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**Wabash County  
Illinois 4-H**

## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### March

- ➔ 1st Food Summit Registration opens
- ➔ 4th Deadline: Speaking for IL 4-H training registration
- ➔ 6th Drawing Workshop @ 9am-10am
- ➔ 10th March 4-H in a bag pickup day @ Extension office from 8am-4:30pm
- ➔ 15th Facebook live for March 4-H in a bag
- ➔ 17th Allendale Twisters Club meeting @ 6pm @ Allendale Ruitan Club
- ➔ 17th The sprouts meeting @ 6pm @ Allendale Ruitan Club
- ➔ 20th Hi-Flyers Club Meeting @ 9am @ Wabash Co Farm Bureau Office
- ➔ 22nd April 4-H in bag registration OPENS
- ➔ 22nd Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting @ 6:30 @ Wabash quail club
- ➔ 24th IL Summer Academies Registration closes
- ➔ 31st Registrations close for the Food Action Summit

### April

- ➔ 2nd April 4-H in a bag registration CLOSES
- ➔ 7th Federation Meeting @ 3:30pm @ Extension office
- ➔ 10th Photography Workshop @ Bealls Woods from 9am-11am
- ➔ 15th Deadline for Farm Bureau Grant
- ➔ 19th April 4-H in a bag Facebook live

# Wabash County 4-H



## RED HILL FFA ALUMNI CATTLE CLASSIC

**MARCH  
20, 2021**



**CATTLE MUST BE  
ON GROUNDS BY  
9:00 A.M.**

**SHOW STARTS AT  
APPROXIMATELY  
12:30 P.M.**

**ENTRY FEE \$35  
PER HEAD.**

**THE JUDGE WILL  
BE LUKE  
LEMENAGER**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT:  
CARL PRICE @618-943-9771  
RITA PALMER @ 618-843-7138**

**PLEASE FOLLOW  
FACEBOOK  
EVENT FOR LIST  
OF RULES.**

**11107 4H Road, Sumner, Illinois  
62466**

**Here is a  
cattle show  
opportunity  
if anyone is  
interested!**

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**WABASH COUNTY JUNIOR  
FEDERATION PRESENTS A**

## **DRAWING WORKSHOP**

COME JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF LEARNING  
ALL THE TECHNIQUES YOU WILL NEED TO  
COMPLETE YOUR OWN DRAWING.

NO EXPERIENCE DRAWING, NO WORRIES WE  
WILL TEACH YOU!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH**

**WHERE: WABASH CO FAIRGROUNDS**

**IN THE ANDERSON BUILDING**

**TIME: 9AM-10AM**



Since we are hosting this as a in person event there is limited number of spots available. Also all participants will be required to wear a mask during this workshop.

USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/REGISTRATION/?  
REGISTRATIONID=23175](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?REGISTRATIONID=23175)



IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION  
TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT  
COORDINATOR.



## PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Wanna learn more about how to capture the perfect picture and what a photography 4-H project in tales? Join Joy Hocking and the Wabash Co Federation Team for a day of learning!

**When: APRIL 10th**

**Where: Bealls Woods**

**Time: 9am-11am**

Open to any 4-H member. Bring your own Camera. We will be capturing photos!

Use this link to register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23233>

Members with disabilities needing special accommodations should contact the Wabash County Extension office at (618)262-5725 to make your requests known.



Since we are hosting this as a in person event there is limited number of spots available. Also all participates will be required to wear a mask during this workshop.

# Wabash County 4-H



## 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.*

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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!**

# Wabash County 4-H



## 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 who exhibit dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat as a 4-H project. You can certify online at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) or we hope to be having a few in person trainings before fair. This is a certification that you have to do EVERY year.



### 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.

# Wabash County 4-H



## 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



# 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 were 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  
mpierson@illinois.edu

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# 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 work on some projects that interest them as well!

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



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 as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

**Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship)

## Illinois 4-H

### 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

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### 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](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/community)

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### 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>

### 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.**

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### 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>

### 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>



The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state!

**Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.**



# 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](https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021)

**Registration Open:** March 1, 2021

**Registration Closes:** April 16, 2021

**Cost:** Registration is free.

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!