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Whiteside County 4-H Newsletter



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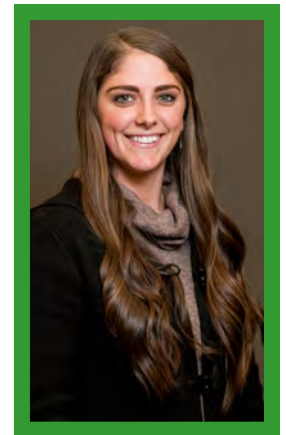
Hello 4-H Friends and Families,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with fun, laughter, family & friends. In this newsletter there is a lot of information about upcoming events, deadlines, camps, livestock, summer events and more! Think about taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. There are several local, state and national 4-H workshops or conferences that you can attend and there are financial assistance options to help with costs! Make sure you talk with the office before you register online. In addition please read all the deadlines and fun information in this newsletter and if you have any questions please contact us.

Yours in 4-H,

Allie Johnston (4-H Program Coordinator)

*See picture to the right: This is me—Allie Johnston
Hope this helps when show time comes around :)*



Shooting Sports Volunteers

The process to become a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader no longer requires an overnight stay for volunteers! The minimum of 12 hours of training still exists, but these hours can now be split up with a 9-hour, hands-on Field Day and a 3 hour on-line training module done later at home.

Southern Illinois

Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion, IL
Registration open Jan. 15 – Mar. 18

Western Illinois

Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL
Registration open April 1 – June 3

Northern Illinois

Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL
Registration open July 1 – Sept. 2

4-H On Web & Social Media

Whiteside 4-H—

<http://web.extension.il.edu/clw>

Illinois 4-H—

<http://web.extension.il.edu/state4h>

National 4-H Council—

<http://4hcouncil.org>

4-H Online Enrollment—

il.4honline.com

Facebook—

Whiteside County 4-H

Instagram—

Whiteside_county4H

CONTACT OFFICE FOR MORE INFO!

Northern Illinois 4-H Camp

Ready for camp?

The 2019 4-H camp flyer and application packet is ready for you to download from our website. 4-H Camp is for campers age 8-14 and will be held this year at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. The dates for camp are **Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12, 2020**. We will be camping with youth from throughout nine counties in northern Illinois.

The site for online registration is open and can be accessed at: go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp

Please be sure to download all the necessary forms, fill them out completely and submit them to the Ogle County Extension Office as soon as possible. **Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis!** Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.



Camp Counselors upcoming meetings

Saturday, January 11– Cancelled due to weather!

Saturday, February 1—Ogle County Extension

Saturday, February 29– CGH Medical Center, Sterling

Saturday, April 18– Stephenson County Extension

Saturday May 30– DeKalb County Extension

About 4-H Camp

Activities-*Early bird activities are held for campers who like to get up early - before the normal 7 a.m. wake-up bell. These early bird activities include games and nature hikes. Early birds will return to camp in time for breakfast. Campers will get to choose 2-3 other activities during the day and then participate in a group evening activity led by 4-H Youth Development staff and counselors.*

Typical daily activities include:

Arts & Crafts	Archery
Crate Stacking	Hiking
High Ropes	Zipline
Team Building	Pool
Sports & Games	and more!

Camp Fee Schedule

Register by March 1:

\$250 (4-H Members)

\$270 (non 4-H Members)

Paid in full by March 1 or price goes up.

Register after March 1:

\$300 (4-H Members)

\$320 (non 4-H Members)

Paid in full by May 20 or spot not held.

Contact your local Extension Office **prior to registration** to see if financial assistance opportunities are available.

Whiteside Campers -SCHOLARSHIP (open to all ages)

Write an essay/make a video/ tell a story etc. of why you are going to 4-H camp and what you are excited about BE CREATIVE. Support fund is giving out 2 (1/2 fees) and 1 (Full Fee) send it to Allie at 12923 Lawrence Rd, Sterling or email to her at: lancast@illinois.edu Must register online by March 1, essays etc. are due by March 13, 2020.

Save the Dates Science Siesta 2020

Children's Discovery Museum in Rockford, IL. –Come sleep over in the museum and learn about the different science related careers and pathways from local scientist, while getting to exploring the museum. Costs include, T-shirt, Pizza dinner snacks and breakfast the next morning! More information out soon!

Boys Date: March 13-14 Cost is \$40 per participant

Girls Date: April 3-4 Cost is \$40 per participant

Club Leader Happenings

Upcoming Leaders meeting dates:

February 3– 6:30 pm Bethesda Lutheran, Morrison

March 30– 6:30 pm Bethesda Lutheran

Federation Happenings

January 19– 2:00pm at the Sterling Office

February 16– 2:00pm

March 15– 2:00pm

April 19– 2:00pm

May– Skipping this month as school year activities are busy busy!

June 13- Float Trip in Albany, Wisconsin

July 6– 4:00pm 4-H Show Set up/BBQ set up

July 10– Federation Pork Chop BBQ at the Fairgrounds

Award of Merit (4-H Support Fund)

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE OR ON February 7, 2020. The Award of Merit recipient will be announced during the winner's school honor/achievement night and/or at the Family Night activities during the Whiteside County 4-H Show. An email was sent to all 4-Hers who would be able to apply. If you would like a paper copy please call the office 815-632-3611

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4-H ENROLLMENT / RE-ENROLLMENT

4-H Enrollment is very important to get done before you continue going to your 4-H Club meetings.

You are not covered by Insurance until you are Enrolled in 4-H Online.

Steps to RE-Enroll

1. Log in to your 4-H Online Account
2. Choose the option to "Continue to Family"
3. You will see a list of all Family Members, Choose "edit" for the person you wish to Re-Enroll
4. You will see a summary of information on that individual, click on the Enroll for the new year button.
5. After you click enroll, you can make changes as needed.
6. The Authorizations will be cleared from previous year, so it will be necessary to sign the releases etc.
7. **RISK FORM** Must be signed and turned in as a hard copy for Enrollment to be Approved!!!!
8. When you get to Participation tab– your member will be in the same club (You can edit)
9. Under projects portion or the participateion tab, member will be in same projects as previous year, Select any NEW projects and REMOVE any that the do not wish to continue.
10. Choose continue to advance to invoice screen.
11. Submit Enrollment!
12. YOU ARE DONE!

Whiteside County 4-H Show July 9-11 2020

I just wanted to give everyone a heads up on plans for our 2019 4-H animal shows. This topic has been discussed at length at previous leader's meetings. All of us can agree that 4-H is about youth gaining new skills, learning about projects, and having a great experience. Due to fewer youth competing in 4-H shows over the past couple of years and constricting financial resources, we will again be combining with Carroll County 4-H Fair for some of the animal projects.

Livestock Shows Combining with Carroll County 4-H –to be held at Milledgeville:

Beef- Monday, August 5(8:00a.m. Judging)

Dairy- Thursday August 8 (9:00a.m. Judging)

Goat- Monday, August 3 (1:30p.m. Judging)

Sheep- Monday, August 3 (12:30p.m. Judging)

Animal Shows Staying in Whiteside County –to be held at Morrison:

Horse/Pony- Thursday, July 9 (8:30am)

Cats- Friday, July 10 (Time TBD)

Poultry- Friday, July 10 (Time TBD)

Rabbits- Friday, July 10 (Time TBD)

Multi-County Show (Carroll, Lee, Whiteside, Ogle & Dekalb)

Dogs- Saturday, June 27 at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon

**Whiteside County
Illinois 4-H State Fair
Date is Set for...
FRIDAY, August 14**

All 4-H Animals– PLEASE READ!

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Face to Face Trainings in Carroll, Lee & Whiteside

- Whiteside Office-March 19 6:30-7:30pm (Snow date: March 26)
- Carroll Office: February 17 6:30-7:30pm (Snow date: February 22)
- Lee Office: March 4 6:30-7:30pm (snow date: March 11)

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training (**QAEC**) is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.

Showbook Cover Contest 2020

Any 4-H member interested in creating an original design for the 2020 Whiteside County Show book should submit their entries by **Friday, March 6**. The Entry that is selected for the cover will receive a 4-H T-Shirt of choice from "shop 4-H". In order to be considered for the contest you must meet these requirements... Title: 2020 Whiteside County 4-H Show Paper: 8.5x11 Ink: black ink as it will be printed in Black and white Originality-Must be free hand and not computer generated Show dates- Must leave a 1x3 inch space for office to insert all the dates and locations. Clover: **Do not add H's** to any clovers drawn on the flyer!

Dog

Dog obedience classes continue to be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Southside Elementary School In Morrison. February we will be starting advanced lessons. **QUESTIONS:** Contact Julie Bielema 563-249-8749

January 18 | Dixon Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic. There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Beef

The **Annual steer weigh-in** and tattooing will be held on **Saturday, February 8**, from 10:30 – 12:00 at **Jim Ruter's farm**, 14584 Shannon Route (located south of Shannon). If the weather is questionable, call Jim Ruter at 275-8049 or Brian Witt at 541-6210 before coming to the weigh-in. If needed, the following Saturday, February 15 will be the snow date. You must weigh-in, tattoo and EID (electronic identification) ear tag any steer that you are planning to enter in the State Fair Junior Show. To show at the county level, you will need to weigh-in and tattoo any steer or market heifer that you plan to enter in the Carcass Class or Rate of Gain Class. Please register online go.illinois.edu/CWweigh-in or contact the office 815-632-3611 by **Thursday, January 31** if you plan to participate.

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4-H WORKSHOP



RABBITS AND POULTRY



Friday, January 17 | 7:00PM

**Whiteside County Extension Office
12923 Lawrence Rd. Sterling**

Register online at:

go.illinois.edu/WhitesideSmallAnimal
or call the Extension office at 815-632-3611



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Rabbits- covering breed selection, breeders in the area, care and maintenance and tattooing
Poultry- breed selection, show quality, offer to order chicks

4-H HORSE BOWL

Through 4-H, young people with a passion for horses can participate in educational contests related to the equine industry regardless of whether they even own a horse.

**PRACTICE FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM
MILLEDGEVILLE, IL**

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Come join the fun while learning more about horse health, breed characteristics, management, and feeding. You do not need a horse to participate.

**HORSEBOWL IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 8-18 BY SEPT 1, 2019
IF INTERESTED, CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
LEE | 815-857-3525 - CARROLL | 815-244-9444
WHITESIDE | 815-632-3611**

April 18 & 19 | Champaign Compete in regional horse contests and earn your trip to state!

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Public Presentations Contest 2020



Saturday, April 4 at 10:00a.m. Location TBD (Sterling/Dixon)

Open to all Carroll, Lee & Whiteside 4-H'ers

Register online by March 27, 2020

at go.illinois.edu/PublicPresentations

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

Welcome to the Digital Age

What is My Connection to the Global Community?

Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?

If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.

Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.

Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

Broadcast Media Program

Theatrical

Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

Theatrical Interpretation

Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou

Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

FOR AGES 11-18 INTERESTED IN
LEARNING MORE ABOUT
BABYSITTING

BABYSITTING BASICS 4-H SPIN CLUB

MONDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 2, 9, 16, 30 APRIL 6

TIME: 4:30-5:30 PM

LOCATION: RYBERG AUDITORIUM
CGH MEDICAL CENTER | STERLING

COST: 4-H MEMBER | \$15
NON MEMBER | \$25

REGISTER: DEADLINE FEBRUARY 17
PHONE 815-632-3611 OR ONLINE
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HBABYSITTING

**SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE: SAFETY,
CHILD DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION,
ENTERTAINING CHILDREN, BUSINESS OF
BABYSITTING**

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JOIN OUR 4-H FOOD SCIENCE CLUB
JANUARY 27TH-MARCH 2ND
MONDAYS 5-6 PM
AGES 8-13

REGISTER BY JANUARY 20TH

AT:

GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CARROLLFOODLAB
OR BY CALLING 815-244-9444

COST: \$20

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It's 'Udderly' Amazing



February 29 | East Peoria

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. 29 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m.

Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at hotel OR they can go (with adult supervision) across parking lot to Steak 'n Shake. County Extension staff must register participants before Feb. 14.

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.

Explore a future in Agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

Speak for Illinois 4-H - Spring Training



February 1 | Mt. Vernon

March 21 | Sterling

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. The first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long 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: 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 at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

Be a true Leader in service



April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @

go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The

goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

How Strong is your 4-H family Spirit?



The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award> . **Nominations are due May 1.**

Study food Science and win cash



Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

YES! You can!



College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 9. Apply @

www.projectyouthextension.com .

Nominate someone for the 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 21. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

Get your Clover at JOANN Stores

Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

Change lives, be a 4-H Memorial 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 on the state 4-H website. 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.

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 at farmcreditil.com.

World of 7 Billion Video Contest

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

Apply today: 76 scholarships total \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online** @ www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline.** You must apply **BEFORE** February 1. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, their mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. They proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture and those with family farming backgrounds.

FAMILY FUTURE LEGACY

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program

More than **\$875,000** in scholarships are awarded annually through the Illinois Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus. Visit www.iaafoundation.org

Application Period: **December 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020**

Livestock Ownership Deadlines

2020 Steers, Market Heifers, Barrows, Wethers, & Meat Goats Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show *For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.*

STEERS:

- *Calved on or after January 1, 2019
- *Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2020
- *Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 25, 2020) and February 29, 2020.**
 - *In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- ***Farrowed on or after January 1, 2020** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2020.
- *No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

- ***Farrowed on or after February 10, 2020** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2020
- *Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2020
- *Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- *Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers /Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- ***Lambled on or after January 1, 2020**
- *Ownership Date – May 15, 2020
- *Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- *Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- *Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- *Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.
- *Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- *Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- *Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2019. •Lambled on or after January 1, 2020

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- ***Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2019**
- *Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2020
- *Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- *Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

Livestock (Breeding) Ownership Deadlines

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- *Age requirement is from September 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- *Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2020

Performance Cows

- *Cows must be born before September 1, 2018 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- *Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2020

SWINE – GILTS:

- *Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2020
- *Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2020

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- *Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019
- *Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2019
- *Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2020
- *Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2020

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- *No age requirements
- *Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2020
- *Cows – Owned since January 1, 2020

HORSE AND PONY:

- ***On or before June 1** – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Donna Miller at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427.

DOGS:

- *Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2020
- *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, 2020.
- *Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2020.

MEAT GOATS

- *All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2020.

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.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: **Donna Miller at the Illinois State Fair by June 1** for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

State & Local Events and Deadlines

January 14	Dog Obedience, Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
January 17	Rabbit & Poultry Workshop, Whiteside office 7:00pm
January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
January 19	Federation meeting, Whiteside office, 2:00pm
Jan 23-Feb 27	Lee County Food Lab, Thursdays at Ashton Library from 5-6pm
January 25	4-H Tech Changemakers session/Digital Ambassadors
January 28	Dog Obedience, Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
February 1	Camp Counselor Training– Ogle County Extension office
February 2	Archery SPIN Club (must already be signed up)
February 3	Leaders Meeting, Bethesda Church, Morrison 6:30pm
February 1	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Jefferson County, Mt. Vernon
February 1	DEADLINE: IAA Scholarships Due
February 8	Tech Changemakers/Digital Ambassadors session
February 8	Beef Weigh In, Jim Ruters Farm, Shannon, IL. 10:30am-noon
February 11	Dog Obedience, Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
February 12	Embryology training for Teachers in Dixon 4:30pm
February 16	Federation Meeting 2:00pm
February 17	Carroll County YCQA training 9-10am
February 21	DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications
February 22	Tech Changemakers/Digital Ambassadors session
February 24	4-H Babysitting SPIN Club, CGH Medical Center 4:30-5:30pm (1st session)
February 25	Dog Obedience, Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
February 29	Camp Counselor Training– Sterling at CGH Medical Center, Ryberg
February 29	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.
February 29	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Contest, East Peoria
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 2	Babysitting SPIN Club, CGH Medical Center 4:30-5:30pm (2nd session)
March 4	Lee County YQCA Training, Amboy Office 6:30-7:30pm
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 7	4-H Tech Changemakers session/Digital Ambassadors
March 9	Babysitting SPIN Club, CGH Medical Center 4:30-5:30pm (3rd session)
March 10	Dog Obedience Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
March 13-14	Boys Science Siesta, Rockford Discovery Museum
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 15	Federation Meeting 2:00pm
March 16	Babysitting SPIN Club, CGH Medical Center 4:30-5:30pm (4th session)
March 19	Whiteside YQCA training– Sterling office 6:30-7:30pm
March 21	4-H Tech Changemakers session/Digital Ambassadors
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 24	Dog Obedience Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Volunteer Shooting sports Training Marion, IL.
March 30	Babysitting SPIN Club, CGH Medical Center 4:30-5:30pm (5th session)
March 30	Leaders meeting, Bethesda Church in Morrison, 6:30pm
April 3-4	Girls Science Siesta, Rockford, Children's Discovery Museum
April 4	Public Speaking Contest (Carroll, Lee, & Whiteside) Location TBD
April 4	Central & Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest,

State & Local Events and Deadlines continued. . .

April 14	Dog Obedience Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
April 18	Camp Counselor Training– Freeport Office
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest & Hippology, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19	Federation meeting 2:00pm
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 28	Dog Obedience Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
May 1	Enrollment Deadline to show at the 4-H Show and to add/drop projects
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 12	Dog Obedience Southside school, Morrison 7:00pm
May 30	Camp Counselor Training– DeKalb office
June 8-12	4-H Camp and Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL.
June 13	Federation Float Trip in Albany, Wisconsin
June 13	Volunteer shooting sports training in Hull, IL.
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 19	Deadline for Fairentry.com selections of projects to show at the 4-H Show
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
June 27	Multi County Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 enrichment center in Dixon, IL.
July 6	4-H Show Set up at Fairgrounds
July 9-11	Whiteside county 4-H Show, Horses, Small Animals and General Projects
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 3-6	Carroll/Whiteside Livestock shows in Milledgeville at Carroll Co. fairgrounds.
August 14	Whiteside Day at Illinois State Fair
August 29	State 4-H Dog Show at Granny Rose K-9 enrichment center
September 12	Volunteer shooting sports training in Pecatonica, IL.