leaf River Soaring Eagles	115
**Blackhawk Crossing	113
Pine Creek Valley	111
Mighty Clovers	110
Carefree	99
Circle M	94
Leaf River Busy Beavers	87
Byron Emerald Eagles	65
Grand Detour Greens	39

**The rules state that clubs are unable to win 2 years in a row. This club won last year.

2019-2020 CLUB REPORTERS



As club reporter it is important that you write a brief article about your club meetings and special events. Those reports can be sent to the local newspapers as well as the Extension office.

To be included on the Ogle County Website, reporters can send their reports to: Jodi _____ at: jbmgrtnr@illinois.edu

Pictures must be sent by email as a JPEG. All articles must be attached as a .doc not a .docx. If you need contact information for the local newspapers you can contact the Extension office.

** Visit our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county> and look under local events, workshops, and deadlines to check out the club reports!

DAY OF DABBLING HELPERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in assisting with Day of Dabbling please contact the Extension office. We are looking for teaching assistants and individuals to help with registration, pictures, and check-out. This is a great leadership opportunity for older 4-H members. Day of Dabbling is set for Saturday, February 8 in the morning.

PENNY CARNIVAL

The 2020 4-H Penny Carnival is set for March 7th, 5-8 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center. This 4-H fun fair allows club members to work together to create original games that are shared with other 4-H families throughout the county. This year we will have the theme: "Build Your Future with 4-H". Clubs have opportunities to win cash awards in two categories: *Most Entertaining* and *Most Creative*. There may be two booths chosen in each category. Penny Carnival is being sponsored by Heels and Hardhats in 2020!



BOWLING TOURNAMENT



This year, the Club Bowling Coordinator will need to set up a date and time with the bowling alley of their choice for your club to bowl. This will allow more flexibility for the clubs.

4-H club teams must consist of three individuals, with at least two of the three being current Ogle County 4-H'ers. Two bowling divisions will exist: Junior (ages 5-13 as of 9/1/19) and Senior (ages 14 and older as of 9/1/19). Club contact leaders have the complete tournament rules. Tournament participants will bowl two games.

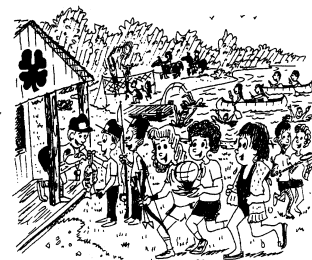
Bowling RESULTS are due in the Extension Office by noon on February 4th.

BOWLING FINALS are set for February 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at Town & Country Lanes in Mt. Morris.

2020 4-H CAMP

Registration for 4-H Camp 2020 is open!!! This year's camp is set for June 8-12 at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL.

Campers at 4-H Camp will check-in from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, and check-out from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12. During camp week, youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as: hiking, nature study, arts and crafts, archery, crate stacking, team building challenges, survival skills, zip-lining, swimming, and GPS scavenger hunts. Evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors from the co-sponsoring counties and include campfires, a games night, a dance, and an adventure night. It's guaranteed to be a blast!



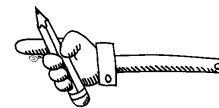
4-H Camp is open to **ALL** boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 8, 2020. **4-H membership is not required**; however all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-H'ers.

Download a camper application or register on-line at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. You may also call the Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191 for registration materials. Slots for boys and girls cabins will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

This is a reminder to all 4-H clubs and their leaders that the state requires all county 4-H volunteers and leaders to complete an application/volunteer screening forms. These forms are required for all individuals who volunteer in any way with the 4-H program. The purpose of this screening process is to protect youth from individuals who may physically, sexually, or mentally abuse them. While it is the hope that all the volunteers here in Ogle County do not fit this category, for the safety of all youth, it is an important task to complete. If a club has new leaders, volunteers, or active parents, please be sure that everyone has completed the necessary paperwork and volunteer process. The Extension Office will be reviewing volunteer files to check that forms are on file for all volunteers.

HORSE SHOW INFORMATION



OGLE COUNTY 4-H HORSE DRILL TEAM

The drill team has had a full year. They rode in parades ~ Leaf River Daze, Mt. Morris 4th of July, and Autumn on Parade. Besides the parades, they performed before the rodeo at the Ogle County Fair and at the Build A Barn Spooktacular. They worked hard all summer and started this 4-H year at the Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, WI joining other drill teams in doing exhibition performances.



As the drill team is gearing up to start a new year, they are always looking for new 4-H Members to join them. You do not have to be enrolled in the Horse Project, just in 4-H. There will be an informational meeting on February 16th at 2:00 at the Farm Bureau Auditorium in Oregon. It is February in Northern Illinois, so we ask that you RSVP to the Extension Office ~ (815) 732-2191 ~ in case of bad weather and we have to reschedule.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW

The Northern Illinois 4-H Horse & Pony Show will be held June 14, 2020 at the Stephenson County Fair Grounds, Freeport, IL. This is not an open show. The exhibitors must be 4-H members and enrolled in the 4-H Horse project. Classes are showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, pleasure, speed, trail and fun. Please watch for more information as details for the show are being finalized.

BUILD-A-BARN ACTIVITIES

The Build-A-Barn committee is a committee planning events to raise money to have a horse barn erected on the Ogle County Fairgrounds, and they are gearing up with activities for 2020.

Here are the activities being planned:

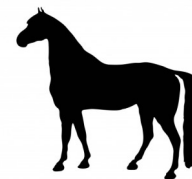
1. Build-A-Barn Tack Swap – March 1st from 10:00 – 4:00 at the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Lynne Radville at (815) 238-7892.
2. May 17th – Fun Horse Show at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.
3. Build-A-Barn Benefit Horse Show – June 27th and 28th at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. Saturday is English Day and the morning starts with jumping. Sunday is Western Day and ends with speed classes. Both days have halter, showmanship equitation/horsemanship, pleasure and a few fun classes.
4. Build-A-Barn Benefit Horse Show – Sunday, August 2nd at the Ogle County Fairgrounds on the last day of the fair.
5. October 10th and 11th – Spooktacular – Demos and a horse show at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

2020 ILLINOIS HORSE FAIR

Date: March 6-8, 2020

Place: Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

Check out the new events and additional information at the 2020 Illinois Horse Fair at their website <http://www.illinoishorsefair.com/>.



COMPETE IN REGIONAL HORSE CONTESTS & EARN YOUR TRIP TO STATE!

April 18 & 19 | Champaign

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

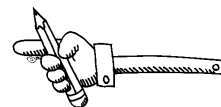
4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you to gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. 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.

Our regional contest is **Northwest Regional:** April 4 at Knoxville High School.

ILLINOIS 4-H EVENTS



IT'S 'UDDERLY' AMAZING

February 29 | East Peoria

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.)

The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at hotel OR they can go (with adult supervision) across parking lot to Steak 'n Shake. County Extension staff must register participants before Feb. 14.

Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H SPRING TRAININGS

March 21 | Sterling

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. Training is scheduled for **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, put that story into words, and 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: 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. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



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.

EXPLORE THE NATION'S CAPITAL

July 4 - 11 | Washington DC



For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020. Register at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

February 22 & 23 | Effingham

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!



In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

SAVE THE DATE: ILLINI SUMMER ACADAMIES



The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21 – 27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

THINK SUMMER AND MAKE PLANS FOR 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

Week 5: July 26-30

4-H HOUSE SORORITY

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of their own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

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.**

CREATE A WINNING VIDEO

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Searching for College Scholarships? Don't Forget Your 4-H Background!

APPLY TODAY: 76 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online @ www.iaafoundation.org**. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline.** You must apply **BEFORE** February 1. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, their mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. They proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture and those with family farming backgrounds.

HERE'S HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

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 before March 1. Are you 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!

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.



OGLE COUNTY 4-H FAIR PROJECT CHANGES

This is an abbreviated list of changes for the 4-H General Project Show. Please check your fairbook, when available, for the complete guidelines for 2020.

1. Geospatial exhibit option was removed.
2. Exhibit guidelines for Child Development, Family Heritage, Sports Nutrition, and Visual Arts Leather were added .
3. The number of exhibits advancing to state fair in photography was reduced from 4 to 3.
4. The number of exhibits advancing to state fair in Interior design was reduced from 3 to 2.
5. State fair selection for Natural Resources has been changed. There are 2 divisions of nature projects (Nature: Natural Resources/Outdoor and Nature: Fishing and Wildlife). Each county may send 3 entries from Natural Resources and Outdoor Adventures projects. Each county may send 3 entries from Fishing and Wildlife projects. Both divisions have their own ready4life entries as well.
6. Removed natural resources innovation class.
7. Shooting sports projects are eligible for state fair. You may advance 2 entries total to state fair.
8. Added Service Learning 3.
9. Changes to wording in three-dimensional visual arts requirement to allow exhibits intended to be hung.
10. State Fair project judging will last until 4 PM. No projects can be removed until 4 at the state fair.
11. The state public speaking contest will be held in the XXXX Building on the state fairgrounds in Springfield during the general project show. Youth may exhibit in the state public speaking contest AND exhibit a project in the general project show. Youth will give their public presentation on the SAME DAY as their county exhibits in the general project show. Counties will still advance three entries to the state public speaking contest. DEADLINE FOR ADVANCING YOUTH TO THE STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST IS JULY 1. More information will be coming.

DEKALB COUNTY LAMB & WOOL PRODUCERS YOUTH SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP

The DeKalb County Lamb & Wool Producers is once again offering the Youth Sheep Scholarship. Application and rules are available at the Ogle County Extension Office. This scholarship is offered to youth in their 1st thru 3rd year of involvement with sheep.

The application must be completed and submitted prior to Jan 25, 2020. The youth sheep scholarships are for the reimbursement of the purchase price of the sheep up to the amount of \$200.

Animals must be purchased from a member of the DeKalb County Lamb & Wool Producers organization and must be in place by May 1, 2019. Scholarship money will be available upon verification of the animal purchase either with a copy of the bill of sale or other proof of purchase.

Youth sheep scholarships are available for youth in DeKalb County and surrounding counties.

If you have further questions, please contact President Mollie Habbe at 815-501-6978.

FAIRGROUNDS ROAD SIGN DONATION

The Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club has recently noticed that the signs on Mud Creek Road directing people to the fairgrounds are in poor condition. They are bent up and the one that is visible when coming from the east has print that is barely visible. The signs are over 20 years old. The signs themselves would cost \$370 to replace and the County Highway Department said that if we paid for the signs, they would waive all installation fees. The Leaf River Soaring Eagles club voted on the matter and decided that they would like to have the signs replaced. The chairman of the Fair Board has also given his okay. They are asking each club to consider contributing \$25 to help with the replacement of the signs as they affect all of the clubs. There club is also willing to cover the extra costs if not every club is willing or able to contribute.

If your club of family is wishing to contribute, please make out a check to the Leaf River Soaring Eagles and send it to: Micah Wehler, 106 W. Main St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054. If you have any questions, please contact Micah at: tram-wehler@frontier.com or (815) 734-1374.



DAY OF DABBLING

Saturday, February 8, 2020



Join us from 9 a.m. to noon at the Church of God, 860 W. Oregon Trail Road, Oregon.

A day of hands-on learning and fun, Day of Dabbling will have you DOING, THINKING, and CREATING! Bring the items indicated for the workshops you have signed up for and LOTS of energy! .. AND get ready to dabble. You do not have to be in any particular project area to attend. In fact, you don't even have to be in 4-H, so bring a friend!

You have to be 5 years and older to participate.

Look at the Day

Registration & Check-In: 8:40-9:00am

<u>Session 1</u> 9:00 to 9:50am	<u>Session 2</u> 10:00 to 10:50am	<u>Session 3</u> 11:00 to 11:50am
Smashing Good Fun with Flowers (Ages 5 – 12)	DIY Stylish Candle Holder (All Ages)	Marshmallow Shooters (All Ages)
Slime Time! (Ages 8 – 15)	Cookie Jar (All Ages)	Cookie Jar (All Ages)
Farmhouse Sign DIY (All Ages)	Mystery Electricity Project (Ages 8 and older)	Carry Me To Cambodia (Ages 8-15)
Incredible Sharpie Art Coasters (Ages 8 and older)	Leather Craft (Ages 8 and older)	A Bloomin' Florist (All Ages)
Reduced To a Pulp (All Ages)	Science For Kids (All Ages)	Tin Can Punching (Ages 8 and older)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!

NEW THIS YEAR – Online Registration can be found at

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

If you do not have access to the online registration, call our office at 815-732-2191.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 31

\$9.00 per Ogle County 4-H'er or \$15 per Non-Ogle County 4-H'er
(All fees are taken at the door)

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<p><u>Smashing Good Fun with Flowers</u> Max: 10 Instructor: Wendy Mertes, Master Gardner Description: You will learn about the parts of plants and have fun creating a colorful square by smashing flowers! Ages 5 – 12</p>	<p><u>DIY Stylish Candle Holder</u> Max: 15 Instructors: Faith & Anna Marquardt Description: Create your own candleholder using clothespins and a can. Decorate it as fancy as you want. All Ages BRING: empty 5-6 oz. can.</p>	<p><u>Marshmallow Shooters</u> Max: 25 Instructors: AJ Hinrichs Description: Build your own Marshmallow Shooter using PVC Pipe and PVC Elbows. All Ages</p>
<p><u>Slime Time!</u> Max: 12 Instructors: Clare Montavon & Anna Hagemann Description: Let's take some basic household ingredients to make ooey, gooey slime! Ages 8 - 15 BRING: small disposable container (with lid) to take slime home.</p>	<p><u>Cookie Jar</u> Max: 8 Instructor: Lauren Carlson Description: Measure baking ingredients and layer them in a canning jar to make your own jar of chocolate chip cookie mix. Decorate the jar with your own personal touches and give it away as a gift (or bake the cookies yourself!). All Ages</p>	<p><u>Cookie Jar</u> Max: 8 Instructor: Lauren Carlson Description: Measure baking ingredients and layer them in a canning jar to make your own jar of chocolate chip cookie mix. Decorate the jar with your own personal touches and give it away as a gift (or bake the cookies yourself!). All Ages</p>
<p><u>Farmhouse Sign DIY</u> Max: 15 Instructor: Lisa Hinrichs Description: Create your own farmhouse sign and jazz it up with a 4-H Clover! All Ages Additional Cost: \$2.00</p>	<p><u>Mystery Electricity Project</u> Max: 15 Instructor: Lisa Hinrichs Description: In this class, you will learn to wire your own mystery electronic gadget! Ages 8 and older</p>	<p><u>Carry Me To Cambodia</u> Max: 15 Instructor: Lillian Kennedy Description: Take a trip with Southeast Asia scholar, Lillian Kennedy, to the exotic land of Cambodia. Learn about a country that is rich in history, culture, and heritage. Participants will study elephants through visual arts, enjoy ethnic desserts, attempt to tie a sarong and much more. Ages 8 - 15</p>

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<p><u>Reduced To A Pulp</u> Max: 25 Instructor: Adrienne Hall Description: Paper is taking up more space than any other waste product in our landfills today, and it is one of the easiest things to recycle! Come discover why it's so easy to recycle and what an impact recycling paper can make for trees. You will also create your own piece of recycled paper to take home. All Ages</p>	<p><u>Science for Kids</u> Max: 20 Instructor: Kayla Mingus Description: Welcome to the Science Lab, where you will try hands-on, fun, and out of this world science experiments! Prepare to have your mind blown! All Ages</p>	<p><u>Tin Can Punching</u> Max: 15 Instructor: Renee Gehrke Description: Come learn how to do tin can punching and create your own masterpiece! This candleholder will glow with your initials and design. Ages 8 and older BRING: Tin Can (suggested coffee can size but any size works) and hammer.</p>



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January

- 1..... Extension Office Closed
- 9.....Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, F.B. Board Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 9.....4-H Fair Committee & Fair Crew Mtg., F.B. Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 13.....Fundraiser packet Due to club coordinator
- 20..... Extension Office Closed for MLK Day
- 23.....4-H Federation, Farm Bureau, 7 p.m.
- 27.....4-H Leader Meeting, F.B. Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

February

- 8.....Day of Dabbling, Oregon Church of God, 9 - noon
- 13.....4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, F.B. Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 15.....Beef Weigh-In, Ogle County Fairgrounds, 8-9:30 a.m.
- 16.....Drill Team Informational Meeting, F.B. Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 22.....Fundraiser Delivery& Pick-Up, F.B. Auditorium, 9:00 a.m.
- 23.....4-H Bowling Finals, Town and Country Lanes, Mt. Morris, 1:30 p.m.
- 27.....Federation, Farm Bureau Bldg., 7:00 p.m.

March

- 7.....4-H Penny Carnival, Blackhawk Center, 5-8 p.m.
- 13&14.....Boys Science Siesta, Discovery Center, Rockford
- 18.....YQCA Training, F.B. Auditorium
- 26..... Federation, Farm Bureau Bldg., 7:00 p.m.