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- ♦ Enrollment in 4-H Online will be available beginning September 15.
- ♦ Instructions for the updated 4-H Online program will be available by your October meetings at the latest.
- ♦ The program may look a little different, but you will use the same login and password.
- ♦ Once you are enrolled, you will receive information on ordering publications as they will no longer be ordered through 4-H online.
- ♦ The deadline for enrolling for all new and returning members will be DECEMBER 1 in order to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.

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618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

**Office Hours:**  
Monday- Friday:  
8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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Collinsville, IL 62234  
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## **LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS**

If you showed any animal at the Virtual County Show this year (beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep or swine) you can fill out a Livestock Record and turn it into the Extension office by **September 15** for additional recognition.

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_writable.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf)

Take a look at the tip sheet to see how you can get the maximum score here:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_book\\_instruction\\_guide.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf)

You can email them to me at [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu) if you prefer.

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## **MADISON COUNTY AWARDS**

If you showed any project at this year's virtual show, you can fill out a county award application in 8 different categories.

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/madison\\_county\\_4-h\\_award\\_application\\_2020\\_1.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/madison_county_4-h_award_application_2020_1.pdf)

Take a look at the tip sheet to see how you can get the maximum score here:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/madison\\_county\\_4-h\\_award\\_tip\\_sheet.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/madison_county_4-h_award_tip_sheet.pdf)

You can email them to me at [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu) or drop them by the Collinsville Extension office. **The deadline is September 15.**

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## **CLUB SECRETARY AND TREASURER RECORD BOOKS DUE SEPTEMBER 15**

Please make sure that you have all necessary signatures and pages included when you drop them off at the Collinsville Extension office. If you are not sure what is due, please check here:

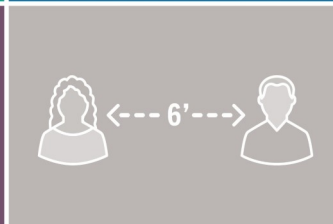
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<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Treasurer%20Book.pdf>

## Leader's Meeting

4-H Leaders please join me on Monday, September 21 at 6pm at Turkey Hill Grange for our Fall Leader's Meeting. You will pick up all materials at this meeting to start the new 4-H year, including 4-H yard signs.

## Meeting Guidelines during COVID



Currently we are allowed to meet in groups of 25 inside or 25% of room capacity (whichever is less) and groups of 50 outside with safety measures in place which includes wearing masks and using social distancing. I realize some of our clubs are larger than 50 so please consider alternatives such as:

- ◆ Continuing to meet using Zoom or Skype or some other virtual format.
- ◆ Splitting your meetings up into different times or days so that you can split your club numbers in half for each meeting.
- ◆ Hosting hybrid meetings where some attend in person and others attend via Zoom or other virtual format.
- ◆ Finding new meeting locations that can accommodate higher numbers while meeting the guidelines mentioned above.

Whatever you decide, please make sure you are continuing to stay active in some format. We really don't want to lose our 4-H members and there are plenty of opportunities that we can provide them to keep them active in 4-H even during this pandemic.



### National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020

Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10. 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.

#### Inspire your club to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

*During times of COVID19, please plan accordingly to adhere to all social distancing guidelines in your area. Some face to face activities may not be feasible this year.*

- ◆ Post 4-H window signs in your windows; "Proud 4-H Member or Volunteer Lives Here"
- ◆ Change your Facebook cover for National 4-H Week
- ◆ Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school. – 4-H Spirit Day will be held on Wednesday!
- ◆ Join the National 4-H Week Spirit week on Illinois 4-H Facebook page.
- ◆ Use the Facebook Photo Frame to show you are a proud member of 4-H
- ◆ In a 4-H meeting or remote schooling, use the 4-H zoom backgrounds.
- ◆ Print bookmarks and ask banks to include a bookmark or flyer about 4-H at their drive-thrus.
- ◆ Share handouts or bookmarks with schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- ◆ Get Social! Start a social media engagement post —What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your social media channels and encourage other club members to post too.
- ◆ Post National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.
- ◆ Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- ◆ County Window Display Contest to have clubs host a 4-H window display in a local business.
- ◆ Write letters to your congressional leaders or local legislators about how important 4-H is to you.
- ◆ Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/councilmen sign the Proclamation. Or have them present via Zoom or Google Meet to your 4-H Club and share on social media.
- ◆ Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- ◆ Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- ◆ Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- ◆ Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- ◆ Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- ◆ Promote 4-H family projects at the doctor offices.
- ◆ Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- ◆ Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses with an appreciation poster for them to post.
- ◆ Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- ◆ Have a county-wide or club community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.
- ◆ Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes.
- ◆ Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- ◆ Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.

## ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS

Let's  
**CHAT**

We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

**4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!**

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

~~Session #1 - Thursday, August 20, 2020~~

Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

Session #3 - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Session #4 - Thursday, May 20, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link will be provided soon.

**4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Code of Conduct – Thursday, October 15, 2020

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 7, 2020

Parliamentary Procedure – Date Pending



The IL 4-H STEM Team is excited to continue promoting the Teen Leaders STEM Kits for the [4-H STEM Challenge](#) (formerly NYSD)! By [registering](#) for these free kits, it is expected that a team is formed of at least two teen leaders and an adult adviser to receive training, plan, and host 4-H STEM Challenge events in their community in the month of October. In exchange for a free STEM Challenge Educator Kit and training, teens will share a brief report (with photos) of their events. The top 3 teams who make the **best impact in their community will be awarded a \$1000 grant to support their local 4-H STEM Programs.**

The registration deadline for teens to sign up for educator kits has been extended to **Monday, August 31, 2020**. The unboxing/training webinar will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7pm EST/ 4pm PST.

Registration Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVEVhFrBKpkobHD4FZDqeEiQmBiYgLGVB1xzwB9cocubNfSA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVEVhFrBKpkobHD4FZDqeEiQmBiYgLGVB1xzwB9cocubNfSA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois website at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>



## ILLINOIS 4-H SUPERIOR YOUNG DAIRY PRODUCER CONTEST

**September 19th from 2 PM to 6 PM**

**South Show Ring Illinois State Fairgrounds**

**Eligibility:** Any Illinois 4-H member who is a current dairy project member in their local 4-H club and 14 years or older, as of January 1, 2020 is eligible to participate.

**Register at:** <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22494> or in person at the time of the event

**Awards:** The top three youth with the highest point scores in the total contest will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

**Contest Format:** Participants will be able to complete the contest anytime between 2 PM and 6 PM. The contest should take approximately 1 hour to complete. The contest will have three phases:

**Phase 1:** Dairy test relating to dairy management and facts

**Phase 2:** Skillathon: series of three learning stations with specific tasks and questions - Station 1) Feed ID; Station 2) Pedigrees; Station 3) Equipment ID.

**Phase 3:** Dairy Management Scoring: body condition score and locomotion score dairy cattle videos. Scoring guides can be found at:

Locomotion Scoring:

<https://www.zinpro.com/lameness/dairy/locomotion-scoring>

Body Condition Scoring:

[http://cdrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/13\\_1\\_Body\\_condition\\_scoring.pdf](http://cdrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/13_1_Body_condition_scoring.pdf)

Contact Derek Nolan with any question: [dtolan@illinois.edu](mailto:dtolan@illinois.edu)



## Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application



The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

### ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/scholarship/illinois-4-h-scholarship>

### CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/scholarships-and-award-applications/Club%20Excel%20Award%20Application%20%282019%29.pdf>

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# Self-guided Butterfly Festival

(Learn about native bees and flowers, too!)

**Aug. 15-Sept. 30**

participate at your leisure

Earlier participation should ensure more butterfly activity

**Baebler Educational Farm**

**4022 JJ Road, Waterloo**

**Hours: 8am-7pm**

**Activity bags available at  
the Baebler Farm kiosk**



For more information, search  
*"Baebler Educational Farm"* on  
Facebook (scan the QR code  
above to get there instantly),  
or call 618-939-3434

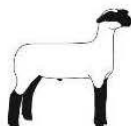
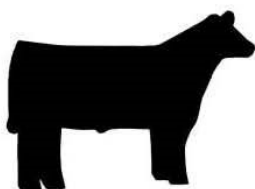
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- **Baebler Farm map**
  - Explore hiking trails and points of interest
- Native plant guides
- **Youth Activities**
- Pollinator scavenger hunt
  - Challenge yourself to see what you can find
- Photo contest information
  - Win prizes!



# 4-H Superior Young Livestock Producer Contest

**Nine - \$1000 Scholarships**



**Who:** 4-H members ages 14 - 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>  
On-site walk-up registration

**What:** 2020 4-H Livestock SKillathon. Compete for one of nine  
\$1,000 scholarships.

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
You can start any time between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

**Where:** South show ring of the Junior cattle barn.  
Illinois State Fairgrounds

Test your knowledge on:

- Breeds of cattle, swine & sheep
- Multiple choice quiz
- Marketing
- Equipment Identification
- Quality Assurance

Questions: Dan Jennings  
815-218-4358

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## **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest**

**September 12, 2020**

**12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Illinois State Fair Grounds**

**Springfield, Illinois**

**Participation:** A county may enter any number of 4-H participants. A county team may be made up of three or four contestants with no limit on the number of teams or individuals. The scores of the three highest scoring individuals from each team will be totaled to determine each team score. All contestants will be eligible for all individual honors. The four highest senior 4-H'ers will be selected to participate on the state team. A senior 4-H'er is one who is 14-18 years of age by January 1 of the current year. The individuals that score the highest will be invited to participate in the National 4-H poultry and Egg Conference during the third week of November in Louisville, KY.

**Registration:** Beginning at 12:00 noon on September 12, 2020. Masks are required to be on the grounds.

**Classes:** Two (2) classes of past egg production hens, reasons will be given on one of these classes; one (1) class of ready-to cook fryers; one (1) class of broken out eggs; and two (2) classes of exterior egg quality.

Contestants will give oral reasons on one of the two past egg production classes.

Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for placing the class.

**Resources:** The following resource may be used for training 4-H'ers in Poultry Judging.

National 4-H Poultry Judging Manual available from: The UNL Extension Marketplace, [marketplace.unl.edu/extension](http://marketplace.unl.edu/extension). University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0703, Ph: 402-472-9053, Fax: 402-472-5557, [mrtese3@unl.edu](mailto:mrtese3@unl.edu) (Photocopies also available from K.W. Koelkebeck).

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