

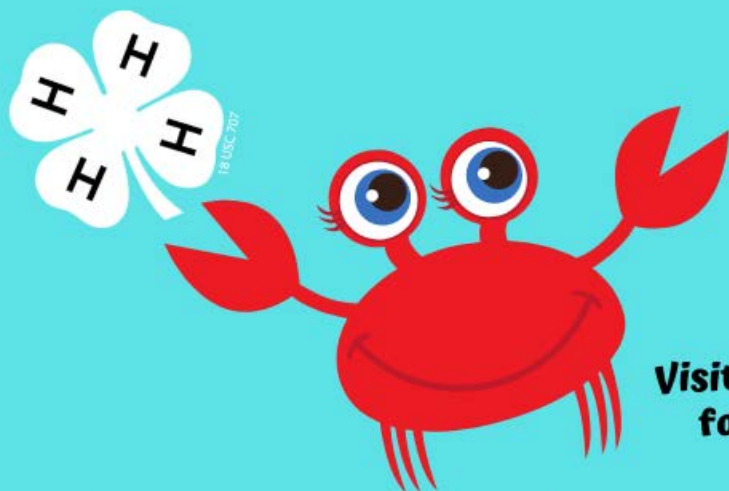
# SEASONAL 4-H NEWSLETTER

Livingston | McLean | Woodford  
Winter 2020



## Workshops are filling up!

### Have you registered for Learn & Fun Day yet?



Who: All youth ages 5 - 14  
When: Monday, February 17th  
Time: 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Where: Trinity Lutheran School  
(1102 W Hamilton Rd, Bloomington, IL)

**Visit [go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents](https://go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents) and search  
for Learn & Fun Day on February 17th!**

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**Open to All Youth Ages 5-14**  
**\$25 4-H Members | \$30 Non-4-H Youth!**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LIVINGSTON, MCLEAN & WOODFORD?



## Interested in Livestock Judging?

### Join our Livingston, McLean, & Woodford County 4-H Team in 2020!

The Livingston-McLean-Woodford Livestock Judging Team is kicking off the 2020 livestock judging calendar with meetings/practices at both Pontiac Township High School and Normal West High School the end of January. No experience or background required and open to all 4-H members from 8 to 18 years old! We are proud to have members compete in junior divisions as well as top senior divisions. Livestock judging is the evaluation of live meat animals: beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats. The team had an outstanding 2019 with members competing in several National Contests!! Practices begin in January with us attending approximately 5 contests through March and April, before the State Contest in June. Practices and competitions are open to what works for you and your family, without commitment or expectation to attend them all. If schedules don't free up until later in the season, you are still welcome to join. Our goal is for everyone to learn from each experience, therefore we welcome whatever approach works for you. The first meetings/practices will be at Pontiac Township High School on Monday, January 27 at 6 p.m. and Normal West High School on Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m. Please contact Jesse Faber at [jfaber@pontiac90.org](mailto:jfaber@pontiac90.org) or Treavor Taylor at [taylortr@unit5.org](mailto:taylortr@unit5.org) for more information and meeting locations.



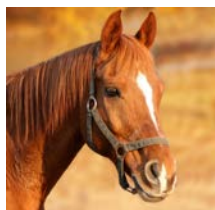
Are you already a member of the Livestock Judging Team or plan join this year? Don't forget to go into your 4HOnline profile and add this as one of your 4-H Clubs! If you are in McLean or Woodford County, you will need to add Livingston County as a secondary county in order for this club option will show up for you. Please contact your local Extension Office for assistance:

Livingston (815) 842-1776

McLean (309) 663-8306

Woodford (309) 467-3789

## Horse Bowl & Hippology



It is that time of year again to start thinking about Horse Bowl and Hippology! The 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology contest teaches young people decision-making skills related to horse care and management.

If you are interested, please register youth attending under event dates at [go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents](http://go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kaitlyn Prehoda at the McLean County office.

## New Training/Certification Required for Livestock Exhibitors beginning 2019-2020

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animal certification (YQCA). It will replace former specific trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification.



The training must be completed each year and local Extension offices will offer the training.



Horses, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.



Contact 4-H Staff at your local Extension office with questions and be on the lookout for our local training dates coming soon!

### \*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\*

**4-H Livestock Learn & Fun Day is Saturday, May 2, 2020 in Eureka, IL.**

**Event Details coming soon!**

**Contact local 4-H Staff at the Extension office!**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H?



## Livingston County Scholarship Winners Announced

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019-2020 Livingston County 4-H Scholarship. This award serves to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizen, and community service during their 4-H career. This scholarship is generously funded by the Livingston County Education Association and with the gift funds from the late James E. Cairns.

### Mark Corrigan, Pontiac

Mark graduated from Pontiac Township High School and was a 10-year member of the Graymont Achievers. He also participated in the Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors and served in several officer positions over the years. Mark is currently attending Lake Land College in the Agriculture department and completing the John Deere Service Tech Program.

### Megan Ifft, Fairbury

Megan, a Prairie Central Graduate, is a former Forrest Fireflies 4-H Club member and held several officer positions during her nine-year tenure with the club. She is currently attending the University of St. Francis in the College of Nursing.

*Congratulations*

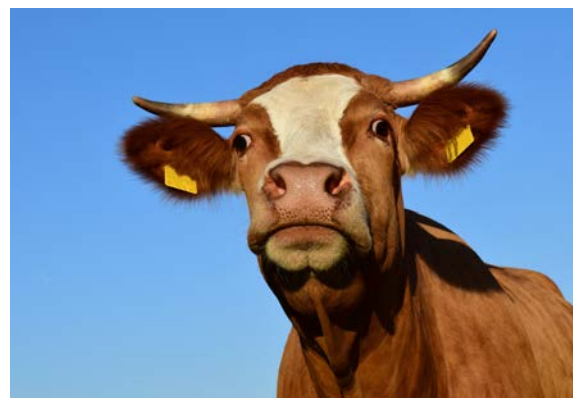
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All 4-H members wanting to show steers or marketing heifers in the county or state fairs MUST have their animals weighed and tattooed by the beef superintendents. RSVP by contacting the Livingston County Extension Office at (815) 842-1776. You will be asked to let us know the participant's name and birth date as well as the number of animals that will be weighed and tattooed at the event.

**Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**Time: 8 a.m.**

**Location: Livingston County 4-H Fairgrounds  
(18142 4-H Park Rd, Pontiac)**



## Pheasant & Quail Workshop

**Date: Thursday, February, 6**

**Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Where: Livingston County Extension Office  
(1412 S. Locust St., Pontiac)**

**All youth ages 8 to 18 | Cost: Free**



Whether you are new to birds, thinking about adding to your flock, or just curious about what it takes to raise one of these species, this workshop is for you! You'll learn about the birds, how to care for them, and practice creating a brooder box. We'll even let you know how to order birds for the upcoming fair season.

**Register under this date at "Events" at  
[go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents](http://go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents)**

## Scrapbook Workshop

**Date: Saturday, March 7**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Where: Livingston County Extension Office  
(1412 S. Locust St., Pontiac)**

**All youth ages 8 to 18 | Cost: \$5**



Don't let your pictures sit on your phone--never to be seen again. Scrapbooking is a fun way to keep your pictures preserved and accessible for years to come. In this hands-on workshop you will learn scrapbooking techniques and practice creating some of your own scrapbook pages.

**Project Area: Visual Arts - Paper  
Register under this date at "Events" at  
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## Ashton Stipp from Wide Awake Timberline 4-H Club Receives State Award

The Illinois State 4-H Key Award is a statewide recognition program, sponsored for older 4-H members. The purpose of the award is to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, community service, and mentoring during their 4-H involvement. Applicants must be 4-H members who are 16-18 years of age by September 1 of the 4-H year in which they are applying on the state level. A maximum of 30 4-H members will be recognized as State 4-H Key Award recipients each year.

Ashton Stipp received the Illinois State 4-H Key Award and is a member of the Wide Awake Timberline 4-H Club. Her extensive community service and leadership includes over 100 service hours for Key Club, planning an Alzheimer's awareness walk, food drives, Illini Summer Academies attendee and she then served on the state planning committee.

*Congratulations*



## Nature SPIN Club

Dive into the wonders of nature and start an adventure! If you love nature, join us as we kick off a new special interest club with plenty of fieldtrips and hands-on activities. Some of the session activities include:

- Winter animal tracking and tree identification
- Nighttime frogging and identification
- Visit a bison herd
- And much more...

This group will meet on the third Sunday of the month beginning in January. The first meeting is coming up at **3 p.m. on January 19**, in the Saunemin Community Building (70 North Street).

Questions? Contact Mary Ludwig at (815) 419-5629 or ludwigfarms@hotmail.com



## Worlds of Adventure Spring Break Camp Three Days...Three Adventures!

Mark your calendar and count down the days until spring break. This March, we are hosting a special camp just for youth. Each day brings a new theme and new worlds to explore.

**March 23, 24, 25 | 9 a.m. to Noon | Ages 8 - 12 | \$15 for all 3 days!**

### Wizards of World Adventures

Start Monday off right and enroll as a student in our Wizard School.

### Superheroes

Grab your cape or shield and come back on Tuesday for our expedition to the world of Superheroes.

### Planet Battles

Blast off for the epic battle of galactic proportions on Wednesday.



**REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND MCLEAN COUNTY 4-H?



## McLean County 4-H Beef Exhibitors! Save the Date for Weigh-In/Tattooing!

All 4-H members wanting to show steers or marketing heifers in the county or state fairs **MUST** have their animals weighed and tattooed by the beef superintendents. RSVP # of animals to your local Extension Office by **January 22!**

**Date:** January 25, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Where:** Reel Livestock Center, Congerville, IL



## Are you in 8th grade or above and looking for even more 4-H? Join McLean County 4-H Federation!

If you are a member of McLean County 4-H, 8th grade and above, get in on the fun and contact McLean County 4-H staff today! Next meeting is **Monday, January 28 at 6 p.m.** at the McLean County Extension Office! If you are interested, please contact Kaitlyn Prehoda @ [kprehoda@illinois.edu](mailto:kprehoda@illinois.edu).

## 2020 Shooting Sports Schedule - Archery

Register now for the 2020 McLean 4-H Archery Workshops. These workshops are offered by state certified 4-H Archery Instructors. They will be held on select Monday nights at the McLean County Fairgrounds in the West Expo Building (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington, IL 61705). \* Note: Certain Mondays will only have Level 2 Workshops. Participants must have completed a Level 1 Archery Workshop before they can participate in a Level 2 Workshop; contact staff prior to attending with questions!

**January 27**  
**February 10 & 24**

**March 9 & 23**  
**April 13 & 27**

**May 11**  
**June 15 & 29**

**July 13**

*\*Participants must be enrolled in 4-H, in a Shooting Sports SPIN Club, and enrolled in Archery as a 4-H project to attend this workshop. Additionally, they need to complete a medical form and release of liability form and return it to the Extension Office or bring the completed forms to the workshop. \$2 fee for materials will be collected.*

*Make sure to register for all of these workshops online at [go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents](http://go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents) and find event by date!*

### Extended Office Hours!

April 13th 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

June 22nd 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Please stop into the McLean County Extension office for extended office hours. The 4-H staff will be here to help you with records, 4HOnline, Fair Entry and any other questions you might have!

### What's your Favorite Memory with 4-H?

We know you have had many great experiences within 4-H. We want to hear all about them! Please send your memories to Maggie Roberts or Kaitlyn Prehoda at [maggielr@illinois.edu](mailto:maggielr@illinois.edu) or [kprehoda@illinois.edu](mailto:kprehoda@illinois.edu).



## McLean County Association for Home and Community Education Scholarship Application Online

If you are/were a McLean County 4-H member currently in college or accepted for Fall 2020 and have completed a 2018-2019 4-H project(s) in the areas of Home & Family/Food, Nutrition & Health at the last county fair and 3 previous years, don't forget to check out the HCE Scholarship application on our website at [go.illinois.edu/McLean4H](http://go.illinois.edu/McLean4H) under Awards and Records. You will find an information sheet and scholarship application explaining all of the requirements including photos and your 4-H story guidelines to be considered for a scholarship up to \$500. Applications are due to the McLean County Extension Office by **April 2, 2020** (McLean County HCE, attention: Eileen Norin, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704).





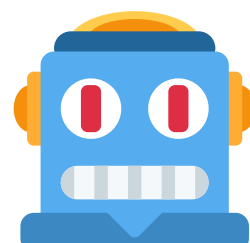
## SAVE THE DATE



Electricity Workshop:  
February 4 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Spring Break Workshops:  
March 23 – 27 with 3 workshops per day!

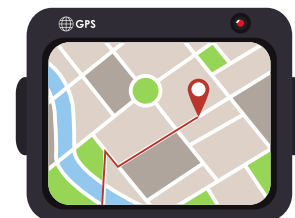
Robotics Workshop:  
April 8 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



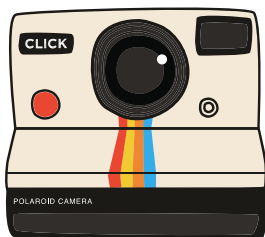
GPS Technology Workshop  
April 21 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Rocketry Workshop:  
May 12 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Plant & Soil Workshop:  
June 16 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Photography Workshop:  
July 15 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



All workshops will be held at the McLean County Extension Office.  
Visit [go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents](https://go.illinois.edu/LMWEvents) for more information and to register.  
Contact Maggie Roberts at [maggielr@illinois.edu](mailto:maggielr@illinois.edu) with any questions  
or contact the office at (309) 663-8306!





## 2019 McLean County 4-H Recognition of Excellence

*Congratulations and thank you to all of those who joined us at our 2019 McLean County 4-H Recognition of Excellence celebration. It was a great evening filled with celebration and memories! We are very proud of McLean County 4-H and the amazing community we have!*



*For more photos check out our McLean County 4-H Facebook page soon! #McLeanCounty4H #Thats4H!*

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## 2019 Unity Gives Thanks Celebration

*Thank you to all of those who joined us at our 2019 Unity Gives Thanks celebration live from the Unity Community Center this year! The youth worked really hard to plan the evening that was filled with smiles and laughter.*



*For more photos check out our Unity Community Center Facebook page! #Thats4H*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H?



## 4-H Hunting and Outdoor Skills

If you know of any youth that love being outdoors and shooting sports, they'll love this project area! This project covers firearm safety, teaches responsible handling and use, outdoor skills, and so much more. All youth interested in joining 4-H or the Shooting Sports project area must enroll in 4-H and the Shooting Sports SPIN Club. Contact 4-H Staff at the Woodford County Extension Office at (309) 467-3789 with questions.

### Hunting & Outdoor Skills

Secor Sportsman's Club (967 County Road 2250 E., Secor)

### 2020 Schedule

**January 11 & 25 | February 8 & 22**

**March 7 & 21 | April 4**

## New Member Orientation

You won't want to miss this special program where you'll learn about the many opportunities the 4-H Program has to offer youth, families and volunteers. This is the perfect time to get answers to any questions regarding our program, projects, Record Books, clubs, the summer 4-H Show, and much more. Contact 4-H Staff at the Woodford County Extension Office at (309) 467-3789 with any questions!



**Date: February 3, 2020**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Where: Woodford County Extension Office (109 E. Eureka Avenue, Eureka)**

**All youth ages**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Woodford County Foundation Soup Supper March 14th @ Eureka Middle School

*Please watch your weekly emails for more details*



## Upcoming 4-H Workshops

### 4-H Cupcake Decorating Workshop

**Date: Saturday, February 8**

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

**Where: Woodford County Extension Office  
(109 E. Eureka Ave., Eureka, IL 61530)**

**All youth ages 8-18 | Cost: \$7.00**



Watch weekly emails for more information on other upcoming project workshops this winter! Contact 4-H Staff at the Woodford County Extension Office at (309) 467-3789 with questions!

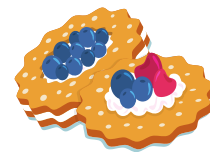
### 4-H Cookie Decorating Workshop

**Date: Saturday, March 21**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Where: Woodford County Extension Office  
(109 E. Eureka Ave., Eureka, IL 61530)**

**All youth ages 8-18 | Cost: TBA**



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## Adventures of Woodford County 4-H Federation!

*Written by: Jaycie Schertz*

*Photos by: Jenny Henkel and Amy Quast*

*Woodford County Federation has had an exciting and busy month: a trip to Chicago, the Barn III, and a pizza dinner!*

*We took a trip to Chicago at the end of November. We spent the day touring the city. We had a behind the scenes tour at Shedd Aquarium and watched some cool shows along with getting a little wet getting up close to some aquatics. At Navy Pier we rode the Ferris Wheel and did some more sightseeing! To finish our fun day we had dessert at the Cheesecake Factory!*



*At the end of December, we had our annual Christmas party at the new Barn III in Congerville. It was a beautiful Christmas show with an outstanding dinner. We had a great time together fellow-shipping over dinner followed by a hilarious and exciting show!*



*To wrap up, we had our regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at Pizza Hut! Here we discussed our fun year of 2019 and how we wanted to make 2020 even better yet! We discussed community service projects we want to complete this spring/summer and our new membership rule!*

*ALL 4-H'ers are welcome to join as 8th graders! If you are interested in joining 4-H Federation, please join us at Monical's in El Paso on Sunday, February 2nd at 5 p.m.! If you have any questions regarding 4-H Federation, contact 4-H Staff at the Extension office!*

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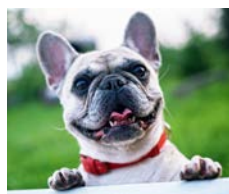


## Change lives, be a 4-H Camp Counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call 217-762-2741.

## 4-H in Space Applications

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of STEM history and be a member of this elite planning unit! Becoming a member of the MCT is a serious commitment and will require plenty of dedication and time. The 4-H In Space Mission Control Team Application Closes at 11:59 PM on Friday, **January 17th**. Selected members will be informed of the decision on Wednesday, January 22nd. The first meeting will be held that week, and the time/date will be determined by the members of the committee. Applications can be accessed at [go.illinois.edu/4hspace](http://go.illinois.edu/4hspace).



## Getting a Jump on the 4-H Dog Project!

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 18** at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at [go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic). There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

## Save the Date for Speaking for Illinois 4-H Spring Trainings

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H team. The first spring training will be Saturday **February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is Saturday, **March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.



The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registrations open @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H).

## SAVE THE DATE and Get Ready to Register for 4-H Memorial Camp on February 3!

Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp! Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp registration will open **February 3**. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6  
Week 2: June 7-11  
Week 3: June 14-18  
Week 4: July 5-9  
Week 5: July 26-30

Find details and more before February 3 at [go.illinois.edu/4HCamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCamp)



## YES! You Can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2021. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through **Feb. 29**. Apply @ [www.projectyouthextension.com](http://www.projectyouthextension.com).





# 2019-2020 ILLINOIS 4-H STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



## Get your Clover at JOANN Stores

Between **March 1 and April 30**, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



## Explore a Future in Agriculture

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference **March 6** at Richland Community College in Decatur. Apply online @ [womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com](http://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com). Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



A project of the Illinois Agri-Women

## Compete in Regional Horse Contests and Earn Your Trip to State!

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

**4-H Horse Bowl:** Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held Sunday, **April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

Learn more @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest). You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

**4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST:** There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is Saturday, **April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person.

Learn more @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest). You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

**4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST:** 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division.

Learn more @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest). The State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is Saturday, **April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March.

Cost is \$3 per entry.

Our regional contest is **April 4** at Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL.



## Be a True Leader in Service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, **April 25** as part of True Leaders in Service! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need. Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice).







# 2019-2020 ILLINOIS 4-H STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



## How Strong is your 4-H Family Spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at:

[4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award](http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award). Nominations are due **May 1**.



## Illini Summer Academies

Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held **June 21 – 27** on the University of Illinois campus. **Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants.** Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

## Get Cash to Help Improve your Community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) under "community engagements grants".

## There's a Place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of their own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.



# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...SCHOLARSHIPS!

## IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is NOW OPEN! The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. There are several scholarships that require 4-H participation, so be sure to apply! Applications are due **February 1** and can be found with all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at [iaafoundation.org](http://iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

## FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2020 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) under scholarships before **February 28**. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!





## 2020 Dates

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January 1	DEADLINE: Teach Outdoor Scholarship
January 1	DEADLINE: Joyce Betz Scholarship
January 3	DEADLINE: Citizenship Washington Focus registration
January 9	DEADLINE: Salute to Excellence
January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
January 25	<b>McLean &amp; Woodford County 4-H Beef Weigh-In/Tattooing, Congerville, IL</b>
February 8	<b>Livingston County 4-H Beef Weigh-In/Tattooing, 4-H Park, Pontiac, IL</b>
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
May 9	State Robotics Competition, Bloomington, IL
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 – June 27	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
July 26- August 2	State Fair Junior Horse Show
July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
August 15	Livingston, McLean, Woodford State Fair Day

### Reminder while youth are out there working on 4-H projects: Understanding Copyright and Trademark Laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what's allowed, contact your local 4-H Staff to ensure we are all respecting the rights of others.



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