



February 2019

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## Happening Now

### February

- 2 Cloverbud Workshop at the Extension Office 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
- 7 Country Kids CLOVERBUDS meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Geff Chatters club meeting at Northside Baptist Church, 2 p.m.
- 12 Enterprisers club meeting at Brick Church, 7 p.m.
- 12 Country Kids club meeting at the Extension Office, 7 p.m.
- 13 Wayne City 4-H Club meeting at Wayne City Community Building, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Mt. Erie Hilltoppers club meeting at Brick Church, 6 p.m.
- 18 Federation Meeting at the Extension Office, 5 p.m.
- 18 Bingo at Brookstone, 6:30 p.m.

### March

**Scrumptious Science**



## Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

## It's 'udderly' amazing

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.



**Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15.** Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ [dfischer@illinois.edu](mailto:dfischer@illinois.edu) or call 618-830-4957.



## Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference

every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>





## So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8  
Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13  
Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20  
Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4  
Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration will open February 4 @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)! Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of February!

**Get cash to help improve  
your community**



Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com). **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

*A Science You Can Eat!*

# SCRUMPTIOUS SCIENCE

4 NIGHTS OF EXPERIMENTING, LEARNING, COOKING, AND SAMPLING  
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 8 TO 18 BY SEPTEMBER 1 (4-H AGE).

AT FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL,  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER  
SCIENCE CLASSROOM

MARCH 4, 11, 18, AND 25  
3:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

Register online at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww>  
Hurry! We will only take the first 20 people who register!

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# Explor→ACES

## Time for you to Explore ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ [exploreaces.org](http://exploreaces.org).

## Just so you know

2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!



## WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something **NEW** and **DIFFERENT** and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.





## Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec).

**This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

**NOTE:** The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

## *Bingo at Brookstone*

FEBRUARY 18, 2019 | 6:30 PM TO 8 PM  
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND  
MEET AT BROOKSTONE AT 6:15 PM



## Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, go to [ilpork.com](http://ilpork.com).



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## Speak up for the horse industry

The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.





## Longer, bigger, better. See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – NEW



## Check out these scholarships!



### FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the

60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditill.com](http://farmcreditill.com) before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

### ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).



### LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 Legacy of Leadership Scholarship are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships). Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

