



# The Clover Courier Adams/Brown 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Members and Families,

The fair ribbons have been ordered and that can only mean one thing, Spring is on its way. And with Spring comes several opportunities to enjoy and experience 4-H at the club level and beyond. This newsletter contains information on many up coming events.

Fairbooks are on their way, you should receive yours at your March club meeting.

**Congratulations to Camp Point Coop** for winning the new member contest; they increased their membership by 50%. The following clubs showed an increase in membership; Adams County Firecrackers, Camp Point Coop, Future Prospects, Mendon Mustangs, Urban Farmers, and Ursa Willing Workers.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 223-8380, 773-3013, or [cmorey@illinois.edu](mailto:cmorey@illinois.edu).

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## 4-H/FFA Quality Assurance and Ethics Clinic Web Site

Any youth wishing to exhibit beef, dairy, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and/or poultry at the Illinois State Fair in the Junior Division must complete this training. This certification is done online. The training only needs to be completed once in a 4-Her's career. The web site URL is <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/gaec/>. Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show exhibitors must complete certification prior to June 9; exhibitors in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, and poultry must complete the certification before the July 1 deadline.

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### Upcoming Dates

March
6, 7 & 8 - Illinois Horse Fair
23 - Federation Meeting
28 - Liberty Livestock Judging
30 - PQA Plus Training
April
27 - Federation Meeting
May
16 - Horse Camp
21 - Horse Clinic
28 - Horse Clinic



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## Livestock Tattoo Dates

### **Meat Goat**

Meat Goat Wethers showing at the IL State Fair must be registered in the 4-Hers name and tattooed by May 15th. Christine will be scheduling tattoo visits for May 6 and 13 between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. You must call the office by April 22nd to schedule a time for tattooing. Please know the number of goats that need tattooed at the time of your call.  
 Note-only animals owned by current Adams/Brown 4-H members can be tattooed.

### **Sheep**

For the State Fair, all wethers must be nominated, tattooed, and tagged between March 15 and May 15, 2009. Premiere wethers must also be weighed. The closest location is WIU in Macomb on May 15, from 3-6 pm. Call 309-225-8705 for more information.

### **Swine**

For the State Fair, Premiere barrows must be nominated, ear notched, and tattooed before they are 35 days old. All premiere pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2009.

### **Beef Fitting Clinic**

Hancock County is hosting a hands on fitting clinic for all ages led by Chuck McCullough, club calf producer and professional fitter from Allerton, IA. This clinic will be held March 20 -22, 2009 at the Hancock County Extension Office. Participants will need to bring their own calf and equipment. Estimated cost will be under \$50 per participant. Class size is limited, so call Brent Ufkes today at 217-430-8604 to register or for more information.

### **Youth POA Plus Training**

March 30th - 6:30-8:00 pm - U of I Extension Office  
 RSVP by 4:30 pm March 25th  
 All youth wishing to exhibit swine at the 2009 Illinois State Fair must complete this training. Training is good for one year from date of completion. Youth 12 and over may test out, but must have attended a training in a previous year. For questions or more information, contact Christine at 223-8380 or [cmorey@illinois.edu](mailto:cmorey@illinois.edu).



### **WIU Regional Livestock Judging Contest**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4th, 2009 to attend the annual event at the WIU Livestock Pavilion, in Macomb. This competition is open to teams or individuals, Jr. members (under 14 by 1/1/09) and Sr. members (over 14 by 1/1/09). Registration will begin at 8:15 am and the contest at 9:00 am. Pre-registration is required by calling our office by March 25th. The fee will be \$7.00 per participant, which includes lunch, and must be paid in advance at our office. Parents are encouraged to attend and help with scoring, or just watch.



### **ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DATES**

**Beef:**

Steers & Market Heifers Feb. 1, 2009  
 Heifers June 1, 2009  
 Cows Jan. 1, 2009

**Cats:**

June 1, 2009

**Dairy:**

Calves & Heifers June 1, 2009  
 Cows Jan. 1, 2009

**Dogs:** Ownership or Lease June 1, 2009

**Poultry & Rabbits:** June 1, 2009

**Goats:**

Dairy Milking Jan. 1, 2009  
 Dairy Goat Kid & Yearlings June 1, 2009  
 Pygmy Goats June 1, 2009  
 Meat Goats May 15, 2009

**Horse & Pony:**

Ownership or Lease May 1, 2009

**Sheep:**

Wethers May 15, 2009  
 Breeding Sheep June 1, 2009

**Swine:**

Breeding Swine & Barrows June 1, 2009

NOTE THESE  
 ARE  
 OWNERSHIP  
 DATES ONLY!!!

**It's not too early to think about 4-H Camp!**

4-H Memorial Camp is located near Monticello, Illinois. Plans are underway for exciting camping possibilities. Check out the possibilities at : <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/4hmemorialcamp> or call the office for more information. Here are a few of the things they have planned:

YOUTH CAMP: FEE \$160.00

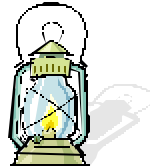
- Open to all youth ages 8-16, 4-H membership is not required.
- 5 days of fun and adventure in the out-of-doors.
- Activity choices: waterfront activities, arts and crafts, nature programs, and recreational sports and games. Activities to include: swimming, canoeing, rock wall climbing, volleyball, leather tooling, ceramics, softball, fishing, basketball, archery and team challenge course just to name a few.
- Learning Projects: model rocketry, flower arranging, GPS guided geo-caching, electricity, cooking, dance, music, drama, and photography. Evening programs include campfires, games, skits, songs, campouts, and a big dance.
- Arrival time is 2-3 pm on the first day. Departure time is 6 pm on the last day.
  - June 7 -11
  - June 14-18
  - June 28-July 2
  - July 5-9
  - July 12-16

4-H MINI CAMP: Date June 4-6 Fee: \$105.00

- For boys and girls ages 8-12 years.
- A shorter version of Youth Camp, but focuses on activities designed for this age group.
- Activities to include: Swimming, fishing, crafts, sports, games, songs, hikes, campfires and much more.

FISHING CAMP: Date April 25-26 Fee: \$39.00 per person

- 4-H membership is not required.
- One adult per three youth attending is required for the entire session.
- Begins at 9:00 am on Saturday and dismisses at 3:00 pm on Sunday.



**Odds on Racing & Balmoral Park to Co-Host Award-Winning Harness Racing Youth League Summer Camp**

Odds on Racing and Balmoral Park will host the second annual horse summer camp June 19 to June 23. The Harness Racing Youth League is a 5-day/4-night event in which participants are given the opportunity to learn about harness racing and caring for horses.

The format includes daily barn activities including grooming, harnessing, hitching and driving the horses. Mixed in are games and hands-on experiences which allow for further understanding of the horse industry.

Campers must be between the ages of 11 and 13 years old. No Prior horse experience is required.

To apply, an application and essay must be submitted. A fee of \$150 is charged; this fee covers all lodging and meals for the camp. Once accepted, the participant will be given additional info, as well as medical information to complete.

Registration will take place Friday morning, June 19 at 8:30 am at Odds On Racing. The camp will conclude after the exhibition of the HRYL participants during the races at Balmoral Park on June 23.

For additional information and to obtain an application, please call the HHYF office at 317-867-5877 or visit the website [www.hhyf.org](http://www.hhyf.org).

**Adams/Brown Horse Day Camp**

Who: all youth ages 8-18

What: great learning opportunities in the morning and an afternoon filled with fun and games

When: May 16, 2009

Where: Adams County Fairgrounds

See flyer for more details.

## You've Been Caught !

We just caught you reading the newsletter. We have hidden two names of 4-H members in this issue of the Clover Courier. It can be listed between articles or in the margins. If you spot your name, contact Christine before April 1st and you will receive a prize. Read carefully, it could be you!

## Adams County 4-H T-Shirts

We have several t-shirts left over from a few years ago. They are adult sizes medium and large. We are currently selling them for the bargain price of \$3 each. Stop by the office to purchase yours.

## Poland Culture Kit

The Poland culture kit will be available to Adams/ Brown 4-H clubs in April. Please contact the office if your club is interested in using the kit during that time. Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis, so call early.

## Illinois State Treasurer's Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program

Applications are available exclusively online this year. Please visit [www.treasurer.il.gov](http://www.treasurer.il.gov) to download. The Treasurer's Office will award ten \$2,500 scholarships to excellent students pursuing agriculture-related fields of study. The application is due by May 14, 2009.

## 4-H Day with the Cardinals

4-H Day with the Cardinals is set for Saturday, May 23 with a game time of 12:10 pm. The Redbirds are playing Kansas City. Tickets for the game are \$21.00 each which includes a specially designed T-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. Orders need to be postmarked by April 13. 4-H members and their leaders who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets have the opportunity to participate in a parade around Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. Families can also take part in a 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, watching batting practice, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. All funds donated will be used to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. Complete information is on the form included in this newsletter or on the website at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/adams](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/adams).

## Illini Summer Academies

The Illini Summer Academies will be held on the U of I campus June 29—July 1. This will be an intensive academy on the following topics: aerospace, engineering; agricultural & biological engineering; crop sciences; leadership; veterinary medicine; and youth community & technology. Participants will eat and live in the U of I dorms. There is limited enrollment and the spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration will be online and open on March 1. The deadline to register is May 26. Contact the office for more details.

## Thinking of U of I for College?

The University of Illinois in Champaign will be hosting Explore ACES on March 13 & 14, to highlight the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). The event is scheduled for Friday, March 13 from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, March 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. Details about ExplorACES can be found at [www.aces.illinois.edu/ExplorACES/](http://www.aces.illinois.edu/ExplorACES/) or call 217-333-2728.



## 13th Annual Liberty Invitational Livestock Judging Contest

The Liberty FFA Alumni will host their annual livestock judging contest on March 28 at the Liberty High School. Registration will start at 8 a.m., contest directions at 9 a.m. with the contest beginning at 9:15 a.m. The contest will consist of ten rings of livestock; three beef, three swine, two sheep, and two goats. There will be one questions class for each species.

Youth can compete within a team or as an individual, in either the junior division (must be in the 8th grade or lower) or the senior division (9th grade and above).

A team will consist of four members with all four scores counting towards the team total. The entry fee is \$15/ team and \$4/individual. Interested youth must contact the Extension Office by March 23 at 223-8380 or [cmorey@illinois.edu](mailto:cmorey@illinois.edu).

## Annual Spring Fling Goat & Sheep Sale & Clinic

The Midwest Goat Producers will host a private treaty sale and workshop on Saturday, April 11 at the Wabash County 4-H Grounds near Mt. Carmel. Many breeds of goat and sheep wethers along with young does, ewes, bucks, and rams will be offered through private treaty sale. Along with the sale, the Midwest Goat Producers are sponsoring seminars and workshops throughout the event to help prepare 4-H and FFA members and all goat producers for goat production and the show ring. The sale will take place from 10 am to 2 pm. Workshop topics will include; Basic Care & Nutrition of Goats, Fitting Your Goat for the Show, Showmanship Techniques, and What Is The Judge Looking For?. For more information, contact Vicky Wetzel at 618-318-0516 or Vicky@deerhavenfarms.com

### Illinois Horse Fair

March 6-8  
Illinois State Fairgrounds

Top national clinicians and equine educators join vendors offering everything for the equestrian—recreational horsemen. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth and seniors per day. Visit [www.horsemenscouncil.org/HorseFair/](http://www.horsemenscouncil.org/HorseFair/) for more information.

Drew Miller

### IL Meat Goat Producers Newsletter

Copies of the current newsletter are available in the Quincy office. Or available on the web at [www.ilmeatgoat.org](http://www.ilmeatgoat.org). It is filled with a lot of information concerning the meat goat industry.



### Illinois Southdown Breeders Sponsor Lamb Contest

The Illinois Southdown Sheep Breeders Association is sponsoring its 16th annual essay contest and will be awarding a Southdown ewe lamb to the winner. The contest is open to Illinois 4-H and FFA members under the age of 16 and not currently raising Southdown sheep. The lamb, registered in the winners' name, will come from one of the quality Southdown flocks maintained in Illinois and have a \$150-\$250 value. The lamb will be presented to the essay winner at the Annual Illinois Southdown Experience held in Eureka, IL in June.

The essay should describe why the contestant would like a Southdown ewe lamb, future plans for the lamb and how they will care for it. Essays will be judged on their content and age appropriateness. Entries should be sent to Betsy Meisenheimer, 5734 Palmyra Road, Palmyra, IL 62674 by May 1. Please include the entrants name, address, phone number, age, and 4-H Club or FFA Chapter name. Questions should be directed to Betsy Meisenheimer at 217-436-2195.

### Farm Bureau Foundation to Offer Summer Intern Program

The Adams County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of a summer intern program. This will provide a college student with an opportunity to gain valuable job skills while helping to further the success of the Ag in the Classroom program. While approximately 75% of the job will relate directly to the Ag Literacy program 25% of the time will be spent working on Farm Bureau programs and projects as well as helping with the 4-H program.

The application process for the summer intern job will begin February 16th; the applications must be returned by March 16th. An interview process will be used to determine the student best suited for the job.

It is anticipated that the intern would work part of May, all of June and July - approximately 300 hours with a salary of \$2,500. The majority of the time will be spent in the offices at 330 S. 36th Street during normal business hours. However, some nights and weekends will be necessary such as the week of the fair or helping with the locally grown farmers markets.

**Congratulations to Siera and Hunter Thompson. They were honored at the Illinois Meat Goat Producers annual meeting for being the High Point Junior Winners of the 2008 show season.**



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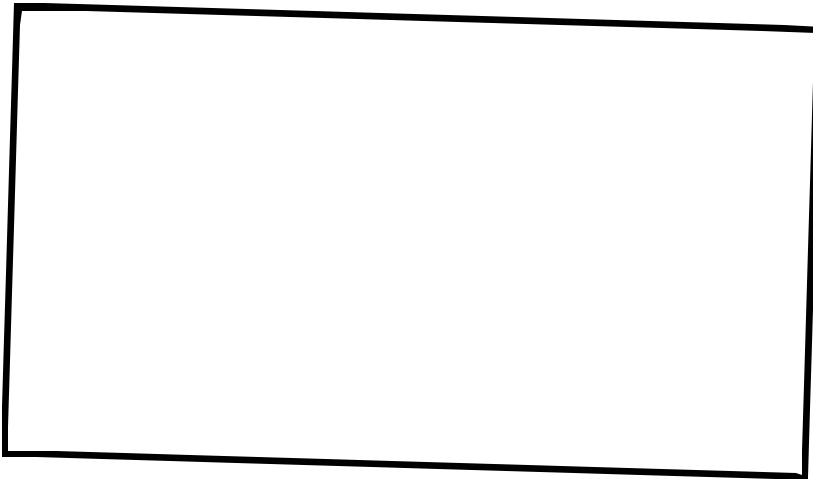
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