



Wabash County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

- November 9 — Fun Stuff meeting at the Extension office at the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center — meeting room at 9:30am
- November 14 — Federation meeting at the Extension office at 3:15— all high school and college freshman 4-H'ers are invited to join! (see page 4)
- November 14 — Leaders' meeting at the Extension office at 6:00pm
- November 20 — Allendale Twisters meeting at the Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- November 22 — Holiday Craft Workshop at the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center from 4:00-6:00pm (see page 6)
- December 1 — Deadline for 4-H members to re-enroll and be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the 2020 Wabash County Fair (see page 5)
- The Sprouts 4-H club will begin meetings in January
- **The 2020 Wabash County Fair will be July 18-25!**

New 4-H Project Areas for 2019-2020!

Where might these take you?

Family Heritage

Sports Nutrition

Visual Arts — Leather

Child Development has returned

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.



Ways to stay informed about important 4-H information:

Now that the 2019-2020 year has begun, it's important to remember all the ways you can stay up-to-date on deadlines and other happenings:

- The monthly newsletter
- E-mail newflash – sent periodically to all of the county's 4-H families, reminding them of important dates, etc. regarding the county's 4-H program
- Our Facebook page – 4-H Wabash County, Illinois – “Like” the page if you haven't already to see pictures from programs and activities, along with important reminders
- Mailings and flyers distributed at the schools – various letters, flyers, postcards, etc. are mailed to our 4-H families, and flyers are often taken to the schools to be distributed to the students (usually to those in 3rd-5th grade, but sometimes other grades as well)
- 4-H club meetings – your club leaders often have important and helpful information to pass along to you and can answer some of your questions
- Stop in at the office or give us a call!

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Take a trip across the globe

4-H is not only the largest youth development program in the United States. It is also in 60 countries around the world! Through this network, Illinois 4-H offers youth and their families an opportunity to think globally, grow in their cultural awareness, and gain knowledge about the world through international exchange programs that include both hosting and travelling abroad. These are coordinated in partnership with the States' 4-H International Exchange Program which works with Cooperative Extension programs across the nation. <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.
- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ [states4hexchange.org/](https://www.states4hexchange.org/).



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 thru March 1. Look for more information soon.

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.

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. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, at 3:15, at the Extension office.



4-H Enrollment 2019-2020

With the new 4-H year now underway, it is time for enrollments/re-enrollments to be completed. **All 4-H members will need to enroll themselves through the 4HOnline system again this year.** The online process for the re-enrollment of returning members is slightly different from the enrollment of new families. Returning members should have received re-enrollment instructions in the mail. They were also emailed on October 4, along with the instructions for new families.

Re-enrollments must be completed by December 1 in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

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

Please make note of the following 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.
- If you have forgotten your password, in order to gain access to your online profile, go to il4honline.com, enter your email address, and select the "I forgot my password" option. Make sure "Family" appears in the drop-down box, and then select "Send My Password". You will be sent an email with further instructions on creating a password. Once you have completed this, you can proceed through the enclosed re-enrollment instructions.

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.



4-H Holiday Craft Workshop



and Community Service Activity

Friday, November 22, 4:00-6:00pm

Mabel A. Courter Youth Center

Wabash County 4-H invites all Wabash County youth from ages 5 through 18 (as of Sept. 1, 2019) to make several holiday-themed crafts for the residents of Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Participants are also invited to the nursing center on the evening of Thursday, December 5, at 5:00pm to pass out the crafts to the residents.

Please come and help us spread some holiday cheer to the nursing home residents!

You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend!

If you plan to come, please register. This event is only available to the first **20** to register!

To register for this event, visit
<https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/events>.
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4-H Fall Fun Fest

The new 4-H year was celebrated with our Fall Fun Fest on October 8, which also coincided with National 4-H Week. County youth were invited to come to the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center to participate in some fun activities, meet some of the club leaders, and learn about what the 4-H program has to offer. Thank you to Staci Roberts, Wabash County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, for doing a lesson/activity as well.



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