



Summer 2019



# Mason Clover Notes

Dear 4-H Families,

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Fair time is upon us! By now, 4-H Show entries are completed and members should be hard at work putting finishing touches on projects for exhibition. Members should take time to brush up on all of the facts and skills that they have learned in each of their project areas over the past 4-H year. This will help them to be more confident during the 4-H conference judging process.

If showing livestock, make sure you have completed the Quality Assurance and Ethics Training. Also, take time to read the article in this newsletter about practicing good animal stewardship.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and the 4-H projects members have worked so hard on this year. See you at the fair!

Sincerely,

*Joli*

Joli Pierson  
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## A New SPIN Club!

### Mason County Mindstormers!



This new SPIN Club is focusing on robotics and coding as the main topics. The club leader is Melissa Gilson. She brings her experience and passion for 4-H, as she was a member of the Happy Handful 4-H Club a few years back. Melissa has a career in the technology field and is excited to share her passion for technology with the members of this club.

This club meets at the Extension office lower level in Havana on Thursday evenings.

The club members plan to do a group demonstration at the Mason County Fair.

If you would like to join this club or have further questions please call the Extension office at (309)-543-3308.

## LEAD Spirt of Lincoln Youth Academy

LEAD is a robust, one-of-a kind youth leadership program that utilizes immersive experiences to empower emerging leaders to develop leadership qualities. Students are specifically selected who have the potential to be leaders, but may not see it in themselves. Participants spend a full week exploring the qualities that made Abraham Lincoln such a great leader in his day. They learn why those same qualities are so important in our leaders today, and how, as individuals, they can apply those qualities as they develop their own leadership skills for the future.

Noah Blakeley of Havana and member of the Happy Handful 4-H Club recently attended the LEAD Spirt of Lincoln Youth Leadership Academy. Noah is pictured at the right receiving his certificate. Noah said about his participation, "I made a lot of friends that I am still connected with, and it was a fun experience. I enjoyed the visit to the Lincoln Museum the most."





### Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
  - \*Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
  - \*In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned.....
  - \*4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...
  - \*4-H has helped me feel welcomed by.....
  - \*I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
  - \*In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...
- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I ..... Thanks for helping me grow!"
- Send the video file to us at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).

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Facebook-[Fulton County 4-H](#) (closed Group)  
[Mason County IL 4-H](#) (closed Group)  
[Peoria County 4-H](#)  
[Tazewell County IL 4-H](#)

# Local 4-H EVENTS

## July

- 1 4-H Fair entries due at <https://fairentry.com>
- 16 Mason County Fair Superintendent meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Mason County Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day, 8 a.m.
- 20-21 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- 21 Early arrival for livestock 5 p.m. Gates close at 9 p.m.
- 22 Mason County 4-H General Project Show
- 22-25 Mason County 4-H & Jr. Fairs
- 28 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, summer session begins

## August

- 11 General project exhibit day at Illinois State Fair
- 13 Illinois State Fair, 4-H Hall of Fame Recognition, 3 p.m.
- 15 Club records and member award recognition forms due to the Extension office

## Tell the 4-H 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](https://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.



## Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice)

Tell us a little about your project.

Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

## Illinois 4-H State Dog Show



Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon!

Check out all the details online @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show).

## Club Reporters

What's happening in your club? We'd love to hear about it so we can highlight your club activities and events. Please remember to submit your monthly club meeting report to the Extension office at: [jkpiero@illinois.edu](mailto:jkpiero@illinois.edu)

## Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:

Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.

Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.

It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.



### NEW IN 2019-20

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.

### Cloverbud Members... Fair Project Exhibits



All 4-H Cloverbud members are encouraged to bring a project to exhibit at the Mason County Fair. Check in projects at the East Exhibit Building from 8-9 a.m. on Monday, July 22. Projects will remain for the rest of the fair week.

Cloverbud Clubs are welcome to do a group project. All exhibits will be conference judged. Members will talk with a judge about their exhibit. Each exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon. Please call the Extension office if your club plans to do a group project, so that we can plan for table space.





## 4-H Memorial Camp for Families

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) with any questions or if you need special accommodation.



COLLEGIATE 4-H

## Join Collegiate 4-H at U of I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittany Muschetto at [uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com](mailto:uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com).



## Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.



## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); [July 19 \(for interviews during State Fair\)](#).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



## Save the date... Fall shooting sports contests

Test your skill at the State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Read the age restrictions carefully. You may participate in one, two, three, or all four contests as long as you've received instruction from a certified 4-H instructor in THAT discipline. The top performers this fall may be eligible to compete in the 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Registrations for all State Shoots begin July 15.

### Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.

Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.

**Minimum Age:** Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.

**Maximum Age:** Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.

To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

### Shoot dates:

- Shotgun - September 14  
Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill
- Archery - September 21  
Pekin Archers in Pekin.
- Rifle & Pistol - September Oct. 12 -13  
Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS),  
Bloomington



## Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skill with youth.....attend the training on July 20-21.

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor can attend the training on July 20 - 21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$95. Some counties cover the cost of the program. The deadline is early July, but counties must complete screenings prior to registering volunteers, so don't delay. Contact Joli Pierson @ [jkipierse@illinois.edu](mailto:jkipierse@illinois.edu) or call (309) 543-3308 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.



## Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club—Summer Session

The Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will begin the summer session on July 28. Anyone wishing to join the club should enroll at this web address: [il4honline.com](http://il4honline.com)

Disciplines of Shotgun, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Archery are offered, as well as Hunting & Wildlife project.

Dates for the summer session are:

July 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

Hunting & Wildlife discipline will start at 1 p.m. and be held at the Mason County Fairgrounds. Shooting disciplines will start at 2 p.m. and be held at the 4-H shooting sports range. Supply fees will be due to the club at the first meeting.

Call Joli at the Extension office (309)-543-3308 for more details.

## You decide the theme!



We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of “inspire” so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.

## Mason County 4-H Club Contest!

Everyone loves a little friendly competition!



Get your gloves on and your garden tools sharpened! 4-H and University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners are teaming up to continue the fairgrounds 4-H club gardens. **Clubs involved will be competing for the Annual Traveling Trowel Award!** Each club will plant and maintain their own club garden space at the Mason County Fairgrounds. Have fun and get creative! We are encouraging all types of gardens...themed gardens, herb gardens, butterfly gardens, fairy gardens, succulent gardens, containers, etc. The gardens will be judged by Mason County Master Gardeners during the fair. Clubs should plan to have 1 or 2 members be the spokesmen for the club garden. They will conference with the judges.



**The winning club will be presented with the Traveling Trowel Award on Wednesday night at the fair awards ceremony, an Ice Cream Party for the club, and will have bragging rights throughout the year!**

The current trophy holder is the Kountry Kritters 4-H Club. See if your club can make them pass it on this year! **Leaders must call or email Joli at the Extension office (309)543-3308 if their club is planning to participate in the contest.**

## Parents...

This summer University of Illinois Extension will be collecting information through on line surveys to answer the question:



Do 4-H members report a high quality developmental context and developmental outcomes from participating in 4-H?

**You will receive a letter from the Extension Office with more detailed information about this study.**

- We do not think that there will be any danger to your child in completing the survey.
- Every young person will be given the option not to answer the questions.
- The surveys are distributed electronically and all results are stored anonymously online.
- The data will only be used in summary.

If you would like your child to decline participation in this study, please contact Amy Leman at [bunselme@illinois.edu](mailto:bunselme@illinois.edu) or (217)333-0910 by July 15, 2019.



The 4-H Best from 12 Counties (Knox, Warren, Henderson, McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island, Henry, Stark, Tazewell, Fulton, Mason, Peoria) are invited to compete for the biggest banner in Western Illinois on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 4pm in Knoxville, IL at the Knox County Fairgrounds. The eight awards from each county that will be invited are the Best 4-H Breeding Heifer and Market Steer from the Beef Show, Best 4-H Breeding Gilt and Market Barrow from the Swine Show, Best 4-H Breeding Ewe and Market Whether from the Sheep Show, and from the Boer Goat Show Best 4-H Breeding Doe and Champion Market Whether. Cash payouts, prizes and awards provided by generous Western Illinois breeders and businesses.

We can't wait to see you at The Throwdown!

## 4-H STORYTELLERS

### Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.



## End of year award time is approaching



Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

**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>.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

## ASM Materials Engineering Camp - 2019

July 22 - 25, 2019 / Bradley University, Peoria

This 4 day summer day camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school in the fall of 2019 that are highly motivated, inquisitive learners, with math and science aptitude. The camp will utilize fun hands-on learning experiences involving math, physics, and chemistry. There will be:

- Hands on metallurgical experiences through foundry and blacksmith activities.
- A unique team-based, intensive problem solving, science experience, under the direction of a distinguished "Materials Mentor" professional.
- Combination of mini demonstrations, field trips, and laboratory activities to actively explore materials science & engineering principles.

Thirty full scholarships will be provided to selected participants. All selected students receive FREE tuition, knowledge, meals, and fun activities. Applications are due May 10. The application form is available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/EyRehcZ9CI>. Submit current high school transcript (unofficial is allowed) to Ashley Patenaude @ [patenaude\\_ashley@cat.com](mailto:patenaude_ashley@cat.com).





## SCHOLARSHIPS

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### So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest:

- Horse: July 24
- Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7
- Dairy: August 17.

The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

### Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest—

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

### New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

Their knowledge about the project

Their conference presentation of the project

The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair). For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

### State Fair junior livestock

**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.

### 4-H Poultry Judging Contest



The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of 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, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



## Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

## Poultry Test Waived

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has announced that the antigen required to do the poultry pullorum test is currently unavailable and will not be required at the state fair.



## Which dairy cow do you place first?

Line 'em up and rank them at the 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, and the contest begins at 10. All contestants must be current 4-H members, but you do not need to be enrolled in a dairy project. There will be six classes of cows and heifers of various breeds. Youth 13 and younger (as of 1/1/19) will be in the junior division. Youth 14 and older will be in the senior division. All participants will be invited to present oral reasons, but it is not mandatory. Juniors may read or recite from memory. Those seniors wishing to be considered for the state team must give two sets of oral reasons. State team members must be at least 14 but not older than 18 as of Jan. 1, 2019. The national contest will be Sept. 30 in Madison, Wisconsin. The national team is supported with funds from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

## Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area 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. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec). **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

**NOTE:** The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.



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

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 a.m. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. 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 at [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



## Get ready to Pledge Your Hands to Larger Service

### The 10 Gallon Challenge Begins Now!

We are excited to announce that we'll be doing the 10 Gallon Challenge as our combined 4-H service learning project for Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties! This project was proposed by the Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club in Peoria. It is a continuation of a national social media campaign, and provides exciting opportunities for community engagement, generosity, and education!

The idea is simple! Work with your 4-H club or program to help dairy farmers, local businesses, and your neighbors by donating 10 gallons of milk to your local food pantry.

Go to this link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4hservicelearning/> to for useful tools on how to organize this service learning project with your club! Always make arrangements with your local food pantry before donating milk or dairy products, as some do not have refrigeration. Local stores may be able to sell milk vouchers to clubs that can then be given to food pantries to distribute to clients.

If you have questions, or would like more information, contact Joli at [jkpierso@illinois.edu](mailto:jkpierso@illinois.edu)

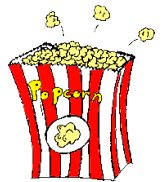
## Cream of the Crop photo entries due

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at [https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag\\_Invest/Cream\\_of\\_the\\_Crop\\_Photo\\_Contest](https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest).

## Celebrating volunteers at the Illinois State Fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

## 2019 4-H Federation Food Stand Work Schedule



Attention Club Leaders! We need your help! We would like each club to work a shift (or two) in the Food Stand at the county fair. Proceeds from the 4-H Federation Food Stand will help provide 4-H programming and events, 4-H marketing, community service projects, fair entertainment and education for youth, and food supplies and equipment for the food stand.

The food stand will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day of the fair, providing we have enough volunteers to assist. We will have a food stand manager on hand at all times to do the food preparation. Your club can assist with taking orders, serving, stocking supplies, and clean-up. Adult volunteers only are allowed to work the cash register.

Please call the Extension office to add your club to the work schedule!





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