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

**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, Farm Bureau Office
- **11**  Livestock Judging Team at Lake Land College
- **15**  Allendale Twisters & Sprouts meeting - 6 PM, Allendale Ruritan Building
- **18**  Hi-Flyers Meeting—6 PM, Farm Bureau office
- **27**  Town and County club meeting—6 PM, Quail Club

**April**
- **1**  YQCA In-Person Training—10 AM, Extension Office
- **6**  Livestock Judging Team at Lincoln Land Community College
- **15**  Deadline to submit scholarship and grant applications to the Wabash County Farm Bureau
- **15**  Livestock Judging Team at Joliet Junior College
- **19**  Livestock Judging Team at Murray State

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**4-H PLEDGE**

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.
Important Reminders:

- 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.

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](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.

Off-Premise Form

- In certain instances, members may keep their livestock on property other than their own. The member is required to submit a livestock Off-Premises Form to the Extension office for approval (including horses). This form will indicate where the animal is being kept and must be signed by the 4-H member, the member's parent, the property owner, the 4-H club leader, and an Extension 4-H staff person. As noted on the form, the 4-H member is responsible for the daily care and feeding of his or her animal project. This form must be submitted to the extension office by June 1st, 2023. Go to [https://go.illinois.edu/WabashOffPresmisesForm](https://go.illinois.edu/WabashOffPresmisesForm) or you can contact the office to get a copy.

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. **YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND THE TRAINING!** Create a new account, do not use your previous username/password.

Go to [https://yqcaprogram.org](https://yqcaprogram.org).

**YQCA**

Friday, March 3 @ 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 1 @ 10:00 AM
At the Extension Office
Edwards County is offering a Tractor Safety Workshop on Saturday, March 11th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This is open to 4-H and non 4-H members.

The U.S. Department of Labor identify certain agricultural tasks as particularly hazardous when performed, for hire, by youth under the age of 16. A training program was established that provided youth ages 14 and 15 to be certified to perform some of these tasks, when working for hire on a farm. The GEARING UP FOR SAFETY curriculum is designed to meet the current training requirements of the HOOA including minimum duration of instruction requirements for participants. Classes will be taught by University of Illinois Extension Staff that includes 15 classroom lessons, written test, operational test and certification upon completion. Click here to register: https://go.illinois.edu/Edwardstractorsafety. Registration is limited. If registration fills another session will be offered. Questions or want more information? Contact Debra Collier at 618-445-2934 or djc@illinois.edu

Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation

4-H Grants & Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS -

WHO: MCHS seniors and graduates.
WHAT: One $2,000 and one $1000 scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing a degree in agriculture.
NEW! This year, a $1000 scholarship to high school seniors studying ag or non-ag degrees.
WHEN: Application must be submitted to the Farm Bureau by April 15, 2023

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.

PROJECT GRANTS -

WHO: Wabash County 4-H members, age 8-12
WHAT: Grants ranging from $25 to $100 to assist with project expenses
WHEN: Application must be submitted to the Farm Bureau by April 15, 2023

If you have questions or want an application, check with your Club Leader or stop by the Wabash County Extension Office.
8th Grade Science Lesson

Logan had the opportunity to visit the 8th Grade Science classes in Mount Carmel to share a lesson about genetics and how we use those principles in real life in agriculture and more specifically animal agriculture. They had an activity that simulated selective breeding to achieve desired traits.

Livestock Judging Team

The Livestock Judging Team attended their first competition of the season on Friday, February 24 at the Illinois Beef Expo. The team had a great first outing for the season, ending the day with 5th High Overall Team Senior Division with Lexi Stevens finishing 7th High Overall Individual Senior Division! Congratulations!
4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns for 2023!

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!

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

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

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.
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

4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are True Leaders in Service, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please share your story of how you and/or your club are supporting your community by going to the Illinois 4-H website’s Community Service page, https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service. To be identified as having participated in the National 4-H Day of Service, you first must click on the “Register You 2023 Event” box and share your plan for positively impacting your community. Once you have completed your service outreach efforts, then be sure to go back to the webpage use click the “Report 2023 Community Service” box and report what you accomplished and how you and your club made a difference. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link to document your positive efforts. Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.
4-H Day with the Cardinals - Saturday, May 20

We are pleased to announce that the registration for the 20th annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals is now open and will run through 11:59 p.m. March 31. Game day is May 20 at 6:15 p.m. against the LA Dodgers. Tickets are $30.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt. Raffle chances are $1.00 each for the chance to throw out the first pitch (must be a 4-H member), all others can win autographed baseballs and tickets to future games. **New – option to purchase a ball cap for $10.00 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of this event (limit one per order). A shipping and handling fee will be added to each order. Everyone will have the chance to participate in a parade around the field. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed May 4 with more instructions for the day. Please note – groups that wish to sit together, must submit one order. Get tickets here: https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023

Get your tackle ready! The 2023 4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming later this month!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

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!