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

March
1  Last day to add projects on ZSuite
1  Last day to order project manuals
6  Country Kids club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
8  Enterprisers club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
8  Wayne City 4-H Club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
12  Daylight Saving Time begins
12  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
18  New Hope Lucky Clovers Cloverbud Pancake Breakfast
     At Shreve's Pumpkin Patch  7:30-10 am
19  Wayne County Shooting Sports Club meeting; 2:00 p.m.
25  Cloverbud Workshop at the Extension Office 10-11 am
26  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
31  4-H Foundation Scholarship Application due

April
1  Swine weigh-in at the fairgrounds; 8-9 a.m.
1  State Scholarship Banquet— Champaign
3  Country Kids club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
9  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
12  Enterprisers club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
12  Wayne City 4-H club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
16  Wayne County Shooting Sports Club meeting; 2:00 p.m.
23  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
24  4-H Foundation meeting; 6:00 p.m.
24-25 Conservation Days at Sam Dale Lake

May
6  Goat and Sheep weigh-in; 8-9 a.m.
10  Enterprisers club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
10  Wayne City 4-H club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
14  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
15  Country Kids club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
21  Wayne County Shooting Sports Club meeting; 2:00 p.m.
28  Livestock Judging Team Practice—Extension Office 2-4 pm
29  Extension Office CLOSED: Memorial Day
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Wayne County 4-H Foundation is offering a $500 scholarship to three high school seniors who wish to continue their education. Scholarship applications are available with the guidance counselors at Cisne, Fairfield, and Wayne City High Schools, as well as the extension office. The completed application, with supporting documentation, is due to the extension office by Friday, March 31, 2023, by 4:30 p.m.

OFF-PREMISE FORM

Animals enrolled in the 4-H program are expected to be in the 4-H member’s regular care from the animal project starting date until the conclusion of the 4-H show, at the county fair and/or state fair. If animals are housed someplace other than the 4-H member’s residence, then an Off-Premise form needs to be on file at the Extension Office by June 1, 2023.

The Off-Premise Form can be downloaded from our website: extension.illinois.edu/elrww/4-h-wayne-county or picked up at the extension office.

DOG AND HORSE EXHIBITORS

If you plan to lease your animal, your completed lease agreement, with picture of both the right and left sides of the dog or horse must be turned into the extension office by June 1.

The Lease Agreement can be downloaded from our website: extension.illinois.edu/elrww/4-h-wayne-county or picked up at the extension office.

Through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Illinois 4-H teens have the opportunity to experience Washington D.C. like never before. Using the nation’s capital as their classroom, CWF connects youth leaders from across the nation in an opportunity to gain the skills and experiences to:

- Better understand the legislative process
- Recognize their views and opinions matter
- Develop a mindset of who important it is to be involved in decisions that will impact them both now and in the future
- Exploration into career opportunities available to them
- Travel around Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area to visit and experience firsthand a living history which represents the combined efforts of the people to establish the governmental process under which the United States operates

Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for the 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip and teens will be able to experience their nation’s capital during one of the most amazing weeks to experience Washington D.C. as they travel July 2 – 7, 2023! The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. Register by March 6, 2023 to reserve your spot!

Important Details:

Target Audience - 4-H members ages 14 – 18 (by May 1 the year they travel)

Estimated Cost- $2,000 (three installments; last payment could be slightly less depending on final numbers)

Space is Limited- Illinois currently has 10 spots available; with a possibility of increasing that number

Contact for Registration Details:Registration opens 2/22: https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340

Patricia McGlaughlin, patm@illinois.edu
Wayne County 4-H

Wayne County 4-H Cloverbuds
Ages 5-7
All About Birds

Youth ages 5-7 are invited to join the Wayne County Cloverbuds in learning about the Illinois State Bird and other birds that we see every day in Illinois.

To register go to: go.illinois.edu/allaboutbirds or scan the QR code below!
Registration Closes: March 20, 2023
20th Annual
4-H DAY

with the
Cardinals

Ticket Only
$30
*All sales final
T-Shirt INCLUDED!

Saturday
20
May

CARDINALS
VS
LA DODGERS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the LA Dodgers!

Registration Deadline: March 31

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for $1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.).
- New option to purchase a ball cap for $10.00 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of this event (limit one per order).

Register Here:
https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together MUST submit ONE order.

Ticket/T-Shirt Questions: Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/Raffle Questions: Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu
REGISTER YOUTH FOR THE LITTLE ROOTS GARDENING PROGRAM

The Little Roots program is now accepting registrations for Cloverbuds ages 5-7 who want to be inspired to learn more about how to grow their own food. Registrants will receive a weekly activity calendar along with seed packets and educational materials for a self-paced gardening experience. To learn more, and register for the program, please contact Ryan at the Extension Office.

https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge

4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns for 2023!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

Get your tackle ready!

The 2023 4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

4-H Green Communities Tree Program:

38 counties have been funded!

If you see your county shaded in green on this map, you have 25, 4’ tall oak seedlings coming by April to be planted together as a group (called an oak savannah) on public property. Your Extension office is responsible for finding the labor to plant these trees so if you’re looking for a community service project – maybe your club can help!

Wayne County 4-H Day at Illinois State Fair is Saturday, August 12
Wayne County 4-H

Swine Weigh-in
Saturday, April 1, 8-9 a.m.

- Weigh-in for all barrows will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 1 at the fairgrounds.
- All barrows to be shown in the 2023 Wayne County 4-H Fair must be tagged by extension staff.
- Ownership deadline for barrows is April 1, 2023.
- Up to 5 barrows may be tagged.
- Barrows weighing over 85 pounds will not be eligible for rate of gain.
- For questions about weigh-in, call the extension office.

Goat and Sheep Weigh-in
Saturday, May 6, 8-9 a.m.

- Weigh-in for all market animals will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the fairgrounds.
- All wethers, market does, and market lambs to be shown in the 2023 Wayne County 4-H Fair must be tagged by extension staff.
- Ownership deadline for market animals is May 1, 2023.
- Up to 4 wethers, market does, and market lambs may be tagged.
- For questions about weigh-in, call the extension office.

Wayne County 4-H
Livestock Judging Team
Practices 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month
2:00 PM
Wayne County Extension Office
4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are True Leaders in Service, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please share your story of how you and/or your club are supporting your community by going to the Illinois 4-H website’s Community Service page, https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service. To be identified as having participated in the National 4-H Day of Service, you first must click on the “Register You 2023 Event” box and share your plan for positively impacting your community. Once you have completed your service outreach efforts, then be sure to go back to the webpage use click the “Report 2023 Community Service” box and report what you accomplished and how you and your club made a difference. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link to document your positive efforts. Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.

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**FAMILY CAMP AT 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP**

Are you ready to get outside for a fun family weekend? We are kicking the summer off with Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, zip lining, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, tie-dying t-shirts, building model rockets and so much more!

**Dates:** May 19-21, 2023

**Fees:**
- Cabin Rental- $215
- Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: $84/person
  - 4-7 years old: $56/person
  - Under 3- No Charge

*At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)*

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp

If you have any questions, please contact:
- Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741
- Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741

You can find pictures of last year’s Family Camp on our Facebook Page.

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!
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.

**Alumni**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4-H SENIORS!

As you embark on a new chapter upon graduating high school, the Illinois 4-H program is PROUD of your accomplishments. You have excelled in your 4-H work and beyond. You have managed and overcome challenges. You have given back to your families and communities.

We ask that you complete a **4-H Senior Survey**. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path, and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions. **Deadline March 15, 2023**

Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H program AND be entered into a drawing for 1 of 4 $50 VISA Gift Cards.

**State Events**

- April 2023
  - April 1 State Awards Banquet
- May 2023
  - May 13 State Robotics Competition
- June 2023
  - June 4 on – 4-H Camp
  - June 25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies
- July 2023
  - July 2-7 Citizenship Washington Focus
  - July 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
  - July 10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
  - July 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course
- August 2023
  - August 12 General Projects days at State Fair

**4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers Wanted!**

**2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour “field days” which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.

Questions? Contact Ryan Littlejohn