



# Williamson County 4-H

## To Make the Best Better

September 2019

### Calendar of Events

September 1	4-H New Year Begin
September 9	Leader's Meeting
September 10	Pistol
September 11	Federation Meeting
September 13-15	Family Camp at Memorial Camp
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
September 28-29	JALC Hunting and Fishing Days
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
October 18	Deadline for Salute to Excellence
October 19	4-H Blast-off/HCE Picnic at Ray Fosse Park
October 21	Deadline for 4-H Youth in Action

### State Fair Results

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Project(s)</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Elisha Burkett	Photography 2	Outstanding
Francesca Burkett	Geology Innovation Class	Outstanding-Champion
Gabriella Burkett	Passport to the World	Outstanding-Reserve
Kadyn Martin	Tractor A	Participant
Lucas Sloan	Creative Writing	Participant
Nickolas Sloan	Leadership 1	Outstanding

### 4-H Online Enrollment

Congratulations for working through the second year of 4-H Online enrollment. Re-enrollment for the 2019-20 years will open September 7.

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

## 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 **Wednesday, September 11** from 4-5 pm, at the Extension Office, 101 E. DeYoung St, on the corner of Market St., Marion, IL. Please let me know if you are attending.

## 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)

## 4-H Member Records

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.

## 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.

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 September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

Archery will be 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

## JALC Hunting & Fishing Days

Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at the beautiful campus of John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois. This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29.

If 4-H members and parents would like to volunteers and provide bake goods for those days, please contact Don Elliott, at 618-751-9209. This is a great opportunity for your club to do some community service volunteer.

## National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 6-12. National 4-H Council theme is **Inspire to Lead or Called to Serve**. You are encouraged to find ways to share 4-H with their community.

We would like each club to do a **Window Display** in a local business window during the National 4-H Week. Please let me know where your display is located, no later than **Monday, September 30**, so the judges know where to go.

## Bicycle Workshop

If you would like to learn about bicycle safety and how to fix a bicycle, then this is the workshop for you. It will be on **Monday, October 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Herrin House of Hope.

Please pre-register by **Wednesday, October 9**, by calling the office at 618-993-3304. Come, have a good time, and meet new friends!

## 4-H Club Information

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

**Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

**Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

**Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands on learning experiences throughout the program year.

**More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

## SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

Nominate an outstanding volunteer

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 volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories 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 State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019**.



### Who will win \$5,000?

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges they have faced. Each of the honorees epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. In addition, the winners have demonstrated the positive impact they have made with their family, peers, and community through their 4-H experiences.

Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Deadline for application is October 21.

