

# The Clover Chatter

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## Newsletter Name Contest Winners



### Glenview Clovers

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the Glenview Clovers for their winning submission of “The Clover Chatter” as the new name for Lake County’s 4-H Newsletter. Thank you for your dedication to Lake County’s 4-H program.

## ILLINOIS 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2018 STATE WINNER

### CHARLOTTE ROBERTS

**Emerald Award: Leadership**  
**Legacy of Leadership: Scholarship**



Charlotte was one of six Illinois delegates to attend

the 2017 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. She presented ways to engage youth in ag careers to the USDA’s Farm Service Agency. It was this experience that convinced her to pursue a career in government, making policies which have real and positive impact for Americans. Her favorite project is public speaking. She majors in chemistry at University of Illinois. After her masters, she’ll continue her education in law school to obtain a Juris Doctorate in law.

## Country Bumpkins- Farewell



### Country Bumpkins 4-H Club



### Sue Richards, Sabrina Agee, and Becky White

On November 9th, the Country Bumpkins 4-H Club honored their retiring leaders, Sue Richards and Becky White with a Thanksgiving feast and lots of love, support and appreciation. Sue has been



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involved with 4-H for almost 40 years with many of those being the leader or co-leader of the Country Bumpkins. Becky White has almost 20 years involvement with again most of them being as co-leader. Sue and Becky have served countless hours making sure the club grew in a positive and fun way. Sue and Becky's own kids went through the 4-H process and now they are both enjoying watching the next generation do the same. Several alumni and their families joined Sue and Becky for their celebration. Becky is planning on staying on as a mentor to the new leaders Katie Yarc and Susie Fisher. Sue plans on being very much involved as well but from now on as "grandma" and "supporter of all the youth" at future events and Fairs. Thank you Sue and Becky for all you contributed to Making the Best Better!

### 4-H Across the State



#### **CAMP LEAD**

**February 23 & 24 | Champaign, IL**

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc).

Check out these workshops:

- **Survival Wearables:** There are many kids in the world who will never get the chance to go to camp. In this workshop, you'll work

with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world!

- **The Wilderness Challenge:** Do you have what it takes? Come experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging physical and mental obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H:** Discover all of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. The possibilities in 4-H are endless. 4-H offers opportunities in science, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where you get guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to be a leader. Explore the forest of 4-H and search for your team.
- **Crafty Rafty:** Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine. This workshop allows attendees to work together and be creative to accomplish their goal!
- **Science Explorers:** Join us to explore different area of science under the Milky Way. You'll create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with your man made rockets.



#### **Grab your gear and head to 4-H Memorial Camp**

Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4



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Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF)



#### There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2019. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are

philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond.

Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

Interview will be held on February 23-24 and March 9-10. If you or someone you know would be interested in interviewing or taking a tour, please visit [4hhouse.com](http://4hhouse.com) or contact Interviewing Chair, Madison Wilson, @ [4hhouseinterview@gmail.com](mailto:4hhouseinterview@gmail.com).



#### Help us understand youth!

The Youth Engaged 4 Change website has a fresh, new look with content that continues to inspire and empower young people to improve their lives and the world around them. Check it out @ <https://engage.youth.gov>. The site will help you **FIND OPPORTUNITIES**, including volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities. **FIND ANSWERS** and explore resources on topics they care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more. **FIND INSPIRATION** from Change Makers who are volunteering, acting as leaders and role models, advocating, and making an impact in the lives of others.

**Need some inspiration to visit the site?** Youth Engaged 4 Change wants to hear from youth ages 10-24 to learn more about what big decisions they



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face in their daily lives. As you enter your comments about **“What big decisions are you facing right now?”**, you’ll be registered for a contest. The top three entrants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

#### **Apply for national award**

Are you a middle or high school student making a difference through volunteering? Apply today for national recognition, monetary awards, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. The deadline to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in November 6. Learn more and apply online @ [spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019](http://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019).

#### **Begin your global travels with 4-H**

Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

- Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019
- Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019
- Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019
- Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019
- South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

#### **Eligibility:**

• Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18** for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and

community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ [go.illinois.edu/global4H](http://go.illinois.edu/global4H).

#### **World of 7 Billion Video Contest**

Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your world. The contest challenges students to create a short video connecting world population growth to one of three global challenges: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, or human rights. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline is February 28, 2019. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found online @ <https://www.worldof7billion.org>.

#### **Neat opportunity for 4-H alum**

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group’s entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group’s coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council’s educational curricula to groups of youth. Apply online by January 15 @ [4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-assistants](http://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-assistants)





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#### Tell your 4-H story and win a free t-shirt.

We'll choose 50 winners and feature your story and photo throughout the year! It's easy to enter.

1. **Tell us what 4-H has inspired you to do!**  
Your story can be as long or short as you want.
2. Include a picture ... of you being inspired.
3. Email both to Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu)
4. If your family allows, post it to social media with the hashtag #4Hinspiresme. Tag @illinois4H so we'll see it too!
5. Grownups can play, too! We'll have a special category for 4-H alums and 4-H leaders.
6. The contest ends November 30!

#### Scholarships honors 4-H club leader

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

**A \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

**The \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or

sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

#### It's a promise

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student's family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ [go.illinois.edu/college4me](http://go.illinois.edu/college4me).

#### Running list of local 4-H events

<b>January 14</b>	Public Presentation Workshop
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#### Running list of state 4-H events

<b>January 1</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship Due
<b>January 1</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship Due
<b>January 15</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Program Assistants for Citizenship Washington Focus
<b>January 26 &amp; 27</b>	Youth Livestock Superhero Conference, Decatur
<b>February 23-24, 2019</b>	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
<b>February 28</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> World of 7 Billion Video Contest



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<b>June 4 – 8</b>	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1
<b>June 8 – 15</b>	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC
<b>June 9</b>	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest (tentative)
<b>June 9 – 13</b>	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2
<b>June 16 – 20</b>	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3
<b>June 17</b>	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
<b>June 23 – 27</b>	Illini Summer Academies
<b>June 30 – July 4</b>	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4
<b>August 9 – 12</b>	General Projects at Illinois State Fair



Do you want to Belong to an amazing club? Do you want to become more Independent? Do you have a Generous spirit and want to give back to others? Now, would you like to develop Mastery skills to teach others what you have learned? That's what 4-H is all about. Youth can join 4-H afterschool. Check with your school to see if 4-H is offered.

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/4HILake/>

**4-H pledge...**

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service,

And my **HEALTH** to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.





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May your  
*Head, Heart, Hands & Health*  
be filled with the  
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