



2023-2024 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER 2023

4	Extension Office Closed for Labor Day
18-20	All- Team Training, Champaign, Brenda Out of Office
22	Award Applications Due, Club Books Due by 4 p.m. to the Ext. office
25	Leadership & Awards Committee, Judging 5pm- till done
26	Keeper's of the Land, Oakdale Forest Preserve. Program held for 3 rd graders That have registered with their schools
27	Rain Date for Keeper's of the Land
27	Leader's Meeting, HCC – 6 pm

OCTOBER 2023

1-7	National 4-H Week Celebration-
6	Ambassador Sign up Deadline
14	Ambassador Meeting, 9:30-11 a.m. Ext. Office, Middle Lobby
21	4-H Award & Volunteer Recognition Event, Farm Bureau Building 210 W. Spring St. – Freeport, 2:30 pm
28	4-H Ambassadors at trick or treat trail in Krape Park from 2:30 -5p.m.

NOVEMBER 2023

4-5	Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur, IL
4	Livestock Skillathon, Urbana
9,16,30	4-H Esports, at HCC-rm 153
11	Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office
14-16	Annual Extension Conference, Champaign – Brenda out of office
23-24	Extension Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving
24-28	National 4-H Congress, Washington, D.C.

DECEMBER 2023

1	4-H Enrollment DEADLINE, all projects need to be chosen by this date
7, 21	4-H Esports Club, HCC- Rm 153
9	Ambassador Christmas Party, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC
22– Jan. 2	Office closed for holidays

JANUARY 2024

1	Beef Performance Cows, Dairy Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
2	YQCA Training #1, 7:15 p.m. at Winslow Town Hall, 501 School St. Winslow, IL
11,18,25	4-H Esports Club, HCC – Rm 153
13	Ambassador Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC- Ext Office
14	4-H Ski Day, Chestnut Mountain, 1 p.m. to close
15	Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
20	Officer Training, HCC 10:30-Noon
21	SNOW DATE for 4-H Ski Day
27	4-H Poultry Clinic, HCC – South Lobby, 10-11 a.m.



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Leader's Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC

FEBRUARY 2024

1 Beef Steers – Ownership (no paperwork to Ext. office)
1,8,15,22,29 4-H Esports Club, HCC- Rm 153
2 4-H Night at the Rockford Ice Hogs Game
5 Beef Weigh in sign up deadline
6 Public Speaking Training, Machine Shed in Rockford, IL. 6-7:30 p.m.
10 Beef Weigh-In at Lena Vet Clinic
10 Ambassador Meeting, 9:30 – 11 am, HCC- Ext Office24-25
16 Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline
17 SNOW DATE- for Beef Weigh-In if weather is bad on 2/10
17 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, BHE campus
24 Super Saturday, 8:30-noon, at Stephenson County Farm Bureau

MARCH 2024

1-3 **State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Bloomington, IL**
16 **4-H Ambassadors, Shopping Trip, AM**
17 **YQCA Training, St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, 2:30 pm**
27 Dog Club Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, south Lobby
30 Bunny Trail, Krape Park – Ambassadors, 11-1

APRIL 2024

1 **YQCA Training**, Dakota Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
3 Public Speaking Contest, HCC at 6 p.m.
6 Hippology/Horse Speech Contest, Champaign
6 Horse Bowl, Champaign
13 Ambassador Meeting, 9:30- 11 a.m., Ext Office
17-24 **Dog Club, at C2 at Fairgrounds 6-8 p.m.**
20 **Tree Planting at Orangeville Butterfly Farm**
27 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest
27 Mandatory Spring Horse Meeting, HCC 9-11 a.m.
27 National 4-H day of Service
30 Spring Leader's Meeting, 6 p.m. HCC

MAY 2024

1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
1,8, 15,22,29 **Dog Club, at C2 at the Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m.**
11 Ambassadors Meeting, 9:30-11 am, HCC – Ext. Office
15 Ownership for Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewes and ALL Meat Goats
15 State Fair Lamb, Goat, & Pork Premiere & Carcass Forms Deadline
27 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



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JUNE 2024

1	Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification
1	Dairy Lease & Dairy Grade Animal paperwork due to Extension office
1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office
1	Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office
1	Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Swine- gilts & barrows, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	State Horse Fair Papers Due at State Fair Office
5	Dog Club, at C2 at Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m.
7	Sheep Showmanship & Nutrition Clinic, 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds
9	Northern IL 4-H Horse & Pony Show, Stephenson County 9 AM
9-13	4-H Camp, Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
17	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion
19	Juneteeth, Extension Office Closed
21	Final Practice for Dog Club, 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
22	4-H Dog & Cat Shows at the Fairgrounds, 9 AM
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline

JULY 2024

1	Junior State Fair Livestock Deadline
4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
10	Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m.
16	Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
17	General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
19	Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD
20	4-H Horse & Pony Show at Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 8 AM
21-27	State 4-H Horse Show, Springfield
22	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture, 4-H Building at Fairgrounds 9 AM
	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds 4-H Building
23	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
23	4-H FUN NIGHT At the FAIR, 6 pm in the fair building
23-27	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
26	Cloverbud Rodeo, 1 p.m. at the 4-H Building
27	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:00 p.m. Swine Show Ring
28	Project pick up at fairgrounds from 1-3p.m./ Help tear down the fair building and put things away



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AUGUST 2024

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| 1 | State Fair Communications Delegates must submit their works to State Fair office by today |
| 7 | State Superior Young Producer Contest, General Livestock, Junior Livestock Building, South Ring |
| 8 | State 4-H Poultry Show, Barn #26, Springfield |
| 9 | State Fair Day for Stephenson County |
| 9-11 | State Fair Junior Livestock Shows:
Friday- Breeding Females
Saturday – Junior Market
Sunday- Open Market
Exceptions: Dairy, Poultry, Rabbits |
| 10 | State 4-H Rabbit Show, Barn #26, Springfield |
| 17 | State Superior Young Producer Contest, Dairy, Open Livestock Center |
| 24 | State 4-H Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Center, Dixon, IL |