Richland County 4-H

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Upcoming Events

October
1- Club Financial Statements, Club Secretary and Treasure Books Due
2-8 National 4-H Week
8- 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington
9- 4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois
11- Federation Meeting
14-16 Junior Leadership Conference
Enrollment Opens

November
5- Livestock Judging Team Skill-A-Thon @ UofI Campus
6- Achievement Night
25-29 National 4-H Congress

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Richland County Illinois 4-H

The Richland County Extension would like to say Thank you to all of the Richland County 4-H families and Volunteers for helping this past year! We cant wait to see what this year has in store for Richland County 4-H!

-Ryan & Sheri
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.

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..

New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!
Illinois 4-H is switching 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

Hello 4-H Families!
I have some great news, the new 4-H year is upon us! Included in this packet are step-by-step instructions. Please follow these instructions. This is a new program. Once you get your confirmation email then you will know that your child(ren) is ready for the new year! Again, this year the Foundation will be paying for your $20 program fee. If you have any further questions, please let me know. I look forward to starting this new 4-H year with you! We have some fun things in store for the year and I can't wait to see you all!

Ryan Littlejohn
Extension Program Coordinator, 4-H and Youth Development
Livestock Judging

The Unit 25 Livestock Judging Team is back!
Practices will be held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM starting September 8th, 2022. 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
4-H celebrates Native American Heritage Month!

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate:

https://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth

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-Hstory
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

2022 4-H State Shooting Sports Shoot News:

New for 2022…4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior (the old rule was age 13 by Sept. 1st).

Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached.

Fee includes T-shirt.

Details on rules of each shoot can be found at: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots

4-H State Rifle Shoot - Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, IL $20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HRifleShoot

4-H State Pistol Shoot - Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, IL $20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HPistolShoot

Calling all 4-H Alumni!

Participate in reunions to be held by the 4-H Decades. Find dates and register for the events by heading here: https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythededecades.
Richland County Hunter Safety

October 18-20, 2022
5:30-9:30 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Olney IL

Questions? Call Ryan at the Richland County Extension Office (618) 395-2191

Registration is open now and closes October 14th.
https://go.illinois.edu/Richlandcountyhuntersafety

It is the policy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that youth under the age of 10 must be accompanied to and during the classes by an adult or guardian at least 16 years of age.
**4-H LOG-IN CHEAT SHEET**

**ZSUITE**
- Website: 4h.zsuite.org
- Used to enroll in 4-H, choose projects & Club

**Username:** __________________________

**PW:** __________________________

**FAIRENTRY**
- Website: https://wabash4-hfair.fairentry.com
- Used to select classes members will be exhibiting at the fair.

**Username:** __________________________

**PW:** __________________________

**YQCA**
- Website: https://yqcaprogram.org/
- Required YEARLY for all members exhibiting livestock, except rabbit, horse & poultry exhibitors.

**Username:** __________________________

**PW:** __________________________

**OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES**
- QAEC (web.extension.illinos.edu/qaec/)
  - Required ONCE for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, & rabbits.
- IL 4-H Website (https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/)
- County Website (https://go.illinois.edu/CountyWebpage)
ZSUITE ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

4-H families zsuite is the new 4-H enrollment system. This has taken over the 4-H online system we have been using for the past few years. This means that we will create a fresh account, just as many of you had to do when the state switched to 4-H online 2.0. Once you become enrolled in the system it will be easier to re-enroll in the future.

Please follow the step-by-step directions we have outlined below. If you have questions please reach out to our office!

The state office has also put a youtube video together outlining each step that you can access by scanning the QR Code or by going to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5LsCT69Qh4&t=2s

Step 1: Create a Household/ Family Account

1. Click on SIGN UP
2. Select ILLINOIS from the state drop-down menu
3. Select your county of residence in the next drop-down.
4. Enter your preferred email address and confirm it.
5. Enter the last name of the primary household member who will be responsible for the 4-H youth information entered into the system.
6. Create and confirm a password that is easily remembered. The password needs to be at least 6 characters in length.
7. Create a 4-character PIN. This PIN allows the primary adult household member to electronically sign documents for enrollment.
8. Select LET'S GO.

Your family account has now been created.
Step 2: Enroll each volunteer and 4-H club member:

1. From your family account dashboard click on the +HOUSEHOLD MEMBER button.
2. Enter the member or volunteer’s name, role, and birth date for the youth. Click CONTINUE.
3. Then you will enter the requested member or volunteer personal information. Required fields are starred. When you are done with that, click NEXT.
4. Next, you will read and electronically sign the 4-H participation waivers and releases. When you are done, click NEXT.
5. Then you will get a club screen where you will select if you're there to enroll in a club or not. Select "I AM a 4-H Club Member", then you'll get options to select your club (or clubs) and desired projects.
6. Start by hitting the +ADD CLUB button.
7. On the window that pops up, first select your county. This defaults to the county submitted when you created your account. You may need to select another county to find your desired club.
8. Then select your club from the drop-down list. When you select a club, you’ll see a club description that will tell you more about your selected group. If you are happy with your selection, finalize it by hitting the ADD CLUB button.
9. Select +ADD PROJECT for the club selected. Select the desired project from the drop-down menu. Select ADD PROJECT and your selection will be added to the club. Feel free to add additional clubs or projects. If you make a mistake or wish to remove a project, select the X next to the project name and confirm you wish to delete the project.
10. When done, click ADD TO CART.
11. You will be taken to the cart checkout. From that screen, you can select to add additional family members or complete your enrollment and pay.
12. Once you have added all additional members or volunteers, click pay for enrollments on the main screen.
13. The cart should say $0 as our Foundation is paying your fee, however, you should still click checkout.

Once that is complete, your enrollment will be submitted to our office where we will review it and approve your enrollment. Once you’re approved, you’re ready to explore all that 4-H has to offer!