



4-H

NEWSLETTER

November & December 2023

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Awards Celebration

The Awards Celebration will take place at the Princeville United Methodist Church on November 18! We will be serving chili and corn bread! Feel free to bring a dessert! (If you applied for an award, please be there!) RSVP for this event here: <https://forms.gle/gda3hB1TG92UYjSb6>

Attendance

You have seen this reminder in your emails, and now you will see it in print! According to the Illinois 4-H Management Handbook, “A youth who enrolls in a 4-H Club experience must attend at least one meeting to be called a 4-H club member. Youth that do not comply are not eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions that are available to 4-H club members.” With that being said, your leaders will be tracking your attendance. Please, if you would like to show at the 4-H fair, you need to attend at least 1 meeting. According to the same handbook, independent members must have an adult mentor to give guidance to the member’s 4-H project work, and should be enrolled in ZSuite as a volunteer. I wanted to make sure that both of these rules are noted for this year. These are important rules that must be followed.

Enrollment – Discount

Don’t forget to enroll in ZSuite before November 30! You will only pay \$15 if you register before this date!

Enrollment Deadline

You must be enrolled in animal projects before January 1 if you would like to show an animal at the fair. This is projects, not just enrolled in 4-H. You also must be enrolled in 4-H before May 1 to participate in the 4-H Fair. Leaders and friends of new members, please make sure your new members are aware of this.

Sheep SPIN Club

The Sheep SPIN Club will begin meeting at the Kickapoo Township Hall on December 9th! Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/eGuoh9UYHiu8Hqah8>

Dog Obedience SPIN Club

The Dog Obedience SPIN Club will begin meeting again on November 16 at 7 PM at the Brightstar Training Building. Email Kristi or Teena if you would like to join!

Learning Garden SPIN Club

The Learning Garden SPIN Club will begin meeting again in January! Be on the look out for details!

Rabbit SPIN Club

The Rabbit SPIN Club will begin meeting on November 13 at the Kickapoo Township Hall at 6 p.m.! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/YKjdFKYtwgrXh93i6>

Midnight Rider’s SPIN Club

Calling all Horse enthusiasts! The Midnight Riders are re-vamping their club. You can be in any other club and still come to clinics and rides with the Midnight Riders. They are planning on doing a lot of fun activities throughout the next year! Contact Kristi or Peggy for details. We will likely be sending a sign up sheet out.

Federation

Federation has a lot of fun activities coming up! Reach out to Kristi if you would like to join us. We are hosting a Parent’s Night out, and a Leader’s Tea. We are also planning on having an Art Night, and doing Messy Games again!

Parent’s Night Out

Federation is hosting a Parent’s Night out on Friday, December 8 starting at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 p.m. We plan to do a craft, a game, and a movie with your children. We can only accept 30 kids, and we would prefer that they were potty trained. If you have any questions regarding that, please let me know. We are trying to allow the parents to have a little night off! The Federation kids have been trained in First Aid, so have no fear there! Sign your kids up here: <https://forms.gle/u4GYD4rLArhBcBoLA>

Leader's Tea

All Leaders are once again invited to join Federation for an evening to celebrate you! I've been told that it will be even bigger and more elaborate than last year! Get your fascinators ready! This year's Event will be held at the Peoria Extension office on Thursday, February 1, 2024!

Project Books

Don't forget to order your publications (These are the books that will help you with your projects)! Please use this link to order them: go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs We will pull the books and have them available for you or your leader to pick up in the office.

Livestock Judging

Contact Kristi if you would like more information or to join the livestock judging team!



Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

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4-H Events

November

9 – Elmwood All-Stars Meet and Greet
13 – Rabbit SPIN Club meeting
16 – Dog Obedience SPIN Club meeting
18 – Awards Celebration
23-24 Office closed
25—Dairy SPIN Club Meeting

December

7 – Federation Potluck
8 – Parent's Night Out
22– January 1– Office closed

January

4 – Federation meeting
17 – Leader's meeting

February

1 – Federation meeting
15 – Foundation meeting
17 – Clover Clinic
17 – Horse SPIN Club meeting



Animals for Sale

4 assorted production hens and 4 goats for sale. Nigerian dwarf and nigora (fiber cross) goats. One wether, one doeling, and two does. They would be great for production or showing, looking to sell to a 4-H family. If interested, please contact Wren at 309-648-1118.

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Apply to be a member of the Illinois 4-H Alumni Advisory Committee

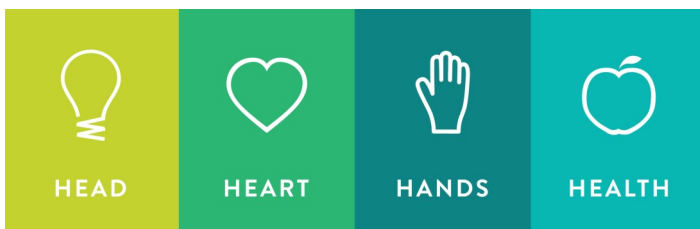


Applications Due November 15

Illinois Extension 

Are you 4-H Grown?

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association seeks talented 4-H alumni leaders to serve on a new Illinois 4-H Alumni Advisory Committee to represent our diverse alumni population, increase alumni engagement, recognize alumni accomplishments, and support the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association's strategic goals. The Illinois 4-H Alumni Advisory Committee will comprise nine regional directors, three young alumni directors, two student ambassador directors, and one Collegiate 4-H ambassador director. The committee will launch this Spring. For more information about the Illinois 4-H Alumni Advisory Committee expectations and to download the nomination form, visit: go.illinois.edu/il4halumniadvisory. Completed applications are due November 15, 2023



Club Reporters

Hi New Club Reporters! Please get your Club Reports into me by the 30th of each month (or at least by the 1st of each month). As you may already know, we are re-vamping how we are doing the newsletter, and are mostly going digital again. I would like to be able to share your club reports with everyone!

Dairy SPIN Club

The Dairy SPIN Club will begin meeting again on Saturday, November 25 at 2 p.m. at Linden Hill dairy Farm! Please contact Kristi if you would like to join!

CLOVER CLINIC IS COMING!

February 17, 2024

Spoon River College, Canton




4-H Clover Clinic is Back!

Join us for a day of hands-on fun at this multi-workshop event! Youth, ages 8 and up, will be able to pick up to 4 different workshops in a wide variety of exciting topics. Put 4-H Clover Clinic in your calendar for February 17, 2024 – and be on the lookout for more details coming soon!



Ways to Stay Informed!

Thank you for your interest in staying informed about all the great things that 4-H is doing in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties! As you may know, the Illinois 4-H State Office has begun sending information about state and national 4-H opportunities directly to you via email. Due to this change, and our desire to pass along timely and relevant local 4-H info, we've decided to switch our paper newsletters to an Eblast (email newsletter) format beginning in January 2024.

However, we want to be sure that you can still receive 4-H info in a format accessible for you. If you would like us to print the Eblast and mail you monthly hardcopies, please submit your contact info and mailing address at the link below. Additionally, if you are not currently receiving the biweekly 4-H Happenings Eblast, or you would like to add an additional email address to the Eblast list, you can provide that info as well. This will ensure you are on our digital mailing lists moving forward.

Request a hardcopy or add an email address:

Go.illinois.edu/4-HNewsletter



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IT'S TIME TO ENROLL



It's time to enroll for another fabulous year in 4-H! ZSuite, the 4-H enrollment site, is now open and available for youth, families, and volunteers to enroll in for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

Plus, anyone who completes enrollment by November 30 will receive \$5 off their annual enrollment fees. That's a 25% discount! Go to ZSuite now to complete your enrollment, or learn more about the enrollment process at the link below.

4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info

ZSuite is open!
Login now to complete your enrollment for the new 4-H year!
4h.zsuite.org



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IF FULLY ENROLLED BY NOV 30!

