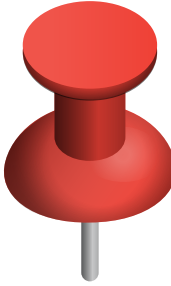


SEASONAL 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2019



ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR 4-H PROJECTS YOU WANT TO EXHIBIT AT SUMMER 4-H SHOWS? APRIL 15 IS APPROACHING...FAST!



This is the deadline to all Livingston, McLean & Woodford 4-H members to select project areas IN 4HOnline that they would like to show at the upcoming 4-H Show this summer. This does NOT enroll you for the shows, but just enrolls you in the project area. **Youth may not exhibit at the show in a project area or receive premium in which they have not enrolled in by this April 15 deadline.**

Don't miss out this summer...make sure you have officially enrolled in each project area you would like. ***This is an absolute deadline, so we cannot make changes after April 15.*** Don't go by memory—double check in 4HOnline or call your local Extension Office and we'll be happy to confirm what is in the system.



Although another 4-H Learn and Fun Day is over, the memories, laughs, and skills learned will live on! Take a look back at the day!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H?



DOG OBEDIENCE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10
6 p.m.

Livingston County Extension Office
1412 S. Locust Street, Pontiac

Register online at go.illinois.edu/RegisterLMW
or call the Livingston County Extension Office
at (815) 842-1776

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Interested in the Dog project area this year?
Training classes will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights out at 4-H Park, Pontiac. A complete list of dates and other materials will be provided at the information meeting on April 10.

4-H member must be enrolled in dog project area to participate in weekly classes/shows.

IMPORTANT: Bring a copy of your dog's current vaccination record. If you don't have a leash or training collar, a recommendation will be made and some will be available for purchase. The fee for this program is \$10 for a single participant and a family max of \$15.

This is a human only meeting, so please leave your fluffy friend at home until the first night of training class. RSVP at go.illinois.edu/RegisterLMW!

If you have any questions, please contact the Livingston County Extension Office
at (815) 842-1776.

4-H Project Enrollment Deadline Approaching to Show at summer 4-H Shows - April 15!

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Livingston County 4-H Shooting Sports Calendar Set!

Want to give the Shooting Sports program a shot? (yes, pun intended!) All youth interested in Shooting Sports must enroll in the Shooting Sports SPIN Club through 4HOnline. Questions? Contact 4-H staff at the Extension office! The schedule for the start of the season is here:

Archery: Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m.

April 17 | May 1, 15, 29 | June 12, 26 | July 10 | August 7 & 21

Shotgun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol: Saturdays from 8-10 a.m.

May 4, 18 | June 22 | August 17 and 24

Hunting and Outdoor Skills: Saturdays @ 8 a.m.

May 18, June 22, August 17 and 24



Livingston County HCE Youth Scholarship

Applications for the annual Livingston County Home and Community Education Association (HCE) scholarship are available from Shirley Meenen, the Livingston County Extension office, or your school guidance counselor. This \$1000 scholarship is open to any student who has graduated or will graduate this May from a Livingston County High School or who has resided in Livingston County prior to attending college. Home Schooled youth are eligible. Preferred area of study for applicants is Family and Consumer Sciences, but students from any field of study are eligible to apply. The applicant must be enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college. Scholarship application and requirements are available from Shirley Meenen at (815) 657-8385 or the University of Illinois Livingston County Extension Office. Deadline for applications is May 31 and interviews are held in June. Recipient will be invited to receive the scholarship on Wednesday of the 4-H Show in July.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND MCLEAN COUNTY 4-H?



2019 MCLEAN COUNTY 4-H

DOG OBEDIENCE WORKSHOPS

All dog workshops are Monday nights at the McLean County Fairgrounds (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington, IL 61705)

Obedience & Rally from 6 to 7 p.m.
Agility from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.



April 15, 22, 29

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Important Dates

April 15 - Mini Expo (Registration)
May 27 - No class (Memorial Day)
Week of July 4 - No class
July 22 - Mock Dog Show

May 6, 13, 20

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 8, 15, 22

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All 4-H members enrolled in the dog project area are invited to participate in Dog Obedience & Rally and/or Dog Agility Classes that will be held at the McLean County Fairgrounds. These classes will be held Monday nights starting April 22 thru July 22 (no class on the week of Memorial Day and July 4).

The cost is \$10 and includes all 12 weeks of classes.

Class times are as follows:

Obedience & Rally: 6-7 p.m.

Agility: 7:15-8:15 p.m.

First-time participants must come with your dog to registration. Registration will be held on Monday, April 15, between 6-7 p.m. at the McLean County Fairgrounds (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington, IL 61705) in the Mini Expo Building. Please bring a copy of your current rabies vaccination for the 4-H staff to keep to participate in the workshops. If you don't have a lead or training collar, a recommendation will be made and available for purchase.

If you have participated in Dog Obedience or Dog Agility in the past, please bring a copy of current rabies vaccination on the first night of class (April 22). You do not need to attend registration on April 15.

If you have any questions please contact Kaitlyn Prehoda at kprehoda@illinois.edu or 309-663-8306.

2019 McLean County 4-H Archery Workshops

Register now for the April 4-H Archery Workshops! These workshops are offered by state certified 4-H Archery Instructors. They will be held on select Monday nights at the McLean County Fairgrounds in the West Expo Building. *Note: Certain Mondays will only have Level 2 Workshops. Participants must have completed a Level 1 Archery Workshop before they can participate in a Level 2 Workshop.* Additionally, to participate in these workshops youth must be enrolled in 4-H and enrolled in Archery as a 4-H project, and turned in proper forms. There is a \$2 fee per training. RSVP to April training dates at go.illinois.edu/RegisterLMW. May and June registrations will open soon online!

April 8
Level 1 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Level 2 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Level 2 @ 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Level 2 @ 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

May 6
Level 1 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Level 2 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
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June 3
Level 1 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Level 2 @ 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
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What's Happening Around Federation?



Federation Meetings often include more than just a business meeting but also activities and team building including the middle name challenge (lining up by middle name without talking) and the human knot!

McLean County 4-H members, eighth grade and up can join Federation! Join us at our next meeting on Monday, April 22 at the McLean County Extension Office!

For more on Federation, please contact 4-H staff at (309) 663-8306.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H?



2019 WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H

DOG OBEDIENCE WORKSHOPS

All dog workshops are from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday nights at the General Project Building, Farm Bureau Park, Eureka



April 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15

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Important Dates

May 27 - No class (Memorial Day)
July 19 - Dog Rally Competition
July 22 - Dog Show Practice
July 24 - 4-H Dog Show

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Prior to Dog Obedience sessions, there will be an orientation held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the Woodford County Extension Office. It is highly encouraged that 4-H members that are new to the dog project area attend to gather details on the project. This meeting only requires parents and 4-H youth, no dogs this time.

All 4-H members enrolled in the dog project area are invited to participate in Dog Obedience classes that will be held at the Farm Bureau Park in Eureka. These classes will be held Monday nights starting April 15 up until the 4-H Show. The cost is \$10 and includes all 13 weeks of classes.

Class time is from 7 – 8 p.m. in the General Projects Building.

Please bring payment and a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination. If you don't have a leash or training collar, a recommendation will be made. Bring along to either orientation or your first attended workshop to participate.

If you have any questions please contact Blaine Troyer at btroyer2@illinois.edu or 309-467-3789.

Woodford County 4-H Shooting Sports Schedule

Want to give the Shooting Sports program a try this 4-H year? All youth interested in Shooting Sports must enroll in the Shooting Sports SPIN Club through 4HOnline. Questions? Contact 4-H staff at the Extension office! The schedule for the start of the season is here:

Archery– Farm Bureau Park, Eureka– 5– 6:30 p.m. or 6:30– 8:00 p.m.
April 15,22 | May 6,13 | June 3,10,17,24 | July 8

Air Rifle– Farm Bureau Park– Eureka– 7:30– 9:30 a.m.
April 6,13,20,27 | May 4,11,18,25 | June 1,8

Air Pistol – Farm Bureau Park– Eureka– 10 a.m.– Noon
April 6,13,20,27 | May 4, 11,18,25 | June 1,8

.22 Rifle– Secor Sportsman's Club– Secor– 5– 7 p.m.
April 11,18,25 | May 2,9,16,23,30 | June 6,13

Shotgun– Secor Sportsman's Club– Secor– 5– 7 p.m.
April 4,11,18,25 | May 2,9,16,23,30 | June 6,13



You'll see a familiar face around the Woodford County Extension Office as Blaine Troyer joins the 4-H team in the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator position. Make sure to say hi and visit when you are attending various Woodford events, the 4-H show, club meetings, when you visit the office, and much more!

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2018-2019 ILLINOIS 4-H STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Tell us the Future of Farming – Video Contest Ends April 24!

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Spring 2019 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

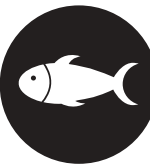
Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12. The next training is Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension Office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h.



Let's Go Fishing!

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. Register @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp or contact Curt Sinclair at (217) 762-2741. You can email Curt at sinclair@illinois.edu.



See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The CloverSeed highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!



Tell the Livestock story!

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose Members>Leadership and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.



Another opportunity to see the world – IFYE Application Now Open

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. An experience with IFYE can bring you this and more. The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.



The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ ifyeusa.org. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of "Peace through Understanding" continues to touch the lives of people around the world.

Get your Clover at JOANN Stores this spring

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

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Raise your Hand...YES, AGAIN!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.

Be a True Leader in Service

Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** 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.



We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. The link to register your event is now OPEN. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.

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. Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.

1. Register your event beforehand at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice through the National 4-H Council website.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.
3. Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!
4. Complete your event then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.
5. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did.

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! FUN FACT – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than ANY OTHER STATE in 2018! Let's see if we can go even bigger in 2019!

Come watch robots take over the world! Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.



Illinois State Fair Junior Show Deadline Reminder



The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is May 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms MUST be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

You be the judge at Illinois State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest this June

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



2019 Illinois State 4-H Calendar of Events

Now thru April 30	National Clovers for Kids Campaign at JOANN Stores continues
Now thru April 7	National Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Stores continues
April 1 – May 15	National 4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign
April 7 – 13	National Volunteer Week
April 13	State 4-H Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 13	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 14	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 20	Regional Sheep/Goat Weigh in & Tattoo, Bloomington
April 27	National True Leaders in Service Day
April 27	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Galva
April 27	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Lincoln
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 8-9	Legislative Connection, Springfield, invitation only
May 11	State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington
June 1	Ownership Deadline for Dogs
June 4 – 8	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1
June 8	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
June 8 – 15	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC
June 9 – 13	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2
June 12 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
June 16 – 20	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3
June 17	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
June 20 – July 19	Outbound travel to Costa Rica
June 23 – 29	Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
June 26 – July 27	Outbound travel to Finland
June 30 – July 4	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4
July 1	DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
July 7 – 12	Camp Corral at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 10 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
July 15 – Aug. 13	Outbound travel to South Korea
July 20 – 21	4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
July 22 – 28	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield
July 24	Superior Young Producer Horse Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
July 28 – Aug. 1	4-H Memorial Camp Week 5
August 7	POULTRY: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 7	Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Springfield
August 7	BEEF Showmanship, 1 PM, Springfield
August 7	Superior Young Producer Beef/Sheep/Swine Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF Performance Cow/Calf Show: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF: Heifer Show: AOB, Charolais, %Simmental, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Maintainer, Shorthorn Plus, Springfield
August 8	SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM, Springfield
August 9	BEEF: Heifer Show: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, and Simmental, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show, Springfield

August 9	SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 9	Master Showmanship at the State Fair, 7:30 PM, Springfield
August 9 – 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
August 9	State Fair Exhibit Day for Clark, Clay, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Massac, McLean, Menard, Ogle, Pulaski-Alexander, Sangamon, Union, and Woodford counties.
August 10	SWINE: Barrows: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 10	SHEEP: Market Lambs: 8 AM, Springfield
August 11	GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM, Springfield
August 12	SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM, Springfield
August 12	RABBITS: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show, 9 AM; Holstein, 1 PM, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show: 9 AM; Holstein: 1 PM, Springfield
August 15	DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM; Ayrshire: 1 PM, Springfield
August 16	DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM; Jersey: 1 PM, Springfield
August 17	DAIRY: Overall Showmanship: 1:30 PM, Springfield
August 17	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 17	GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 24	Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon
September 13 – 15	Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

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