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Richland County Illinois 4-H

November
1- Federation Meeting
5- Livestock Judging Team Skill-A-Thon @ UofI Campus
6- Achievement Night
10- Southern Smilers Soil Workshop
12- Tractor Safety
18- Mindfulness and Art Workshop
24-25- Office Closed
25-29 National 4-H Congress

December
6- Federation Meeting
10- Club Officer Training
14- Afterschool Christmas Workshop
23-Jan 2- Office Closed

January
1- Re-Enrollment Deadline
1- Project Book Order Deadline 1
3- Federation Meeting
14-15- Youth Livestock Conference
21- New Member Workshop

If you have something you would like to highlight about your club or a picture please send it Ryans's way!
Richland County 4-H

Richland County Federation
All 8th-12th Graders are invited to join Federation!
Meetings are the first Tuesday of the Month at 7 PM in the Extension Office Meeting Room.

4-H Enrollment
Re-Enrollment Deadline Jan 1
New Member Enrollment Deadline March 1

Illinois 4-H switched our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration is open!
go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineEnrollment

PROJECT BOOK RECYCLE
If anyone has books that they have received in the last few years and you NEVER wrote in it. Can you please bring them back to the office to let someone else use them. Typically you use the same book for 3 years before you get a new one so if you still need it please keep it. But if you are not planning on using it or are out of that level please bring them back to the office!

YQCA & QAEC
Starting this year YQCA will be taught at club meetings starting in January. Everyone taking Beef, Dairy, Goat, Swine, or Sheep are required to take it. Watch for the schedule on when Ryan will be attending your club meeting. If you are not there, 2 make up sessions will be offered.

QAEC will still be offered in an online format. QAEC must be completed by May 1 2023.

Project Books
In 2023 we are doing 2 Project Book orders. One in January after returning members enroll and one in March after new members finish enrolling. Reminder Project Books are designed to be used for 3 years. Please check the 4-H Fair Book for which projects need a book. All members have until March 1 to make final project decisions. Each 4-H member will get 3 project books covered by the Extension Office. If you need more then three books please contact the office to place your order. If you have questions please contact us at the office. 618-395-2191 or spitts@illinois.edu

Please use this form to order them: https://go.illinois.edu/ProjectBooks
Thirteen teams took part in the 4-H road rally during national 4-H week in October. The Southern Smilers team of Ashtin McCormick and Norah Brown placed first, Southern Smilers team of Maggie Brown and Zoie McCormick finished second, and Hilltoppers team of Levi Clodfelter and Seth Clodfelter finished third. Thank you to all the members who participated and finished the race out in the dark! Hot dogs and s'mores around a bonfire was a great way to end the week!
Livestock Judging
Practices will be held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM. Judging teams will also include Quiz Bowl teams and Skill-a-thon teams. Anyone can join and if you are an FFA Member this is also a great way to practice. Livestock Judging covers Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goat.

Joining the judging teams is a great way to learn more about how to evaluate an animal when you are picking them out for fairs/shows and helps members understand the judging process in the ring.

We can't wait to see you Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Richland County Extension Office Meeting Room.

One day is all you need to become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor
Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.
- Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.
- Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/special-interest/shooting-sports
Join Illinois Healthy Living Ambassador Victoria Zwilling to learn how art can be a form of mindfulness. She will be teaching kids how to use mindfulness to reduce stress, balance busy schedules, and monitor mental health. In this workshop, participants will learn and create using several art forms, including origami and Zentangle.

This workshop is open to kids ages 8-18. November 18th, 2022 from 12:30-1:30 PM

Register here: https://go.illinois.edu/Richlandmindfulnessart

The U.S. Department of Labor identify certain agricultural tasks as particularly hazardous when performed, for hire, by youth under the age of 16. A training program was established that provided youth ages 14 and 15 to be certified to perform some of these tasks, when working for hire on a farm. The GEARING UP FOR SAFETY curriculum is designed to meet the current training requirements of the HOOA including minimum duration of instruction requirements for participants.

Classes will be taught by University of Illinois Extension Staff that includes classroom lessons, written test, operational test and certification upon completion.

Register here: https://go.illinois.edu/Richlandtractorsafety

Join the Southern Smilers 4-H Club for a Soil Science workshop!

Register here: https://go.illinois.edu/Richlandcountysoilscience

Join us for an evening of learning about the life beneath our feet, soil! We’ll do everything from learn about what a healthy soil is, to create and even eat our own soil creation!

Led by current Soil Science Researcher/Graduate Student and 4-H Alum, Garrett Williams, students will get to watch a slake test on different soil types, followed by making their own edible soil profiles!
Illinois 4-H History Project

Illinois 4-H is proud of the rich history of 4-H and our 4-H alums near and far. If you were a member of the Illinois 4-H program, you are one of 25 million Americans who share a unique bond.

Illinois 4-H launched a new initiative for an Illinois 4-H History project and is seeking to reconnect with Illinois 4-H Alumni to hear their 4-H stories and share their 4-H memories. Illinois 4-H has a strong history dating back to 1899 with the start of W.B. Otwell forming the first boy's corn club in Macoupin County, Illinois, followed by A.B. Graham, founding the first 4-H club of boys and girls with officers and projects, and record requirements in Clark County, Ohio in 1902. Illinois then established the first 4-H club, Union Pig Club, organized by C.C. Coots, in Macoupin County in 1915.

We are interested in gathering your memories, photos, or photos of memorabilia of those special moments in which 4-H impacted you. Share your 4-H story online at https://go.illinois.edu/4-History

Now accepting nominations for the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month!

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live. Nominations can be made at the following link: https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth