



4-H NEWSLETTER

July & August 2023



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

Notes about the 4-H Show

Entry Tags: Most 4-H exhibits have entry tags that attach to the exhibit prior to judging and display. Tags will be available at the U of I Extension office after July 12. Any remaining after July 28 will be available to pick up at the Show. **It is important that members be responsible for their tags and remember to bring them the day of judging.** The tags should be attached so they are visible to the public, but not blocking anything important on the exhibit.

4-H Office: During the 4-H Show, the 4-H office is in the Parkside Athletics building. Questions, emergencies, paperwork, etc. go there.

Exhibit check-out: Livestock exhibits are released immediately following the Youth Project Auction on Wednesday night. General exhibits are released the same night at 6:30 PM.

Help: Who can help with questions?

1. Extension Staff
2. Department Superintendents
3. 4-H Leaders and then
4. other 4-H members and parents

Looking for a way to help at the Tazewell 4-H Fair & Jr. Show?

We are always looking for volunteers ages 12 to 99. From department assistants to judging assistants to building supervisors to food stand workers and photographers, we have something for everyone to do! If you are interested, please contact Katharine. *If teens need community service hours, this is a perfect opportunity to earn some!*

Pre-Show Superintendents' Meeting

Thursday, July 27 at 7 PM
Tazewell County Farm Bureau building

Clothing & Textile Judging

Thursday, July 13
4 to 7 PM

Tazewell County Farm Bureau building

Email Katharine to reserve your time slot. Walk-ins will be given the next available time. If you would like to have a set judging time, be sure to call & reserve one. Slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

2023 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates:

- Monday, July 10 – 4-H Show Entries Due
- Thursday, July 13 – Clothing & Textile Judging at the Tazewell County Farm Bureau building
- Monday, July 24 –
QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due
Creative Writing Submissions Due to Katharine via email
- Saturday, July 29 – 4-H Show set up, 8 AM
- Monday, July 31 – 4-H Show
- Tuesday, August 1 – 4-H Show
- Wednesday, August 2 – 4-H Show; general exhibits released at 6:30 PM; livestock released following Youth Project Auction; and show clean up
- Sunday, August 13 – Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair

Livestock Reminder...

Livestock have specific proof of health requirements for the 4-H Show. Be sure to read the Livestock Health Requirements section in the 4-H Show Book on the bottom of page 7, so you can plan to have the tests completed in time.

2023 Show Book

Check out the digital version at <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/tazewell2023showbook.pdf>. If you would like a physical copy, stop by the U of I Extension office.

Parade of Banners

All Tazewell County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in the Parade of Banners on Tuesday, August 1. The event will be held right after the Livestock Parade in the Livestock Arena.

Each club may select one or two banner carriers (who are NOT in the Livestock Parade). The banner carriers should meet at 5:55 p.m. outside of the Livestock Arena to line up and receive directions.

The Parade of Banners is a great way to get 4-H members involved in the fair and leadership responsibilities. You can use it to encourage new members or members who want an easy way to be involved.



July

- 10 4-H Show entries DUE, 11:59 p.m.
- 13 Clothing & Textile Judging, 4 p.m.; Tazewell County Farm Bureau building
- 14 YQCA Training, 10 a.m.; Tazewell County Farm Bureau building
- 14 Horse Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.; Tazewell County Farm Bureau building
- 24 Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry, in the evening, Hoerr Veterinary Service
- 24 QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due
- 24 Creative Writing Submissions Due to Katharine via email
- 27 Pre Show Superintendent Meeting, 7 p.m.; Tazewell County Farm Bureau building
- 29 Tazewell 4-H Show Set Up, 8 a.m.
- 31 Tazewell 4-H Show and Jr. Fair

August

- 1-2 Tazewell 4-H Show and Jr. Fair
- 2 Exhibit Pick Up, 6:30 p.m. & livestock released at the conclusion of Youth Project Auction; 4-H Show Clean Up, 7 p.m.
- 10-20 Illinois State Fair
- 13 State Fair Exhibit Day for Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Tazewell Counties; Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame celebration for Tazewell's Hall of Fame Inductee, Duane Lessen
- 31 End of 2022-2023 4-H Year

September

- 1 2023-2024 4-H Year begins
- 4 Labor Day, U of I Extension office closed

State Fair Honors

All 4-H members selected to take an exhibit(s) to the State Fair must complete a State Fair Exhibit slip (one for each exhibit selected) and turn it into Katharine by Wednesday, August 2 at NOON. If planning to take an exhibit to State Fair, they must also attend the county State Fair Orientation on Wednesday evening in the Veterans Arena. **Read page 5 of your Show Book for details!**

Sawdust & Bedding

Each 4-H member will be responsible for providing their own sawdust or bedding for the show.



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Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

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4-H Food Stand Sign Up

4-H clubs and individual 4-H families are invited and encouraged to work one or more shifts in any of the food stands: HCE Food Stand, Sweet Shop (in the Livestock Review Building), AND BACK FOR 2023, the LEMONADE SHAKE UP Stand. Shifts are in 2-3 hour time blocks. Individual 4-H families (or pair up with another family) are also welcome to take a shift, if they would like. The more help we have, the smoother this goes. Feel free to sign up for your shift(s) on the SignUpGenius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4ea4aa2faaf94-20231#/>.

A Message to 4-H Members:

Interviewing with a project expert is a learning experience from which you can learn what you did well and how you could improve in the future. An exhibit does not measure all that you have learned, but it is an example of what you have done.

1. During the interview, the project expert will encourage you to talk about your exhibit.
 - How did you create your exhibit?
 - What did you learn?
 - What would you change for next time?
 - How many years have you been in this project?
 - What did you like best?
 - What was the hardest part?
 - Who helped you with your project?
 - Did you make this for anyone specific?
 - What equipment did you use?
 - What are your plans for future projects
2. Read and follow the rules and requirements for your exhibit carefully.
3. Learn good sportsmanship.
4. Listen carefully to the project expert, so you can accept constructive criticism and learn from it.
5. Remember, a project expert's comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
6. Realize people sometimes make mistakes.

Questions About Results?

If parents or youth have questions they would like to discuss with a 4-H project expert, the questions **MUST** go through a U of I Extension staff member or Superintendent. Please do **NOT** approach a project expert directly.

4-H Show vs. Jr. Fair

The Tazewell 4-H Show and Jr. Fair is unique in that the youth can be judged twice – once for the 4-H Show and once for the Jr. Fair.

4-H Show Judging: During the 4-H Show, youth are interviewed. The project expert selects the grade and awards based on the interview AND overall exhibit. Exhibitors are measured against standards, *NOT* other exhibitors. This is also known as the Danish System or Group Method. The Danish System of judging examines each entry on the basis of its own merits. In this system, entries are not judged in competition with one another, but rather on the individual merits of a particular entry. All entries will be placed in one of the following groupings.

“A” Rating = Satisfactory, Exhibit meets standards

“B” Rating = Needs Improvement or does not meet requirements

“C” Rating = Poor, Exhibit needs much improvement

Project Experts also select exhibits to advance to the State Fair and trophy winners. Again, these selections should be made based on the conference/interview and done with the 4-H Show judging in mind.

Jr. Fair Judging: The Jr. Fair judging is done *after* all 4-H Show judging is complete and “Jr. Fair Only” exhibits have been added to the lineup of exhibits. The Jr. Fair is a competitive judging experience in which the exhibits are ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th place. This system of judging is known as the “American System.” While the American System uses standards and requirements, it primarily uses the idea of competition between exhibits, *putting one competitor against another* to establish the rankings.

Thank the Donors



Congratulations to all the award winners at the 4-H Show!

Each award is sponsored by a business, individual or family. Without these generous sponsors, no awards would be available.

It is very important each award winner send a thank you to the sponsor.

The name and information is included with the award. The sponsors appreciate hearing about your 4-H experience.

If you are not sure of the donor name or address, please contact the U of I Extension office.

Poultry Testing

Monday, July 24

After 5 PM

Hoerr Veterinary Service, Morton



Call to make an appointment, 309-266-8444

Poultry Exhibitors: Please note health requirements on pages 7 & 17 of the show book to make sure you are in compliance.

**This is a special service provided free of charge by Dr. Hoerr. The testing is only free on this date, during the time frame the clinic sets. If you are unable to make it at that time, you will need to schedule a regular appointment that will include a normal service fee.*

Animal Project 4-H Policy

4-H members enrolled in Animal projects were emailed details on the requirements to exhibit each specie. We are still using Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) as the two certification programs in Illinois 4-H.

An in person YQCA training with Katharine is scheduled for Friday, July 14 at 10 a.m. in the Tazewell County Farm Bureau boardroom (1505 Valle Vista Blvd; Pekin, IL). You must PRE-REGISTER. See the email for details.

Horse Paperwork for Show

Horse exhibitors are reminded to bring the following items with them to the 4-H Show:

1. Current Horse & Pony Feed Record
2. Proof of negative Coggins test. The Coggins test must be up-to-date, and the description and markings must match the horse.



Fall Family Camp

Dates for Fall Family Camp are Sept. 8-10, 2023 and registration is open now! Find more info and registration materials at

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>



The State 4-H Office is looking for volunteer judges and project assistants who are eager to provide a great State Fair experience for our youth. Help in the air-conditioned Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on any or all of the days: Aug 11-13. Apply

online at <https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairHelp>. We hope to see you at the fair!

First Time at State Fair?

First time exhibiting your 4-H project at the State Fair? Get the scoop on what to bring, planning your stay in Springfield and more! Download a copy of our **First-Time Fairgoer Brochure** at <https://uofi.box.com/s/woy39jswx57okl2uc2a2iz1rmedix6jh> or en Español at <https://uofi.box.com/s/2vm0mik46c2um61gj02q3cgctk54rjwc>.

The State Fair Twilight Parade

4-H members 12 & up are invited to help represent Illinois 4-H at the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade! Please sign up by August 8: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/22067>

Time: August 10, 5:00pm meetup time

Meeting Spot: North Circle at Lincoln Park- 1601 North 5th Street

Attire: 4-H shirt and comfortable walking shoes

Age: 4-H members 12 and up

Parade Route: Staging for the Twilight Parade is in the north circle at Lincoln Park. It proceeds through the park, down Sangamon Avenue and enters Fairgrounds at the Main Gate. It follows Main Street and then turns right on Illinois Ave. and disperses after the SFPLD fire station. Kick-off is at 5:30pm and the last unit of the parade is normally completed around 7:15pm.



The “4-H Can Make a Difference” Can/Non-Perishable Food Drive is back at the Illinois State Fair this year! We will be collecting food to see which county brings in the most (by weight). The top three counties in the state will receive a prize! We will be located inside the Orr building on the south side by the

Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Booth. We cannot wait to see the huge amount of items that counties bring in!



Represent Illinois at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia! This five-day national conference is an opportunity for youth from across

the country to develop their leadership skills. Members have the opportunity to go to trainings, listen to nationally recognized speakers, participate in community service projects and network with 4-H members from across the United States. The next 4-H Congress will be held November 24-28, 2023 and costs \$2000 with partial scholarships available. Complete the National Congress Application at

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/21512> in Zsuite by August 1, 2023.



4-H State Shoots in rifle, pistol, archery, and shotgun are intended to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to compete with those with like interests from throughout Illinois and registration opens July 15th!

Illinois 4-H State Archery Shoot – Sat, Sept. 16, 2023 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL. Fee: \$20

Illinois Ducks Unlimited 4-H State Shotgun Shoot – Sat, Sept. 23, 2023 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL. Fee: \$20 *Sponsored by Illinois Ducks Unlimited*

Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot – Sat, Oct. 7, 2023 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. Fee: \$20

Learn more at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>.

State Fair Mobile App

Headed to the Orr Building in August? The State Fair Illinois 4-H General Project Show has gone mobile! View the schedule, maps, exhibitor info, and more. Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Illinois_4-H.



STEM Academy is an exciting opportunity that will allow young people to build their own voice assistant, explore Chat GPT, and learn about AI. Youth will get hands-on experience with machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics, all while creating their project. This year's STEM Academy will also educate students about ethics in using artificial intelligence. Youth will hear from leaders in the field of machine learning, as well as others who navigate the use of ChatGPT and other voice assistants. Cost is \$25. Location: Goodwill Commons, 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614. Register by July 3 at go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy.

4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge



Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors! Five winners will be drawn on July 15, 2023 for a very high quality 4-H

Everyday Sportsman's Multi-Tool (\$50 value) that will last a lifetime!

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>



Do you want to learn more about livestock, but don't want to own your own cow? Join the Dairy Special Interest (SPIN) Club! The Dairy SPIN Club will start meeting on June 17 at Linden Hills Dairy Farm (8412 W Middle Rd, Peoria, IL 61607). They will meet twice a day on Saturdays: June 17, June 24, and July 1. They will have morning and afternoon sessions. Members are encouraged to bring their lunches. All 4-H members are welcome! For more details, contact Fred Rosenbohm at 309-256-6819.

Raising Funds for Federation

Did you know that all of the funding for the Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Federations is raised by the 4-H Food Stand at the Fulton County Fair? This year we'd love all our Federation members to join in the fun, help raise funds for our groups, and take time to give back!

Join us on Saturday, July 29 in the 4-H Food Stand at the Fulton County Fairgrounds (1377 S Main St, Lewistown, IL 61542). We'll work together to serve meals during one of the busiest days of the fair. You'll get a free meal during your shift, and you can choose what shift you want to work: 11am-3pm or 3-7pm. Plus, you can earn community service hours! Bring your family to help in the food stand – or let them enjoy the rides, exhibits, shows, and food!

If you can join us, contact Rachel (Fulton County 4-H Coordinator) at 309-547-3711 or rfv@illinois.edu by July 10. Be sure to let her know your address so we can mail you a fair pass. Learn more about the Fulton County Fair at <https://fultonfair.com/>. We're excited to see you there!



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4-H Show & Fair Dates

FULTON
County Fair - 7/24-29

MASON
July 26-30

PEORIA
July 12-14

TAZEWELL
July 31-Aug 2