



Perry County 4-H Inspired to Lead Called to Serve

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Livestock Information

Please read and mark dates in your calendars!

February 15	Beef Weigh-in Randolph County Fairgrounds	9:00 am
February 17	Livestock Quiz Bowl Bigham Shed	9:00 am
February 20	Livestock Committee Meeting Randolph County Extension Office	6:30 pm
March 7	Livestock Judging DuQuoin State Fairgrounds	9:30 am
March 21	Swine, Sheep & Goat Weigh-in Randolph County Fairgrounds	9:00 am

Show Dates

Please mark dates accordingly. We will have times and locations very soon.

June 14	Weigh in for Livestock
June 15	Livestock Show
June 16	Tractor Driving Contest
June 16	4-H Social and Fair Auction
June 17	Swine Premier
June 18	General Show
June 23	Food Show
August 15	State Fair Springfield

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Join Itsy Bitsy Spikers

Learn volleyball skills with drills and games each week Held at the Pinckneyville Jr. High every Sunday Afternoon starting February 9th at 2:00-3:30.

Horticulture/Visual Arts Workshop

February 17th, 1 pm – 3 pm at Bigam Shed. This workshop will be on Weather and Visual Arts, WSIL-TV will be there to give us information on weather. The Perry County Master Gardeners have 4 activities planned to do with you. Then there will be a time to do a Visual all are welcome check out our website or Facebook page for more information.

Aviation Career Day- February 17th – 2:00 PM

Take flight with us as we join SIU Aviation to learn more about the exciting and rewarding careers in aviation management, aviation flight and aviation technology. Career Day is open to students in grades 6-12. The event will be held at 545 North Airport Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966. Please register by calling Becky Needham at (618) 687-1727

PASSPORT PARTY – DuQuoin Middle School – April 7 – 5:30 PM

This is always a big event for Perry County 4-H and this year should be even better. We are having some special guests from the state 4-H office come to the Passport Party. I would like for your groups to be thinking ahead on your displays this year. We are doing Uruguay and Florida. We are also having the other 4 counties in our unit join us, so help me welcome them by doing our best displays. If you need any help with your displays, please contact the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.

Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.

Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.

Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp

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. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

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

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.

Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp. Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. For more information, contact Andy Davis @ Ardavis1@illinois.edu or call (217) 762-2741.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth. Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

Don't be chicken; hop on over

February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @ go.illinois.edu/LATclinic

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be

given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

New projects at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports. The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Our exhibit day is August 15, 2020

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 by February 28. Are 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.