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

**December**
- 1  Christmas Ornament Workshop 5:30-7 pm—must have pre-registered to attend
- 10 Allendale Twisters will ring bells from 10-Noon with a party to follow
- 19 Town & Country’s 4-H meeting/party @ 6 PM at the Mt. Carmel Free Methodist Church
- 18 Hi-Flyers 4-H Meeting 9 AM @ Farm Bureau Office.
- 23-Jan 2 Extension office will be closed for Christmas Break

**January**
- 1  Last day to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2022-2023 year
- 1  Deadline to order project manuals if you want 4-H to pay for them.
- 1  Ownership deadline for Steers
- 15  Hi-Flyers meeting—9 AM @ Farm Bureau Office
- 16  Extension office will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day
- 17  Extension Office will be closed for Unit meeting
- 18  Allendale Twisters meeting—6:30 PM @ Ruritan Building
- 23  Town & County 4-H meeting—6 PM @ the Quail Club

**February**
- 4  Beef Weigh-In at Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic starting at 1 PM—more info to come
Our new enrollment system is now open! Every past 4-H member should have received re-enrollment instruction at this point. If you are reading this newsletter but did not receive the instruction on how to enroll in Wabash County 4-H by using zsuite please reach out to our office. We would be happy to get those instructions to you as well!

**Few important dates to remember:**

- You must re-enroll by January 1, 2023
- You can change your projects on your zsuite account till March 1, 2023
- NEW members have till March 1, 2023 to enroll in 4-H for the year.
Important Reminders:

- Every 4-H’er will be required to attend FOUR 4-H meetings this year in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts.

- Don’t forget to RE-ENROLL! You must be re-enrolled in 4-H by January 1, 2023. New members have till March 1, 2023 to enroll.

- You will have till March 1st to change your projects if you choose to add or delete a 4-H project. You can do this my going into your 4-H online account or contacting our office.

- Livestock Ownership deadlines will be released soon from the state. The first one will be steers. If you are planning to show a steer at the fair you must have ownership of those by January 1, 2023.

Need publications for your projects this year?

What are publications?

Publications are guide books that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication in order to complete your project for fair and for some project areas the publications aren’t really needed. If you need help making this decision please reach out to Dana at the Extension Office.

Remember to only order the books you NEED!

* If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!

This year we will be using a online form to order your publications. Everyone needs to have their publication orders in January 1st, 2023. Once the publications arrive at our office we will contact you or deliver them to your club meetings.

Use this link https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T to order yours today!
As you are enrolling in zsuite you will be selecting what projects you are interested in doing at the fair. There are so many different projects you can choose from! Use this link https://go.illinois.edu/4-HPublications to view what projects we have to offer!

Beef Weigh-in will be Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Three River Vet Clinic in West Salem. We will start weigh-in at 1 PM, so mark the date on your calendar. In January we will start scheduling 15 minutes slots, so watch for more information to come.

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. We will schedule a few in-person trainings in early 2023, or you can take the training online. Look for more information to come on dates.

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. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.
Farm Credit Scholarships:

- **2023 Agriculture Scholarship:** Thirty $2,500 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. Use this link to apply [https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCIAgricultureScholarship](https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCIAgricultureScholarship). Deadline to apply is February 28, 2023

- **Community Improvement Grant Program:** Fifty $500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live. Use this link [https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCICommunityImprovementGrant](https://go.illinois.edu/2023FCICommunityImprovementGrant) to apply. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2023

November Recap:

![Image of 4-H Painting Workshop participants working on their creations.](image-url)

### 4-H Painting Workshop

Participants are engaged in painting activities, creating their own artwork. The environment is lively and filled with creativity. Participants are seen focused on their paintings, with various colors visible on their canvases.
Save the date! The State Public Speaking Show will be held April 29th. The last day for county shows will be April 7th.

Join us for the 2023 Illinois State 4-H Youth Livestock Conference - Livestock in Paradise!

The Youth Livestock Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition. **REGISTER BY 12/09/2023.** [https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/16331](https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/16331)

**OPEN** to 4-H youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade.

**COST** is $130 per participant. *Cost includes participant t-shirt, hotel room, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks, and all workshop materials.*

4-H Memorial Camp

**Summer Youth Camp**— Dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions: June 4-8; June 11-15; June 25-29; June 30-July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th. The fee for camp is $315 for 4-H Club members, $355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp [website](https://4h.zsuite.org) closer to the time of registration.

**Spring Family Camp**—Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon!

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.