



Williamson County 4-H

To Make the Best Better

January 2020

Calendar of Events

January 1-31	IAA Foundation Scholarship Program
January 6	Deadline for Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award
January 10	Showbook Cover Contest
January 24	Deadline for IL Junior Leadership Conference
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	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
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 Horse Ownership Deadline
June 1	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 2-6	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7-11	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15-18	Illini Summer Academies
June 21-27	Small Animal Show
June 25	4-H County Show
June 27	State Fair Junior Horse Show
July 27-31	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 4-11	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 5-9	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26-30	IL State Fair
August 15	

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program

More than \$875,000 in scholarships are awarded annually through the Illinois Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus. Application Period: December 1, 2019-February 1, 2020

Visit www.iaafoundation.org

- Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship (must show current or former active involvement in 4-H and FFA)
- Elbert and Mary Elsbury Scholarship (must be a current member of a 4-H club in Lake County)
- Greg Carney Scholarship (must be a current or former active 4-H member)

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 **Thursday, December 5** from 4:30-5:30 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.

Leader's Meeting

There will be a Leader's meeting on **Thursday, December 5** from **6-8 p.m.**, at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St., Marion, IL. To discuss upcoming activities and events.

I am looking forward to seeing each Leader present. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 618-993-3304.

Salute to Excellence Volunteer Awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by **Monday, January 6, 2020** submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

4-H Show Book Cover Contest

The contest is open to all Williamson County 4-H members. A special prize will be awarded to the winner. Please follow the following guidelines carefully:

- Use white typing or construction paper.
- Paper must be 8 ½ inches x 11 inches in size.
- Leave a ½ inch margin all the way around the paper.
- Draw design using dark pencil or black marker or ballpoint pen
- Designs should be drawn in black and white ONLY!
- Design should not include copyrighted material such as cartoon characters.
- Designs should not include a 4-H clover. The 4-H emblem is a federally protected emblem and should not be reproduced. Anyone wishing to include a clover in their design should use a plain four leaf clover.
- The design should be 4-H related.
- Your name and club name should be posted on the BACK of the paper.

Entries are due to the Extension Office by January 10, 2020.

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.

Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) 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 trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. Check with local offices about completing the training. The training must be completed each year.

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

Training in Franklin County at the Extension Office, 1212 Route 14 West, Benton, IL on Monday, February 10 or Saturday, February 22. You only have to attend one. Time will be announce went it get closer.

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 hangers 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.

