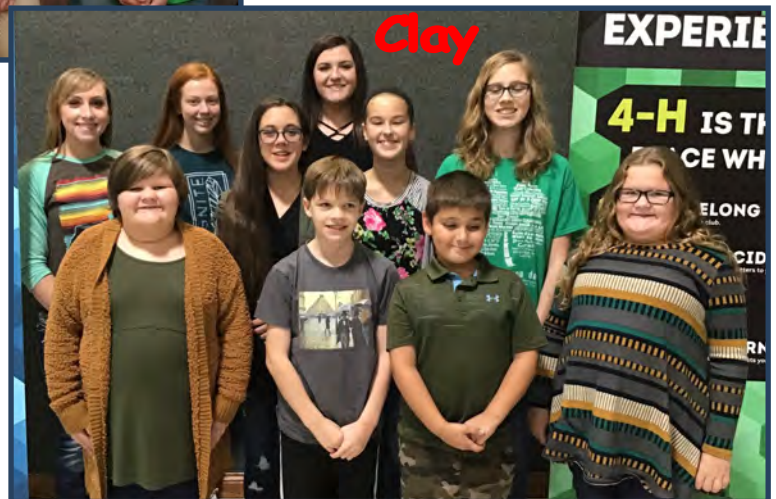


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## 4-H Newsletter

February 2020



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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### February

8..... Beef Weigh In

### March

19..... Livestock Committee Meeting

22..... Fayette County Extension Foundation Spaghetti Lunch

31..... Expansion & Review

The new 4-H year is here!

Register online at [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)

 **JOIN THE CLUB**

## Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at Fayette County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled by the following dates:

Re-Enrolling: **January 1**

New Members: **April 1**

All members project selection deadline: **April 1**

The 4-H program year is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. Please contact the office for help registering!

Enrollment packets are distributed through your club leaders.

## Liability Forms

Each member must turn in a signed liability form by April 1st.

The **Agreement to Assume Risks and Fully Release All Claims** form can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/events/documents/4-h-illini-summer-academies/extension-participant-volunteer-agreement-assume-risks-and-fully-release-all-claims-form-2018.pdf>



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# Fayette County 4-H

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 8



9:00 AM -  
11:00 AM

## FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H

### BEEF WEIGH IN

FAYETTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
BROWNSTOWN, IL

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## Livestock Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 19  
7 PM  
Fayette County Extension Office

## Save the Date!

Fayette County Extension Foundation  
Beef & Noodle, Chicken & Noodle Luncheon  
Sunday, March 22

## Fayette County Fair

July 11-17, 2020

## Requirements to show at the 4-H Fair:

Members must attend **at least 4** club meeting, events, or activities **prior** to the fair to be eligible to participate in the 4-H fair and 4-H auction.



## Premium Checks

2018 Fayette County 4-H Fair premium checks have been distributed through the office and club leaders. **Please cash/deposit them ASAP!**



**Illinois State Fair:** August 13-23, 2020  
**General Project show day:** Saturday, August 15

# Clay County 4-H



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## CLAY COUNTY

223 W Railroad St, Suite C  
Flora, IL 62839  
Phone: 618-662-3124  
FAX: 618-662-3191

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
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**Carl Baker**

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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### February

- 1..... Beef Weigh In
- 18..... Leader, Foundation, & Livestock Committee meetings

### March

- 14..... Chicken Noodle Supper
- 16..... Win An Animal Applications Due
- 31..... Expansion & Review meeting

**The new 4-H year is here!**

Register online at [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)

## Premium Checks

2018 Clay County 4-H Fair premium checks have been distributed through the office and club leaders.

**Please cash/deposit them ASAP!**

## Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at Clay County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled by the following dates:

Re-Enrolling: **January 1**

New Members: **April 1**

All members' project selection deadline: **April 1**

The 4-H program year is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. Please contact the office for help registering!

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## Clay County 4-H



### Livestock Committee & Foundation Meeting

Tuesday, February 18

Leader Meeting 6 p.m.

Foundation & Livestock Committee 6:30 p.m.

The Depot, Flora

### Liability Forms

Each member must turn in a signed liability form by April 1st.

The *Agreement to Assume Risks and Fully Release All Claims* form can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/events/documents/4-h-illini-summer-academies/extension-participant-volunteer-agreement-assume-risks-and-fully-release-all-claims-form-2018.pdf>

### Win An Animal

The Clay County Livestock Committee is once again sponsoring the Win An Animal contest! This year members have to opportunity to win a lamb or pen of rabbits, donated by Alex Fulk. This is a great opportunity to try something new!

The short application and essay are due March 16th. Applications can be picked up at the office or found on the website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi>



Clay County Fair

July 24-31, 2020



### Requirements to show at the 4-H Fair:

Members must attend **at least 4** club meeting, events, or activities **prior** to the fair to be eligible to participate in the 4-H fair and 4-H auction.

Illinois State Fair:

August 13-23, 2020

General Project show day:

Saturday, August 15

Stop by the office to purchase  
or pick up raffle tickets!



## LAWN MOWER RAFFLE

Sponsored by: Clay County 4-H Foundation  
Proceeds benefit Clay County 4-H

### \$20 Per Ticket!

**Drawing will be held on March 14, 2020**

Join us for our Chicken Noodle Dinner  
North Clay Commons, Louisville  
Serving 4-7 p.m.

Purchase tickets from Clay County 4-H families



**John Deere**

**Z540M**

Zero Turn  
54 inch mower deck  
24 hp

Contact 618-783-1080 or 618-838-9416 with questions  
or to purchase tickets.  
You do not need to be present to win.

# CHICKEN NOODLE SUPPER



SPONSORED BY:  
CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE,  
IN SUPPORT OF CLAY COUNTY 4-H

**March 14, 2020**

Serving from 4-7 PM

North Clay Unit 25 Elementary/Jr High  
Commons Area  
Louisville, IL

## Menu

Chicken & Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Roll, Dessert, & Drink

**Tickets: \$8**

To purchase tickets please contact a  
Clay County 4-H Family or stop by the  
Clay County Extension Office

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**Tickets are available in the office!**

Save the date and enjoy a delicious meal!

# Effingham County 4-H



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### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

1209 Wenthe Drive  
Effingham, IL 62401  
Phone: 217-347-7773  
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Effingham County 4-H Illinois



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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### February

- 1..... Beef Weigh In
- 8..... 4-H Poultry & Rabbit Workshop

### March

- 3..... Lawnmower/Small Engines/Tractor School Begins
- 22..... Lit'I Bit Country Annual 4-H Skating Party
- 24..... Youth for the Quality of Animals Training (YQCA)

### April

- 25..... Multi Species Clinic
- 25..... Youth for the Quality of Animals Training (YQCA)

### May

- 1..... Project Enrollment Deadline
- 2..... Sheep Weigh In
- 2..... PRIOR APPROVAL AND DESIGN OF AWARDS DUE  
..... (Superintendents)

### June

- 1..... Boer & Dairy Goat Scrapie Photos & Tag/Tattoo Due
- 6..... Boer & Dairy Goat Weigh In

### July

- 25..... 4-H General Projects Show

### August

- 2-8..... Effingham County Fair

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## Project Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at the Effingham County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled in their projects May 1, 2020. The 4-H program year is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. To register visit <https://www.4honline.com>





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## *4-H Livestock Clinic*

• 2020 POULTRY & RABBIT •

Join us for and learn all the tips and tricks that you will need to know for your show day! Feel free to bring your own rabbit or poultry species and Mike will help you with any questions you might have! This event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and our presenter for the day is Mike Claypool.



Free Pre- registration at:  
[go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)



FEBRUARY  
**8TH**  
9am-11am

**Effingham County Fair Grounds**  
**722 E Cumberland Rd**  
**Altamont, Il 62411**  
**contact: Dan Jennings 815-218-4358**

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Extension office.  
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## NEW for 2020 County Fairs in Unit 21

With the 2020 4-H Fair season quickly approaching there will be a few policy and procedures put into effect for our exhibitors this show year. First, as a reminder the only two species that are allowed to be leased are horses and canine. All other livestock are exempt from the lease provision.

Second, exhibitors wishing to show beef, goats, and sheep will be required to submit photos of their project. Required photos will include full view of left side, full view of right side and any and all other identifiable distinguishing marks or scars.

In Effingham County

**PHOTOS OF MARKET LIVESTOCK** – Species that are required to submit photos of their animals are: beef, sheep, swine, and goat.

- a. Beef will receive tattoos in each ear. All beef steers are required to come to weigh in. Beef weigh in is February 1, 2020 from 9-11 a.m. (Baby Beef is not required to weigh in)
- b. Swine exhibitors will need to produce ear notches and tag numbers by July 1.
- c. Sheep & Goats take a picture of scrapie tags. All photos must be turned into the Effingham Extension office by June 1.
  - ◆ Sheep will weigh-in on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9-10 a.m.
  - ◆ Boer/Dairy Goats - June 6 from 9 to 10 a.m., ALL wethers must be weighed in at Effingham County Fairgrounds.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Reminder for ALL 4-H families, superintendents, or volunteers that you will need to go to the 4-H Online website to register your children for the current 4-H year. If you don't remember your password, select "I Forgot My Password", use the email address that you gave last year and it will prompt you to create a new password. Follow the step- by- step enrollment process and submit enrollment at the end. If you have more than one child you will have to do one for each of them. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Effingham County Extension Office or email Patti Logan at [logan1@illinois.edu](mailto:logan1@illinois.edu) in regards to the enrollment process. The link to 4-H online is: <https://www.4honline.com/>



**BEEF WEIGH IN  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

***at Effingham County Fairgrounds from  
9 AM to 11 AM***

# Effingham County 4-H

## 4-H LAWNMOWER, SMALL ENGINES & TRACTOR SAFETY SCHOOL

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REFRESH YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE BASICS OF OPERATING A LAWNMOWER OR TRACTOR SAFELY



MARCH 3, 2020 | 6:45 PM  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
1209 N WENTHE DRIVE  
EFFINGHAM, IL 62401

The safety sessions are held each Tuesday from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from March 3-April 7. If you are unable to attend the first meeting, you won't want to miss the next one on Tuesday, March 10.

Each year the University of Illinois Extension office in Effingham County offers this important program, which is designed to enhance safety awareness among youth working on small engines, operating lawn mowers, garden tractors and farm tractors. The program is geared toward both rural and urban youth. The 4-H program fee is \$20. This program fee is only for those who have not paid their \$20 4-H program fee in their 4-H club. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or reside in Effingham County to attend. Everyone is welcome!

The 4-H Small Engines/Lawn Mower/Tractor Safety school is sponsored by area implements dealers – Buening Implement, Bahns Equipment, Riechmann Bros. LLC (Farina), Sloan Implement, Dittamore Implement and Alliance Tractor, LLC. (Mattoon).

REGISTER @

[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2020TRACTORSAFETY](https://go.illinois.edu/2020tractorsafety)

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LACE UP YOUR SKATES!

# ROCK N' ROLLERSKATE PARTY

MARCH 22, 2020 | 5:30 PM  
SILVER STAR SKATING RINK IN MATTOON

## ANNUAL 4-H SKATING PARTY HELD BY THE LIT'L BIT COUNTRY 4-H CLUB

All 4-H members from Effingham, Coles, Clay, Fayette and Jasper counties are invited to attend! The cost is \$4 per skater (payable to Lit'l Bit Country), plus \$1 rental for skates or inline skates (or bring your own at no cost). A snack bar is available and there is a play area for smaller kids. Bring a friend and join the fun.

REGISTER BY MARCH 17 AT  
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HSKATING2020](https://go.illinois.edu/4hskating2020)

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## Horse & Dog Ownership/ Lease Forms

4-H members who plan to exhibit dogs or horses at the Effingham County Dog & Horse exhibitions must complete the ownership/lease forms and provide them to the Extension office by May 1. Forms are available at the Extension office or visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/projects/documents/Animal%20Science/horse-lease-ownership-form-2017.pdf>

Please turn the \$20 enrollment fee and liability form into our office! Be sure to write your 4-H members name on the memo line. Mail to:  
University of Illinois Extension office Effingham County 1209 N. Wenthe Drive Effingham, IL 62401

## YOU are invited to the Lit'l Bit Country Annual 4-H Skating Party

Lit'l Bit Country 4-H Club is once again inviting all 4-H members from Effingham, Coles, Jasper, Clay, and Fayette counties to a skating party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Silver Star Skating Rink in Mattoon. The cost is \$4 per skater (payable to Lit'l Bit Country), plus \$1 rental for skates or inline skates (or bring your own at no cost). A snack bar is available and there is a play area for smaller kids. Bring a friend and join the fun.

**ENROLL TODAY**  
4-H is for YOU!  
4-H is for FUN!

# Effingham County 4-H

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

March 24, 6:30 p.m. – Effingham County Farm Bureau

April 25, 12:30 p.m. – Effingham County Fairgrounds

## QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

**March 24, 2020**  
Registration starts at 6 p.m.  
Program starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Effingham County Farm Bureau  
1102 W. Evergreen Ave., Effingham, IL 62401

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

**Lynn Wolff (Ag in the Classroom Coordinator), Instructor**

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**Register online at**  
<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

**Register by March 23**

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# Effingham County 4-H

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## 4-H MULTI SPECIES SHOWING CLINIC

April 25, 2020  
9 a.m. - Noon - Speakers  
Lunch  
12:30 p.m. - YQCA Certification  
Effingham County Fairgrounds  
Rt. 40  
Altamont, IL 62411

Featured Topics:  
Feeding  
Fitting  
Show Day Preparation  
Showing Techniques

Open to all counties!

Register at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ceff/events>

### Guest Speakers:

Beef - Tarr Brother's Cattle  
Goats - Abigail Wolff and Lynn Wolff  
Sheep - Matthew Hornbostel and Robbie Walk  
Swine - Amanda Kemme  
Guest Speaker - Mike Witte, Purina

Hosted by:  
Matt Hornbostel  
Robbie Walk  
Abigail Wolff  
Lynn Wolff



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## Here's help to pay for college

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) by February 28. Are you going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

April 25, 2020

Program starts at 12:30 p.m.

Effingham County Fairgrounds

722 E Cumberland Rd, Altamont, IL 62411

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

### Amanda Kemme, Instructor

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Register online at

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Register by  
April 23

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Effingham County  
Exhibits at State Fair

Saturday  
August 15

The Effingham County 4-H program is looking for a swine co-superintendent. Please contact Carl Baker if you would like to apply.

## Minutes from Easy Riders 4-H Club

The second meeting of the Easy Riders 4-H club was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Watson Civic Center on Thursday November 7, 2019. The President, Hayden Wendling called the meeting to order. The pledges and 4-H prayer were led by the flag leaders Trey and Melia. The roll call of November 7, 2019 was answered by 16 members. The secretary's report was read by Brandon Walls and it was approved. The Treasures report was read by Asha Walls and it was approved.

### The old business

- Moved meeting to November 7,2019
- Election of officer

### The new business

- Achievement night is November 9,2019
- Christmas party
- Voted to ring the bell at Walmart

Talks were given by Brandon Walls and talked about how to make deer summer sausage. Then demonstrations were given by Brianna and she talked about the parts of a western saddle. Refreshments were served by Asha Walls and Brandon Walls. The next meeting will be held on Thursday December 12, 2019 at the Watson Civic Center. Then Brandon motion to end the meeting and Melia second it. The motion was carried.

The Third meeting of the easy Rider 4-H club was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Watson Civic Center on Thursday December 12, 2019. The President Hayden Wendling called the meeting to order. The pledges and 4-H prayer were led by the flag leader Melia Wendling. The roll call of December 12, 2019 was answered by 14 members. The secretary's report was read by Brandon Walls and it was approved. The Treasures report was read by Asha Walls and it was approved.

### The old business

- Achievement night was November 9,2019

### The new business

- Ring the bell at Walmart
- Food Drive

We had a workshop were a K-9 come and show us what is can do. And Hayden did a demonstration on how to wood burn. Refreshments were served by Hayden and Melia Wendling. The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 9, 2019 at the Watson Civic Center. Brandon motion to a food drive and Melia second it. The motion was carried. Then Brandon motion to match all the money that pay for the food and Alli second it. The motion was carried. Then Brandon motion to end the meeting and Melia seconded it. The motion was carried.

Submitted by: Brandon Walls

# Effingham County 4-H

## Birthday Corner

**Those celebrating birthdays in the month of February are:**

Ryan Condron	Feb 02	Adalyn Stock	Feb 15
Lacey Thompson	Feb 02	Samuel Vonderheide	Feb 16
Kaden Watkins	Feb 02	Jerdain Hannah	Feb 17
Hunter Niemerg	Feb 04	Ruby Stuckemeyer	Feb 18
Megan Bierman	Feb 09	Lillian Rodgers	Feb 19
Anthony Kreke	Feb 09	Korina Hecht	Feb 22
Charles D Ring	Feb 09	Sakura Boone	Feb 25
Anna Sigg	Feb 11	Tessa Leisgang	Feb 27
Luke Sipe	Feb 14	Gage Wendling	Feb 27
Brant Burry	Feb 15	Patricia Purcell	Feb 28
Dalton Will	Feb 15		

The University of Illinois Extension staff would like to wish you a very happy birthday and may all your birthday wishes come true! Have a great day!



### How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award.

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: [4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award](http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award). **Nominations are due May 1.**

# Jasper County 4-H



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## **Calendar of events**

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### **February**

1-14 ..... Federation Selling Nutty Bars

3 ..... 4-H Federation Meeting

8 ..... Beef Weigh In

11 ..... After School Adventures—Around the World

11 ..... MyPI Program Begins

15 ..... YQCA Training—all ages

18 ..... Welding Workshop

18 ..... RSVP's due to go bowling

20 ..... YQCA Training, 8-11 year old's only

22 ..... 4-H Bowling Party @ Parklanes

24 ..... 4-H Leader & Superintendents Meeting

28-29 ..... 4-H Ambassador Training/ Retreat

### **March**

6 ..... 4-H Mini Lock-in

## **Livestock Tagging Information**

Jasper County 4-H members exhibiting beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats are required to have your market animals and crossbred animals tagged to show at the upcoming Jasper County shows. Tags can be picked up at the Jasper County office during office hours.

Market Steer wishing to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair, OR animals wishing to participate in the beef rate of gain competition must bring their animals to the beef tagging on February 8 from **9 AM to 10 AM** at the Kendall Tarr Farm.



Crossbred beef animals exhibiting at the Jasper County Fair also need to be tagged to exhibit. If you have an older animal with tags from a previous year, record those numbers on the tagging form.



# Jasper County 4-H

## NEW THIS YEAR!

1. Every club member needs to attend at least 2 club meetings and 1 club or county event during the 4-H year in order to be eligible for advancement to the Illinois State Fair general projects showing and in order to sell an animal in the Jasper Co. 4-H Auction. We realize it is hard to make it to all events, but we believe 2 meetings plus 1 event per year is an attainable goal. If a family is having trouble making it to a club meeting due to the day and/or time they meet each month, please contact the Extension office for a list of other club meeting dates and times. We strongly feel that for our youth to receive the full experience of the 4-H program in Jasper County, that involvement outside of the 4-H shows during fair-time is necessary.
2. With the 2020 4-H Fair season quickly approaching there will be a few policy and procedures put into effect for our exhibitors this show year. First, as a reminder the only two species that are allowed to be leased are horses and canine. All other livestock are exempt from the lease provision. Second, **exhibitors wishing to show beef, dairy, goats, and sheep will be required to submit photos of their project. Required photos will include full view of left side, full view of right side and any and all other identifiable distinguishing marks or scars.** Third, swine exhibitors will need to produce ear notches.

## 4-H...INSPIRE KIDS TO DO...

### Afterschool Adventures - February

**February 11** will be our next Afterschool Adventure. We will be checking out a Passport to the World! We will meet at the **Sunrise Youth Center from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.**

Youth will learn about different countries, try various treats, create their own project, and discover new information about places around the world.

Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/> and look for Afterschool Adventures.

### 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to everyone who registered by the December 1 deadline! While returning 4-H members should be enrolled by now, new youth wanting to join 4-H have until March 1 to enroll in the 4-H Online in order to show at the 2019-2020 Fair. Youth can still join 4-H after this date, but they will not be able to exhibit a project at this year's fair.

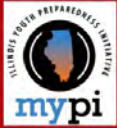
### 4-H Project Selection & Books

All project selections should be made on your 4-H Online account by April 30. The next order for 4-H project books will be made on Tuesday, February 4 and a final order will be placed on May 15.

**\*\*If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the Extension office\*\***

# Jasper County 4-H

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF A DISASTER STRIKES?



## Illinois Youth Disaster Preparedness Initiative, MyPI

Learn how to:

- support those in need
- direct friends to safety
- help those who are hurt
- be a **LEADER** in your **SCHOOL** and **COMMUNITY**

attend MyPI to complete  
**Basic Emergency Response Training**  
including AED/CRP certification

To register go to:

<https://go.illinois.edu/mypijasper>

Open to teens ages 15 to 19

Register by February 4, 2020

classes will be held at the **Newton Sunrise Center** on Tuesdays from:  
**FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 24 | 6-8:30 PM**

CPR and AED Training will be held on:

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 8 A.M. TO NOON**

University of Illinois Extension  
serving Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper counties

for more information contact:  
Dana Homann, [dhamann@illinois.edu](mailto:dhamann@illinois.edu) 217-347-7773

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# 4-H BOWLING PARTY



Come enjoy a fun game of bowling! The Jasper County 4-H Federation will sponsor 1 game for each Jasper County 4-H member. Friends may join in the fun at their own expense. (Games are \$4 per person per game.)

Register at  
[web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/)  
by Tuesday, February 18

Remember to  
bring a pair of  
socks!

Saturday, February 22 beginning at  
1 p.m. at Parklanes in Newton



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# 4-H WELDING WORKSHOP

Learn the basics of welding, including how to safely use the equipment needed to complete cuts, run arc beads on plate, and complete joint welds.

Participants will learn arc welding and oxyacetylene cutting, and will take home what they make.

- Tuesday, February 18
- 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Newton Community High School
- Open to any student in grades 6-12
- \$10 for 4-H members
- \$15 for non 4-H members

Checks can be made to NCHS Ag Dept.

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Space is limited to a maximum of 15 participants, so register as soon as possible!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/>

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## 4-H Livestock Clinic

2020 POULTRY & RABBIT

Join us for and learn all the tips and tricks that you will need to know for your show day! Feel free to bring your own rabbit or poultry species and Mike will help you with any questions you might have!  
This event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and our presenter for the day is Mike Claypool.



Free Pre-registration at:  
[go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)



FEBRUARY  
**8TH**  
9am-11am

Effingham County Fair Grounds  
722 E Cumberland Rd  
Altamont, IL 62411  
contact: Dan Jennings 815-218-4358

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## Jasper County 4-H

### Jasper County 4-H Federation Meeting

- Monday, February 3
- 6 p.m.
- Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building

### 4-H Handbooks

2020 Jasper County 4-H Handbooks will be available online on March 2!

Leaders can pick up printed copies for their club after March 2. There will be one for each 4-H Family.



### 4-H Leader/Superintendent Meeting

The next 4-H Leader/Superintendent meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the 2020 4-H Handbook and make any necessary changes. We will also discuss the other 4-H activities and events coming up this year.

### Nutty Bars

The 4-H Federation is currently taking orders for their Spring Nutty Bar sale! Nutty Bars can be ordered with or without nuts, and can be purchased individually for \$2 or 6 for \$10. Orders can be placed with any 4-H Federation members, called into the Extension office, or e-mailed to [turkal@illinois.edu](mailto:turkal@illinois.edu). Orders will be accepted until February 14. Nutty Bars will be ready for pickup on March 2 at the Jasper Co. Extension Office.



### Jasper County 4-H Ambassador Training

On Friday, February 28, members of the Jasper County 4-H Ambassador team will travel to Champaign for their annual training & retreat. The Ambassadors will plan their activities for the spring and summer, participate in some team building & training, and will enjoy a trip to the Adventures in Time and Space escape rooms. They will also discuss the best way to promote and advocate for themselves and the Jasper County 4-H program. The 4-H Ambassador team is excited to participate in this fun event!

### 4-H Mini Lock-In

Come join in all the fun on Friday, **March 6** at the 4-H Mini Lock-in! Our theme this year is Wild West! This event is open to all youth in **grades 3-6**. Both 4-H members and non 4-H members are invited to attend.

The lock in will be from **6-10 p.m. at the Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building**.

Youth can register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/>

There will be a **\$10 fee for 4-H members** and **\$15 for non 4-H members**.

In order to receive a t-shirt the evening of the lock-in, participants **must be registered by Friday, February 21**.

**\*\*Space is limited, so register soon!\*\***



# Jasper County 4-H

## YQCA

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals:

**Pigs**

**Beef Cattle**

**Dairy Cattle**

**Sheep**

**Goats**

The YQCA training can be done either online or in person. To take the training online, go to [yqca.org](http://yqca.org). Click on Sign In/Register at the top of the page, then use your 4-H Online account information to access different trainings. Before the trainings screen appears, you will fill out some basic registration information. Once the training screen comes up, you will be able to choose your age level. After choosing the age level, the next screen will give you two options for trainings. For the online training, proceed with that option.

The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

If you would like to do the face to face training, you will also need to register at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org). Select which training and pay for the training in advance. Face to face trainings offered in Jasper County are listed below.

**February 15—9 a.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19**

**February 20—6:30 p.m.—Open to youth ages 8-11 (as of Sept. 1, 2019)**

**March 12—7 p.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19**

**March 28—9 a.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19**

Trainings will last at least 1 hour and up to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**\*\*All face to face trainings will be held at the Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building in Newton\*\***

**\*\*Sign-in for the trainings will open 15 minutes prior to the training\*\***

Youth exhibiting horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs & cats must complete the QA&E training in order to show.

This is a one time training, and need not be completed each year. To complete the training, go to

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

If you have any questions, please contact Katie at the Extension office. 618-783-2521



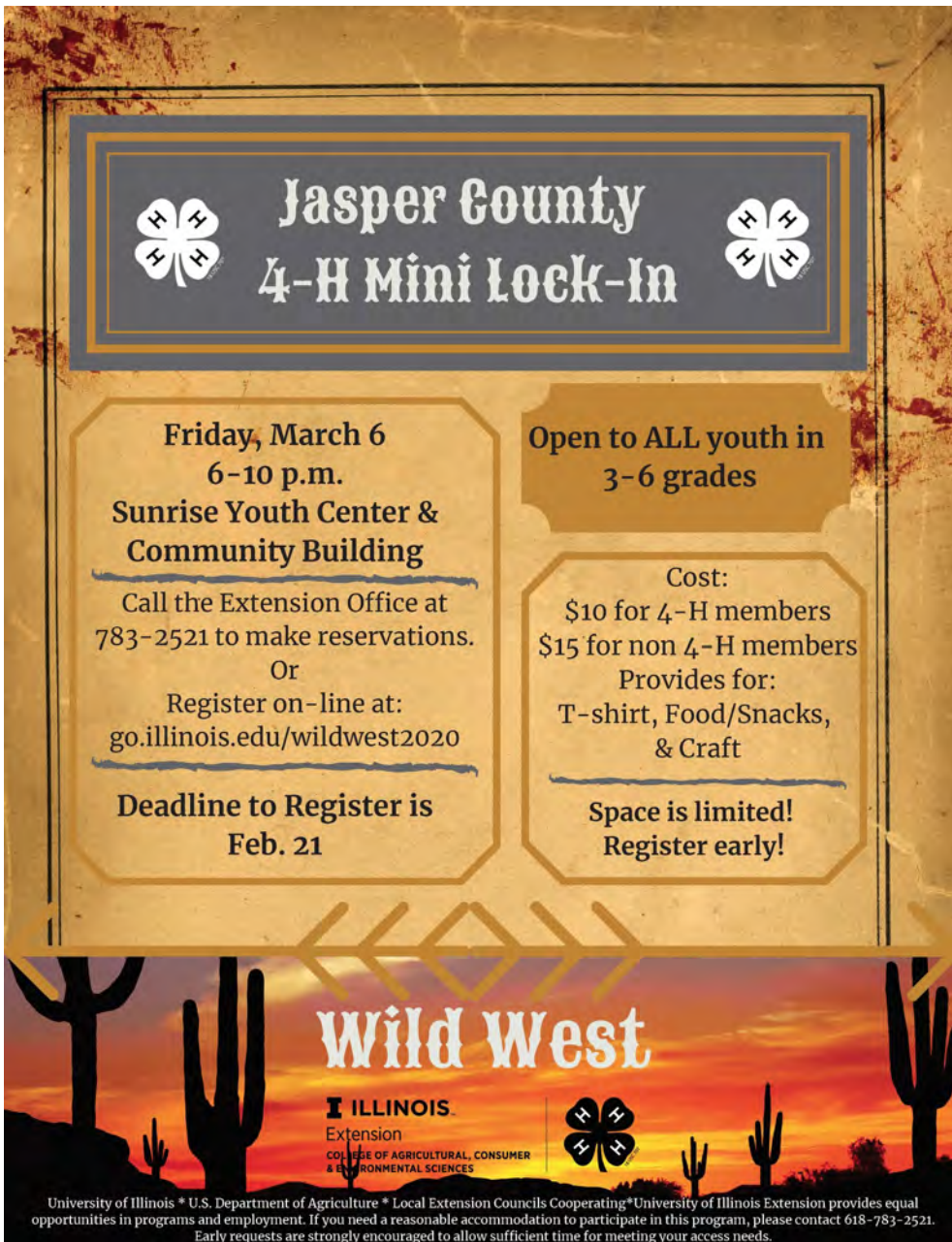
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**Jasper County  
4-H Mini Lock-In**

**Friday, March 6  
6-10 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Youth Center &  
Community Building**  
Call the Extension Office at  
783-2521 to make reservations.  
Or  
Register on-line at:  
[go.illinois.edu/wildwest2020](http://go.illinois.edu/wildwest2020)  
**Deadline to Register is  
Feb. 21**

**Open to ALL youth in  
3-6 grades**

**Cost:**  
\$10 for 4-H members  
\$15 for non 4-H members  
Provides for:  
T-shirt, Food/Snacks,  
& Craft

**Space is limited!  
Register early!**

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Illinois State Fair

August 13-23, 2020

General Project  
Show Day

Saturday, August 15



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County  
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Making a difference  
for life

## Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp



5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)

**Week 1: June 2-6**

**Week 2: June 7-11**

**Week 3: June 14-18**

**Week 4: July 5-9**

**Week 5: July 26-30**

Registration for 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up quickly, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not enrolled in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!



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## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [ArDavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ArDavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.



## YES! you can!

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 2021. 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 @ [projectyouthextension.com](http://projectyouthextension.com).

## 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](http://farmcreditIL.com).

## Here's help to pay for college



### FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

## Don't be chicken; hop on over

**February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County  
Fairgrounds, Altamont**

**Register by February 7 @  
[go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)**

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

## Taking an animal project? READ THIS

### For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org> The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

### For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.

## STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

**February 29 | East Peoria | 11 AM – 5 PM**  
**Register at your county Extension office before February 14.**

Be the first to buzz in with the answers to questions all about the dairy cattle industry. You'll have fun competing with friends as teams of four who share your interest in dairy cattle. Competing as an individual? No worries, we'll find a partner for you. Register the day of the event prior to the 11:30 kick off test. The contest will be held at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members (15-18) participating at this state contest. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy).**

## STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

**February 29 | 11 AM**  
**Black Hawk College | Galva, IL**

**Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff**

In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging).**



## Study food science and win cash

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

# Illinois 4-H

## Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

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## Speak up for 4-H

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Sterling

Register @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](https://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H) | Cost \$12

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. If you're at least 14, you can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. Two trainings are available:

- **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

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, then put that story into words. You'll learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol.

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## Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



**Be a true leader in service**

**April 25 | Nationwide**

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.



## STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

**April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM**

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking). There are 5 divisions

- **Original individual formal speech**
- **Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
- **Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
- **Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.
- **NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

## Two ways to give to 4-H

- ★ **Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!
- ★ **Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

## Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The celebration will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020

## Help sew new curtains for camp!

**March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello**

Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing)

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!



## Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people don't 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.
  - **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
  - **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

## Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.



Be aware:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
- Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).



## How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: [4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award](http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award). **Nominations are due May 1.**

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.



## Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

## Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp)

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



## Upcoming Events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

February 8	Poultry and Rabbit Workshop, Effingham
February 21	DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
February 29	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.
February 29	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria
February 29	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Black Hawk College, East Campus
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 4	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Knoxville
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 6-7	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 13	Shooting Sports Training, Pike County
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest

## Events Continued

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 22 – August 17	Inbound youth from Japan and South Korea in states
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
<b>August 15</b>	Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford
August 14-16	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Illinois State Fair, Springfield
August 17	State 4-H Poultry Show, State Fair
August 17	IL State Fair junior poultry show
August 18	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event at the State Fair
August 22	IL State Fair junior rabbit show
August 29	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
September 12	Shooting Sports Training, Winnebago County
September 19	State Archery Shoot, Pekin
September 26	State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park
October 10, 11	State Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington



## **Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp**

**5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)**

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

**Week 1: June 2-6**

**Week 2: June 7-11**

**Week 3: June 14-18**

**Week 4: July 5-9**

**Week 5: July 26-30**

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