

4-H FAMILY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

DECEMBER 2023 **NEWS**



Hello 4-H Families,

It's already December! I am not sure where November went, but hopefully, you were able to spend time with family and friends. 4-H staff are very thankful to have you as a part of our St. Clair County 4-H family. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes going into the new year.

A reminder: please ENROLL in 4-H on zsuites.org for the 2023-24 year if you have not done so already! The deadline to enroll is January 1, 2024. Also, please add all the projects you plan to show or are interested in for this year in ZSuites. Big thanks to those who have already enrolled! Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-244-4385 with any questions!

Thank you,
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4-H Enrollment Info

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is open! We will again be using the Z-Suite platform to collect enrollment information. New members, please use the instructions below to create a household account for your family and enroll youth members. Returning members, please use the same login information as last year. Adults who volunteer as club leaders or assist at meetings and club events should also enroll. If you have any questions, please email or call Meghan at 618-344-4230 or mawolff@illinois.edu

There is a \$20 fee for all youth enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program. Enrollment fees will be Sponsored by St. Clair County Farm Bureau- 1478 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62221 and the Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County.

4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to both sponsors for their generosity.

Instructions to enroll:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

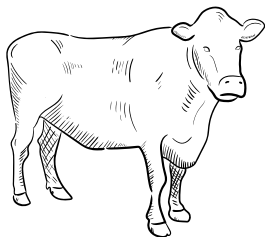
Z-Suites

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>



Please make sure to get your families enrolled in ZSuites. **The deadline is January 1st, 2023. If they are not enrolled by January 1st, the youth will not be able to show any projects for the 2024 fair season.**

STEER WEIGH-IN



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 8:00 A.M.

AG Building (900 Park Dr, Mascoutah, IL)

All 4-H steers participating in the Beef Show must weigh-in, in the winter and at the Fair.



4-H Holiday Photography Contest

Submit your digital holiday photograph by Dec. 15
to mawolff@illinois.edu

Rules:

- Take a picture with a holiday theme.
- Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.
- 2 age Groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 8-18
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!
- Questions should be directed to Meghan at mawolff@illinois.edu



Winners announced and pictures displayed on county 4-H Facebook page.





St. Clair County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

Entries are due **Dec. 18, 2023** to the Extension office.

Entry Requirements:

- "St. Clair County 4-H " must be shown somewhere in your design.
- Use any 4-H fair or project theme or a 4-H saying/quote
- Must be a 4-H member. This includes Cloverbuds.
- Your artwork can be done in Canva, Publisher, or Word
- If you like another county's design, take a photo and send to Meghan
- The shirt can have artwork on the front and back but you can just submit artwork for just the front.
- Two colors only for the artwork
- No entries with trademark characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover are accepted. If you need to correct clover, please email Meghan and she will send it to you.
- **When you submit, please include your name and club on the email or on paper. You can email the design to Meghan Cope at mawolff@illinois.edu or drop it off at the Collinsville Office.**
- Design must be vertical.
- One entry per person



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St. Clair County 4-H Showbook Cover Design Contest



Entries are due **Feb. 2, 2024** to the Extension office.

Design the 2024 Showbook Cover!

Entry Requirements:

- "St. Clair County 4-H Showbook" and the year "2024" must be shown somewhere in your design.
- Use any 4-H fair or project theme.
- Must be a 4-H member. This includes Cloverbuds.
- Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
- Your entry must be on white unlined paper.
- No entries with trademark characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover are accepted.
- Put your name and club on the back of your design in pencil.
- Design must be vertical.
- One entry per person



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2023

- December 15 - Holiday Photography Contest Due
- December 18 - Design of the T-shirts Due
- December 22-Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED for the Holidays

January 2024

- January 15 OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 22: 4-H Camp Registration opens for 4-H club members

February 2024

- February. 2 - Showbook Design Contest Due
- February 10 - St. Clair Steer Weigh-In
- February 19 - Speaking For Illinois 4-H Training
- February 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles

March 2024

- March 16 4-H Leader Training
- March 9 - St. Clair Steer Weigh-In



4-H PROGRAM WEATHER POLICY:

When St. Clair County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified.

If the weather gets bad in the evening before the event, please watch your email and Facebook for cancellations.



ENJOY A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO 4-H DURING 2023!
WE WISH YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2024!

St. Clair County Extension Staff

