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Find Your Spark!

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Facebook!

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

This is your last 4-H Newsflash for 2021! Our office will close on December 23 and not re-open until January 5, as the university gifted employees one extra day this year.

I do still have some brand new green 4-H shirts here in the office for anyone wanting to purchase one for a last minute gift! They are \$11 each– we have 2 youth large, 3 adult small, 2 adult medium, and 3 adult large available.

I attached the 'frig cheat sheet again– a little birdie caught the 4-H online website was going to the old 4-H online, so I updated that– thank you birdie!

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families! Hopefully we get a little snow to make everything sparkle! I wish you all the very best as we enter 2022.

~Becky Gocken



Looking for a fun family activity this weekend?

4-H Youth Development Specialist Amy Henschen is sharing tips on how and why to introduce kids to the joys of cooking and baking on the 4-H blog!

Did you know that research shows that time spent in the kitchen can be a creative outlet? According to a 2016 study by Conner, DeYoung and Silva in the Journal of Positive Psychology, people who take time for things like baking are happier and more relaxed.

Plus, learn how baking and cooking can teach kids valuable life skills, healthy habits, and even math! Head here to learn more: <https://go.illinois.edu/HolidayBaking>

2022 Winnebago County 4-H Program Book Artwork Contest



2021

2021 Program Book Cover
By Lela Pagels

It's time to design our **COVER PAGE** for the 2022 Winnebago County 4-H Program Book! All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing for the 4-H Program Book Cover Contest. The deadline to submit is **February 1, 2022**. The theme for 2021 is:

"Find Your Spark!"

Please use this theme for the basis of your drawing and include the theme title and current year somewhere in your drawing. All drawings need to be submitted on 8-1/2 x 11" white paper and done in a fine point black marker or dark pencil. Do not use color pencil or any color at all. The program book is printed in black and white. Please make sure all text is legible and spelled correctly. Please include your name, age and club on the **BACK** lightly in pencil, or attach a separate page with that info. If your drawing gets picked for the **COVER** - you will receive a special 4-H **PRIZE!** You can also email your drawings to rgocken@illinois.edu.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



We want to see YOU!
Send me your photos
showing your 4-H
spirit and get featured
on our Newsflash!



While Kentucky 4-H is not by any means a disaster relief organization, we ARE a local, community-based organization comprised of young people and adults committed and equipped to using their heads, hearts, hands, and health to serve. Tornadoes, floods, or other natural disasters will not stop our willingness and desire to serve our community.

While we don't know the exact needs of our 4-H'ers affected by the tornadoes yet, we are collecting donations which will be pooled together to create 'mini-grants' to meet the needs of 4-H youth, families, and employees affected by the recent tornadoes. At the appropriate time, we will share the stories of the impact made by donations to this fund. To give, visit: www.ky4hfoundation.org/relief-fund

The Foundation considers it an honor to play a small part in getting much needed relief to Kentucky youth and families who have lost everything. Please contact Ben Carr (ben.carr@uky.edu) with any questions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

Horse Bowl Practice Information- <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/horses>

Barb Frampton- leader

Pecatonica Library

framptondvm@aol.com

(815)964-8552

Meets: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 – 8PM

State 4-H Hippology, Horse
Bowl & Speech Contests April
23 & 24 on UIUC Campus!
More info. to come in
January!



4-H members do NOT have to own a horse to be a part of Horse Bowl. Parents are welcomed to stay. Face mask are required regardless of vaccination status.

POULTRY CLINIC

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

Location: Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL 61032

DEADLINE to register is January 14, 2022

The Poultry Clinic is open to any 4-H youth.

The clinic is free! Please do **NOT** bring any animals!

The day will focus on the basics of starting your poultry project!

The following will be covered:

- Preparing for chicks
- Feeding
- Getting started with pigeons
- Lots of general information

For more information contact Rita Koch at 815-449-2910

Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24699>



Looking for Club Officer Resources? *Watch for a training coming in 2022*

- See the Illinois 4-H website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/globagl/club-resources>
- 4-H Officers Handbook is available through the Extension office – please ask!

Online Video Trainings that may be helpful:

- 4-H Volunteer Trainings: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training>
- Parliamentary Procedure: <https://go.illinois.edu/parliamentary>



4-H Online is NOW OPEN for enrollment!
(Click the above image for a direct link)

Re-enrollment Deadline was Nov. 1– Members and volunteers may not attend 4-H activities until enrollments are approved.

New member enrollment deadline is Feb. 1 (also project add/drop deadline)

Members will not be approved until leader's have verified they received payment and/or paid by credit card online this year.

Project Manuals will be purchased by individual families through a pop-up shop in 4-H Mall. I recommend ordering together to save shipping expenses. An email was sent with directions for obtaining manuals on 11.5.2021. Here is a link to the state 4-H page project resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>



4-H WEBSITES CHEAT SHEET **I**

4HONLINE

- Website: <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Used to enroll in 4-H, choose projects and club

Username: _____

PW: _____

- Website: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/15252>
- Used to select classes members will be exhibiting in at the county 4-H shows
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password

FAIRENTRY

YQCA

- Website: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password
- Required YEARLY for all members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine at any 4-H livestock show

- Website: web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/
- Make sure to keep token in case you pause and come back
- Required ONCE for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits

QAEC

IL 4-H WEBSITE

- Website: 4h.extension.illinois.edu
- Find all the 4-H resources in one place:
 - Projects, Spark Sheets, State Award Applications, Events, Programs, Volunteer Resources, Member Resources, and more!

- Website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsr/4-h-winnebago-county>
- Find detailed information, paperwork, and programming for our specific county and unit

UNIT 4-H WEBSITE

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

Save the Dates: 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Registration details coming in January, but check out the locations and save these dates!

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL
(southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



We are excited to share this closed-captioned webinar from our partners at Michigan State University Extension: [Zoonotic Disease Resource Webinar, Protecting People and Animals](#).

Additionally, Michigan State University Extension has partnered with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create multiple other resources designed to help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases. These resources are highlighted on the [informational webinar hosted by MSU Extension](#) and also include educational resources available to promote healthy interaction between animals and people, strategies to bring awareness to the issue of the spread of zoonotic diseases and planning materials to keep animals and the public safe and healthy.

Additional resources can also be found highlighted on MSU Extension's [Fair and Animal Health webpage](#), and the [zoonotic disease webpage](#).

The webinar opportunity and development of these resources has been supported by a Cooperative Agreement from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).



Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19th at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM, judging starts at noon)

And save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus!

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



Camping & Outdoor Living

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022



Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

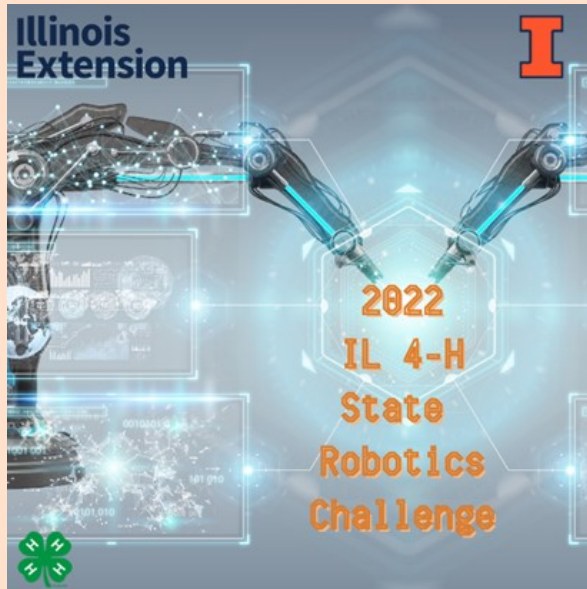
Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



I STEM

The time has come for us to release the Robotics Challenge documents!

This year's competition will revolve around the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Team, which is preparing curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories (ISS) and The Lab for Advanced Space Systems at Illinois, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, (LASSI). These collaborations will enable Illinois 4-H youth to send experiments to the ISS, and build/launch micro satellites into orbit.

The SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge will take place at the **McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Team registration will open **January 17, 2022** and will close **March 16, 2022**. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. ***This year All Health Forms are due at time of registration and will be accessible through the Challenge Download Link on or by December 14.***

This year we will be hosting a set of Webinars for all participating youth, coaches and volunteers centered around the challenge and how to think through it. We will premiere the Challenge Video and answer any questions folks may have around the challenge. In addition, we will be openly brainstorming the future of the State 4-H Robotics Challenge as the EV3 platform has been phased out. Please bring your questions and ideas as we work towards providing the best robotics experience for our youth.

These Webinars will be held on **Friday, December 17, 7 pm**. Both can be accessed through Zoom at the link below:

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/2085014254?pwd=SVVGMGJaU2tEbStBUkdWVFsb3F4dz09>

Meeting ID: 208 501 4254 Password: 739596

Challenge Download/Documents Folder: <https://go.illinois.edu/2022CHALLENGE>

Register Here on Jan 17, 2022: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2022>

Challenge Announcement Video (Available Dec. 14): <https://go.illinois.edu/224HRVID>



4-H International

Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates).

Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.



Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems,. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, January through March and there are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required. Please have the registration submitted by Friday, January 7th 2022. go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th “H” and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. **Tournament details coming soon!**

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

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2022 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2022
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –
 - **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 29, 2022) and February 27, 2022.**
 - In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- **Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows (carcass class)

- **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022
- Weighed and Tattooed **with Box A tattoo** from February 10 to April 15, 2022
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- **Lambled on or after January 1, 2022**
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.

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- ? Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- ? Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- ? Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2022.
- ? Lambled on or after January 1, 2022.

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- **Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2021**
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

2022 Breeding Animals

Birth & Ownership Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2020 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2022

SWINE – GILTS:

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2021
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2022
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2022

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2022
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2022

HORSE & PONY:

- **On or before June 1** – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2022
- At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2022.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2022.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2022.

RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.

Changes/Notices Regarding the 2022 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2022 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program are available at your county Extension Office.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: **Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1** for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

CALENDAR OF WINNEBAGO 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

13-17 Pick Up Apparel Orders from Extension Office

22 Becky community outreach programming

23 - JAN 4 Extension Office Closed

JANUARY

5 Extension office reopens for 2022

14 Registration Deadline for Poultry Clinic

17 Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22 4-H Poultry Clinic, Freeport

26 Winnebago County 4-H Leaders Meeting **TENTATIVE**, *Tinker Swiss Barn & Cottage; 6 pm*

FEBRUARY

1 2022 Winnebago County Program Book Artwork Submissions due to the Extension Office by 4 pm; **Last Day for New Member Enrollment in 4-H Online**

5 Beef Weigh In, Peterson-Daly Farms, Pecatonica– Pre-Registration coming

12 SNOWDATE Beef Weigh In

Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.**



This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events. Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close January 13.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce the fourth annual **Northwest Illinois Agronomy Summit** that will be held at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the program running from 9 a.m. to Noon. The theme for this year's conference is *Updates in Crop Management* with University of Illinois and University of Wisconsin-Madison specialists discussing strategies for weed, pest, disease, and nutrient management. Register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24680>

Look for Winnebago County's Extension sponsored display at the Festival of Lights at Sinnissippi Park in Rockford.



[The Recent IPCC Climate Report](#)

January 13 | 1 PM CST

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Working Group 1 recently came out with a report detailing the most up-to-date physical understanding of the climate system and climate change. Come learn what the report says and what it means for our future. Presenter: [Abigail Garofalo](#)

Certified Livestock Manager Training: Freeport

February 17 | 9 AM

In 2022, [University of Illinois Extension](#) is hosting 10 Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops throughout the state. The workshops will begin on January 18 in Effingham and conclude on February 23 at Illinois Pork Expo. Online CLM training is open all year round.

Who needs certification

According to the Livestock Facilities Management Act, in Illinois, livestock facilities that house 300 or more animal units (for example, 750 finishing hogs, 214 dairy cows, or 300 beef cattle) are required to have at least one person certified in the environmental protection aspects manure management. Facilities designed for 301 to 999 animal units must have at least one employee attend a workshop or complete the training online. Facilities with 1,000 or more animal units must have a certified livestock manager attend a workshop and pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's exam or complete the online training and pass the online test.

Workshop Registration

Registrations will open one month before the workshop. Online registration at go.illinois.edu/CLMT is required, and at some locations, space is limited. The workshop fee is \$40 (each additional participant \$30), and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. We kindly ask all participants to wear a mask to comply with COVID-19 safety precautions. In case we need to cancel a workshop due to COVID restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances, we will inform you via email and refund your registration fee. Please check your email or our website for updates.

Online Training

Access online training at go.illinois.edu/CLMT. This new version of online training follows the same format as in-person workshops. There are nine modules (10-20 min videos), and you can work through these modules at your own pace. If you have more than 1,000 animal units, you can take the test online at the end of the training. You are allowed multiple attempts on the test. Each time you take the test, 50 questions will be randomly selected from our question bank. The online training fee is \$40 and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. Once you create an account, you will have access to the training videos and also enrichment videos for three months.

If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in CLMT, please contact [Nesli Akdeniz](#) at neslihan@illinois.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY:



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is offering up to \$200 per project in project grants for 4-H and FFA Youth to help support projects underway by local FFA chapters and 4-H clubs. The recipients will be able to use the grant to purchase necessary materials and supplies.

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Boone or Winnebago Counties
- Must submit a typed application to describe the project
- Applicant's FFA Advisor/ 4-H leader must sign the application
- Applicant's parent/guardian must sign the application

The recipients will be chosen based on the above requirements, along with a 5 to 10-minute oral presentation on the proposed project at an upcoming Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau board meeting. Grant funds will be awarded after the recipient submits a summary of the program or project, photos, and detailed receipts. Grant info available on [website](http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org).

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship

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THE PROGRAM

The Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship seeks to provide financial support to students enrolled fulltime at an accredited two- or four-year college, community college, or university, which will lead to a career in a natural resource field.

PROGRAM HISTORY

Funding for this scholarship was made available from the Leopold Education Project, an educational program based on the works of noted conservationist and author Aldo Leopold. Leopold's philosophy and land ethic created a foundation for modern conservation.

For Students
Pursuing
Education in the
Field of Natural
Resources



AWARDS

Scholarship will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses. Scholarship money may not be used for room and board.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident in one of the following Illinois Counties,
Boone DeKalb Kane McHenry Winnebago
Cook DuPage Lake Will
- Be a high school senior or high school graduate (diplomas or GED)
- Be enrolled or will be enrolled no later than the fall session following application in a fulltime course of study such as fish and wildlife biology, conservation education, biology, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control, etc.
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a (4.0 scale)

HOW TO APPLY

For more information call the scholarship administrator at 815-965-2392 Ext 3. All materials must be received by the scholarship administrator by **February 15th** of each year. Mail to: Winnebago County SWCD, 4833 Owen Center Rd. Rockford IL 61101-6007 or email NEILStewardship@gmail.com.



WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnebago Soil and Water Conservation District established this scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall semester of each academic year. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or other course fees. Funds will be paid directly to the institution upon written instructions from the student (one-half for each fall and spring semester). The Winnebago County SWCD reserves the right to grant the full amount of the scholarship in one payment upon request.

ELIGIBILITY

The student must be:

- A resident of Winnebago County
- An upcoming High School Graduate -or- attending an accredited College or University
- Majoring in Soil and/or Water Conservation; or a related Natural Resource field
- A full-time student who is carrying at least 12 credit hours

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The applicant should be maintaining a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0)
- The applicant should demonstrate superior soil and water conservation or related natural resource academic achievement.
- The successful applicant will be chosen from a balance of several important factors, including demonstrated academic achievements, community service related to conservation activities, statement of educational and career goals, and reference recommendations.
- The student must submit a copy of their latest transcript - High School and College (if applicable)
- If the student drops out of school, or changes to a major outside of the Soil and/or Water Conservation or Natural Resources fields, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded to the Winnebago County SWCD.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A committee selected by the Winnebago County SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's achievement without regard to the student's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

To apply, fill out the application form and send it along with a copy of your most recent transcripts, and all other support information to:

Scholarship Committee
Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District
4833 Owen Center Road
Rockford, IL 61101
Or
E-mail to – danthonyswcd@comcast.net

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 p.m., February 15, 2022