



Williamson County 4-H

To Make the Best Better

July 2019

Calendar of Events

July 1	Deadline IL State Fair Junior Livestock Show
July 15	Register for State Shoot Contest
July 15	Deadline for Theme for National 4-H Week
July 15-16	Livestock Show at Franklin County Fairgrounds
	4-H Memorial Camp
July 7-August 3	AgDiscovery 2019
July 20-21	4-H Shooting Sports Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 28-August 1	4-H Memorial Camp
July 31	Leader's Meeting
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	State Fair
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 24	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
September 1	New 4-H Year Begin
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 21	State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
October 12-13	State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington

Reel in the Fun Workshop

Nine youth participated. Youth were able to get a hands-on experience with fish, learn how to cast a rod and reel and gain more information about boating safety.

Photography Workshop

Seven youth participated. Youth learn how to identify basic camera parts, practices different holding techniques to improve results, and use different natural light settings to experience the difference the light can make in creating a photograph.

4-H Show Days State Fair Winners

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Project(s)</u>	<u>Award(s)</u>
Elisha Burkett	Electricity	State Fair Delegate
	Forestry 3	State Fair Delegate
	Maker Class	State Fair Delegate
	Photography 2	State Fair Delegate
Francesca Burkett	Geology: Innovation	State Fair Delegate
	Geology: Rock Hound 1	State Fair Delegate
	Food Science 1-4	State Fair Delegate
	Visual Arts: Heritage Arts	State Fair Delegate
Gabriella Burkett	Foods Innovation	State Fair Delegate
	Intercultural: Passport To the World	State Fair Delegate
	Visual Arts: Chalk/Carbon/ Pigment	State Fair Delegate
	Visual Arts: Heritage Arts	State Fair Alternate
Dasia King	Visual Arts: Food Decorating	State Fair Delegate
Clark Lindsay	Communications: Creative Writing	State Fair Delegate
Kayden Martin	Tractor 1	State Fair Delegate
Rachael Reams	Visual Arts: Fiber	State Fair Delegate
Lucas Sloan	Communications: Creative Writing	State Fair Delegate
Nickolas Sloan	Intercultural	State Fair Alternate
	Leadership 1	State Fair Delegate

State Fair will be Monday, August 12 at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, IL.

You decide the theme!

We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to illinois4H@illinois.edu by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of “inspire” so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.

Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. Volunteers should apply at their local Extension office who can share ways you can get involved. Volunteers must also complete a weekend training July 20-21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$95. Some counties cover the cost of this program. The deadline is early July, but counties must complete screenings prior to registering volunteers, so don't delay.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline to attend per session. These include archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.

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.

Leader's Meeting

There will be a Leader's meeting held on Wednesday, July 31 from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St. To discuss upcoming events and records due.

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

Tell Your Story

I am encouraging parents, volunteers and members to do a video.

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds. Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ... In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ... 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...

Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, IThanks for helping me grow!"

Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later. Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name. A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated to the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning. It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.

Videos will be accepted from **May 1 to August 1**. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair. Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded. Contact your local extension office at 618-993-3304, if you have any question.

Foundation Hall of Fame Ceremony

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

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