



*Coles*  
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*News*

**March**  
**2019**



4-H members having fun at the skating party



# Coles County 4-H




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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### March

- 1.....DEADLINE: 4-H Livestock Scholarship
- 1.....DEADLINE: 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
- 1.....DEADLINE: Farm Credit Community Service Grants
- 1.....National 4-H Clover for Kids campaign at JOANN stores
- 8.....Explore ACES Open House @ U of I
- 9.....Winter Fishing Clinic, 4-H Center, 10 a.m.-noon
- 17.....Federation Meeting, Jackson Ave. Coffeehouse, 2-4 p.m.

### April

- 3.....DEADLINE: 4-H New Member Enrollment/Add/Drop Projects
- 12.....Pork Chop Salting, Mark's My Store, Mattoon, 5:30 p.m.
- 13.....4-H Pork Chop BBQ
- 13.....State Horse Speaking, Hippology Contest
- 14.....State Horse Bowl Contest
- 27.....Healthy Kids Day, YMCA, Mattoon
- 28.....Federation Meeting
- 27.....National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
- 30.....Ending of National 4-H Clover for Kids campaign at JOANN

### May

- 1.....**Horse Ownership/Lease papers due**
- 4.....Goat registration/Sheep weigh-in
- 4-5.....4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 7.....County Public Presentations, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 11.....State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington

### June

- 5.....Cloverbud workshop, TBD
- 8.....Illinois Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
- 9.....Federation meeting, Extension Office, 2-4p.m.
- 13.....Cake Decorating workshop, TBD
- 17.....DEADLINE: Last day to enter fair projects, FairEntry.com
- 17.....Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
- 23-29.....Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
- 27.....Aerospace Show, Fairgrounds, 5:30p.m.

**Alone we can do so little.**

**Together we can do so much.**

**-Hellen Keller**

### 4-H Pork Chop BBQ

Saturday, April 13

The Coles County 4-H Federation's annual Pork Chop BBQ is quickly approaching! This is Federation's biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds benefit programs for all our county's 4-H members. Please continue to promote the BBQ and remind everyone it will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

We are in need of donations of a few items. If you or someone you know could donate, it would help defray the cost of the BBQ.

#### Items needed:

Brown Jersey gloves, paper towel rolls, charcoal (and lots of it), lighter fluid, Country Time Lemonade, wide heavy duty aluminum foil.

Thank you to all our 4-H families for your continued support of your Coles County 4-H program.

### Animal Shelter Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Coles County Animal Shelter at our annual skating party. We had a record number of 4-H'ers attend with a record number of donations. Coles County 4-H families continually outdo themselves! Thank you for your support.



### Fair Book Cover Contest Winner

Congratulations to Kennedy Douglas for creating the winning fair book cover design. Kennedy is a member of the Kickapoo Ramblers and enjoys showing sheep at the fair. This is her second year in 4-H and her second year of winning the cover contest.

Her cover will be revealed when the 2019 Fair & Policy book is made available in mid March. Kennedy will be awarded \$50 for her cover art. Great job Kennedy!



### Winter Fishing Clinic

There is still time to register for the Winter Fishing Clinic held on March 9 from 10a.m. - noon at the 4-H Center. This clinic is open to 4-H'ers and non -4-H'ers 8 years old and up. Come learn the parts of a rod and reel and how to prepare fishing equipment for the upcoming fishing season. Learn & practice tying a Palomar knot, and get tips from a local bass fishermen.

To reserve your seat, call the Extension Office, 345-7034 by March 7.



## Coles County 4-H - March 2019

### Deadline to Add/Drop Projects - Enrollment Fee

Remember the deadline to add/drop projects in 4HOnline is April 3. New to 4-H? You have until April 3 to enroll and choose your projects. If you are having difficulties logging in or just need assistance, please ask.

**Enrollment fees** are due. If you have not paid your fees please do so as soon as possible. Leader's have been sent a list of those who have not paid.

### Get your Clover at JOANN

Visit a local JOANN store between March 1 - April 30 and purchase a \$1 or \$4 Paper Clover. With the \$4 Paper Clover, you will also receive a coupon for \$4 off your next purchase at JOANN.

All funds collected go directly back to the 4-H Program, 70% to the state 4-H program which may be used on anything to benefit the 4-H program.



## Coles County 4-H is looking for award donations

Coles County 4-H is looking for general and award donations. To sponsor an award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. You may sponsor as many awards as you would like or give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a donation, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Coles County 4-H programs.

**General Program Donation** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Award** We wish to sponsor an award and have enclosed \$25. Our preferred award area would be:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension

Deadline for award sponsorship is **May 1**.

Payment should be sent to: Coles County Extension, 707 Windsor Road, Suite A, Charleston, IL 61920.

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## Changes You Should Know for 2019 Fair Exhibits

The state 4-H office has made some changes to our exhibit guidelines for the 2019 fair. These changes will be reflected in the 2019 Fair & Policy Book. Here is a sneak peak:

**Citizenship** has been changed to Civic Engagement - only a name change.

**Communications, Creative Writing, & Journalism** are now state fair eligible.

**Computer Science** major changes: beginning visual programming level in NOT eligible for state fair. An open source class was added and class names were changed to Visual-based & Text-based programming.

**Foods** exhibits major changes in 101- 401. Each class will now need to complete an experiment/activity in the project manual and bring a document with a printed picture of your experiment/activity with your project. Sources for **Food Preservation** have changed, added are Ball/Kerr after 1985, & Mrs. Wages. **Food Innovation** class added.

**Photography** ALL photos must include details of the camera settings, minimum image size 5X7, maximum 8X10. Photography 1 exhibit one framed photo demonstrating a technique you learned from the project manual. Be prepared to show the page in the manual of the technique. Photography 2, 3 - one 8X10.

**Robotics** major changes: Robotics 1 Beginning and Junk Drawer Robotics 1 are NO LONGER eligible for state fair.

**3-D Print & Design** NO LONGER eligible for state fair. **UAV Drones** NO LONGER eligible for state fair. **360 Video and Technology** classes have been eliminated.

**Visual Arts changes:** Exhibitors MUST be enrolled in a specific project directly tied to their exhibit class. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment has two unique classes depending on the material on which the art was created. Division A - canvas, paper, or glass. Division B wood, metal or textiles. Clarification between Fiber Arts and Heritage arts was added, as well as for wood.

**Weather** - new class

**Maker class** - new to all project areas (see specifics in the 2019 Fair & Policy book)

**Be sure to read the 2019 Fair & Policy book for all of the changes. Always read the rules for your project area so you know what is expected at the fair.**

**Sheep:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details.

**Goats:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details. **Horned goats** will now be staying at the county fair in the dairy cattle barn. **Fair board will not be providing pens.** Extension and Foundation will provide materials needed to build the proper pens/gates. We hope those families with horned goats will help with the construction. More details to come.

## Coles County 4-H - March 2019

### Records!



### 4-H Records update— December

The following are this month's records update.

Jan. Feb. events:

- ★ Skating Party/Animal Shelter Drive - section 6 (M) 1/20
- ★ Jr. Leadership Conf.- section 3 (S) 2/23-24

December events:

- ★ Winter Craft Day - section 3 (C) 12/1
- ★ Game donation - section 6 (C)

Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates.

### Leader's Digest

- Remember to send in photos of your club's activities.
- BBQ packets due March 20.
- Encourage members to participate in 4-H State events. Scholarships are available for many of the State sponsored events.
- Be sure your members have paid their dues.
- Last day to order manuals - April 8.
- Please send me Expansion & Review nominees.



## Federation News

### Upcoming Federation Events

March 2 - Mall Days, Noon-2 p.m.

March 17 - Meeting, Jackson Ave. Coffee-house, 2-4 p.m.

April 13 - 4-H Pork Chop BBQ

June 9 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.

June 11 - Holiday World Trip

June - Host various workshops - TBD

### Federation Delivered Donations

4-H Federation members delivered the many donations you gave during the skating party. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!





# State 4-H News



## Let's go fishing

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 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch large-mouth 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)

## Paid camp counselor positions open, male applicants encouraged to apply

Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

### Never too early to think about corn dogs!

Nearly 4,000 4-H members will return to exhibit livestock and general projects at the Illinois State Fair in August. Coles county will be exhibiting at the General Project Show on Sunday, August 11.

**NEW IN 2019:** Extension offices will **no longer sell parking passes** in advance. Families should plan to pay for parking when they arrive. This will allow you to choose where you want to park (either at any of the private/non-profit sponsored lots to the right of the fairgrounds road or in public lots on the state fairgrounds). The change was made to make it easier for families in case flooding closes some lots. Families can still purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at SOME Extension locations. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.

## 4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

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### Illini Summer Academies

Spend 7 days and 6 nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have **completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade** by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 years old before the end of 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose! A limited number of scholarships are available.

**Spend 18 hours in an up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study\*:**

Aerospace Engineering: \$440

Ag Communications: Telling Stories of Ag & Environment: \$280

Ag Mechanization: Horses to Drones: \$440

Animal Nutrition & Welfare: From the Wild to the Mild: \$440

Animal Sciences: \$350

Beekeeping: \$TBD

Work Hard & Play Hard: Health, Sports, and Wellness Careers: \$250

Crop Science: Sustainable Food Systems: \$240

Electrical & Computer Engineering: \$465

Food Science & Human Nutrition: From Farm to Table: \$290

Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication: \$315

Human Development & Family Studies: \$275

Molecular & Cellular Biology: \$365

MyPI Disaster Preparedness: \$400

Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: Sustainable Summer: \$240

Veterinary Medicine: \$355

Outside of class time, you will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures you will only find at the UIUC campus.

\*prices and availability subject to change. **Chaperones are needed.** Email Pat McGlaughlin @ [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu) if interested.

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### Just so you know

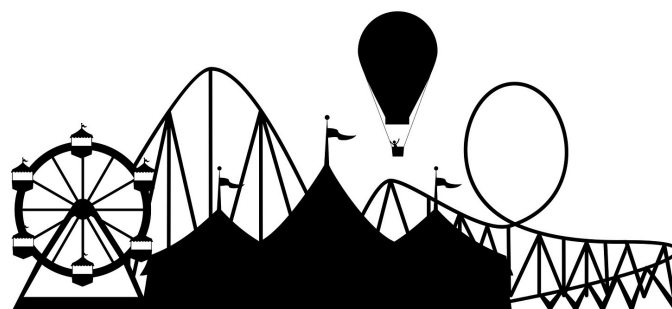
2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24





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### Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** 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.

We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). **The link to register your event is now OPEN. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.**

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. **Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.**

**Register your event beforehand at [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice)** through the National 4-H Council website.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) and **find helpful resources** – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.

**Promote your event on social media** using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!

**Complete your event** then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) after your event and **submit a report on what you did.**

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! **FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than **ANY OTHER STATE in 2018!** Let's see if we can go even bigger in 2019! *If you have questions, please contact Pat McGlaughlin, [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu).*

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### Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.

## State 4-H News

### Register your team for Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do.

This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. Team registration will close March 31. There is a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. To register follow this link:

[4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-robotics-competition](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-robotics-competition)

To view the challenge introduction video, follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/xtLxA-kL49c>

For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact [illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu).

### Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12.

**LOGAN COUNTY:** Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4h](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4h) after March 28.

### Plant your own pollinator garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:

- Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.
- Complete the online application by April 1 @ [www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator](http://www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator)
- If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, [kjones@growmark.com](mailto:kjones@growmark.com) or 309-557-6184.
- You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.

### Speak up for the horse industry

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