



4-H Happenings

September/October 2009

From the Extension Office

September 1st marked the beginning of the 2009-10 4-H year! We are excited about the start of a new year that offers opportunities for leadership, communication, and community service. We'd like to help you stay informed on all of our upcoming events through the 4-H email updates and the 4-H Happenings newsletter. Both will be helpful in keeping up to date on what 4-H events are taking place locally, regionally, and state-wide, as well as staying aware of the deadlines set to participate in the events. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the DuPage County Extension website at: www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage. An email will be sent to all the 4-H families on our email list to provide them with a link to access the newsletter. If you would like to receive a newsletter, but do not have access to the internet, please contact Christine.

I encourage you to visit our website and check out the 4-H & Youth section often as we will continually post new information. There you'll find important 4-H documents, information about upcoming events, resources for project and community service work, copies of past newsletters, press releases, and web links, including one to the Illinois 4-H website. We hope you will find this useful.

If you do not have computer access, please contact the Extension office and we will work with you to ensure that we keep in contact with you.

4-H Staff You Should Know

There are many staff who support the 4-H program in DuPage County. **Christine Birns** is the 4-H Coordinator and I focus specifically on the traditional 4-H community club program. I work part-time, typically on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, varying hours.

Heather Britton is the Learning Enrichment Coordinator and is responsible for working with schools and other community youth organizations to provide learning enrichment opportunities. Heather also works part-time, typically Monday through Thursday, varying hours. **Judy Sowinski** provides administrative support and handles all the 4-H enrollment and registration paperwork. Judy typically works on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Joan LeMay** and **Carolyn Dowdell** are also administrative secretaries who support 4-H in ways too numerous to mention. They are both in the office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Barbara Linek**, County Director, markets Extension and secures funding. Barb works full-time, Monday through Friday, varying hours.

Please call or send an email ahead of time if you plan to make a trip to the office to visit with one of the staff members. Due to varying schedules and work on several projects, staff may not always be working at the office. We do not want you to make a trip in and be disappointed as the staff member you were expecting to meet with is not in the office that day.

Sincerely,

Christine Birns

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DuPage County 4-H News

Happy New Year - Enrollment Begins

September 1 marked the start of a new 4-H year. As you probably already know, 4-H'ers, leaders, and clubs must re-enroll in 4-H each year. During enrollment, 4-H'ers and clubs also choose their projects for the year. Enrollment paperwork is distributed through the club leaders, as are copies of *The Illinois Clover*, the guide to Illinois 4-H projects. A copy of *The Clover* is also available on the DuPage Extension webpage. If you're a member of a club, please return your enrollment paperwork to your leader.

Material Fees Due with Enrollment

A program fee of \$30 per member will be implemented to support the DuPage County 4-H program and to help cover the new State 4-H Program fee applied this year. This fee helps DuPage County Extension 4-H Youth Development provide high quality, life-changing, experiential learning opportunities for youth. The program fee will also be used to help maintain the quality of the 4-H program as shared in the "Waves of the Future" research study conducted by Tufts University that compared 4-H members to youth in other out-of-school programs. The study found that "*4-Hers do better in school and are more likely to see themselves going to college*" and "*are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.*"

Each club may decide how this materials fee will be paid. Clubs may choose to pay the members' fee with funds from the club treasury; however, **this fee must be paid when the leader turns in enrollment forms.** While we will accept checks from individual families, it is preferred that each leader collect from all families and pays the Extension Office with **one check** for the entire amount. University policy requires that we receipt each transaction. Please be prepared to wait if you come with multiple payments.

The materials fee allows each 4-H member to order up to four new project books per year. Additional project books may be ordered at a flat rate of \$4.00 per book. Please contact Heather Britton to ask for a Learning Enrichment order form for additional orders. 4-H members are asked to limit their total project enrollment to only the number of projects that can be completed within the year or **no more than 10 projects per member per year.** No refunds will be given if a child drops a project.

No child will be denied participation in the 4-H program due to an inability to pay the materials fee. If a member is unable to pay, we will work confidentially with the individual family or club leader.

Enrollment Versus Registration

As you look at the 4-H Calendar, you will see that there are several types of deadlines. Here are a few definitions that may help you understand the difference.

Enrollment means you are signing up to be in 4-H. When you enroll, you also complete a project form that tells us what projects you're enrolling in. **Registration** means you are indicating you want to take part in a specific 4-H event.

For example, if you enroll in 4-H and choose leadership as a project area, you will complete the **4-H Member Enrollment form** (to join 4-H) and the **Project Selection form** (to tell us which project you want to be in this year). Later you'll want to decide if you want to exhibit your project work. The leadership project may be exhibited at the County Fair (you know this by looking at the Exhibit Schedule that can be found at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/19547.pdf>).

To exhibit, you must complete the 4-H registration paperwork and return it by the deadline. There is an enrollment and registration deadline for each project.

4-H leaders, parents, and volunteers must also fill out an enrollment form if they will be helping out with the 4-H program. **Volunteers, like youth, must re-enroll each year.**

Robotics Project Day

Come explore the world of robots on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the Naperville Extension Office for an Intro to Robotics Project Day. Lego Mindstorms Robotics Kits will be provided to each pair of youth for the day. Participants will learn to program directly onto the robot's "brain", practice creating their own program, and complete a challenge! This program is designed for ages 10-14, however all youth of 4-H age are invited to participate. Cost is \$20 per youth. Please register online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage by October 3, 2009.

THANK YOU!!!

I'd like to give a special THANKS to all of the volunteers, superintendent's, jr. superintendents, 4-H'ers, and families who so willingly volunteered their time and talents to the 2009 DuPage County Fair's 4-H events. I appreciate all your help in making the week run smoothly.



4-H Calendar for 2009-10

All Details are Subject to Change

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Date	Time	Event/Deadline	Location
Sept 1		Start of New 4-H Year	
Sept 15		Recognition of Excellence form due	Extension Office
Sept 15	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 24		Window Display Entries Due	Extension Office
Oct 3	8:00 am—4:00 pm	Camp Shaw Improvement Day	Camp Shaw
Oct 4-10		National 4-H Week	
Oct 5	9:00 am	Window Displays Must be in Place	Countywide
Oct 7		4-H National Youth Science Day	Nationwide
Oct 9	6:00 –9:00 pm	Harry Potter Fundraiser	Camp Shaw
Oct 10	3:00 – 7:00 pm	Harvest Roast	Fairgrounds
Oct 10-12		Southern IL Leadership Convention	Carbondale
Oct 17	1:00-3:00 pm	Robotics Project Day	Extension Office
Oct 24		Make a Difference Day/Community Service	Countywide
Nov 2	4:00 pm	Prudential Spirit Award Deadline	Extension Office
Nov 6-7	6:00 pm—9:00 am	Science Siesta	Chicago
Nov 7	8:00 am—3:00 pm	4-H Foundation Flea Market	Fairgrounds
Nov 14		Carson's Community Day Fundraiser	Carson Pierre Scott
Nov 17	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
Dec 1	4:00 pm	Club Program Plan Deadline	Extension Office
Dec 10	4:00 pm	LCP Award Deadline	Extension Office
Jan TBA	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	Fairgrounds
Jan 12	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 4	4:00 pm	Dog Project Enrollment Due	Extension Office
Feb TBA	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	
Feb 26	6:30—8:30 pm	International Night	Fairgrounds
Mar 4	4:00 pm	Dog Show Registration Due	Extension Office
Mar TBA	TBA	Dog Obedience Training	Fairgrounds
Mar 16	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office

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Enrollment means you are signing up to be in 4-H. When you enroll you also complete a project form that tells us what projects you're interested in.

Registration means you are indicating you want to take part in a specific 4-H event, i.e. the County Fair.

	Time	Event/Deadline	Location
March TBA	TBA	Dog Show	Elburn
Apr 8	4:00 pm	Last Date to Enroll in all 4-H Projects	Extension Office
Apr 19-25		National Volunteer Week	
May 1	4:00 pm	Horse Ownership/Lease Paperwork Due	Extension Office
May TBA	TBA	Horse Clinic and Show Registration Due	Extension Office
May 18	9:30 am or 7:00 pm	Leader/Parent Meeting	Extension Office
June TBA	TBA	QAEC for Horse Projects Due	On-line
June 10	4:00 pm	Action Oriented Project Exhibit Registration	Extension Office
June 10	4:00 pm	County Fair Project Exhibit Registration Due	Extension Office
June TBA	TBA	Horse Clinic	Fairgrounds
June TBA	TBA	Horse Show	Fairgrounds
June TBA	TBA	Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds
July 1		QAEC for Livestock Projects Due	On-line
July 14	TBA	Action Oriented Project Judging	Fairgrounds
July 15	6:30 pm	County Fair Set Up	Fairgrounds
Jul 19-21	Varies	County Fair Project Judging—Non livestock	Fairgrounds
Jul 21-23	Varies	County Fair Livestock Judging	Fairgrounds
Jul 21-25		DuPage County Fair	Fairgrounds
Jul 27-Aug1		State Fair Horse Show	Springfield
Aug 13–22		Illinois State Fair	Springfield



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Check out the web for 4-H news and resources

www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage

Need help remembering 4-H deadlines?

- Give us your e-mail address on your enrollment form.
- You'll get e-mail updates on 4-H events and opportunities and reminders about upcoming deadlines.

DuPage County 4-H Policies in Effect

In an effort to support a quality 4-H experience in DuPage County, there are **revised 4-H policies that are in effect immediately** for 4-H members, clubs, volunteers, and independent members. These policies were established so that those involved in 4-H in this county will know that there are expectations regarding participation.

Members

Goal: To encourage a well-rounded 4-H experience.

Policy: Youth must participate in a minimum of four 4-H meetings, tours, workshops, and/or other 4-H activities in DuPage County (or representing DuPage County) to be considered a 4-H member in DuPage County. Those who do not meet this requirement will not be eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums or other 4-H awards and recognition that are available to 4-H members.

Goal: To encourage 4-H'ers to participate in the County Fair.

Policy: Only 4-H'ers who are exhibiting at the Action Oriented Judging Event (a week before the Fair) or County Fair will receive an armband for free admission into the fair.

Clubs

Goal: To encourage a well-rounded 4-H experience.

Policy: All clubs will submit the Club Program Plan Form by December 1 of each program year. Clubs are encouraged to use the Club Standards of Excellence as a guideline for establishing their annual plan.

Goal: To encourage a well-rounded 4-H experience.

Policy: All clubs will keep a secretary book with attendance records for all club meetings and activities. All clubs must submit their secretary book at the end of the 4-H year to the DuPage Extension Office.

Goal: To facilitate good fiscal management of 4-H funds and adherence to 4-H policy.

Policy: Any club that maintains a treasury is required to keep a treasury record and supporting documentation which must be submitted to the DuPage Extension Office at the end of the 4-H year (August 31 of each year).

Goal: To ensure that all fundraising activities are operating within the policies and guidelines relating to the fiscal policies of University of Illinois Extension and 4-H program.

Policy: Any club participating in a fundraising event must seek prior approval by completing and submitting the Fundraising Approval Form to the Extension Office. Approval may take up to two weeks.

Policy: Any club participating in a fundraising event will complete and submit the Fundraising Income & Expense Statement Template within two weeks following the approved fundraising activity.

Independent Members

Goal: To encourage a well-rounded 4-H experience.

Policy: Each year independent 4-H'ers will submit the Independent Member Plan form to be considered a 4-H member in DuPage County. Plans must align with the 4-H Member Standards of Excellence as they relate to the age of the 4-H member. Additionally, independent members must submit in their plan the name of their project mentor (must be someone other than a parent living in the same household) and a schedule that details a minimum of 4 meetings with the mentor. The independent member must present this plan to Extension youth staff by December 1 of each year. A brief report outlining the plan accomplishments to date must be submitted with exhibit registration in order to exhibit. If the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit, the report must be submitted by the end of the 4-H year in order to re-enroll as an independent member the following year.

Goal: To encourage a well-rounded 4-H experience.

Policy: Only independent 4-H'ers who are exhibiting at the County Fair will receive an armband for free admission into the fair.

Goal: To enhance communication and the volunteer experience.

Policy: Independent members must have an adult representative attend all leader/parent meetings.

Volunteers

Goal: To assure that all volunteers are acknowledged for their contributions to 4-H.

Policy: County fair armbands will be given to any 4-H volunteer who is officially enrolled as a 4-H volunteer and who has contributed 25 or more hours of service during the current 4-H year. This policy applies to club volunteers, committee members, and others fulfilling a DuPage county volunteer role.

Goal: To enhance communication and the volunteer experience.

Policy: Every club will send a representative to each leader meeting. This may be a volunteer or parent from the club.

DuPage County 4-H Policies found at:

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/19472.pdf>

County 4-H Policies in effect as of September 1, 2009

New 4-H Projects

There are exciting 4-H project changes for 2009-10. State 4-H has added several new projects and updated some of our long-standing projects. The new projects added this year are: *4-H Cooking 301*; *Horticulture (Vegetable Gardening A, B, C, D)*; *Leadership 1*; *Veterinary Science 1, 2, 3*; *Filmmaking*; and *Wind Energy*.

2009 International Night

Bring your family and friends to explore DuPage County's 4-H International Night to be held Friday, February 26, 2010, at 6:30 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. International Night is an event in which 4-H clubs teach each other about a country that they have studied. 4-H clubs choose a country and explore its food, customs, clothing, song, dance, etc. Clubs also have the option of providing entertainment, such as a song, game, skit, dance, music, etc. County Selection forms will be distributed to club leaders this fall. **Clubs must choose their country and return their Country Selection form by the November 17 Leader/Parent Meeting.**

What a Great County Fair!

A total of 32 exhibits were judged during the Action-Oriented event. During the week of the DuPage County Fair, 797 projects were on display in the 4-H building, and 405 livestock projects were judged. That's a total of 1234 exhibits! 4-H'ers earned over 1500 ribbons and eighty-five Grand Champion trophies were awarded.

The 4-H Building always seemed to be busy with excitement and fairgoers. When families visited the building, they could participate in a scavenger hunt to learn more about the 4-H projects being exhibited. Thank you to all the 4-H families who helped promote this opportunity.

Special thanks to the Fair Committee and also to the DuPage County Fair Association, Ellen Sietmann, the fairgrounds staff, all the superintendents and junior superintendents, fair judges, and all the families and other volunteers who helped this year.

The **Annual Camp Shaw Fall Improvement Day** will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Please come out and lend a hand to help us make improvements around camp. There are plenty of things to do....painting, cleaning, trail maintenance, picking up sticks. Lunch will be served to all volunteers - please RSVP if you are able to attend to bgchair@campshaw.org so that we can make sure to have enough food prepared to feed all of our generous volunteers.
NOTE: Children 15 year olds and under must be accompanied by an adult.

State, National, International

Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee Andrea Swanson

By Angie Barnard

The fifth class of Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame inductees was recognized on Saturday, August 15, 2009 during the 4-H Family Event at the Illinois State Fair. The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. This year Andrea Swanson, from 4-H Clovers 4-H club was inducted for her 12 years of volunteer efforts in DuPage County. Andrea serves as the contact leader for 4-H Clovers and as a committee member of the International Night Committee and 4-H Foundation. Nominations for the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame are made by University of Illinois Extension staff. Congratulations Andrea and thank you for all you do!

Want to be a CWF Delegate?

By Rachael Miller

Want to become a better leader and a more educated citizen? Want to experience Washington D.C. with hundreds of teens from around the country? Want a chance to do something meaningful with your summer? Well, Citizenship Washington Focus is right for you! Along with a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital, meeting your congressmen, and a hands-on experience in leadership and communication, you will have the chance to stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, located just outside of D.C. And because of all of the friends you will meet, the experiences you will have, and the opportunities this trip will open for you, CWF is seriously the opportunity of a lifetime.

The next opportunity for Illinois 4-Hers is July 2010 with registration this fall. To find out more about the program, go to <http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/default.aspx>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rachael Miller (a previous CWF delegate): peace_love_fierceness@yahoo.com or 708-482-3820.

National 4-H Week—October 4-10

National 4-H Week welcomes you to connect with the 4-H community where young people across America are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2009 and this year's theme is "Meet the Future." We hope that you and your family will celebrate with us!

To celebrate National 4-H Week, we will again have our annual 4-H Window Display. 4-H clubs have the opportunity to show their 4-H spirit to all those in DuPage County by creating an exhibit and displaying it at a local business. This is a great way to publicize the 4-H program and bring

attention to all that the program has to offer! Window Displays will be featured throughout DuPage County beginning October 5 through October 9, 2009. Entries to participate in the Window Display are due September 24. Window Displays must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on October 5.

4-H National Youth Science Day— October 7

On 4-H National Youth Science Day—October 7, 2009—millions of young people across the U.S. will participate in a live demonstration of how organic materials can be converted to fuel to supply energy. The experiment offers several activities to showcase how cellulose and sugars in plants can be used to create ethanol. The National Science Experiment will encourage a national youth debate to discuss the best biofuel based on experiment outcomes. Youth will be engaged before, during and after the experiment via several popular communication mechanisms and through the 4-H.org web site. To download youth and facilitator guidebooks, go to www.4-H.org/NYSD.

Harry Potter Camp Shaw Fundraiser

Hogwart's School of Science Wonders, will take place at Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see (6641 N 6000W Road, Manteno, 60950) on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 from 6-9 pm for Muggles and Wizards ages 8-12. Sorting will take place from 6-6:30 pm. The evening is sure to bring Camp Shaw and mysteries to life. Cost is \$30. Register online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/kankakee by October 2. For more information, send an owl or email to dnu-ger@illinois.edu.

Science Siesta

Save the date for the upcoming Science Siesta event for girls in grades 4-6. The event will take place at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, The Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences on Friday, November 6 at 6:00 pm until Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$30 which includes snacks, breakfast and materials needed for many fun activities. Look for more information in upcoming email updates or contact Christine at the Extension office.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes middle and high school youth solely on the basis of volunteer work in their communities. Youth in grades 5 - 12 as of November 2, 2009 who have engaged in a volunteer activity that has occurred at least in part after September 1, 2008 are eligible for this award. Among those who apply through the DuPage County 4-H program, one youth in grades 5 - 8 and one youth in grades 9 - 12

will be chosen to compete on a state-level and have an opportunity to receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medalion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. State honorees have an opportunity to compete for ten National Honoree positions and a chance to receive \$5,000. If you would like more information on this award or an application, please visit www.principals.org/prudential, click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. Applications must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on November 2, 2009.

LCP Award

LCP is short for Leadership, Citizenship & Professionalism. The award is open to 17-19 year old 4-H'ers (age as of December 1, 2009). The purpose of the award is to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship, cooperation, and professionalism during the past 4-H program year (September 1 through August 31). Although all members can apply, the program is designed to recognize and promote achievement in the agricultural industry. Each county may select 2 applicants. Return completed forms to the Extension office by 4:00 pm on December 10. At the State level, ten applicants are selected for the Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April. This conference is continually ranked as one of the best conferences attendees have ever attended. Workshops take the members to a new level of leadership skills and challenges. The LCP application can be found at: web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth618.html.

State Fair Results

We would like to congratulate all DuPage County 4-H'ers on a job well done this year at the 2009 Illinois State Fair! There were 35 DuPage County 4-H'ers, ages 10-18, which exhibited projects in a wide range of classes. Congratulations to all of you who participated in this year's Illinois State Fair event! Please visit <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/downloads/19208.pdf> for a listing of ribbons awarded to DuPage County 4-H non-livestock exhibits. We are very proud of all of you and hope that your State Fair experience was a great one! Livestock results are available on the Illinois Department of Agriculture web site at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/competition/index.php>. Then select a species from the Junior option.

Illinois 4-H Web Site Revised

The Illinois 4-H web site (<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state4h/>) has been revised recently. Please take a few minutes to check out the new sections of the site. About 4-H, Members, Volunteers, Give to 4-H, Parents, Teachers, Cloverbuds, 4-H Military, and 4-H After School. In addition there are sections on What's New, Events, Photos, How to Join, Links, and Contact Us.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers Needed for Committees

Serving on a committee is a great way to support 4-H! Committees can always benefit from new people and new ideas. Experience is not necessary; however, interest is essential. Most committees meet three to four times a year for one to two hours. Some help with 4-H events. Below is a list of committees and a short description of responsibilities. Committees are open to everyone, including 4-H'ers, so contact us if you are interested in volunteering or visit

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth1013.html> for a volunteer application packet

Contact Leaders provide organizational support to youth enrolled in 4-H. They assist youth in planning club meetings, registering for events, and getting the most out of their experience.

Project Leaders introduce projects to members and parents. They help members decide on things they want to do for their project work, review progress, and recognize their accomplishments. In addition, they conduct project group workshops, one-on-one teaching, tours and/or field trips. They help members keep necessary records and prepare for exhibits.

Project Exhibit Judges provide learning opportunities for 4-H'ers through conference judging, a conversation with the 4-H'er about their project and what was learned. Judges decide on awards using pre-determined project standards.

Expansion and Review Committee members serve as an advisory to insure youth throughout DuPage County have opportunities to experience 4-H.

4-H Foundation members support the 4-H program and its members by conducting fundraisers and promoting 4-H.

Fair Committee members help ensure the success of exhibition events such as Action Oriented Judging and the County Fair. Members review fair books, help with set up, and coordinate decorations for the 4-H Building.

Horse Committee members organize and evaluate the Horse Clinic and Horse Show. Members review the Horse Show rules, serve as superintendents, recruit volunteers and judges, etc.

Dog Committee members plan, coordinate, and evaluate the Dog Training workshops and the Dog Show.

International Event Committee members plan and organize International Night. They assist with room set-up, program agenda, and evaluation.

Clothing Committee members plan and coordinate Clothing Judging and Fashion Revue. Members serve as superintendents of the event, recruit volunteers, help with set-up, suggest potential judges, and evaluate the event.

Recognition Committee members help with recognition programs, policies, and events for both 4-H members and volunteers.

After-School Volunteers provide programming in schools and community centers throughout DuPage County.

4-H Foundation News

4-H Foundation Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2009 DuPage County 4-H Foundation Luncheon and Silent Auction held on June 26 at Cantigny Golf Course in Wheaton. Thank you to all those who donated items for the auction. Special thanks to Terrie Carso for all her help with the event! We appreciate your support to the DuPage County 4-H program.

Back to School Fair Thanks

Thanks to Joe A., Jamie A., Terrie C., Jumana K., Harith K., Laila K., Suha K., Anne K., Denise K., Kai P., Karsten P., Wendy P., Leah P., Miriam P., Carly S., Danielle S., Andrea S., Diane B., Cindy N., Brian N., Susan W., the 4-H Clovers 4-H Club, the Cloverdale Maidens & Co. 4-H Club, and the Whirlybirds 4-H Club for your help with the 2009 4-H Foundation's Back to School Fair Food Booth! Your work and your donations helped earn more than \$600.00 for the Foundation!

DuPage Co. 4-H Foundation Raffle

Thank you to all of the 4-Hers and 4-H families who helped make the 2009 4-H Foundation Raffle a success by selling raffle tickets! Special thanks to the top three raffle ticket sellers:

- 1st — Jaide P. (220 tickets)
- 2nd— Rachael W. (90 tickets)
- 3rd—Jeremy N. (81 tickets)

Thank you to everyone who worked at the 4-H Foundation County Fair booth!

Congratulations to the 2009 raffle winners!

- 1st—Nancy Pierson (8GB iPod Touch & \$25 iTunes)
- 2nd—Marcy Riesa (Golf for 4 @ Arrowhead in Wheaton)
- 3rd—Joyce Matza (Rosati's Pizza/month for a year)
- 4th—Nick Hampton (Cinder the Clown gift certificate)
- 5th—Olivia Karas (Roundtrip ticket on Southwest Airlines)

4-H Foundation Flea Market

The 2nd Annual DuPage County 4-H Foundation Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 7th, 2009, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Home Ec. Building and Annex. Vendors are needed for the event! Vendor tables are \$10.00 each. It's a great place to have a garage sale or craft sale with the

advertising and location provided! Please call Andrea at (630)690-8215 to reserve a table.

Carson's Community Day Fundraiser

The DuPage County 4-H Foundation will be participating in this fall's Carson's Community Day fundraiser. Please consider supporting the Foundation by buying a coupon book or two! The coupon books, which include a coupon for \$10.00 off any purchase of \$10.00 or more, will be available for \$5.00 each (100% of that \$5.00 supports the Foundation). Coupon books can be purchased from club leaders and will also be available at the Extension office. Carson's Community Day is Saturday, November 14th, 2009.

Other Extension Programs

A Special Invitation from the DuPage Friends of Extension

By Barb Linek

You are invited to participate in the first event organized by the DuPage Friends of Extension, a **Harvest Roast**, to be held on **Saturday, October 10**, from 3-7 pm. The mission of this non-profit organization is to raise funds to support the Master Gardener and 4-H programs in DuPage County. The group now has seven new volunteers and is actively recruiting more. They have several events scheduled for the upcoming year.

The Harvest Roast will include a pig roast, arts and crafts show, bake sale, and quilt display. (A vegetarian dinner will also be offered.) It will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on Columbus Day weekend. A hay ride and music will add to the fun.

There are a number of ways you can participate in this fall family event:

1. Contribute fine quality art/craft items or baked goods to sell at eh Friends of Extension table. All proceeds would benefit the Master Gardener and 4-H programs.
2. Rent a table at the Harvest Roast for a donation of \$25 and sell your arts and crafts.
3. Help organize the event by working with publicity, ticketing, crafters, etc.
4. Help the day of the event with ticket sales, set-up, children's activities, staffing the craft table, clean-up, etc.
5. Purchase tickets to attend this exciting event.

The Internet is a Great Place to get 4-H Information

web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth.html

Current and Past Issues of the 4-H Happenings Newsletter
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth1015.html

4-H Forms
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth620.html

Support for Club Leaders
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth1016.html

Recognition Information
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth618.html

Project Support
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth619.html

Information on Upcoming 4-H Events
web.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage/4hyouth1011.html

Illinois 4-H
www.4-h.uiuc.edu/

University of Illinois Extension
web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/