



# 4-H Happenings

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## From the Extension Office

### Looking For A Way To Help 4-H?

By Jack King

Have you ever thought about how **you** could possibly procure money to support the 4-H program in DuPage County? Some employers will send a donation to an organization just because their employees volunteer their time to that organization. Here are some steps to help find and secure funds for 4-H Foundation:

1. Talk with the HR department or upper management. Discuss why you support the organization with your time. Let them know that this is very important to you and your family.
2. Obtain any forms necessary to document the amount of time you spend supporting that organization.
3. Some companies require an officer from the organization to certify the hours documented and state the proposed use of the funds (*i.e.*, awards, trophies, scholarships, etc.)
4. Send in the required paperwork to the HR department or upper management.

These are some of the basic steps that can help get funding for the Foundation. If you don't start at Step 1, there can be no funds obtained.

### State 4-H Website New and Improved

The new Illinois 4-H website is now available for viewing. The site includes special sessions for members, volunteers, parents and teachers. The site was developed by the State 4-H Staff and can be found at

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state4h/>.

The existing domain <http://4-h.illinois.edu/> has been moved so that it points to the new site, and links to the old site will automatically redirect to the new site.

### Gettin' Buggy Day Camp: Butterflies, Bees, and More

*Special summer opportunity available to all youth ages 8–12!*

4-H Youth Development staff, in partnership with the Horticulture Team, will be offering a one-day science day camp for youth during the first week of August. Lessons are designed for youth ages 8 -12, however all youth of 4-H age are invited to participate. Youth will participate in lessons on butterflies, worms, insects, and bees with lots of fun hands-on activities. There will be no fee for this event as the cost was covered by a DuPage Community Foundation Grant. **Online registration will be available Monday, June 8!** Registration is limited! Contact Heather Britton at the Extension office with any questions.

If you've agreed to volunteer as a DuPage County 4-H Fair Superintendent, please make sure to attend the Fair Superintendent Meeting on June 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Superintendents will be receiving an email regarding this meeting soon!

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## 4-H Calendar for 2008-09

All Details are Subject to Change

### 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 issue 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 Birms.

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Date	Time	Event/Deadline	Location
May 19	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
May 28	4:00 pm	ISF Horse Show Registration Due	Extension Office
June 4	4:00 pm	Horse Show Registration Due	Extension Office
June 9		QAEC for Horse Projects Due	On-line
June 11	4:00 pm	Action-Oriented Project Exhibit Registration	Extension Office
June 11	4:00 pm	County Fair Project Exhibit Registration Due	Extension Office
June 13-14		Horse Clinic	Fairgrounds
June 18	4:00 pm	IL State Fair Reg. Forms Due (Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, Swine, Poultry, Dogs)	Extension Office
June 20	10:00 am—Noon	Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds
June 26	Noon	4-H Foundation Luncheon & Silent Auction	Wheaton
June 27	9:00 am	Horse Show	Fairgrounds
June 29-July 1		Illini Summer Academies	U of I
July 1		QAEC for Livestock Projects Due	On-line
July 15	4:00	Action-Oriented Judging	Extension Office
July 16	6:30 pm	County Fair Set Up	Fairgrounds
Jul 20-22	Varies	County Fair Project Judging—Non livestock	Fairgrounds
Jul 22-24	Varies	County Fair Livestock Judging	Fairgrounds
Jul 22-26		DuPage County Fair	Fairgrounds
Aug 14-23		Illinois State Fair	Springfield
Aug 29	TBA	IL State Dog Show	Springfield

**Save the Date! July 16 at 6:30 pm**

### Fair Set Up

Every club should send at least two people to the fairgrounds to help set up for the County Fair. We will be preparing the 4-H building as well as the animal barns. For those of you planning to participate in the livestock auction, there is an expectation that you help with set up and clean up. Clubs, bring your banners and scrapbooks.

## DuPage County 4-H News

### DuPage 4-H Horse Show Is June 27

All 4-H members enrolled in the horse project are encouraged to participate in the 2009 4-H Horse Show scheduled for **Saturday, June 27** at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. All DuPage County registration forms must be submitted by **4:00 pm, June 4**. **ISF horse show registration forms are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. May 28**. Make sure you consult the fair book for details.

### Horse Bowl & Hippology Results

The Regional Horsebowl and Hippology contest for 2009 was held Saturday March 28th, 2009 in Lake County. The Senior Horsebowl team was awarded 1st place and will be competing at the State Level in April. Team members are Katie O., Kayleigh P., Annalise K., and Valerie S. Katie O. took 1st place in individual points scored, Kayleigh P. took 3rd place, and Annalise K. took 6th place. The Junior Team (Team 1) was awarded 1st place and will also be competing at State. Team members are Molly M., Chelsea D., Anna O., and Erica E. Individual awards went to Molly M., 1st Place, Chelsea D. 2nd Place and Erica E. 4th place. DuPage Junior Team 2 placed 5th in the team ranking. Members are Marisa B., Kelly O., Alex B., and Claudia D.

In the Hippology Senior contest Karen W. earned 2nd place, Hilary Y., 3rd place, Katie O. 5th place, Kelsey E. 6th place, and Annalise K. 9th place.

In the intermediate division Chelsea D. earned 1st place, Molly M. 2nd place, Kayleigh P. 8th place. In the Junior Division Erica E. earned 2nd place. The top 6 places earn the right to compete at the state level in April. Congratulations to all the contestants!

### 2009 4-H Dog Show Recap

The 2009 4-H Dog Show was held on March 21 at Kay-9 Petite located in Elburn. 17 4-H'ers exhibited with their dogs and competed in Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, and Dog Care classes.

Trophies and ribbons were awarded to all those who participated and two 4-H'ers earned the opportunity to compete in the Illinois State Fair Dog Show which will be held on August 29. Congratulations to Olivia F. and Alexis P., both from Just Say Nay 4-H club. Good luck in August! The 4-H Dog Committee and Extension staff would like to congratulate all of those 4-H'ers and their dogs who participated in the event.

### Fair Books Available Online

All 4-H'ers who will exhibit at the County Fair should make sure to read the 4-H section of the fair book carefully. The fair book is currently available on-line at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/>

[dupage/downloads/15942.pdf](http://dupage/downloads/15942.pdf). In the fair book you will find the dates and times for check-in and judging for each project area. Make sure you read the general rules for 4-H as well as the details regarding your project area. Animal exhibitors should also read the general rules pertaining to animals. Please read the fair book before beginning your projects. Hard copies of the fair book will only be distributed to the contact leaders of each 4-H club. Families, please check your local libraries for a hard copy of the fair-book or print one of your own by visiting the DuPage County website. A limited number of copies will be available to the Extension Office this year. Leaders will receive registration paperwork at the May 19 Parent/Leader Meeting.

### 4-H Fee Change for 2009-10 Program Year

DuPage County Extension 4-H Youth Development has a long history of providing high quality, life-changing, experiential learning opportunities for youth. We are proud of the research-based educational programs we provide which are built on the principles of positive youth development.

However, current economic conditions limit the ability of the State 4-H Office to provide high quality programming for youth. Federal funding for Extension and 4-H has not increased for many years. State funding for Extension has also declined and current state economic conditions are challenging. Local funding with state matching funds (County Board Match) remains at \$65,000 per year. This amount remains unchanged since 2006. The recent uncertainty in the level of County Board Match, state, and federal funding are now affecting the financial stability of Extension and 4-H programs across the state.

After careful consideration, the State 4-H program staff has determined that a State 4-H Program Fee is necessary. Beginning with enrollment of 4-H members in September 2009, DuPage County 4-H will increase its program fee from \$25 to \$30 for members who are part of a 4-H community club, special interest group meeting on a regular basis, or Cloverbuds group. This fee increase will cover the new State 4-H Program Fee. The \$30 fee will include up to 4 new project books per year. 4-H'ers may order additional project books at a flat rate of \$4.00 per book. Please limit total project enrollment to only the number of projects that can be completed within the year, or no more than 10 projects per year.

In order to offset the fee increase, we encourage clubs and groups to consider fundraising over the summer. We also encourage clubs to start a library of project manuals 4-H'ers can borrow to reduce charges for additional project manuals. To help start your club library, some project manuals will be available at no charge at the May 19 leaders meetings.

No one will be denied participation in 4-H due to the inability to pay, therefore, scholarships will continue to be available to cover these fees.

## *4-H County Fair News*

### Register for County Fair by June 11

**Enrolling in a 4-H project does not mean that you are registered to exhibit at the DuPage County Fair.** To participate in the County Fair, you must complete a pre-printed fair registration form that is distributed through 4-H leaders. You may only register to participate in project classes that you were enrolled in by **April 9, 2009**. Return completed forms to your leader. Your 4-H leader must have them to the Extension office by **4:00 pm, June 11**. **Late registrations will not be accepted for any reason.**

### Superintendents Needed for Fair

We are looking for 4-H'ers and adult volunteers to help superintend at the 2009 DuPage County Fair 4-H Show. Help is still needed for the Visual Arts project area on Monday, July 20, which begins at 3:30 p.m. Junior Superintendents and Superintendents are also needed beginning Monday, July 20 through Wednesday, July 22 to help with non-livestock project areas. Junior Superintendents must be at least 12 years old.

Junior Superintendents' and Superintendents' responsibilities include: attending fair set-up on Thursday, July 16; helping with project check-in and set-up for the specific area of assignment; helping make sure that projects are not disturbed during the Fair; and helping with check-out and clean-up on Sunday, July 26. Assistance is needed with all 4-H project areas. If you are interested, please contact Christine Birns at the Extension office by Thursday, June 11!

### Admission to the Fair

All 4-H members exhibiting at the Action-Oriented Judging Event or County Fair will be given an armband that will allow free entry into the fair. Enrolled 4-H volunteers who have provided 25 hours or more of service during the current 4-H year will also receive an armband. For all others, there is a charge for admission to enter the fair beginning **Wednesday, July 22**. Information about admission and costs are available in the fair book. Armbands will be distributed from

4:00 to 6:00 pm during 4-H judging on **Monday, July 20** and **Tuesday, July 21**. Animal exhibitors should stop by the 4-H building on **Tuesday, July 21** to pick up their armbands.

### Tips for the County Fair

The County Fair is just around the corner. We hope that the fair will be a positive and memorable experience for you and your family. Here are some tips for making the most of the experience.

- Read this newsletter carefully—it's full of information about the fair.
- If you're not sure about something, call Christine. We welcome your questions.
- Check out the fair book before you start your projects. Know the general rules and class rules. The 4-H section of the fair book is already available at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/15942.pdf>
- Read "Tips for Exhibiting" found at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/2439.pdf>
- Check the DuPage County Extension website for additional fair updates. Go to <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth616.html>.

### Bringing Your Project to the Fair

**Each project area is assigned a specific day and time for check-in and conference judging.** Please see the Fair Book for details. **You must check in your projects within the designated time periods.** Late entries will be penalized and judging is not guaranteed. Non-animal projects should be brought to the 4-H building. Animal projects (beef, dairy, sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry) must be checked in between **10 am and 8 pm on Tuesday, July 22** at their respective animal barns. Judging procedures are as follows:

1. Sign-in on the master sign-in sheet as soon as you arrive. Then wait until you are called.
2. When called, check in at each station where your projects will be judged. Parents/adults are not allowed beyond the initial check-in point. The superintendent will give you an approximate wait time and give you a claim ticket (which you will need to pick up your project on Sunday night). Leave your project with the superintendent and return to the main waiting area until your name is called again.
3. When you are called for judging, you will meet with the judge to talk about your project. After judging is complete, leave your project with the superintendent who will put it on display for the fair. **Non-animal projects must stay on display until check-out at 8:00 pm on Sunday, July 26.**

## 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 in which a 4-H'er takes ownership and responsibility for the care of their animal. Possession deadlines for animal species are as follows:

**May 1:** Horse & pony

**May 15:** Sheep (wethers); Goats (meat, kids & yearlings)

**June 1:** Goats (dairy, kids & yearlings), poultry, rabbits, beef (heifers and cows), dairy (calves and heifers), swine (barrows, breeding, gilts), dogs

**June 25:** Sheep (breeding, ewes & lambs)

## Purebred Papers Needed for Fair

If you are planning to bring purebred animals to the 2009 DuPage County or Illinois State Fair, you will need to have registration papers indicating the animals are purebreds. Registration papers should be in the youth's name, and not the family, farm, or parent name. One additional note – please be sure your purebred animals have the appropriate tattoos/markings before they leave the breeder's possession. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Extension office.

## QAEC Needed for Animal

### Exhibitors

4-H members planning to exhibit dairy, beef, sheep, swine or horses (or ponies) at either the DuPage County Fair, DuPage Horse Show, or the Illinois State Fair are required to complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics Clinic (QAEC) certification online. The website is: <http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/qaec/qaec>. The deadline is **June 9** for horses and **July 1** for other animals. **The website will close after this date.** You should take a copy of your certification to the fair. For those who have already certified, there is no need to repeat the certification. Call the Extension office if you need access to the web.

## Poultry Testing/Rabbit Tattooing June 20

Just a reminder that volunteers will be available on **Saturday, June 20** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the DuPage County Fairgrounds to provide pullorum testing and rabbit tattooing. There will be a 25-cent charge per bird for the poultry testing. Both the poultry test and the rabbit tattooing are required if you plan to show at either the DuPage County Fair or Illinois State Fair.

## Junior Livestock Auction Charge

Due to the cost of managing the auction, the DuPage County Fair Association has found it necessary to continue the 5% charge for all auction sales. Therefore, the seller will receive 95% of the auction price for each animal. If you have any questions, contact the DuPage County Fair Office at **(630) 668-6636**.

## 4-H Building Office Hours

During fair week, the 4-H building will be opened fewer hours this year due to limited staff. The 4-H Building will be opened from Noon to 10:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22; 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on Thursday, July 23 through Saturday, July 25; and 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Sunday July 26. Please take note of these changes, as State Fair paperwork will only be available when the 4-H building is open.

We will be recruiting 4-H members and volunteers to help with the operation of the 4-H Building this year. This will include security for the building as well as other responsibilities to keep everything running smoothly. If you and/or your club are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Christine at the Extension Office.

## Delegates SF Decision

Youth age 10 and above (as of September 1, 2008) may be selected to represent DuPage County in the 4-H portion of the 2009 Illinois State Fair. Delegates will be posted on **Wednesday, July 22** on the State Fair Delegate Board in the 4-H building during the DuPage County Fair. 4-H'ers must check the State Fair Delegate Board. Delegates and alternates are encouraged to indicate their decision on the board as soon as possible. Delegates must decide by **4:00 pm on Friday, July 24**. Alternates must make their final decisions by **8:00 pm on Saturday, July 25**. Calls will not be made to remind delegates to make a decision. If you will not be at the fairgrounds, please stop by the 4-H office in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds (during Fair week) to find out what the 4-H Fair office phone number is. You may call the 4-H Fair Office number by the deadline to indicate your decision. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are not planning to attend. Those who decide to go to the State Fair can pick up their registration forms at the 4-H office at the fairgrounds during the fair.

## Exhibit Release Time

All projects exhibited in the 4-H building (including Cloverbuds) will be released at **8:00 pm on Sunday, July 26**. Animal projects (i.e. beef, dairy, goat, sheep, swine) will be released at **6:00 pm**. All projects must stay on display until the release time. The DuPage County Extension office and

the DuPage Fair Association will not be responsible for any projects left unclaimed after **9:00 pm on July 26. Unclaimed projects will be discarded.** Please make arrangements to have your project picked up if you will not be present at release time. Any person picking up a 4-H project will need the claim check that was given to the 4-Her during check-in. If you have questions, please refer to rule #21 on page 4-H/6 of your fair book.

## 09 IL Livestock Premises ID Registration Required

**A Livestock Premises Identification Number will be required for exhibition at all 2009 county, state, 4-H and FFA fairs in Illinois. This applies to all livestock, fowl and poultry—including beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, and exotic hoof stock (i.e. llamas). This year, it is OPTIONAL for horses to submit a premise id in order participate at the 4-H Horse Show, DuPage County Fair Horse Show, and Illinois State Fair Horse Show.**

Livestock Premises Identification/Registration is part of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), which is a state/federal/industry cooperative program intended to identify animal premises by assigning a unique number (a Premises Identification Number) to each location where livestock and/or poultry are born, managed, marketed or exhibited. Premises registration is critical to protecting Illinois' livestock industry as it helps animal health officials minimize trace back times in the event of an animal disease outbreak.

- A Premises ID is for the location where animals are produced and/or raised.
- The Premises ID number may or may not be registered in the exhibitor's name as it relates only to location and not ownership.
- 4-H members must have parent/guardian consent before applying for a Premises ID number.
- The Premises ID number should be obtained prior to making fair entries and should be placed on the entry form.

Premises registration is free and can be performed online at [www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid](http://www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid) or by calling 866-299-9256 for a paper form. When registering online, you will be immediately issued the Premises ID number. When mailing in a paper form, you may need to allow 3-4 weeks to be issued a number. Those from other states can go to: [http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/premises\\_id/register.shtml](http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/premises_id/register.shtml) or contact their state's agriculture representative.

## Illinois State Fair Update

### 09 State Fair Updates for Animals

The State Fair Jr. Department Livestock Advisory Committee has announced the following requirements for the 2009 State Fair:

- ◇ All State Fair beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, meat goat and poultry exhibitors are required to complete QA& E Certification via this site. Certification need only be done once. Certification deadlines for 2009 are June 9 for horse exhibitors and July 1 for other species' exhibitors.
- ◇ All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries, which are due to the Extension Office by Fees are allocated as follows:
  - Beef, Dairy, Horses, — \$10.00 per head
  - Sheep, Swine, Goats — \$2.50 per head
  - Dogs — \$2.00 per dog
  - Poultry, Rabbits, — \$1.00 per head
- ◇ Premise Identification numbers will be required for all Junior Department Barrow entries to the Illinois State Fair. This is being required by the packing house(s) that process the barrows from the State Fair, since the show is terminal, the Premise ID number will be required.
- ◇ Dairy Goats—Exhibitors will now be allowed to exhibit in more than one breed of Dairy Goats. However, exhibitors are still limited to two entries per class.
- ◇ Rabbits—The following addition to Rule #4 in the 2008 Premium Book (page 143) was made. Breed and varieties that have not been fully approved by the ARBA are not eligible to show at the Illinois State Fair. The Champagne d' Argent breed has been dropped; Standard Chinchilla and Mini Satin breeds have been added.
- ◇ Sheep—
  - Wethers —Drop the cheviot breed class; Add a class for White-Face Crossbreds
  - Breeding Sheep — Change Rule #2 (page 101) to read: Each exhibitor will be allowed two entries per class, but with a maximum of 12 entries and not exceed 6 entries per breed.

All exhibitors should read the general rules, regulations, and specific specie rules in the Jr. Department Premium Book which will be available for download soon on the State Fair website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

## Changes Planned for State Fair

Dates for this year's Illinois State Fair are **August 14-23, 2009** at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Please read the following carefully as this is a summary of 2009 Illinois State Fair General 4-H Exhibit Changes.

- ◇ 4-H members will be limited to ONE exhibit in the 4-H Exhibit Division. This does not apply to 4-H animal exhibits; however members who exhibit livestock at the State Fair must consider judging times and potential conflicts if their animals are judged on their assigned county day. DuPage County day is **Sunday, August 16, 2009**.
- ◇ Exhibits will be required to stay on display for a minimum time in order to receive premiums for the exhibit. If scheduled for morning judging, they must remain on display from check-in until 12:00 p.m.; if scheduled for afternoon judging, they must remain on display from check-in until 4:00 p.m. This is for exhibits assigned to the Jr. Home Economics Building at the University of Illinois Extension Building. Release times for the Exposition Building exhibits are 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. A final check-in and judging schedule will be available at the DuPage County Fair.
- ◇ All projects will be conference-judged. Action-oriented exhibits (public presentation, bicycle rodeo, food demonstrations, and fashion revue) will again be competitively judged with special recognition being awarded to the top 5% each day.
- ◇ Certain projects will ONLY be judged on one or two days. If an exhibit is offered on both Saturdays, 4-H members must be judged on the Saturday of the same weekend their county is scheduled. If an exhibit is offered only one Saturday, all exhibitors in that class must be judged on that Saturday. No additional judging will be offered for the classes noted below. These projects include the following:
  - Consumer Education judged on Saturday, August, 15
  - Robotics judged on Saturday, August 15
  - Bicycle Rodeo judged on Saturday, August 22
  - Electronics judged on Saturday, August 22
  - Geospatial judged on Saturday, August, 22
- ◇ All other DuPage County exhibits will be judged on **Saturday, August 16, 2009**.

## ISF Registration Forms Available On-line

Illinois State Fair registration forms can now be downloaded online. Please visit <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth2799.html> to access registration forms for beef, cattle, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Horse ISF reg-

istration forms are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Beef, dairy cattle, dog, goat, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine ISF registration forms are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2009. A check made payable to Illinois State Fair must accompany registration forms. Species exhibit fee can be found on registration form. The Extension Office will mail ISF registration forms and payment to the State. Therefore, no late entries will be accepted. Please contact Christine with any questions.

## *4-H Beyond DuPage County*

### Support the Australian Book Project—Join the 4-H/Aussie Fire Brigade!

Remember the recent fire disasters in Australia? The 4-H International Youth Group going to Australia this summer will be hosted by the State of Victoria—the area hit the hardest. Over 200 people were killed in the worst fires in Australia's history. Many school libraries were designed amongst the extensive destruction. 4-H International alumni and friends can help support the Australia Book Project. The group will take the funds raised when they depart in mid-June. In consultation with the Australia Exchange Network and the Victoria school system, they will purchase and present the books during their one-month program. The fifteen 4-H'ers from nine states will be hosted by families in Victoria. The fund-raising for this unique project is being coordinated by Lillian Larwood. The Australian Exchange Network is directed by Julie Bosch Drechsler, who relocated to Australia following her IFYE experience. Make a tax-deductible contribution—check payable to the IFYE Foundation of the USA—and send to Lillian Larwood, 105 Ballard Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608. Note on the check "Australia Book Project" and mail to arrive by May 28, 2009.

### 4-H Filmmaking Resource

4-H has officially launched The Virtual 4-H Filmmaking Studio & Workshop, located at [www.4-H.org/curriculum/filmmaking](http://www.4-H.org/curriculum/filmmaking) developed in collaboration with Montana State University. The Filmmaking Studio and Workshop is the online space to find tools and resources about video production and "how to make your own film". On the home page of the site, you'll find the main Filmmaking Workshop—an 11 module "virtual workshop", geared toward youth interested in making Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) films. The workshop discusses SET as a primary topic area and delivery mode, but the learning modes and principles apply across mission mandate areas, SET, Healthy Living, and Citizenship.

## *Fair Association News*

### **Wheatland Plowing Match Association**

The Wheatland Plowing Match Association functions to preserve rural heritage and promote agriculturally related careers. \$1000.00 scholarships are awarded each year to qualified students who plan to continue their studies in a discipline related in some way to the agricultural industry. This includes but is not restricted to careers in farming, chemical and biological research, agricultural engineering, communications and economics. Applications must be post-marked by June 1, 2009. Please contact Christine Birns if you would like an application. For more information visit: <http://www.wheatlandplowing.org> or call 630/553-5411.

### **Save the Date—09 Southern IL Leadership Conference**

This one-of-a-kind leadership convention is being planned by teens for teens! The program includes workshops, community service, dances, trust walks, fun games and mixers. Great surprises are in store for this year!

The Southern Illinois Leadership Conference will take place October 10–12, 2009 at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center in Makanda, Illinois. The conference invites all high school students and other teens not yet 19 years of age by September 1, 2009. The cost is \$140 if you take part in early-bird registration by August 28. The cost will increase to \$160 from August 29–September 4—so register early!

For more info, visit: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/regions/4h/silc>

### **Favorite Recipes of Illinois 4-H Through the Years**

Remember snickerdoodles, wheat bread, funny cake, or chocolate crinkles? Do you remember these goodies from your 4-H experience? These and many more recipes from 14 University of Illinois Extension 4-H foods project books can be found in a new “favorites” cookbook available through the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

More than 150 of your old favorites from 4-H foods project books such as *You Learn to Bake*, *ABC's of Food*, *Adventures in Cooking*, *It's Fun to Cook*, *Milk and Eggs*, *Meat in Your Meals*, *Pastry in Your Meals*, and *Yeast Breads in Your Meals* are included in this 8 ½" x 11" spiral bound cookbook. Recipes are listed by 4-H project book, alphabetically, and by food category for easy reference. Cost is \$15.00 per book plus shipping. Discounts apply for larger quantities.

For more information on this exciting cookbook, visit: <http://www.4hfoundation.illinois.edu>. Proceeds from the cookbook will support current 4-H foods project resources and training for 4-H volunteers.

### **DuPage County Fair Exhibit Opportunity**

You will find Big Time Fun in the Home Economics, Ag Sciences and Arts Buildings! Join the competition and show off your talents in the Adult Open Class and Junior Open Class Competitive Exhibit Divisions. Paper Entries must be postmarked/hand delivered to the Fair Office (located on the DuPage County Fairgrounds) by June 15, 2009. Online entries are due by July 1, 2009. Late entries will not be accepted! Online entry forms can be found at: <http://www.dupagecountyfair.org/Exhibitors.php>

### **Volunteer for the County Fair**

The 2009 DuPage County Fair seeks volunteers to help celebrate our agrarian traditions and to showcase our values as a nation. If you are 16 years of age or older and want up to five days of wonderful memories, volunteer for the 55th Annual DuPage County Fair, which will be held July 22 through 26, 2009.

Volunteer for the agricultural exhibits to work with a variety of farm animals. Volunteers are needed to monitor the agricultural science, home economics and art exhibits. Volunteers also run errands, provide clerical assistance, help judges with awards, help in the guest-relations booth, answer phones, help set up prior to the fair and help with other work to be done during the fair.

Organized in 1955, the DuPage County Fair Association is a 21-member volunteer board. A non-profit event, the annual fair takes place with the help of the DuPage County 4-H program which provide members, leaders and some of the volunteers who help serve the public visiting the fair. To volunteer, call Ellen Sietmann at (630) 668-6636 or visit our website ([www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org)).

### **Commemorative Bricks for Fair's Walkway**

Why not consider purchasing a brick to give as a gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day? The DuPage County Fair is offering everyone the opportunity to purchase a brick to honor a special family member, friend, neighbor or a whole family. Commemorative bricks come in two sizes and can be engraved to make it a very personal and perfect gift for that special person you would like to honor. After the bricks are engraved, they are installed in the Recognition Walkway at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. The bricks are available in two sizes, 4"x 8" and 8" x 8" and cost \$50 and \$100 respectively. Call the Fair Office at 630-668-6636 to have an order form sent to you. Complete the form and mail to the Fair Office along with the payment.

Engraved bricks can be ordered year round, but if order is placed before June 15<sup>th</sup>, they can be engraved and inserted in the Recognition Walkway before the Fair, which opens Wednesday, July 22 and runs through Sunday, July 26. For DuPage County Fair information, check our website: [www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org), or call the Fair Office at 630-668-6636.

## DuPage County Fair to Go Green and Save Green

"We're going green and saving you green," says Wilbert Hageman, President of the DuPage County Fair Board. This year grandstand concerts will be FREE with paid fair admission! "We have something for everyone," says Hageman. "Our fair is a great family event in the Chicago suburbs with animal displays and competitions, daily grandstand shows with national performers, truck & tractor pulls, demolition derbies, commercial exhibits, agricultural learning experiences, horse shows, home economics contests, free entertainment, food galore, a huge carnival midway with rides for young and old, and this is just a part of what we have to offer. We even have Racing Ducks!" DuPage County Fair announces the Grandstand line-up for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Fair which will be held Wednesday, July 22 through Sunday, July 26.

- ◆ Wednesday—7/22 at 8:00 pm Los Lobos (Free Concert w/admission to the Fair)
- ◆ Thursday— 7/23 at 8:00 pm The Wailers (Free Concert! w/admission to the Fair)
- ◆ Friday— 7/24 at 8:00 pm The Cab & The Academy (Free Concert! w/admission to the Fair)
- ◆ Saturday— 7/25 at 6:00 pm Illini State Pullers (\$7 plus admission to the Fair)
- ◆ Sunday—7/26 at 2:00 or 7:00 pm International Demolition Derby (\$7 w/admission to the Fair)

Plus many other FREE family attractions! Young calves and milking demonstrations; Racing Ducks; KidBucks Game Show; Ag Magic Show; Petting Zoo; Buttons the Clown; Racing & Swimming Pigs; Chainsaw carving; Honey Bear Dancers; Brad Bodary – Human Mannequin; Local & Regional bands; Plus much, much more!!

Don't forget our huge carnival midway & "save green" on our carnival special – The Mega Pass! For further information, visit [www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org) or call (630) 668-6636. Go green and \$ave green at this year's DuPage County Fair.

## County Fair Talent Contest

Here's Your Chance to Be a Star—The 7th Annual DuPage County Fair Talent Contest is looking for youth to compete in a talent contest. Come sing, dance, tumble, perform

magic tricks, juggle, play a musical instrument, etc. The contest is divided in two age groups: Junior – 14 years and younger, and Senior - 15 through 21 years. The preliminary competition will be held on Sunday, July 12 at the fairgrounds. The finals will be held during County Fair week on Saturday, July 25 at 2:00 pm. For further information, please call 630-668-6636, or visit the website at: [www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org).

## 4-H Foundation News

### Congratulations 2009 Scholarship Winners

The 4-H scholarships are funded by the DuPage County 4-H Foundation and are awarded to 4-H members who are students entering their first year of college. Each \$1,000 scholarship is awarded based on the overall total scores and ranking from their applications and the interview. Congratulations to the following!

Nathan Borow  
Maegan Masterton  
Fiona McCoy  
Jeremy Naberhaus  
Carly Swanson

### Tickets and Passes Available for DuPage County Fair

The DuPage County Fair will be selling Mega Passes for all of you and your friends, that love carnival rides. A Mega Pass is good for unlimited carnival rides for any one day of the Fair from 11am to closing. Mega Passes do not include admission to the Fair. Mega Passes are \$20 if purchased in advance and \$30 if purchased at the Fair. Tickets and passes can be purchased now: on-line at:

[www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org); by e-mail: [duplicatefair@ameritech.net](mailto:duplicatefair@ameritech.net); or phone: 630-668-6636. New for this year! A 5 day pass will also be available for \$30!

You can also stop by the Fair Office at 2015 W. Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

## 4-H Foundation County Fair Raffle

The DuPage County 4-H Foundation will once again hold a raffle at the County Fair. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Tickets may be picked up at the May 19 leader/parent meeting, from your club leader, or at the Extension Office anytime Monday-Friday 8:00am–4:30 pm. Top three 4-H ticket sellers will win cash awards. This year's Grand Prize is an 8GB iPod Touch! Plus \$25 iTunes Gift Card (\$275 value)! Other prizes include:

2nd prize	Golf for Four at Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton (\$268 value)
3rd prize	Rosati's of Wheaton—One 16 inch pizza/month for a year (\$200 value)
4th prize	Cinder the Clown—Gift Certificate for parties, face painting, singing telegram, etc (\$200 value)
5th prize	One Round Trip Ticket on Southwest Air lines anywhere in the Continental United
State	(value varies)

Early Bird Drawing is Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Winner will receive a Family Fun Day at the Fair for Friday, July 24, 2009. This prize includes 4 admission tickets and 2 Mega Passes (for rides).

Ticket stubs, sales proceeds, and unsold tickets should be turned in at County Fair Set Up on July 15, 2009!

## 4-H Foundation Garden Party Luncheon & Silent Auction

Please join us on Friday, June 26, 2009, Noon at Catigny Golf Club — 1 S 151 Winfield Road Wheaton, IL 60189 — \$30.00 per person. This year's menu includes New York strip loin, baked chicken breast, salad bar, and fruit pie. Registration forms are available at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth1428.html>. Please contact Andrea Swanson at (630)690-8215 for more information. Silent auction item donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Terrie Carso at (630) 980-4773 to make a donation.

All proceeds benefit the DuPage County 4-H Foundation, which provides financial support to DuPage County Extension programs. Contact the Extension Office for more information!

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

**If you've agreed to volunteer as a DuPage County 4-H Fair Superintendent, please make sure to attend the Fair Superintendent Meeting on June 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Superintendents will be receiving an email regarding this meeting soon!**