Calendar of events
(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February
➢ 15 Allendale Twisters & Sprouts Meeting @ 6pm at the Allendale Ruritan Building.
➢ 26 Town & Country 4-H meeting and Fun @ 2:00 pm at the Mt. Carmel Bowling Alley

March
➢ 1 Last day to add projects on Zsuite
➢ 1 New Member enrollment deadline
➢ 1 Last day to order project manuals
➢ 3 YQCA In-Person Training—6PM @ Extension Office
➢ 4 Hi-Flyers Meeting @ 9 am at the Farm Bureau Office

County Fair
Wabash County Fair Dates - July 15 - 22, 2023
Mark your calendars and make plans now!
Wabash County 4-H

Welcome Logan Kennard!

Logan Kennard is the 4-H Extension Program Coordinator for Wabash County. He has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education, with a minor in Animal Science from Southern Illinois University. Logan has a long history in agriculture, growing up on a row crop farm and showing livestock throughout his junior career. He was also a very active 4-H and FFA member.

Before becoming the Wabash County EPC Logan was a public school teacher in both 8th grade science and high school agriculture. He now resides in Mount Carmel, IL where, in his free time, he raises dorper sheep and coaches youth with their livestock projects.

Logan is excited to work with the community to continue to grow an already strong 4-H program and use his expertise in education and agriculture to further develop local youth. Any young person or adult volunteer interested in learning more about the 4-H program can contact Logan at the Wabash County Extension Office by calling 618-262-5725 or by email at logank@illinois.edu.

Quality Assurance and Ethic Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and or any members who have not taken it before. The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1. You can find the online training at: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

YQCA is a training that is required by the state for all 4-H’ers who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats. You are required to take this training each year. Look for more information to come on how to register.

Friday, March 3 @ 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 25 @ 10:00 AM
At the Extension Office
738 N Market Street, Mt. Carmel
Every 4-H’er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H meetings this year, by July 1, in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts.

- New members have till **March 1, 2022** to enroll at [https://4h.zsuite.org/](https://4h.zsuite.org/).
- You will have till **March 1st** to change your projects if you choose to add or delete a 4-H project. You can do this by going into your Zsuite account or contacting our office.

**Publications/Project Manuals**

Publications are guide books and project manuals that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication in order to complete your project for fair and for some project areas the publications aren’t really needed. If you need help making this decision please reach out to Dana at the Extension Office.

Remember to only order the books you NEED!

*RECYCLE! If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!*

This year we will be using an online form to order your publications. Everyone needs to have their publication orders in by March 1, 2023. That is the last book order that will be submitted this 4-H year. Once the publications arrive at our office we will contact you or deliver them to your club meetings.

Use this link [https://go.illinois.edu/4-HPublications](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HPublications) to order yours today!

**Livestock Judging**

We are excited to get the livestock judging team up and running! We have a great group of kids that will start competing this spring.

We are currently meeting on Tuesday & Thursday Evening @ 6pm at the Extension Office. If you missed the first practices but would like to be a part of the team please reach out to Logan.
Grants and Scholarships

**IAA Scholarship:**

Due February 15th

The 2023 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The IAA Foundation is pleased to offer 100 awards totaling $201,501. The application period runs from January 1 - February 15, 2023. Many of our scholarships prefer or require the student to be a former or active 4-H member.

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility details can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

**Farm Credit Scholarships:**

Due February 28th

**2023 Agriculture Scholarship:** Thirty $2,500 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. Use this link to apply [https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCIAgricultureScholarship](https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCIAgricultureScholarship). Deadline to apply is February 28, 2023.

**Community Improvement Grant Program:** Fifty $500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live. Use this link [https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCICommunityImprovementGrant](https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCICommunityImprovementGrant) to apply. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2023.

**Farm Bureau Foundation:**

Due April 15th

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering college scholarships to MCHS seniors and graduates. One $2,000 and one $1000 scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing a degree in agriculture. **NEW!** This year, they also have a $1000 scholarship to high school seniors studying ag or non-ag degrees. For more information or to get a link to the application form, contact the Wabash County Farm Bureau at 618-262-5865 or email wabashcountyfb@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2023.

**PROJECT GRANTS** - The Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation is awarding grants to Wabash County 4-H members, age 8-12, to use for materials that will assist the 4-Her with the completion of their 4-H project. Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from a minimum of $25 to a maximum of $100. Examples of what the grant could be used for include, but are not limited to: art supplies, kitchen equipment, livestock care materials (cages, halters, bottles, etc.), display boxes, vegetable seeds, sewing supplies, and camera equipment. If you have questions or want an application, check with your Club Leader or stop by the Wabash County Extension Office. Deadline to submit the grant application to the Farm Bureau is April 15, 2023.
Livestock Ownership Dates

All Animals must be the property of the member exhibiting them and will be subject to identifying check. Penalty for falsification will result in banning the member from competition in any class at the show for the current year. 4-H officials reserve the right to spot check and verify ownership of animals by required ownership date.

Market Animals

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2023 Breeding Animals

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:
Heifers
Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2023 (with the exception of Junior Heifer calf and Baby Beef)

Performance Cows
Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2023

SWINE – GILTS:
Owned by exhibitor since May 1, 2023

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:
Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2023

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:
Calves and Heifers – Owned since May 1, 2023
Cows – Owned since January 1, 2023

HORSE & PONY:
on or before May 1

DOGS:
Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2023

DAIRY GOATS:
Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2023.
Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2023.

MEAT GOATS
All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2023.

RABBITS, NOVELTY GOATS & POULTRY:
Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.
Where could a Career & Leadership 4-H Pathway take you?

To the Youth Leadership Team, to Teen Teacher training, to national conferences ... and that's just a start! Make goals, set your pathway for 2023, and explore everything 4-H has to offer using our Find Your Spark Guide at go.illinois.edu/LetsSparkSomething or contact your local Extension Office to learn more!
4-H Changemakers Conference

Now more than ever, the world needs the inspiration YOU bring to the table!
At the 4-H Changemakers Conference on March 4-5, you'll learn how to use your innovative ideas and energy to build a better world and influence positive change in your community and world. Youth are the Changemakers of the future!

• Learn to use the power of youth voice as you increase your involvement in civic engagement
• Gain leadership skills and the confidence to be that person out in front initiating change
• Share your passion for making a positive difference and being a catalyst for change
• Collaborate with other high schoolers across the state to develop your great ideas!

This conference is open to high school age 4-H members and registration is open until February 10 using this link go.illinois.edu/4hchangemakers

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

2023 4-H Camp registration is open for members (with open registration starting February 6)!

Register at: https://go.illinois.edu/4HCamp2023

Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp in Monticello during the following sessions:

June 4-8     June 11-15     June 25-29     June 30- July 4

JOANN Loves 4-H!

Have some sewing or craft project ideas? Bring them to life while helping empower youth!

Our friends at JOANN are giving you a chance to support 4-H’ers with a donation in stores now through May 1! Help inspire kids to create while doing some creating of your own!

Current & Alumni members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Go to https://www.joann.com/4-h/ to find out more.
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.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!

Get your bird feeders ready; download free awesome bird I.D. and species reporting apps; and decide if you want to report as an individual or a group! Do this as a 4-H Club activity!

When? The official count is February 17-20, 2023

Learn more at: www.birdcount.org

REGISTER YOUTH FOR THE LITTLE ROOTS GARDENING PROGRAM

The Little Roots program is now accepting registrations for Cloverbuds ages 5-7 who want to be inspired to learn more about how to grow their own food. Registrants will receive a weekly activity calendar along with seed packets and educational materials for a self-paced gardening experience. To learn more, and register for the program, please contact your local 4-H staff. Educational materials are available in English and Spanish upon request. Contact: Brittnay Haag, Extension Horticulture Educator - bhaag@illinois.edu