



Williamson County 4-H

To Make the Best Better

February 2020

Calendar of Events

February 1	Beef and Dairy Ownership Deadline Speaking for Illinois 4-H Spring Training
February 3	Archery
February 10	Deadline for Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans
February 10 or 22	YQCA Training in Franklin County
February 17	Paint Workshop Unit Livestock Quiz Bowl Unit Aviation Career Day
February 22-23	Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference
February 27	Create a Winning Video
February 28	Deadline for the Farm Credit Illinois Scholarships & Grants
February 29	Deadline for Project Y.E.S.
March 1-April 30	JoAnn Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 9	Pollinator Workshop from 2-4 p.m.
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
April 6	Pistol
April 7	Shotgun
April 7	Unit Passport Party
April 15	Swine Ownership Deadline
April 25	National 4-H True Leaders in Service
May 1	Rabbit, Poultry, Goats & Sheep Ownership Deadline 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline Ordering Publication Manuals
June 1	Horse Ownership Deadline
June 2-6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7-11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 21-27	Illini Summer Academies
June 25	Small Animal Show
June 27	4-H County Show
July 27-31	State Fair Junior Horse Show
July 4-11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5-9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26-30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
August 15	IL State Fair

Speaking for Illinois 4-H

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.

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.

YQCA Training

New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former training PQA. This program is the industry-standard certification. Check with local offices about completing the training. The training must be completed each year.

All animals will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

YQCA Training in Franklin County at the Extension Office, 1212 Route 14 West, Benton, IL on Monday, February 10 at 6 p.m., or Saturday, February 22 at 1 p.m. You only have to attend one. Please call the Franklin County office to get information on registering at 618-439-3178.

Paint Workshop

Explore hard edge painting techniques with us during a fun, free workshop for local youth! Hard edge painting is where shapes and forms are depicted and separated by precise, regular geometric lines. All supplies will be provided at the workshop.

When: Monday, February 17

Where: Williamson County Extension Office
101B E. DeYoung St, Marion, IL

Time: 10am-12pm

This program is open to youth ages 8-18. To register, please call 618-993-3304.

Livestock Quiz Bowl (Superior Young Producer)

We will have a day filled with activities; from feed and species identification to identifying equipment used for livestock and finally a test on your knowledge of Livestock. There will be prizes awarded to the top 3 in each age category. *No cost for this event!*

When: February 17, 2020

Where: Bigham Shed, Old Consol Building
1899 State Routes 13/127, Pinckneyville, Illinois

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:00 noon

Study Guide available to pick up at the Extension Office. Come, have a good time, and meet some new friends.

Aviation Career Day

Take flight with us as we join SIU Aviation to learn more about the exciting and rewarding careers in aviation management, aviation flight and aviation technology. Participants will:

- Experience a flight simulator

- View the air traffic control simulator

- Tour hangars that hold 34 flight planes including Cessna-152's
Cessna-172's and Piper Arrows

- Tour tech facilities to view 25 other planes, jets and helicopters

Career Day is open to students in grades 6-12. The event will be held at 545 North Airport Road, Murphysboro, IL 62996. To register, please contact Becky Needham at 618-687-1727 or bneedham@illinois.edu.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and Employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact (618) 687-1727. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Junior Leadership Conference

Take the next step in your leadership journey

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the **January 24 deadline**. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham on **February 22 & 23**. In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World

- Tacky Tourist Trivia

- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture

- Follow Our Lead

- Pass the Plate

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

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.

Create a Winning Video

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.

Project Y.E.S!

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. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.

Federation Meeting

We are asking youth 13 years and older to be a part of the Federation group. This group primarily focus on the planning aspect of teen leadership involvement. Youth can have a voice in what happens in their county or unit 4-H program. Primary functions should be event planning, Educational programming and/or representing clubs as liaisons, with a social component.

Please join us on **Friday, March 13** from 4:00-5:00 pm, at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St., Marion, IL.

Contact the office for more information at 618-993-3304.

Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people do not have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.

Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.

Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.

