

# Coles County Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

April

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## University of Illinois Coles County Extension

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### Deadlines/Dates:

- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Picture this Photography Workshop
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Sheep/Goat weigh-in/registration (More Info. to Come)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline to add and Drop projects for fair
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – YQCA Training
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due to Extension office
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Photography Contest Photos Due

### NEW SPIN CLUB (Flyer Below)

Coles County 4-H is partnering with Douglas-Hart Nature Center to develop a new 4-H Community Garden Spin Club! This new SPIN Club was recently awarded a community improvement grant in the amount of \$500 by Farm Credit Illinois!

If you would like more information about this club or how to join, please contact the Coles County Extension office at 217-345-7034.



*Pictured left to right: – Nic Turner, Heather Dunn, Julie Crippin, Malina Przygoda, Jessica Hays, and Hannah Schwanke.*

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## Petting Zoo:

Coles County 4-H and Heritage Woods of Charleston are working together to bring a community 4-H Petting Zoo to Coles County! We are thinking late May to early June for this event. The details are in the beginning stages. However, we are looking for 4-H'ers and volunteers who would like to participate! A few ways to participate is by providing animals, set up or clean up, and much more. If you are interested in helping with this 4-H community event, please contact the Coles County Extension office at 217-345-7034 or email Jess at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu).

## 4-H Online/4-H Project:

I have several members who I am not able to approve in 4-H Online. These members either have not paid their club dues or still need to turn in a risk management form. Please call the office or email Jess if you have any questions.

All members who have been approved in 4-H Online can add or drop any projects. Please be sure to edit your project list to include all the projects you plan to participate in. Deadline to add or drop projects is May 1<sup>st</sup>

If you need help reach out to Jess via email or call the Extension office at 217-345-7034.

## Project Books:

If you have not ordered or received your project books. Please, reach out to Jess at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu).

Find an electronic version of the Project Guide here:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

## Coles County 4-H T-Shirts:

We are getting T-Shirts!!! If you would like to order a shirt, please go to \_\_\_\_\_

## YQCA

4-H members exhibiting in **beef, sheep, goats, and swine** are **required** to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed each year.

This year's training will be held on May10 at the Coles County Extension Office.

Registration information coming soon.

## QAEC

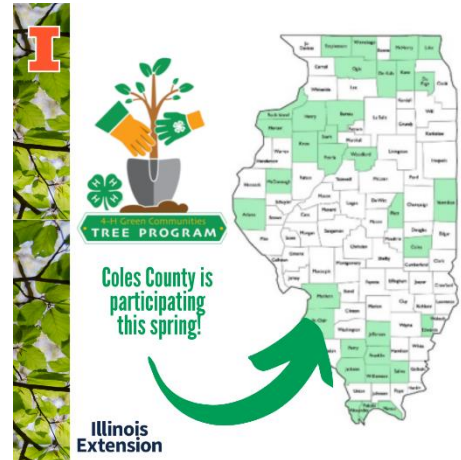
4-H members exhibiting in **horse, dogs, rabbits, and poultry** are required to complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC). This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed once during your 4-H career.

To take this training go to <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

## 4-H Green Communities Tree Program:

Did you know that Illinois once held 14 million acres of trees, but that number has dropped to 5 million due to modern development practices? Illinois 4-H has partnered with Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts to help turn the tide by planting 775 oak trees in 31 counties across Illinois this spring and we need YOUR help! Contact your local Extension office to find out if your county is participating or support the program by heading here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgreencommunity> Give 4-H youth the ability to plant these fire-resistant, native oak species in public spaces where the community can enjoy the benefits. These 25-tree savannas will help rebuild our native ecosystems, .75 acre at a time.



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Coles County was selected for the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program! Members from Cooks Mills Clovers 4-H Club helped plant 25 trees at Charleston Lake on April 15, 2022. A huge thank you to all who helped!



## Coles County 4-H T-Shirts: Coming Soon

We are getting new county 4-H Shirts!! Orders and more information will come out next month!



## Spring Photography Contest: (Flyer Below)

Open to 4-H Members ages 8 to 18 in Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties!! Entries due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Contest Rules and Information:

- Photos must be taken by 4-H member
- 4-H'ers may submit one entry.
- Cash prizes for each age group.
- The entries will be reviewed & critiqued by a photography judge.
- Email entries to Yolanda at nation2@Illinois.edu
- Entries must be in PNG or JPEG format
- Non-4-H members in the photo must have a photo release submitted with the entry

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## 4-H Photography Workshop: (Flyer Below)

Coles and Cumberland 4-H is hosting a hands-on photography workshop with long-time photographer and photo enthusiast Jerry Brown.

This event will be held at the **White Pines Shelter at Fox Ridge** beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30.**

The **cost to attend is \$5** per participant. This workshop is open to all youth ages 8-19.

Find out more and register at <https://go.illinois.edu/4hpicturethis>

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# National Opportunities

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## Make a Difference:

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. [joann.com/4-H/](https://joann.com/4-H/#JOANNhearts4H)  
[#JOANNhearts4H](https://joann.com/4-H/#JOANNhearts4H).

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! [joann.com/4-H/](https://joann.com/4-H/)

## Shooting Sports/Environment

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### 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Wanted!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.



**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)

Questions? Contact Jess Hays at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu)

*“To Make the Best Better”*

# Memorial Camp

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## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Jessica Hays

### Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022



## Family Camp Spring 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022, we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

**Dates:** May 20-22

### **Fees:**

Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

**\*At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp> .

## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! 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.

**Arts & Crafts program staff** (18 years old minimum)

**Dates:** Mid May-July 29

**Details:** This paid position includes room and board.

**Cabin Counselors** (16 years old minimum)

**Dates**

May 31-June 4      Training

June 5-9      Youth Camp Session 1

June 12-16      Youth Camp Session 2

June 26-July 1      Camp Corral

July 5-9      Youth Camp Session 3

July 17-21      Youth Camp Session 4



**Details:** This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

**Kitchen Workers** (Hourly positions)

**Dates:** End of May thorough Mid-August

**Duties:** Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

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](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

## National 4-H Council

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### Shop 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our [Illinois pop-up shop](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page!



### 4-H at Home

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

[Get started here.](#)



## 4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. [Learn more here.](#)



## True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. [Register Now.](#)



## Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice. [Learn more here.](#)

# State Events Calendar

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## April

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| • April         | Crappie State 4-H Tournament                          |
| • April 6 and 7 | Legislative Connection                                |
| • April 9       | Awards Ceremony                                       |
| • April 16      | Robotics Competition                                  |
| • April 23 & 24 | State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests |
| • April 23      | True Leaders day of service day                       |
| • April 30      | State Public Speaking                                 |

## May

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| • May   | Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament   |
| • May 7 | Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL |

## June

- June Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
- June 5-9 Memorial Camp
- June 12-16 Memorial Camp
- June 20 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

## July

- July 5-9 Memorial Camp
- July 16 Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
- July 17-21 Memorial Camp
- July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

## August

- August 10 SYPA General Livestock
- August 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
- August 13 – 15 Illinois State Fair
- August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
- August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- August 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

- **Follow along for news, announcements, and stories!**

## State:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/illinois4h](http://www.facebook.com/illinois4h)  
Instagram: @illinois4h  
Twitter: @illinois4h

## County:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColesCounty4H>  
(@ColesCounty4H)

# Douglas-Hart Community Garden

## 4-H SPIN CLUB

Coles County 4-H and Douglas-Hart Nature Center are partnering to bring you a new

**4-H Special Interest Club!!!**



Come Join  
the Fun!!!

If you are interested in joining this club or would like more information, contact the Coles County Extension Office at 217-345-7034 or reach out to Jess Hays at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu).

Weekly Meetings  
Age 8 to 18



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# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS IN  
COLES, CUMBERLAND, DOUGLAS,  
MOULTRIE AND SHELBY  
COUNTIES



**Deadline:**  
**May 15**



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**3 Age Divisions**  
**(age as of 9/1/2021):**  
**Cloverbuds, 8-13, 14-18**

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## PICTURE THIS

### 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

IN THIS WORKSHOP, YOUTH WILL:

- PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION ON PHOTO COMPOSITION
- BE HANDS-ON WITH PHOTO COMPARISON USING DESIGN SET-UP
- INCREASE THEIR INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY

WHEN:

**APRIL 30**

WHERE:

**FOX RIDGE - WHITE  
PINES SHELTER**

TIME:

**9 AM**

FEE:

**\$5**



**REGISTRATION LINK: [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HPICTURETHIS](https://go.illinois.edu/4hpicturethis)**

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