

Randolph County 4-H Inspired to Lead/Called to Serve

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Check the Randolph County 4-H Facebook page for pictures and club information. Feel free to post pictures from your club meetings or other 4-H activities.

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Federation

Next meeting is September 5, at 6:00 pm, located at the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity for youth 8th grade and up to work on their leadership skills. This group is to plan great opportunities for youth in our county. Some events that they are working on: Barn Dance, Trips, Workshops and Community Service. Hope to see everyone on September 5th.

The Thrill of the Scavenger Hunt Is Discovering What's in 4-H

September 23, 2019 6:00 – 7:30 pm Sparta City Park

From 6 pm – 7:30 pm come discover 4-H with a Scavenger Hunt. Come spend an evening in the Park with 4-H. We will have snacks and drinks. Then you will go on a scavenger hunt finding clues about 4-H! All members should try and come to get their new year club packets. Please register for this event, or there will not be enough food for you.

Call the Extension Office NOW!!! 618-443-4364.

Achievement Night

October 21, 2019 Pyramid State Park 4:00 pm

We are having Achievement night at Sparta Community Building in the Sparta City Park. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm then awards handed out. Please make sure you get your award applications turned into the office September 16th by 4:30. Call the extension office to register for this event so we have enough food.

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Information to make your new year sparkle!

It's the new 4-H year, and we've got lots of things to get the new year started! We've added four new projects: Child Development, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Visual Arts Leather! Our theme for the year and National 4-H Week is **Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve**. 4-H Online new year enrollment begins September 7.



National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, INSPIRED to LEAD \mid CALLED to SERVE, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag #inspiredby4H and #inspiredtoLEAD as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.

Randolph County Clubs are encouraged to do a window display. Please contact a business to see if you can place a 4-H Display in their Window. Then contact the Extension Office to let us know which business your window display is in.



SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting Rhonda at the Extension office (618) 443-4364. Nominations are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 11, 2019.

The award categories are:

- **Volunteer of the Year** recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.
- Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.



Take a trip across the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

Costa Rica: June 18 - July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 - 18.

Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.

Japan: June 18 − August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 − 18.

Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2.200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 - 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ states4hexchange.org/.



Who will win \$5,000?

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges they have faced. Each of the honorees epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. In addition, the winners have demonstrated the positive impact they've made with their family, peers, and community through their 4-H experiences.

Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/. Deadline for application is October 21.

Upcoming Randolph County Events

September 2019

5 Federation 14-15 Cowboy Shoot 16 Awards Due 23 Find Out Scavenger Hunt

October 2019

21 Achievement Night

November 2019

1 Expansion & Review 9 Barn Dance

Clubs in Randolph County: Country Crusaders, Wine Hill Toppers, Ruma Roadrunners, Prairie Schooners and Scottland Raiders.

Also watch for the SPIN clubs as they come up.