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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

March

7 Road Rally @ 1: 00 pm Start at Extension Office

April

1 Office will be open for Appointments

12 Office will be open to Public!

20 New Membership Workshop (Tentative)

July

3-10 Richland County Fair

Just a Reminder:

If you don't hear a reply from Jessica over the next couple of weeks please feel free to get ahold of Sheri. My schedule over the next couple of weeks is very uncertain at this point and it is a week by week situation now.

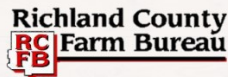
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1st: Builders of the Future

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3rd: Country Clovers

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RCFB YOUNG LEADERS PRESENT:

2021 AG BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

DUE TO COVID-19, WE ARE PLANNING TO HOST AG BEYOND THE CLASSROOM FOR 2021 AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED. WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE AN IN PERSON PROGRAM WITH 1-2 NIGHTS OF LEARNING. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT ON THE RICHLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE ANNOUNCE DATES FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM!

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

January 1, 2021: Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

April 1, 2021: Market (meat) & Novelty Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

May 1, 2021: Bucket Calf

May 15, 2021: Market lambs, Breeding sheep

June 1, 2021: Dogs, rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects

must have the animals in their possession.

As a Reminder!

If your animals are not housed at your place of residence please make sure that you get a Off Premise Form filled out! You can turn this into your leader,

4-H IN A BAG

Looking for a fun educational activity that you can do from home?

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

January

-Explosion in a bag
(cloverbuds only)

-What's in that bottle?!

February

-Fresh Chef

March

-Origami

April

-DIY Birdfeeder



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office at (618)262-5725.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

UPDATE!
WE WILL ***NOT*** BE COLLECTING LICENSE &
PROOF OF CURRENT INSURANCE! DUE TO
COVID WE AREN'T GOING TO WORRY
ABOUT IT! I WILL BE ASKING IF THE DRIV-
ER IS OVER 21!



**Sunday
March 7**

Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230 or Jessica Ochs 618-843-5030. Each car's driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 1:00 pm.

If you are Showing Swine.....

All 4-H'ers enrolled in Swine that are showing a Market Hog at Fair **MUST** have an Extension issued Ear Tag that can be picked up at the Extension Office. You can tag up to 5 Market Hogs but are only allowed to show 1 in the Market and Purebred Barrow class. You're Market and Purebred hog **MUST** have an Extension issued tag in its ear to show at Fair. Please have paperwork back to the Extension office by May 1st. You can pick up the tags starting April 1st!



Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs & cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. **The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.**

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

Eligible Extension Units: 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 representing the 60 counties served by Farm Credit Illinois: Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Menard, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

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We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for **100** deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded **\$5,000 cash** to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/

A number of states expressed an interest in participating in the MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge. We have worked out the registration process.

If states would be willing to verify the status of their youth, then we can use this zlink for registration; the zlink is: <https://z.umn.edu/BlackandWhitePhotos>.

This **new registration process** is laid out in the photography challenge's [communications tool kit](#) for your use and adaptation. You will notice that the toolkit language has been updated to reflect that this is a multistate event.

Here is the [photography challenge guidelines and information](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Extension Educator Crystal Reith at mohrh002@umn.edu.



4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



GET READY FOR ...

Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

Remind your local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge to prepare to monitor their nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#)

to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! Stay the course – good science takes effort.

A graphic advertisement for Illini Summer Academies. At the top is the "ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES" logo, which includes a green four-leaf clover with "4-H" on it. Below the logo, the text reads "Follow your passion!" in a red script font, followed by "Illini Summer Academies are going virtual" in a blue sans-serif font, and "June 27 - July 1, 2021" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the Illinois Extension logo (a red "I" in a square) and the text "Illinois Extension UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN". Below that is a blue cursor arrow pointing to the URL "go.illinois.edu/illini4H". On the right side, there is a circular badge with a red border that says "REGISTER BY March 24th" in white and red text.

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.**

Trailblazer scholarship: Do you feel like a *Trailblazer*? Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois. This is a full scholarship! Apply by **February 28, 2021**

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu

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Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

Miriam Rosenbohm at rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu

<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/>



Instagram [@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)

We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the “application” at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

