Set Your 4-H Project Goals!

Now that you have enrolled in your projects, it’s time to set some goals. What do you want to do and learn in your projects? Make your goals challenging, but don’t make them so hard you cannot reach them. Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I want to do?
- What can I learn?
- Who will help me?
- When am I going to do it?
- Where do I want this project to take me in one, two, or three years?

Joe Fournie (left) attended the Youth Livestock Conference, January 26-27 in Decatur. Alicia Bohn (right) helped plan the conference as a member of the Youth Livestock Ambassador Team.

Youth learned many different skills at the conference including the importance of using equipment correctly to improve herd reproduction rates, how to provide basic first aid to animals and more!

WARNING: DEADLINES ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR!

→ **April 1** is the drop project deadline.
→ **May 1** is the deadline for completing the QAEC training. Members who have not completed the training by that date will be dropped from ALL 4-H livestock projects & will be unable to show at county shows and/or state fair. *Please adhere to the May deadline.*

**Way to GO!**

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**Step Up to the Batter's Box & Join us for the 18th Annual 🍀**

**4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals!**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 1, 2019

[https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2019](https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2019)

“To Make the Best Better”
Dine & Shop at Eckerts!

May 7, 2019; 7 a.m.—8 p.m.

Make a purchase at the Restaurant, Country Store, Garden Center, or Custard Shop and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the St. Clair County Extension & Education Foundation.

Offer is only valid at the Belleville Location.

Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties’ Public Speaking Contest will be held Friday, April 5 at 7pm.

Location is TBD.

Interested members must be registered online in Fair Entry by Wednesday, March 27
ATTENTION 4-H Animal Project Members:

All 4-H members that are enrolled in ANY animal project for the FIRST time:

(Dog, Cat, Small Pets, Horse, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry) must complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) by May 1st. 4-H members that do not have the training completed by the deadline will have their name removed from the animal project they had enrolled in. This will mean you cannot show for 4-H or receive 4-H premiums or awards in that project area.

You must complete the basic training plus choose one species, and complete that. You do not have to do more than one species, no matter how many you show.

The link to the QAEC training is: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/

Please print your certificates for your records.

(If internet access is not available, 4-H members may come to the Extension Office to complete the training, please call and set up an appointment with us at 939-3434.)

This is a one-time training and good for all your 4-H years.

The 2019 schedule of RiverWatch Training Workshops is out. Training workshops are hosted around the state from March-May. Workshops are for new volunteers who would like to become a certified RiverWatch citizen scientist, and also for veteran RiverWatch citizen scientists who would just like to recharge their stream monitoring skills.

To see a complete list of dates/locations and to register for a workshop, visit: http://www.ngrrrec.org/Riverwatch/

St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 13

6:45 p.m.

Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville

“To Make the Best Better”
Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 27 as part of True Leaders in Service. On this day, show the world how 4-H is making a difference in your community! While community service can happen all year long, if 4-H members and clubs plan to engage in service efforts before the end of April, they should plan to register their effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to Saturday, April 27. The website opens March 1 @ https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/. Community Service resources are available now!

NOTE: Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities!

Fifty- $500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Apply today at farmcreditIL.com.

*Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!*

So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. 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
- Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be $230 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 $270.

Registration will open February 4! Don’t be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!

“To Make the Best Better”

Longer, bigger, better. See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. There are 17 academies to choose from and cost varies based on the track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.
### Need Ca$h for College?
We’ve got you covered!

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“Now this is a story of about how...”

4-H Public Speaking Contest Information

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held **June 8, 2019** in **Decatur**! The Public Presentation category has been updated. For additional information and the new rules, please visit:

[https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest)

Mark your calendars because Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties’ Public Speaking Contest will be held **Friday, April 5 at 7pm**. Location is TBD.

Interested members must be registered online in Fair Entry by Wednesday, March 27.

February is National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today’s #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field!

#InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth

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Make sure you don’t have a “**Ruff**” State Fair experience...

**2019 State Fair Junior Livestock Requirements**

Don’t get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young. The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ [https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects).

The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.

“**To Make the Best Better**”
Quit **foaling** around!

“Saddle up” for State & Regional horse events!

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is $5/person.

The State 4-H Horse Bowl contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is $5/entry or $25/team.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology.

4-H members in our area should compete at:

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY:** March 30 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Contact Elizabeth Miller, lizmill@illinois.edu, (618) 548-1446.

The State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at 10 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is $3 per entry. All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March.

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27** at Black Hawk College.

Registration = 11 a.m.  ●  Contest = 12 p.m.

The contest is open to **ALL** 4-H members. Pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

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**St. Clair County Trivia Night**, Ag Building, Mascoutah | February 23, 2019
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**Rabbit & Poultry Workshop**, Swansea Rural King | February 23, 2019; 9-10:30am
**Junior Leadership Conference**, Champaign | February 23-24, 2019
**Farm Credit Illinois, Illinois 4-H Livestock, & Legacy of Leadership Scholarship deadlines** | March 1, 2019
**St. Clair County Ambassador Meeting**, Turkey Hill Grange | March 13, 2019; 6:45pm
**Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests**, Carbondale | March 30, 2019
**Drop Project Deadline**, 4-H Online | April 1, 2019
**Unit-wide Public Speaking Contest**, location TBD | April 5, 2019; 7pm
**Taste of the Area**, Regency Conference Center, O’Fallon | April 11, 2019
**State 4-H Hippology & Horse Speaking contests**, Champaign | April 13, 2019
**State 4-H Horse Bowl contest**, Champaign | April 14, 2019
**Korsmeyer Scholarship Deadline** | April 26, 2019
**4-H National Day of Service** | April 27, 2019
**State 4-H Horse Judging Contest**, Blackhawk College | April 27, 2019
**QAEC deadline** | May 1, 2019
**Dine & Shop at Eckerts**, Belleville | May 7, 2019; 7am-8pm
**4-H Day with the Cardinals** | May 11, 2019; postmarked by April 1
**St. Clair County Garden Tour**, O’Fallon | June 1, 2019; 9am-3pm
**Citizenship Washington Focus**, Washington D.C. | June 8-15, 2019
**Mock-judging Event**, Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville | June 15, 2019; 11am
**Illini Summer Academies**, Champaign | June 23-29, 2019
**4-H Food, Clothing, & Computer Show**, Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville | July 13, 2019
**Livestock set-up & Meeting w/Exhibitors**, Ag Building, Mascoutah | July 31, 2019
**4-H Show-a-Rama**, Ag Building, Mascoutah | August 1, 2019
**County 4-H Livestock Shows**, Ag Building, Mascoutah | August 2-4, 2019
**St. Clair County Day @ State Fair** | August 10, 2019

**“To Make the Best Better”**
Family TRIVIA Night

Sponsored By:
St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation

Working in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension in St. Clair County, to generate funding for educational programming in the areas of 4-H Youth Development and home and commercial horticulture.

Saturday, February 23, 2019
Doors Open at 6 pm * Games Begin at 7 pm

Agricultural Building in Scheve Park
905 Park Drive
Mascoutah, IL 62258

$100 - Per Table of 8
Includes ages 5 and up
Children under 5 are free

Bring Your Own Snacks
Soda & Water available for purchase
**Outside Beverages are NOT ALLOWED**

Register Today!

Mulligans available for purchase
Silent Auction
Raffle Drawing

PLEASE CALL 939-3434 OR EMAIL mkrahn@illinois.edu

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JOIN US AT

“TASTE OF THE AREA FUNDRAISER”

Thursday, April 11, 2019
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Regency Conference Center
400 Regency Park, O’Fallon
$25.00 Donation
Preferred Advance Ticket Sales by cash or check
Tickets at door payable with cash, check or credit card
(Call 618-939-3434 for reservations and more information)

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