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DeKalb County 4-H Flashes

Spring 2020

Project Enrollment Deadline & Fee

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your fees this year please do so before April 15. In order to be eligible to exhibit at the 4-H General Project Show and/or the 4-H Fair you must be signed up for projects by **April 15**. A fee of \$5.00 per 4-H member is requested each year to support the 4-H program in DeKalb County. There is also a \$20 program fee for all 4-H and Cloverbud members. If you have not yet enrolled in the 4-H program or paid these fees yet, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible so that we may have everyone enrolled prior to the April 15 deadline date.

DeKalb County
4-H General Project Show
July 8
DeKalb County Farm Bureau
Center for Agriculture



DeKalb County
4-H Livestock Fair
July 31, August 1 & 2
Sandwich Fairgrounds

DeKalb County 4-H Scholarship

The DeKalb County 4-H Foundation has a scholarship fund for DeKalb County 4-H members. High school seniors along with post-high school students enrolled as a full-time student in an educational program are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of 4-H involvement, 4-H achievements, community service, school achievements and future plans in 4-H. The scholarship is for \$500. Applications can be picked-up at the Extension office or found online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-dekalb-county> All applications are due to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 24**.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the DeKalb County Extension office at (815) 758-8194.



Federation Meeting

The next 4-H Federation meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building. All 4-H'ers who are in at least 8th grade are welcome to attend these meetings and to get involved in planning county events and activities. The May meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building.

4-H Family Movie Night



When: **Wednesday, April 15** from 5:00 - 8:00

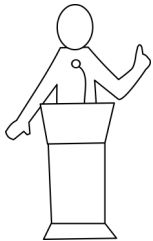
Who: 4-H'ers, family and friends

What: Tacos, beans & rice for dinner starting at 5:00, "Jumanji: The Next Level" starts at 6:00

Where: Farm Bureau auditorium and theater

Cost: \$3/person (under 5 years old are free) **Please Register with the Extension office by April 10.**

4-H Public Speaking Contest



The DeKalb County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on **Monday, June 1** starting at **6:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau theatre. The entry form, enclosed with this newsletter, is due by **Monday, May 18**

The 4-H public speaking contest is a great way to enhance your communication skills! 4-H'ers can choose from formal, illustrated, oral interpretation and original works speeches. Three youth from DeKalb county will advance to the State 4-H

Public Presentation Contest at the State Fair on August 15. All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 8 minutes in length.

4-H Leader's Meeting

4-H club leaders should mark their calendars now for a leader's meeting on **Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau building. At this meeting we will be updating you on the 4-H show and fair along with completing a leader training about "service learning". Each club should have at least one leader from their club at this meeting. The club presidents and vice presidents are also welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Extension office. Please let the Extension office know who is coming to the meeting by **April 27.**

Support 4-H by participating in Give DeKalb County



Once again, the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation is joining other non-profits in raising money to improve our local communities. Last year, Give DeKalb County raised close to a half a million dollars which helped supported 83 non-profits right here in DeKalb County. Your donation will go a long way in helping us. Plus, gifts given that day will receive proportional matching funds from the pool of \$50,000 - making your dollar go even further!

Mark May 7 on your calendar and bookmark this giving link:

<https://www.givedekalbcounty.org/> Please make a donation to support us on Tuesday, May 7, 2020. Help us spread the word! Follow us on Facebook at DeKalb County 4-H. We can't wait to celebrate the difference your generosity will make on May 7!

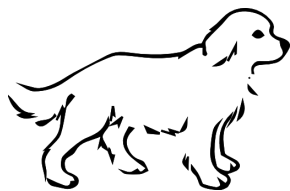
DeKalb County Week at Camp Shaw June 21-25

It's time to start thinking about summer camp again! 4-H'ers interested in an exciting and fun camping experience should consider attending 4-H Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see in Manteno, IL.

Open House - Sunday, April 26, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Tour the beautiful camp, meet the summer staff and director, try activities and end the day relaxing at the fire. Camp Shaw offers various youth camps, including a try it camp, extreme camp and family camp. This year's DeKalb County 4-H week is **June 21-25**. The youth camp fee is \$425. There is a current 4-H member discount of \$20. Check out their website at <http://campshaw.org>

Multi-County 4-H Dog Show

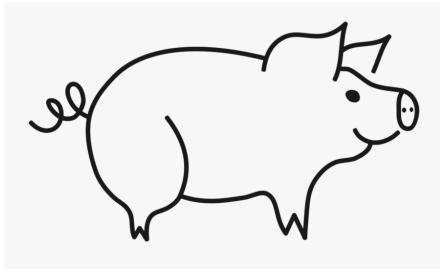


Join Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties for the Multi-County Dog Show at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon on **Saturday June 27** There are classes in showmanship, agility, obedience, rally, care/grooming and the fun costume class. Participants must be current 4-H members and signed-up for the dog project. Entries are due by June 15. Registration and description of classes will be found later this spring in the 2020 Fairbook.

DeKalb County Day at the State Fair

Conference judging will be held at the Illinois State Fair. All of the judging for DeKalb County will be held on **Saturday, August 15**. Members must drop off their projects any time from 8:00 to 9:30a.m. Judging is scheduled throughout the day. Projects must remain on display until 4:00 p.m. All Projects must be removed no later than 4:30 daily. Families can purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at the Extension office. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.

Swine Rules for DeKalb County 2020



Listed below please read the rules and guidelines established for swine exhibits during this 4-H year.

1. Each exhibitor/individual has to nominate their pigs by June 5 of the present year. Nomination forms listing each hog's notches and diagrams or photos must be in the Extension office by **June 5**. If photos are used, include two pictures, one of each side of the pig.

For check-in purposes photos are preferred.

2. Each exhibitor/individual can nominate up to 15 pigs by ear notches. (No eartags will be accepted for nominations.)
3. No exhibitor can show a pig at the 4-H Fair that is not listed on their nomination form.
4. Pigs owned within an immediate family may be cross nominated. In other words siblings within a family may use the same hogs on their nomination forms. This can only be done within an immediate family (i.e. sisters & brothers).
5. Any pigs that show evidence of fresh notches (i.e. scabs, small notches etc. will be disqualified).
6. Exhibitors cannot load out pigs until the 4-H Swine Superintendent releases them after the auction.
7. All pigs must be farrowed on or after **January 1** of the current year.
8. Livestock Premises Identification Numbers are required for all swine at the DeKalb County Fair. Nomination forms will be mailed to 4-H members enrolled in swine in May.
9. **The 4-H Auction committee will not be hauling hogs going to market this year.**

4-H Livestock Auction Rules for 2020

Just a reminder that all 4-H members wishing to participate in the auction must meet the following requirements:

1. Attend at least **6** of their 4-H club's meetings.
2. Do a presentation/demonstration at a club meeting.
3. Develop a project plan and discuss it with their 4-H club leader.

These requirements are basically the first three standards of achievement requested of all 4-H members. The auction committee will be working with 4-H club leaders to make sure that these requirements have been fulfilled prior to the 4-H member's participation in the auction.

Once again this year the auction form is due to the Extension office on Monday, June 15 the same day as 4-H Show and Fair entries. Youth will need to meet all three of these requirements by this time in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.

Don't forget there is more to the 4-H experience than just the 4-H Fair and auction.

Livestock Possession Deadlines

The following dates are the 4-H possession deadlines for livestock projects:

January 1

Beef & Dairy Cows, Goats-Milking Does & Meat Does

February 1

Market Beef Steers & Heifers

May 1

Horses and Ponies, Bucket Calves, Beef or Dairy Calf, Market and Breeding Sheep, Dairy Heifers, Goats all other

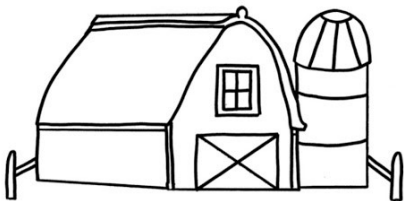
June 1

Breeding Beef Heifers, Swine - Gilts and Barrows, Poultry, Rabbits

4-H'ers must be enrolled in the appropriate project no later than April 15 and have their animals in their own possession by the deadlines listed above.



Members Showing Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep & Swine Projects: Have you completed YQCA online or in-person?



In order to be eligible to exhibit beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine project at the 4-H fair, all youth must be certified for the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). If you are not currently certified please attend either the in-person training on **March 31 at 6:00 - 8:00** in the Farm Bureau building or complete the online training.

To register for the in-person training or to complete the online training go to: <http://yqca.org/> The in-person training costs \$3 and the online program cost is \$12. Please sign-in using your 4-H online email and password. As long as you logged in using your 4-H online account, you do not need to send a copy of your certificate to our office. However please keep a copy for your records. Certification must be completed by June 15, 2020 which is when fair entries are due. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office.

Online Ethics Certification

All 4-H members enrolled in animal project areas are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics** course one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> . This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.

4-H Horse Show

Join DeKalb and Ogle County 4-H'ers for the Multi-County Horse Show at the Ogle County Fair in Oregon **Thursday July 30**. Participants must be current 4-H members and signed-up for the horse project. Entries are due by June 15. Registration and description of classes will be found later this spring in the 2020 Fairbook.

Horse Ownership/Lease Forms



All 4-H'ers planning on participating in the State or County Horse Show must submit photos of each side of their horse and also the appropriate lease agreement or ownership papers to the Extension office by May 1. 4-H'ers enrolled in the Horse project will receive the lease forms and a letter detailing the process in the mail.

June 1 is State Horse Show Deadline

Extension offices **MUST** send in State Fair Junior Horse entries (and other required paperwork) no later than June 1. Late entries will not be accepted. In order for a 4-H or FFA member to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, ownership and/or lease paperwork must be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office by May 1. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals will be mandatory for all horse and ponies, grade and registered animals.

We strongly encourage members, if they own or lease more than one horse, to file paperwork on **ALL** potential exhibit horses by the May 1 deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to, and exhibited by **ONE** 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show.

Help celebrate the 4-H volunteers in your life!

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

Illini Summer Academies



June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee. Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION. Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.

ANIMAL SCIENCES. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.

BEEKEEPING. Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD

CHEMISTRY AROUND US. Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING. Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.

GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION. Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES. Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.

JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE. Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.

MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

SUSTAINABLE SUMMER. Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY. School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.

VETERINARY MEDICINE. Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD. College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

ISA Scholarships Available: The 4-H Federation will sponsor three scholarships for DeKalb County 4-H members that will cover half of the cost of the Illini Summer Academies. Call the Extension office or email Nicole at groezing@illinois.edu for an application.

Illinois 4-H Robotics Competition

May 9

McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.

Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.

Watch the video at youtu.be/1EAv1USEGS8.



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** 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.

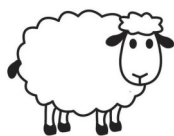
Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done 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.

Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

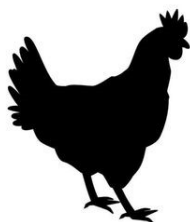
- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are: Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18 or Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3 or Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

IL State Fair Regional Lamb & Goat Weigh-in Sites



We will no longer host Regional sites for lamb and goat nominations for non-premiere lambs/goats. Instead, exhibitors will self-nominate their lambs and goats by filling out the nomination form. In addition to the form, include a close-up photo of the ear with the scrapie tag attached and readable. Then nomination forms then need to be signed by Extension staff person. They will no longer be tattooed. To pick-up a nomination form stop by the Extension Office or email Nicole at: groezing@illinois.edu. This must be completed between March 15 and May 15. Premiere wether lambs (carcass) will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed locally in each county. This must be witnessed and processed by Extension employee or volunteer. This will take place any-time between March 15 to May 15, 2019. If you are planning on showing in the premier wether lamb class please let the DeKalb County Extension office know. No photo of premiere lambs are required.

4-H Poultry Judging



August 17 | 4-6 PM
Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

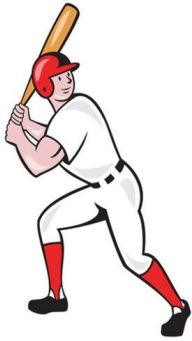
The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

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

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM
Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 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 each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals



May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the “Tickets” down arrow.

Select “Non 4-H Member Instructions” (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don’t use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States’ 4-H International! Expand your family’s cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are accepted until all placements are made. For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

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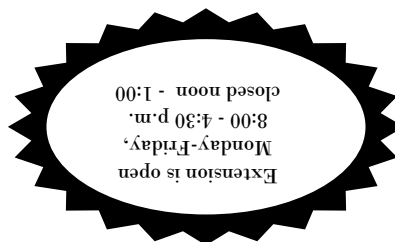
With spring approaching, we hope all of our 4-H members and their families are gearing up and getting actively involved in their 4-H projects as well as their club's events. Remember you get out of 4-H what you put into it...so get involved. Also remember that 4-H is a family program and parents are encouraged to attend meetings and get involved in their child's education.

Within this newsletter you will find information on a variety of upcoming events. As always anyone having questions related to activities mentioned in this newsletter should feel free to contact the Extension office.

Sincerely,

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