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**Wabash County
Illinois 4-H**

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February

- ➔ 3rd Allendale Twisters Meeting @ Allendale Ruritan building @6PM
- ➔ 4th Valentine bag pickup @ Ext Office 8AM-4:30PM
- ➔ 8th Junior Federation Meeting @ Ext Office 4pm-5pm
- ➔ 10th February 4-H in a bag (Fresh Chef) pickup @ Ext Office 8am-4:30pm
- ➔ 15th Fresh Chef presentation live on Facebook
- ➔ 15th-26th March 4-H in bag registration open
- ➔ 16th Federation Meeting @ Ext Office 3:30PM
- ➔ 20th Beef Weigh-in @ Wabash Co Fairgrounds 8AM-9AM
- ➔ 20th Hi Flyers Meeting @ Wabash Co Farm Bureau Office @ 9am
- ➔ 22nd Town & Country Meeting @ Wabash Co. Quail Club @6:30PM

March

- ➔ 10th March 4-H in bag pickup @ Ext Office 8AM-4:30PM
- ➔ 15th March 4-H in a bag Lesson live on Facebook
- ➔ 19th Hi Flyers Meeting @ Wabash Co. Farm Bureau Office @9am
- ➔ 22nd Town & Country Meeting @ Wabash Co. Quail Club @ 6:30

Important Deadlines Dates

February 20th– Beef Weigh-in

**MANDATORY FOR ALL STEERS & MARKET
HEIFERS**

ENROLL NOW!

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 4-H year at <http://v2.4honline.com>.

1. If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List. Click “Enroll Now” under the Program in which you would like to enroll.
 2. There is no \$20 program fee, again, this year. Please continue through the invoicing process and check the box that says 4-H Check.
 3. Deadline to ENROLL in 4-H for the 2021 year is **MARCH 1ST**
- If you would like step by step directions on how to get enrolled please contact Megan at mpierson@illinois.edu and she will assist you in getting signed up.



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 April 1, 2019. 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 or visit this website to print from home.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww/wabash4h/>

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 Megan if you are interested and she will forward the application to you!

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Important Dates:

**2021 Wabash County Fair dates have been set for
July 24th-30th!**

•Full Fair schedule coming soon!!•

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

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

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DEADLINES Continued:

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 horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

YQCA

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. More details on when you can take this class will be coming soon. We are waiting on the state to release how they are going to handle these this year.



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4-H IN A BAG

**Looking for a fun educational activity that you
can do from home?**

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

January

- Explosion in a bag
(cloverbuds only)
- What's in that bottle?!

February

-Fresh Chef

March

-Origami

April

-DIY Birdfeeder

Registration
for our March
Event is open
February 15th
-26th.
Be on the
watch out for
our
registration
link



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 FEBRUARY 16TH @ 3:30 PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

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

Junior Federation

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

➔ **If you are 6th or 7th grader you are eligible!**

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!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 8TH AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FROM 4PM-5PM

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

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

STATES 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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 life-long 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/>

TRAVEL ABROAD WITH 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H



Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

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. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual 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 of 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.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close March 4.**

2021 NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at mbbecker@illinois.edu

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT



It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

Applications are due March 12, 2021.

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to share you story today! <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799>

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, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?

Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!

Illinois 4-H

IL YLT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!!



The Illinois Youth Leadership Team applications are now open!

If you know of any outstanding 4-H members or recent alumni age 16-20 who excels in leadership please encourage them to apply!

The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. Members of this team serve as ambassadors for Illinois 4-H at various events throughout the year, they also plan and run the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The Team is actively involved in assisting the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing, and evaluating various 4-H events and activities; representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference; and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

Applications are due March 15:

<https://www.jotform.com/build/200865983373162>

Scholarship Corner



4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized

Applications are due March 12, 2021.

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship



The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Watch the Deadline

Students can apply between now and **February 15, 2021**. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.