4-H Families,

We have reached a new 4-H year and State 4-H Programs and local programs are starting to pick up. September 1 is the start of our new year; early October enrollment will open. In this newsletter you will see a short message from the state about our new enrollment system. This new system will be user friendly and make your enrollment process and registration process easier. You will get more information on how to enroll in the October Newsletter.

Added at the end of the Newsletter you will find a general outline of the 4-H Year and some deadlines that are set. Fair Dates have not been announced and Fair Deadlines will be released in the 4-H Fair Book for the 2023 Richland County Fair.

New things to note this year.
1) YQCA will only be offered in person at a Club Meetings, you will still have the option to take it online, but it will be your responsibility to turn in your certificate. The benefit of having it at a club meeting is it is cheaper, and we can keep track of who has taken it, so you do not have to worry about turning in your certificate.
2) Tractor Safety is a course for 14- and 15-year-olds but anyone 14-19 can take it. It covers safe operation of a Tractor and other farm hazards. More information will come in the October Newsletter it is highly suggested by the U.S. Department of Labor that all 14–19-year-olds complete the course.
3) County and Unit Tractor Driving Contest, starting this year Unit 25 is going to have a County then Unit contest for Tractor Driving. This is a chance for 4-H members to compete at more than just the county level due to there no longer being a state and national contest.
4) Livestock Ownership Papers and Weigh In Dates. Starting this year every county in Unit 25 will be required to have ownership papers on all animals, deadlines and ownership dates are set and can be found on the calendar. Also starting this year is Rate of Gain for Sheep, Goats and Swine. All Market Animals will be tagged or tattooed on the Weigh In date set. This will add another class and chance for your 4-H member to receive premiums in the 4-H.
5) Record Books, once you enroll this year you will receive a 4-H Record Book that will have all the paperwork and information you need for the 2022-2023 4-H year. We hope that you continually fill out your records starting September 1. The 4-H Record Book will include: Livestock Ownership Paperwork, Livestock Records and Project Goal Sheets, Award Applications and other Record keeping materials.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at the office. We hope to continue to improve the 4-H experience and help Richland County youth find their SPARK.

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Upcoming Events

September
1- Illinois Electricity Award Due
5- Office Closed: Labor Day
6- Federation Meeting 7:00 PM
16- Club Award Due
24- Ambassador Training
25- Nature Workshop 3:00 PM
26- All Award Applications Due

October
1- Club Financial Statements,
Club Secretary and Treasure Books Due
2-8 National 4-H Week
11- Federation Meeting

Enrollment Opens

November
6- Achievement Night

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The Richland County 4-H staff would like to THANK everyone that has made this past year possible! With out all of our member, parents, superintendents and leaders we wouldn't have accomplished what we did!

-Ryan & Sheri

NEW 4-H YEAR!
Our new 4-H Year started on September 1! The office will let you know when you can re-enroll!
Please continue with your monthly meetings.

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 or are out of that level please bring them back to the office!

Richland County Federation
All 8th-12th Graders are invited to join Federation!
Meetings are the first Tuesday of the Month at 7 PM.
Livestock Judging

The Unit 25 Livestock Judging Team is back! Join the Livestock or Dairy Judging Team! 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; Dairy Judging covers Dairy Cows/Heifers. Members can choose one team or both teams.

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 September 8th at 6:00 PM in the Richland County Extension Office Meeting Room.

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 will open in this new system in early October. Look for emails from your local 4-H staff at that time with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.
4-H Families,
We have now reached the end of our 4-H year the last step before enrolling for the next year is Awards! This year there are changes to our awards and a simpler application process for them. Please read though the following information and reach out to us here at the office if you have any questions.

Richland County Awards 2022
Membership Pins
Each 4-H Member is eligible to earn a 4-H Membership Pin if they complete the requirements on the Application. The pins correspond to the 4-H Members number of years in 4-H. You may apply to receive all the pins this year according to your number of years in 4-H.

County Project Awards
Project Awards will be given based off Livestock Records/Goal Sheets and the Illinois My Experience Award turned in for the 2022 year.

Illinois 4-H Experience Award
This is a State Award that is given at the County and State Level. To be eligible for County Project Awards this must be turned in.

On the website you can find the files with all the Award information you will need: Award Description Sheet, Richland County 4-H Awards Check Sheet (use to turn in awards), Personal Information Page, 4-H Permanent Record and Award Applications. Please check the dates awards are due and if you will need a Leader signature.

https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/4-h-richland-county
National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week! Watch your email, Facebook and mail for more information on what Richland County Ambassadors and Federation have planned.

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!).

Share your idea here: https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063

It's official! Registration is open for 2022 Junior Leadership Conference! The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

-Open to any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade
-Cost: $185 (t-shirt, lunch, conference supplies and activities)
-Registration deadline: September 16, 2022
-Registration is limited to the first 100 youth

Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline. A waitlist will be activated once capacity is reached.

To preview conference workshops or to register, please visit: go.illinois.edu/4hjlc

Scholarship information is available through your local Extension Office. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, please call the registration office.
Richland County Shooting Sports

We are planning to start county practices in the next few months. If you would like to be an instructor or want more information please contact Ryan or Brent Pitts

2022 4-H State 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 Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
$20 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HArcheryShoot

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL $40 4-H Fee Register at: go.illinois.edu/20224HShotgunShoot

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