



Wabash County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

- December 5 — Those who participated in 4-H Holiday Craft Workshop meeting at Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 5:00pm to hand out crafts to residents
- December 7 — Fun Stuff 4-H'ers meeting at the Youth Center Meeting Room at 12:00
- December 7 — 4-H in the Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade
- December 11 — Federation meeting/holiday party at the Extension office at 3:15—bring a cheap (\$5.00 or less) gender-neutral gift for a gift exchange
- December 18 — Allendale Twisters ringing bells for community service activity
- December 21 — Hi-Flyers meeting at the Farm Bureau office at 9:00am
- January 15 — Allendale Twisters meeting at the Allendale Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- January 15 — Sprouts meeting at the Allendale Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- January 18 — Hi-Flyers meeting at the Farm Bureau office at 9:00am
- January 25 — Fun-Stuff 4-H'ers meeting at the Youth Center Meeting Room at 12:00
- January 25 — New 4-H Member Workshop at the Youth Center Annex at 1:00 (see page 7 for more details)
- January 27 — Town and Country 4-H'ers meeting at the Quail Club building at 6:00pm
- **The 2020 Wabash County Fair will be July 18-25!**
- August 16 — Day at the State Fair for Wabash County 4-H'ers to exhibit projects



Happy Holidays!
May you have a joyful and safe holiday season.



Just the help you need for your 4-H club

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

Club Meeting Agenda— this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

Club Committee Planning Worksheet – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

Club Yearly Program Plan – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

More – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.



New 4-H Project Areas for 2019-2020!

Where might these take you?

Family Heritage

Sports Nutrition

Visual Arts — Leather

Child Development has returned

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Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp 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

Interested in being 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. 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 or call 217-762-2741.



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 through March 1. Look for more information soon.



Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF.

Create a winning video

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

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 Judy Bingman at illinois4H@illinois.edu and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.



High School 4-H Members Are Invited
To Join Federation!

The Wabash County 4-H Federation invites all high school (and college freshman) aged 4-H members to join its ranks. The Federation provides extra leadership opportunities by allowing you to have a part in the planning and execution of the county's 4-H activities. Meetings involve both business and fun. Watch for the next meeting date in the e-mail newsflash.

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4-H Enrollment 2019-2020

Annual re-enrollment of 4-H members was due on December 1, if they want to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the 2020 Wabash County Fair.

New members must be enrolled by March 1 in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

The deadline to add projects to any member's enrollment, if they want to exhibit that project at the fair, is also March 1.

New members should contact the Extension office for instructions to complete the online enrollment in the 4HOnline system.

The following should be noted when going through the online process:

- When you are in the section where you select projects, don't forget to select project manuals from the drop-down box, if you need them. When selecting project manuals, a price will be displayed next to the title. Just disregard this price. You will not actually be charged for the manuals.
- When you get to the fee payment part, **DO NOT** pay with a credit card. Make sure the option to pay with a check is selected. You will then not actually send in a check, because the fee will be covered again this year. If you pay with a credit card, you will not be refunded.

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Club Meeting Reminders/Updates:

- All clubs are required to have at least six meetings during the course of the 4-H year. These should take place before July 1 of the 4-H year, so that there is enough time before the fair to verify meeting attendance requirements for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- In order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair, 4-H members must have attended at least 2/3 of the meetings that their club held.
 - * Members may make up 2 missed meetings by attending workshops, other county 4-H events, meetings of another club, or (if of high school or college freshman age) at Federation meeting.
 - * College freshman aged 4-H'ers who are living in Wabash County must adhere to the same meeting attendance requirements as above. Those living away at a college/university must attend one meeting of the club or other county 4-H event and write a typed 2 page report explaining the impact 4-H has had on her or his life, which will be turned in to the Extension office.

Here's help to pay for college

• 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 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. 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!

• TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

• JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

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.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Beginning this year, all 4-H'ers planning to exhibit animals of the following species at the fair are required to complete the YQCA certification annually:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Goats (both meat and dairy)
- Sheep
- Swine

There will be two options to complete it: a live classroom style training and online. The live classroom training will cost \$3.00 per person, with the online option costing \$12.00 per person.

More information on this, including the dates of the classroom options, will be forthcoming as the local Extension office receives more information.



You're Invited!



What: New 4-H Member Workshop

Come and learn all about 4-H in Wabash County! We will be going over information about clubs, projects, the fair, and more. There will also be a couple of activities. This is a great opportunity for parents and members to ask questions and gain a greater understanding of how 4-H works.

Who: All new 4-H Members or anyone interested in learning more about the county's 4-H program

When: Saturday, January 19, 10:30am~ approx. 11:30pm

Where: Mabel A. Courter Youth Center (Annex)
Mt. Carmel

To Register: Complete online registration form at
web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww (preferably)
or call the Extension office at 262-5725.



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4-H Holiday Craft Workshop

We had a fun time with a full house at our 4-H Holiday Craft Workshop at the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center on November 22. Participants put their artistic skills to use while decorating wreaths, decorating picture frames, making a snowflake canvas painting, painting sun catchers, and making snow globes. These creations will be taken to Oakview Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on December 5, where those who made them will pass them out to the residents there. Thank you very much for everyone who came to help make the holiday season more cheerful for these important members of the community. Thanks also to those who gave their time to help at this activity: Angel Seals, Angie Leffler, Brookelyn Hocking, and Haleigh Buchanan.



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