



4-H Happenings

January / February 2009

From the Extension Office

I hope you and your family had a memorable and peaceful holiday season. With the beginning of the new year upon us, I wanted to share with you several of the projects the Youth Development Team has been working on. We are looking forward to an exciting year that is full of the high-quality programs and services that we're known for offering. Below are highlights of some of our work in youth development.

Community Clubs

- By now your enrollment should be in, and soon it will be time to start registering for all kinds of 4-H events. An article inside this issue will help you understand the upcoming deadlines.
- Dog training begins on Wednesday, January 7. Special thanks to our trainers and dog committee for dedicating their time and talent.
- The DuPage County 4-H Recognition Event and Chili Cook Off will take place on Friday, January 9, from 6:30–8:30 at the Fairgrounds. Don't forget to RSVP by January 2!
- March 6 will be the annual International Night. I am sure you're all busy with your club exhibits. Volunteer help is needed. Please talk with your club leader for more details.
- Several project days are scheduled this winter. See inside for more details.
- The 08-09 DuPage County fairbook will soon be posted to the DuPage 4-H website. Check it out before you start your projects!

Learning Enrichment

- We have a number of 4-H learning enrichment resources available to schools, other youth organizations, and 4-H clubs. Kits are most popular because

they include everything you'll need to do activities. Check out <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/teachers2043.html> or call Heather for more details.

- Incubation & Embryology training for teachers will be held March 5. During this 3-hour training, teachers will learn how to hatch chicks in their classrooms.
- We're also offering an Advanced Incubation & Embryology class on February 26. This training is for those who have already been through the training and have experience with the project. See inside or contact Heather Britton at the Extension office for more details.

Community Activities

- Through a grant award, we will offer after-school programs at the neighborhood resource centers beginning in January.
- Also through a grant award, we have already started to make plans for summer 4-H camps. Camps will focus on increasing knowledge and skills in Science, Engineering, and Technology.

So as you can see there is a lot going on. It's truly exciting to see all the possibilities.

Sincerely,
Christine Birns

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DuPage County 4-H News

Clothing Project Day

Attention Beginner Seamstresses! Join us for a fun afternoon of "Sew Fun!" on Monday, January 19, 2009 from 9:00 am–3:00 pm at the Extension office. Activities planned will help participants gain knowledge and skills related to beginning construction. Through live demonstrations and many hand-on activities, participants will learn how to: use your sewing machine; use your sewing tools; do interfacing and pressing techniques; read your pattern envelope and guide sheet; lay out your pattern and work with different types of fabric. In the afternoon, participants will make a pillowcase! Participants must bring: a sewing machine that you are familiar with; a #10 or #12 needle; a bobbin; shears; and a sack lunch. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration is limited and ends on January 14 at 4:00 pm. Contact the Extension office for a permission slip or register online at: www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage.

PQA Workshops Scheduled

All 4-H members planning to exhibit swine at the DuPage County Fair or Illinois State Fair will need to attend a training to become certified in Pork Quality Assurance. 4-H PQA certification must be done on an annual basis. We will be combining our efforts with DeKalb County and Kane County this year and will be offering the following dates for certification.

- ? Thursday February 26 at the DeKalb County Extension Office from 6:30 to 8 pm
- ? Saturday, March 14 at the Kane County Extension Office from 9 to 10:30 am

To reserve your spot at the DeKalb County training on February 26, call the DeKalb Extension Office at 815/758-8194. To reserve your spot at the Kane County training on March 14, call the Kane Extension Office at 630/584-6166.

Enrollment & Registration Deadlines

Don't forget to keep an eye on your 4-H calendar. In the upcoming months, there will be many enrollment and registration deadlines that must be met in order to participate in events such as the dog show, action-oriented fair, county fair, etc. Often there is confusion between enrollment deadlines and registration deadlines. So, please read on.

Enrollment means you are signing up to participate in 4-H and you are selecting your 4-H projects for the year. To do this, you must complete two separate forms each year: the *Individual Enrollment Form* and the *4-H Project Selection Form*. Adult volunteers also re-enroll each year by filling out the *Individual Enrollment Form*. By this time of the year, you

should have completed your enrollment and given it to your club leader who then turns it into the Extension office.

Registration means you are signing up to take part in a specific event, i.e. county fair. To register you need to complete a form for the event. Registration forms are usually available from club leaders, but for some events, they are mailed directly from the Extension office.

To summarize, through enrollment we recognize you as a 4-H'er and enroll you in certain 4-H projects. Through registration we know you want to participate in a 4-H event or activity. So to ensure you don't miss out on any opportunities, make sure you know the deadlines related to your projects.

Below is the 2008-09 DuPage Co. 4-H Project Exhibit Schedule that includes project enrollment and registration deadlines.

Dog Show (March 21, 2009)

Project Enrollment Deadline: February 5, 2009

Event Registration Deadline: March 5, 2009

Horse Show (June 27, 2009)

Project Enrollment Deadline: April 9, 2009

Ownership/Lease Deadline: May 1, 2009

Event Registration Deadline: June 4, 2009

Action-Oriented Judging Events (July 15, 2009)

Project Enrollment Deadline: April 9, 2009

Event Registration Deadline: June 11, 2009

County Fair Judging Events (July 20-24, 2009)

Project Enrollment Deadline: April 9, 2009

Animal Possession Deadlines: January through June - varies per species; see page 5

Event Registration Deadline: June 11, 2009

Action-Oriented Judging Event

Once again, we are excited to announce the inclusion of the Action-Oriented Judging Event to take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at the DuPage County Extension Office in Naperville. Projects to be judged that day will include Bicycle Safety, Public Presentations, and Food Demonstrations.

Don't forget to attend!

What: DuPage County 4-H Recognition Event and Chili Cook Off

When: Friday, January 9, 2009 @ 6:30–8:30 pm

Where: DuPage County Fairgrounds

You must have RSVP'd to the Extension Office by January 2 if you will be joining us.

4-H Calendar for 2008-2009

Please realize that while every effort is made to be accurate and up-to-date, sometimes events and/or deadlines will change. Therefore, this calendar is subject to change.

This calendar is updated with each issues and posted to the DuPage website. If you are aware of an event and/or deadline that is not on this calendar, please notify Christine Birns as soon as possible.

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4-H Calendar for 2008-09

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Date	Time	Event/Deadline	Location
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	Fairgrounds
Jan 2		Last Day for families to RSVP for Rec. Event	Extension Office
Jan 6	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
Jan 6		International Night Club Entry Due	Extension Office
Jan 9	6:30—8:30	Recognition Event—Chili Cook-Off	Fairgrounds
Jan 19	9:00 am—3:00 pm	"Sew Fun" Clothing Project Day	Extension Office
Jan 28		N. IL 4-H Leadership Conf. Reg. Postmarked	
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	Fairgrounds
Feb 5	4:00 pm	Dog Project Enrollment Due	Extension Office
Feb 7	9:00—Noon	Beef Weigh In	Little Rock
Feb 16	1:00—4:00 pm	"Why Green?" Project Day	Extension Office
Feb 16		Junior Leadership Conference Reg. Deadline	State 4-H Office
Feb 21-22		Junior Leadership Conference	Urbana
Feb 21	TBA	"Cooking with the Kings" Project Day	Extension Office
Feb 26	6:30—8:00 pm	POA Training	DeKalb Ext. Office
Feb 29	8:30—2:30	Teacher's Institute Training	Extension Office
Mar 4, 11, 18	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	Fairgrounds
Mar 5	4:00 pm	Dog Show Registration Due	Extension Office
Mar 6	6:30 pm	International Night	Fairgrounds
Mar 13 or 14	varies	ExplorACES	U of I
Mar 14	9:00—10:30 am	POA Training	Kane Ext. Office
Mar 14-15		Northern Illinois Leadership Conference	Rockford
Mar 10	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
Mar 14	9:00 am	Horse Judging Event	Hampshire
Mar 21	9:00 am	Dog Show	Elburn
Apr 9	4:00 pm	Last Date to Enroll in <u>all</u> 4-H Projects	Extension Office
Apr 19-25		National Volunteer Week	

Cats, Small Pets, and Collections judging will take place during County Fair week. Project exhibit requirements and times will be available in the 2008-09 DuPage County Fair-book.

Animal Possession Deadlines

In addition to enrollment and registration deadlines, 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals must also take possession of their animals by certain dates. These dates represent the latest date by which a 4-H'er takes ownership and responsibility for the care of their animal. 4-H policy states that "the exhibitor must certify that his/her project has been cared for and maintained by himself/herself and his/her immediate family during the required tenure of ownership and this project has not been cared for by a professional fitter or maintained at a professional fitter's facilities." Furthermore, if it is found that the above policy is not withheld, exhibitors run the risk of being disqualified from exhibiting their project at the county and state level and banned from showing at future events. Below are the deadlines for each animal species.

January 1	May 15
Beef, performance cow	Sheep, wethers
Dairy, cows	June 1
Goats, milking doe	Beef, heifers
February 1	Dairy, calves
Beef, steer	Sheep, breeding
May 1	Swine, barrows
Goats, kids and yearling	Swine, breeding
Horse and pony	Swine, gilts
Poultry	
Rabbits	

Project requirements also state that "each exhibitor must have kept accurate records and report of feeds, weight gains, and methods of handling animals in connection with the project." Visit the following website to print out a record to help you keep track of your animals' progress:

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/13743.pdf>

Beef Weigh-In February 7, 2009

This year Kane and DuPage County will have a combined beef weigh in. All beef animals and market heifers to be shown in the DuPage County 4-H Shows must weigh-in and receive a tattoo. If member is not present on date, he/she cannot show in any 4-H Show. Contact Mary Lou Kearns at (815)264-3468 with questions.

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009
Place: Judd Farm
20 Squaw Rd., Little Rock, IL
Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Central Wranglers Tack Sale

Looking for new and used saddles; bridles; tack; show clothes; breeches; boots; or anything horse related? Visit the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles on January 24, 2009 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Seller information is as follows:

Fees: \$6 Handling, 15% Consignment on Items Sold

Drop Off: January 23 from 6:00–8:00 pm or January 24 from 8:00–10:30 am.

Cash out & Pickup unsold items Saturday, January 23 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

For information call (847) 507-3911. To receive pre-registration materials email centralwranglers@yahoo.com

State, National, International

2009 Junior Leadership Conference: We Are Illinois 4-H!

The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team is planning this conference for 7th and 8th grade 4-H members on February 21-22, **2009** at the Lake Williamson Camp & Retreat Center near Carlinville. We are Illinois 4-H! will offer workshops that focus on animal sciences, community involvement, healthy lifestyles, wind energy, club leadership and communication, and more! Delegates will also be able to take advantage of several recreational opportunities offered by the facility—swimming, gym time, games, etc. Early bird registration at \$88.00 continues through December 31. On January 1, the registration cost will increase to \$95.00. Adults are also encouraged to attend this event! Registration ends at midnight on Friday, January 16. On-line registration can be found at: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=2162>. For more information visit: www.myspace.com/illinois4h_jlc

Northern Illinois 4-H Leadership Conference

The 2009 Northern Illinois 4-H Leadership Conference (NILC) will be Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 at the Holiday Inn in Rockford. This conference is open to Illinois 4-H'ers 13 and older. For conference registration materials, please contact the Extension office. Registration must be postmarked by January 28, 2009.

4-H Horse Judging Event

The McHenry County 4-H Horse Committee will be sponsoring a Horse Judging Contest on Saturday, March 14, at the Fox Valley Saddle Association located in Hampshire. Registration will be at 8:15-8:45 am followed by judging to start promptly at 9:00 am. There is a \$10.00 per member entry fee. Checks for entry fee should be made payable to U of I Extension, McHenry County. Food will be available on the grounds, or participants may want to bring a sack lunch. Participants should bring pencils.

Classes to be judged include Western, English Halter, Breed Halter, Halter Under Saddle, and Western Pleasure. Since Fox Valley Saddle Association has an indoor arena, contest will be held regardless of weather. Participants, parents, and volunteers should dress in layers as it could be cold in the arena.

If you choose to pre-register, please call the Extension office by March 6. Entries will be accepted the day of the contest. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kucharski at 815/568-6772 or Cindy Harris at 815/338-3737.

The Great 4-H Debate

Sign up today! 4-H'ers from across Illinois are invited to converge in Springfield to debate bills and learn about the legislative process. The Great 4-H Debate is for all 4-H'ers of high school age. The event will take place February 13-14, 2009. During the two-day event, youth will: Learn persuasive speaking; learn how to find information on the legislative process; develop an understanding of the legislative process; and meet people from other areas of the state. Participants will meet youth from across the state and enjoy games and music on Friday night. Registration for the conference is \$60. The deadline for registration is January 23, 2009. Lodging will be at Lake Springfield Christian Academy. Delegates need to bring bedding, towels, and toiletries in addition to clothing. More details on the conference are available at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/mclean/greatdebate/index.html>.

ExplorACES 2009

On behalf of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), we invite you to attend ExplorACES 2009. This event, created specifically for high school and community college students, their parents and friends, will take place on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. ExplorACES is designed to showcase the successes and opportunities of the college.

ExplorACES provides a unique opportunity for prospective students to find out about life in the College of ACES. We encourage you to explore the diverse fields of study as dem-

onstrated through five pathways. These pathways, including genetics, nutrition, bioengineering, community development and experiential learning, serve to encompass the many cutting edge developments researched throughout the College of ACES. Have students investigate each of these topics while at ExplorACES to find a major related to these fields that best relates to them! To learn more visit the ExplorACES website: <http://aces.illinois.edu/ExplorACES/>.

U of I Vet Med Open House

U of I College of Veterinary Medicine will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 9am to 4 pm. The student-hosted event features more than 50 fun and educational exhibits and demonstrations for all ages, including demonstration of dogs on the rehab program's underwater treadmill; hawks and owls from the Wildlife Medical Clinic; and exhibits from area breed rescue clubs. If you have questions, please contact Chris Keblusek at ckeblus2@illinois.edu or visit www.cvm.uiuc.edu/openhouse/.

4-H Foundation News

International Night Baskets Needed for 4-H Foundation Raffle

The 4-H Foundation is planning their 7th Annual Basket Raffle and Silent Auction to be held at the 4-H International Night on March 6. Please consider donating a basket to help with this fundraiser. Themed baskets are particularly well-received. Funds raised support the DuPage County 4-H program. Please call the Extension office if you are willing to donate a basket. Baskets can be delivered to the Home Ec Building at the fairgrounds anytime after 4:00 pm on February 29.

4-H Foundation Scholarship

The DuPage County 4-H Foundation and the DuPage County Fair Association will provide scholarships to present or past 4-H members who are planning to enroll, or have been accepted at, an accredited college or trade school. Contact the Extension Office for additional information or to request an application.

DuPage County Policy Reminder: To review county policies, please visit: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/9090.doc>.

Steps to participating in 4-H Events

DuPage County Dog Show – March 21, 2009

1. Enroll in dog project by 4:00 pm on February 5, 2009.
2. Register for Dog Show by 4:00 pm on March 5, 2009.

DuPage County Horse Clinic – June 20-21, 2008

1. Enroll in horse project by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009
2. Register for Horse Clinic by 4:00 pm on May 1, 2009.

DuPage County Horse Show – June 27, 2009

1. Enroll in horse project by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009
2. Submit horse ownership/lease paperwork by 4:00 pm on May 1, 2009.
3. Register for Horse Show by 4:00 pm on June 4, 2009.

Illinois State Fair Horse Show – TBA

1. Enroll in horse project by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009.
2. Submit horse ownership/lease paperwork by 4:00 pm on May 1, 2009.
3. Register by date to be determined.

DuPage County Action-Oriented Judging Event – July 15, 2009

1. Enroll in action-oriented project (see pg. 2) by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009.
2. Register for action-oriented project by 4:00 pm on June 11, 2009.

DuPage County 4-H Fair (non-livestock) – July 20-22, 2009

1. Enroll in county fair project by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009.
2. Register for county fair project by 4:00 pm on June 11, 2009.

DuPage County 4-H Fair (livestock) - July 22-24, 2009

1. Enroll in county fair livestock project by 4:00 pm on April 9, 2009.
 2. Register for county fair livestock project by 4:00 pm on June 11, 2009.
- 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals must take possession of their animals by certain dates (see pg. 5.)
 - 4-H members who plan to exhibit pork must attend an annual training to become certified in Pork Quality Assurance (see pg. 2.)

Illinois State Fair – August 14-23, 2009

- Information will be shared once it is made available from State 4-H.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enroll in a 4-H project?

- Enrollment paperwork includes the Individual Enrollment Form and the Project Selection Form. Enrollment paperwork is available from your club leader or on the DuPage County Extension website. To access online, visit www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage. Click on 4-H and Youth, scroll down to Forms and choose DuPage county Individual Enrollment Form and 2007-08 Project Selection Form. You only need to enroll once (each year) regardless of the number of events you plan to participate in.

How do I register for a 4-H event?

- You will receive a 4-H Fair Registration form from your club leader. On this form you will sign up for the projects you wish to exhibit. Your exhibit options are generated from your Project Selection Form. You may only exhibit projects that you are enrolled in.

Questions specific to 4-H Horse Events

How do I register for the Horse Clinic?

? Horse Clinic registration paperwork will be available from your club leader and the Dupage County Extension website after the March 10, 2009 leader meeting. To access online after March 10, visit www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage. Click on 4-H and Youth, scroll down to Events and choose Horse Clinic Registration.

Where do I get Horse Ownership/Lease paperwork?

? Horse Ownership/Lease paperwork is available at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage. Click on 4-H and Youth, scroll down to Forms and choose Illinois 4-H Certificate of Horse Ownership or Illinois 4-H Horse Lease. If planning to participate in DuPage County Horse Show and State Fair Horse Show, two sets of paperwork and photos are required. Ownership papers are used for horses or ponies that are owned by the youth (not the parent) and lease papers are used if the youth is leasing the horse from someone, including a relative. Substitution of horses cannot be made after the May 1 deadline. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you submit papers and photos on all horses or ponies you might show. This way if the horse of preference is unavailable, you still have an option.

How do I register for the DuPage County Horse Show?

?Horse Show registration paperwork will be mailed to 4-H'ers who submitted horse ownership/lease paperwork to the Extension office by the deadline.

Congratulations to Walter P. from Fantastic Creative Thinkers 4-H Club!

Walter was selected as Honorable Mention entry in the 4H Digital Mayhem Challenge.
His entry along with others are posted at 4hdmc.org.

Northeast Region's Volunteer of the Year Award—Jack King

Congratulations to Jack King, leader in 4-H Clovers 4-H Club!
Jack was selected amongst hundreds of volunteers to represent the Northeast Region's Volunteer of the Year.
He has earned such an award due to his positive impact on 4-H youth;
ability to work with youth; and dedication to youth empowerment.

Explore, Try, Create (ETC) Upcoming Programs

"Sew Fun" (Sewing)
January 19 (1:00 – 4:00)

"Why Green?" (Reducing Your Carbon Footprint and
the Power of the Wind)
February 16 (1:00 – 4:00)

"Cooking with the Kings" (Cooking)
February 21 (1:00 – 4:00)

"Bee Smart" (All about Bees)
March 14 (9:00 – 12:00)

"Robo-Fun" (Robotics)
April 18 (9:00 – 12:00)

"Blast Off!" (Rocketry)
May 9 (9:00 – 12:00)

Upcoming Trainings for Educators

Incubation & Embryology

Thursday, March 5, 2009, 4:30–7:30 pm
DuPage Extension Office, Naperville

This interactive 3-hour training prepares teachers with the knowledge they need to hatch eggs in their classrooms. This is a required training for teachers who have not previously been trained. Teachers can earn 3 CPDU's.

Beginner training is \$36 which includes 2 dozen eggs, 4 pounds of chick feed, teacher resource packet and light refreshments. (If you wish to take a chick embryo home with you for educational purposes, please include \$3.00 extra for every embryo you order).

Advanced Incubation & Embryology

Thursday, February 26, 2009, 4:30–6:30 pm
Kane Extension Office, St. Charles

This 90-minute hands-on session provides more details about the project. Additionally, individuals are asked to describe their past experiences, then suggestions are offered on how to get a better hatch rate. Prior Beginner Embryology training is required to attend. One CPDU credit can be earned.

Advanced training is \$21 which includes 2 dozen fertile eggs and 4 pounds of chick feed.

Register online at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/teachers1632.html>

Deadline to register is February 6, 2009.

Questions...contact Heather Britton at 630/955-1123, ext. 18 or via email at hbritton@illinois.edu.