

Illinois Extension



4-H Newsletter

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**Wabash County
Illinois 4-H**

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

- ➔ 2nd April 4-H in a bag registration CLOSES
- ➔ 2nd Photography Workshop Registration CLOSES
- ➔ 7th Federation Meeting @ 3:30pm @ Extension office
- ➔ 7th Allendale Twister Meeting 6 PM @ Allendale Ruritan building
- ➔ 10th Photography Workshop @ Bealls Woods from 9am-11am
- ➔ 14th April 4-H in bag pick up day at the extension office
- ➔ 15th Deadline for Farm Bureau Grant
- ➔ 15th YQCA Training 6 PM @ The Annex Building
- ➔ 17th Hi Flyers Meeting 9 AM @ Wabash Co Farm Bureau
- ➔ 19th April 4-H in a bag Facebook live
- ➔ 26th Town & Country Meeting 6:30 PM @ Wabash Co Quail Club
- ➔ 27th YQCA Training 6 PM @ The Annex Building

May

- ➔ 1st Off premises forms due to the office
- ➔ 8th Wabash Co. Sewing Workshop
- ➔ 11th Wabash Co. Public Speaking Contest @ 5 PM
- ➔ 15th Sheep & Goat Ownership paper deadline
- ➔ 15th 4-H Food Action Summit
- ➔ 22nd YQCA Training 9 AM @ The Annex Building
- ➔ 31st Office Closed in observation of Memorial Day

Important Reminder: Each member will be required to attend at least 2 meetings by July 1st

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Workshops:

Sewing Workshop

When: Saturday, May 8th

Where: C Quilts Shop (5756 North 800 BLVD., Mt. Carmel, IL)

Time: 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Open to any Wabash Co. 4-H'ers

Join us for a day of learning all the sewing tips you might need to complete your 4-H sewing project. Due to space we will only be taking 10 registrations. Masks will be required!

You can register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/>

Photography Workshop

When: April 10th

Where: Bealls Woods

Time 9am-11am

Open to any 4-H member!

Join us for a morning of learning how to capture the perfect picture and learning some tip and tricks for creating your own photo for 4-H project.

Please bring your own camera as we will be working with capturing some outdoors photos.

You can register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23233>

New Opportunity:



Illinois 4-H now has a bass fishing curriculum available! We can start a bass fishing club in Wabash county that will prepare the kids for the high school club the county already has. In order to get a club going we will need someone to volunteer to be the leader for this SPIN Club. If you are interested in this please contact the extension office!

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Wabash County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION

4-H Project Grant Application

This grant program is designed to assist younger 4-H members with materials needed to complete a successful 4-H project. Grants will be awarded for materials that will be used to assist with the completion of the 4-H project.

Examples 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.

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$100.

Limit of one grant per 4-H member.

Around \$500 will be awarded to 4-H members (age 8-12 as of Sept 1, 2020) to assist them with materials needed for their 4-H projects. In order to be eligible, the applicant must meet and complete the following requirements:

- ➡ The applicant must be enrolled in a Wabash County 4-H club during the 2020-2021 4-H year.
- ➡ The applicant must be currently enrolled in the 4-H project for which they are applying for materials.
- ➡ The applicant must complete, in its entirety, all sections of the application and submit it to the address below by **April 15, 2021**.
- ➡ The applicant's parent or guardian must sign the application.
- ➡ The applicant's 4-H leader must sign the application.
- Funds will not be awarded to purchase an animal; however, supplies for care and show are acceptable, excluding feed, hay, and bedding.
- The recipients of the grants will be chosen, based on the above requirements, along with the answers to the grant questions.
- The applications will be reviewed at the Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation's meeting in April/May. The names of the applicants will be omitted from the applications during judging.
- The recipients will be contacted by mail on or around May 15, 2021. All checks not picked up by July 1, 2021 will be forfeited.
- If awarded a grant, 4-Hers will be asked to bring their items to the Farm Bureau office for a photo or submit a photo of them with their item(s) electronically.

Contact the extension office if you are interested and we will forward the application to you!



Important Dates:

Market Animal DEADLINES

Animal	Ownership Deadline	Birth Dates
Steers	February 1, 2021	Calved on or before January 1, 2020
Regular Barrows	June 1, 2021	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021
Premiere Barrows	June 1, 2021	Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021
Market Wethers & Ewes	May 15, 2021	Lambled on or after January 1, 2021
Meat Goat Wethers	May 15, 2021	Born on or after October 1, 2020



YQCA Live Training

Thursday April 15th @ 6:00 PM at the Annex Building

Tuesday April 27th @ 6:00 PM at the Annex Building

Saturday May 22nd @ 9:00 AM at the Annex Building

You must go online to YQCA.org and log in using your 4-H online 2.0 login information to register for this training. There will be a \$3 fee if you choose to take this training in person. You must register on their site so we can enter their certification information.

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2021 Breeding Animals-State Birth & Ownership DEADLINES

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows

Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

SWINE – GILTS:

Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021

Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020

Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

No age requirements

Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2021

Cows – Owned since January 1, 2021

HORSE & PONY:

On or before June 1 – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

DOGS:

Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2021

At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2021.

Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

MEAT GOATS

All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

RABBITS, PYGMY 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.



Youth Exhibiting Livestock:

Quality Assurance & Ethics

This is mandatory for all FIRST TIME horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

OFF PREMISES FORMS

If your 4-H animal(s) are not kept at your home/physical address, you will need to complete an off premises form and return the form to our office NO LATER than May 1st, 2021. This applies to ALL livestock including horses. This form will need to be signed by the 4-Her, a parent, the land owner and your leader before turning it into the office.

For example: If your animal is housed at a family member or neighbors home just down the road, you need to fill out a form. Or if your animal(s) are housed on your family farm but you do not live on the farm, you will need to fill out a form.

If your animal must be kept some place other than your home for any reason the 4-Her should (is expected) be able to take care of the animal(s) on a daily basis.

If you have any questions or need a form please call the office.

Animal Identification

Pigs: All pigs will need to be tagged. The extension office will provide the tags for you.

You will need to email us or call the office to get those tags. Once the tags are in the pigs ears you will need to submit 2 pictures. 1) A picture of the front of the pig where the tag can be seen 2) a profile picture of the pig. You will need to submit these photos along with the pig ownership form.

DEADLINE: June 1st, 2021

Sheep: Each sheep is required to have an identification tag. If you do not have one we have tags available at the office. You will also need to submit 2 pictures to the extension office. 1) A picture of the front of the sheep where the tag can be seen 2) a profile picture of the sheep. You will need to submit these photos along with the sheep ownership form.

DEADLINE: May 15th, 2021

Goats: If your goat has an identification number tag then you can use that. If not, we have tags available at the office. You will also need to submit 2 pictures to the extension office. 1) A picture of the front of the goat where the tag can be seen 2) a profile picture of the goat. You will need to submit these photos along with the goat ownership form.

DEADLINE: May 15th, 2021

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Federation

We are still looking to add some members to our Federation Team!

➡ **If you are 8th grader—Freshman in college you are eligible!**

This is a way for you to bring your ideas to life! We will have monthly meetings where we want you to help plan and execute some activities in the county!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NEXT MEETING April 7th @ 3:30 PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

For more information or to join the team please reach out to Megan at
mperson@illinois.edu

Junior Federation

We are still looking to add some members to our Junior Federation Team!

➡ **If you are a 6th or 7th grader you are eligible!**

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NEXT MEETING APRIL 14th @ 4:00 PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

This is a way for you to bring your ideas to life! The majority of the work will be done during our monthly meetings that will be held at the Extension office. I want this to be a way for the younger youth in our county to be able to work on some projects that interest them as well!

For more information or to join the team please reach out to Megan at
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IL 4-H Food Action Summit

The Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit is where leaders meet to be inspired and share a vision for food security, food access, and food justice in Illinois.

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021

Open to any youth who will be at least 13 years or older and any 4-H adult volunteer or staff

Registration Link: go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021

Registration Open: March 1, 2021

Registration Closes: April 16, 2021

If you would like to know more about this event or need help getting registered please reach out to the extension office we would love to help you!

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4-H MEMORIAL CAMP

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment

STEM



Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

4-H International

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made
Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



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Calling all our livestock enthusiasts! This is such a fun conference! It might look a little different this year but I have no doubt you will have a blast. The conference usually fills up super fast. There are just a few slots available! Use this link to register TODAY:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/youth-livestock-conference?fbclid=IwAR3BgTgdXRPLjRaRz1bUgKCd2jlQjCTHOKJ2cAhYLNcbq5zey6MQe2PGp7s>

Deadline to register is April 12th

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!

Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>