



Williamson County 4-H

To Make the Best Better

August 2019

Calendar of Events

August 1	4-H Fish Outing
August 7	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
August 9	GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show, Springfield
August 12	Illinois State Fair
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 24	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
August 23-September 2	Farm Display at DuQuoin State Fair
August 29	Federation Meeting
September 1	New 4-H Year Begin
September 9	Leader's Meeting
September 10	Pistol
September 13-15	Family Camp at Memorial Camp
September 13	4-H Member Records, Club Secretary & Financial Statement Due
September 14	State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
September 16	4-H Member Records, Club Secretary & Financial Statement Due
September 21	State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
October 6-12	National 4-H Week
October 7	Archery
October 8	Air Rifle
October 12-13	State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington
October 14	Bicycle Workshop

4-H Youth Fishing Day

Come out and catch some fish on Crab Orchard!

Youth can enjoy a day of fishing first hand with Luke Nelson of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Fisheries. You do not need a fishing license. We will provide fishing poles and bait.

When: Thursday, August 1, 2019

Where: Prairie Creek Access, enter on Greenbrier Rd

Time: 2:30-5:00 p.m.

For more information or to pre-register contact the office at (618) 993-3304.

DuQuoin State Fair Farm Display

Any youth would like to display your 4-H projects at the DuQuoin State Fair, bring your projects to the office, no later than Wednesday, August 14. Therefore, we can get them on display.

DuQuoin State Fair has a Farm Display during the fair, if your club or some members would like to volunteer to work.

Dates & times as follow:

Friday, August 23 – 7pm - 9pm	Saturday, August 24 – 11am - 1pm 1pm - 3 pm 3pm - 5pm 5 pm - 7pm 7 pm - 9pm
Sunday, August 25 – 12pm – 2pm 2 pm - 4pm 4 pm - 6pm 6 pm - 8pm	Monday, August 26 – 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm
Tuesday, August 27 – 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm	Wednesday, August 28 – 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm
Thursday, August 29 – 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm	Friday, August 30 – 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm
Saturday, August 31 – 11am - 1pm 1pm - 3 pm 3pm - 5pm 5 pm - 7pm 7 pm - 9pm	Sunday, September 1 – 12pm – 2pm 2 pm - 4pm 4 pm - 6pm 6 pm - 8pm
Monday, September 2 – 11am - 1pm 1pm - 3 pm 3pm - 5pm 5 pm - 7pm	

Please let me, which dates and times you would like to work as soon as possible.

Federation Meeting

There will be a 4-H Federation meeting on **Thursday, August 29** from 4-5 pm, at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St., Marion, IL. Looking forward to seeing you.

Leader's Meeting

There will be a Leader's meeting on **Monday, September 9** from **6-8 p.m.**, at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St., Marion, IL. We will and discuss upcoming events and records due. I'm looking forward to seeing each Leader present. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 618-993-3304.

4-H Shooting Sport

September & October Classes

Pistol:

Section 1: Tombstone Gun Range, 1212 N. Skyline Drive, Marion, IL, meets **Tuesday, September 10, 2019**. This class will meet six weeks, for 1-hour sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday evenings. Instructor: Phil Lindberg & Bob Burgess. Pistol Shooting/Safety (AGES 10-18)

Archery:

Section 1: John A. Logan Annex, 607 S. Greenbrier Road, Back Room; meets **Monday, October 7**. This class will meet six weeks, for 1-hour sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Instructor: Phil Odle/Randy Koster. Archery Shooting/Safety (AGES 8-18)

Air Rifle:

Section 1: John A. Logan Annex, 607 S. Greenbrier Road, Back Room; meets **Tuesday, October 8**. This class will meet six weeks, for 1-hour sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Instructor: Phil Odle & Don Elliott. Archery Shooting/Safety (AGES 8-18)

Fall Shooting Sports Contests

Test your skill at the State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Read the age restrictions carefully. You may participate in one, two, three, or all four contests as long as you've received instruction from a certified 4-H instructor in THAT discipline. The top performers this fall may be eligible to compete in the 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Registrations for all State Shoots begins **July 15**.

Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

- Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.
- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.

To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

Shoot dates:

Shotgun will be held September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

Archery will be held September 21 at the Pekin Archers in Pekin.

Rifle & Pistol will be held September Oct. 12 -13 at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS), Bloomington

4-H Award Applications

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

All items (Except the 2-3 that refer to “two years in a row” or “multiple years”) should be **ONLY** from the current 4-H year – **September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019**.

All experiences – unless indicated otherwise – **are to be 4-H related!** That means it should be a **4-H** experience **or** a youth could attend because there are a 4-H member **or** because they were representing the 4-H program for their county or state.

In the Details box, dates and names of the experience are needed. This info can be short – it does not need to have a lot of detail. “*County Livestock Workshop, Dec 6*”, “*State Jr. Leadership Conference, Feb 24-25*” or “*4-H Club Mtgs, 10/12, 11/13, 12/10, 1/14 and 2/15*” are good examples. Years are not needed as we believe you are following the above instructions that all experiences have taken place within this 4-H year. For some boxes, you may wish to include a bit more information – for example, the name of a project area that you exhibited at the county or state fair, or the name of the non-4-H group of which you are an officer.

Members cannot use the same exact date/event for more than one spot on the entire form. So if one uses “Visual Arts Workshop/March 6” as part of “five or more county 4-H activities” in Participation, they **cannot** also use it for the “one county 4-H activity” in Participation NOR can they use it for “Participated in a county 4-H workshop...related to my project” in Project Learning.

If members are submitting the application for the Diamond or Emerald state level, please make sure that you still complete the ENTIRE form, even though you may only be submitting in the Leadership, Community Service, or Project Learning area.

For Diamond and Emerald applicants, the State and National requirements must be in **the SAME dimension as the one you are applying**. So if you are applying for an Emerald Award in Leadership, you must have at least TWO State and/or National level experiences highlighted on the Leadership pages, in addition to two Multi-County/Regional experiences.

More information is available on the **Quick Tips: Illinois 4-H Experience Application**, available through your local Extension office. There is also a **Quick Tips: Illinois 4-H Award Application** handout available for those older 4-H members who are looking to submit for state awards with the **Illinois 4-H State Award Application**. Members may apply in any or all of the five award categories: *Communications, Community Service, Leadership, Personal Growth, and/or Project Mastery*. State winners in these categories can receive educational scholarships or trips to national events.

