

4-H FAMILY



ST. CLAIR

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 23

NEWS



4-H ENROLLMENT

Don't forget to enroll for the 2022-23 4-H year by **February 1!** All 4-H families and volunteers will need to create a new household account in the new ZSuite enrollment system and add profiles for their participating family members (youth and adult volunteers.)

Learn how to enroll here:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

Be sure to check out all of the exciting project options before enrolling:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/project>



4-H PROGRAM FEE SPONSORSHIPS

Enrollment fees will be Sponsored by:
St. Clair County Farm Bureau

1478 IL-15,
Belleville, IL 62221



4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to St. Clair County Farm Bureau for their generosity.



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UNIT 22 STAFF UPDATE

Laquitsha Bejoile-Hayes has accepted the Unit 22 County Director position, serving Madison, Monroe & St. Clair counties. Laquitsha is a Cahokia native and graduated from University of Illinois-Springfield with a Master's in Public Health. She began her public health career at Eastside Health District, where she served in various roles and gained experience in program leadership and budget management. She developed a passion for improving health outcomes in underserved communities. She transitioned to University of Illinois Extension in 2016 as an Extension Program Coordinator for ISBE, then SNAP Education. Most recently, she has served as the ENFEP Educator and SNAP-Ed Administrator in Unit 22. Laquitsha is also a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, an organization that works to better the lives of women and their families worldwide. Laquitsha's County Extension Director appointment began on October 17.

WELCOME



We are thrilled to announce the return of **Tonya BlackOwl Roberts**. Tonya has had five years of previous experience working with the 4-H youth development programs. She has previously served in Clinton, Madison, and St. Clair counties as a 4-H Education Program Coordinator. We are very excited about what she will bring to the table and contribute to the Madison and St. Clair counties, 4-H youth development, and education programs.

Outside of Tonya's professional experience, she enjoys spending time with her family and Maine Coon cat Earl. Tonya spends most of her free time making Native American regalia and teaching people about her culture.



**MAKE SURE TO GIVE LAQUITSHA & TONYA A BIG 4-H WELCOME
THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE THEM!**



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The 4-H Achievement Awards & Livestock Record Books were judged throughout the months of October and November.

Members are recognized for successes from 2021-2022, including: livestock record book and award application completion, Top Secretary & Treasurer books, I Dare You Award recipients, and taking their 4-H experience above and beyond.



Award applicants were recognized for achieving the highest score in the four dimensions of the applications:

Project Learning: Jilly Stoks

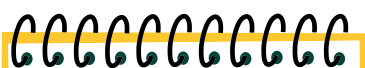
Participation, Leadership, & Community Service: Daniel McComb

4-H Clubs that submitted their record books by **September 15** were eligible to receive the

Top Record Book Award.

Top Secretary Book: Rachel Haas - Farmers & Friends

Top Treasurer Book: Alyssa Benson - New Ideal



Jilly Stoks

Happy Herd

- Civic Engagement
- Healthy Living & Nutrition



Daniel McComb

Creative Critters

- Creative Arts



ST. CLAIR COUNTY GARDEN CLUB OF ILLINOIS AWARD RECIPIENT



**LET'S GO
BOWLING!**

Youth ages 13- 18 years old are invited to join the
St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors
as they celebrate the New Year!

JANUARY 19, 2023 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM

BEL-AIR BOWL
200 S BELT W,
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

Registration Link Below

[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/STCLAIRCOUNTY4HBOWLINGNIGHT](https://go.illinois.edu/stclaircounty4hbowlngnight)

WELCOME

NEW 4-H CLUBS

EMERALD CLOVERS

Emerald Mound Grange

Lebanon, IL

Leaders: Natalie Ruth & Ashlee Schwaegel



ATKINS' ACRES

CLOVERBUDS

Atkins Acres Educational Farm

Millstadt, IL

Leaders: Kim & Mark Atkins

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2023** for evaluation.

Save the Date

St. Clair County 4-H Steer Weigh-In

4-H Exhibitors wanting to participate in the Rate of Gain class at the Madison County Fair should attend this weigh-in.

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Ag. Building in Scheve Park

900 PARK DR,
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258



Please RSVP to Tonya Roberts at 618-344-4230 or tbmoore2@illinois.edu



4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

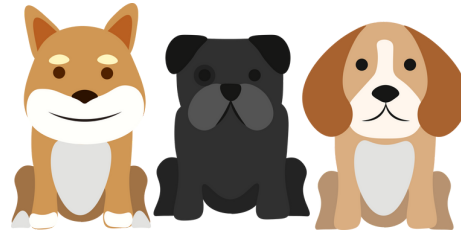
As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in ZSuites by **February 1, 2023**.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

DOG SUPERINTENDENT

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some background in training dogs?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**



We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can lead Dog Obedience trainings and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Dog Show.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu

SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR

Do you like mentoring youth?
Do you have some knowledge of shooting sports and event coordination?
We have a volunteer opportunity for **you!**

We are currently looking for an Adult volunteer that can attend Shooting Sports trainings in the Spring (see next page) and help in coordinating the St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Emily Reece at 618-344-4230 or ereece@illinois.edu



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery;
Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

These dates are 9-hour "field days" which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.

If interested, contact Emily Reece at ereece@illinois.edu or 618-344-4230

The **New Ideal 4-H Club** made ornaments at their December meeting. They also signed 84 Christmas cards to give to assisted living residents.



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp website closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is “To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs.” To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



CAMP EMPLOYMENT

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our website. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four 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 program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

4-H BY THE DECADES – 1960S

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1960's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program.

We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! Registration due Friday, November 25. A link will be sent to those registered on Monday, November 28.

Find dates for more decades by heading here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades>.

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/222980512137150>





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 23-30 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Holiday
- January 2 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: New Year Holiday
- January 19 St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors Bowling Night
- February 11 St. Clair County 4-H 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 2021!
WISHING YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2022!

St. Clair County Extension Staff



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