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### 4-H Newsletter

March 2021

**4-H  
Officer  
Training**  
*Hosted virtually via Zoom*

**Sunday, March 21  
2-4 PM**  
*Register by March 12*

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# Fayette County 4-H



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*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### March

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## Fayette County 4-H

Making a difference for life



### Premium Checks

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### Swine, Dog, and Horse

Ownership forms can be printed online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-fayette-county> under Fairs & Show. If you are unable to print at home, please let Sarah know.

Completed forms are due **May 1**. Swine tags are not available yet.

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### Beef Weigh In Volunteers

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General Project show day: Saturday, August 14

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# Clay County 4-H



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# Effingham County 4-H



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### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

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**Effingham, IL 62401**

**Patti Logan, 4-H Program Coordinator, can be reached by phone at:**

**217-300-9294**

## Effingham County Recognition Award due April 1, 2021

It is that time of the year again! The Effingham County 4-H Foundation sponsors the Effingham County 4-H Recognition Award. Ten lucky 4-H members have the opportunity to win \$250 dollars towards their collage expenses.

The application form and two letters of recommendation (one from a 4-H leader and one from a non-family member such as teacher, employer or other community leader), should be submitted to the Effingham County Extension office by April 1, 2021. Letter of recommendation should be in a sealed envelope or emailed to [logan1@illinois.edu](mailto:logan1@illinois.edu) directly from the individual writing the recommendation letter.



## Effingham County 4-H

### Horse & Dog Ownership/ Lease Forms

4-H members who plan to exhibit dogs or horses at the Effingham County Dog & Horse exhibitions must complete the ownership/lease forms and provide them to the Extension office by May 1. Forms are available at the Extension office or visit [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff\\_dog\\_horse\\_ownership\\_form\\_-\\_effingham\\_2020.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff_dog_horse_ownership_form_-_effingham_2020.pdf)



### Project Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at the Effingham County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled in their projects May 1, 2021. The 4-H program year is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. To register visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

### Publications

If you are needing to order publications, you will do it directly at this web site:

[https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T](https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T)

### QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see if it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

An advertisement for The Equity Farm &amp; Home Store. The top part features the store's logo, which includes a green diamond shape with the word "EQUITY" inside. Below the logo, the text "FARM &amp; HOME STORE" is displayed in a bold, white font. The background of the ad is a dark wood texture. On the left, there are several fresh carrots. On the right, there is a small white pot with pink flowers. A central orange banner contains the text: "Are you interested in Gardening for a 2021 4-H Project?". Below this, another orange banner reads: "Stop By The Equity Farm &amp; Home Store - Mention Your Club Name - and Receive a Free Packet of Burpee Seeds to start your project today!". At the bottom, a green banner provides the store's hours: "STORE HOURS M-F: 7AM - 5PM + SAT: 7AM - 12PM + SUN: CLOSED". Below the hours, the store's address and phone number are listed: "201 W Roadway Ave + Effingham, IL 217-342-4101 + www.TheEquity.com". Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube are also present.

# Effingham County 4-H

## Birthday Corner

Those celebrating birthdays in the month of March are:

Lance	Apke	3/1
Kim	Beckman	3/1
Jackson	LaSarge	3/1
Zoey	LaSarge	3/1
Jack	Beckman	3/2
Kennedy	Bailey	3/4
Ethel	Stuckemeyer	3/4
Gage	Wernsing	3/5
Jayla	Arnett	3/6
Kassie	Morris	3/6
Alexis	Ordner	3/6
Brayden	Budde	3/7
Wyatt	Will	3/7
Barrett	Alwardt	3/8
Zayden	Kent	3/8
Jay	Macklin	3/8
Conner	Shelley	3/8
Brody	Will	3/8
Luke	Wente	3/10
Kyle	Budde	3/11
Julie	Larsen	3/11
Ryan	Siemer	3/11
Chloe	Winter	3/11
Nicole	Katt	3/12

Trevor	Niemerg	3/12
Lydia	Fuesting	3/13
Michelle	Beckman	3/14
Cecilia	Apke	3/15
Anabelle	Habing	3/15
Kaje	Thoele	3/16
Cash	Corley	3/17
Conner	Beckman	3/18
Oliver	Kreke	3/18
Joel	Macklin	3/18
Darlene	Budde	3/19
Ada	Tappendorf	3/22
Cauy	Hewing	3/23
Joy	McAllister	3/24
Crystal	Stuckemeyer	3/24
Otto	VanDyke	3/24
Claire	Beckman	3/25
Whitney	Stefanski	3/25
Grace	Camp	3/26
Charlee	Wending	3/27
Olivia	Will	3/28
Beau	Doedtman	3/29
Alexis	VanDyke	3/29
Mya	Ohnesorge	3/30
Hayden	Wending	3/30

The University of Illinois Extension staff would like to wish you a very happy birthday .

The 2021 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is now posted to the State Fair website – link below.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

**Effingham County  
Exhibits at State Fair  
Saturday, August 14**

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# Jasper County 4-H



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## **JASPER COUNTY**

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### **Office Hours:**

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Closed 12 to 1:00 p.m.

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*Office Support Assistant*



Jasper County Illinois 4-H

## **Calendar of events**

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### **March**

- 9 ..... Superintendent Meeting
- 11 ..... County Connections-Virtual Leader Meeting
- 18 ..... Leader Meeting
- 21 ..... 4-H Officer Training

### **April**

- 5 ..... Jasper Co. Public Speaking Contest

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**217-232-0887**



# Jasper County 4-H

## 4-H Enrollment

Due to Covid, some of the guidelines have been changed for this year. With it being an incomparable past year, **the Jasper County 4-H Foundation has voted to cover all program fees for Jasper County 4-H members!** With the outlook for this summer looking positive for in person shows, the Foundation hopes to encourage members to join without any type of financial burden. **A huge Thank You to the Jasper County 4-H Foundation!!**

The **enrollment deadline** for this year has been moved back to **March 15**. Please log onto [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com) to enroll before this deadline. Members must enroll by March 15 in order to show this summer.

Meeting requirements have also been altered to compensate for Covid restrictions. 4-H members *must* attend at least one club meeting in order to show. If members need help finding a club that suits their schedule, please contact Katie.

## Livestock Tags

All livestock animals (swine, beef, dairy, sheep, goats, and market animals) **must** be tagged no later than April 30, 2021 in order to show at the 2021 Jasper County 4-H Shows. Crossbred animals tagged in a previous year with Jasper tags do not have to be re-tagged, but should be listed on the tagging form. Purebred livestock must be property of the exhibitor by the latest ownership date (check your 4-H Handbook for ownerships dates).

Tags and tagging forms are available to be picked up at the Extension office on the following dates/times:

March 9, 10 AM-7 PM

March 10, 9 AM-4 PM

March 16-17, 9 AM-4 PM

March 18, 4:30-6:30 PM

March 23-25, 9 AM-4 PM

March 30-31, 9 AM-4 PM

\*Arrange a date/time outside of those listed above\*

Please call, email, or text Katie to schedule a date/time that works best for you.

Normal office hours of Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM is expected to begin April 1.

## Livestock Ownership Deadlines

All small animals and livestock must be owned by April 30 in order to show at the Jasper County 4-H Shows in June. Members planning to show at the Illinois State Fair must follow their specific guidelines. Guidelines for both county and state fairs are listed in the 4-H Handbook. 4-H Handbooks will be distributed to leaders at the March Leader's meeting on March 18, and they will be posted to the Jasper section of the Extension website.

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county>

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# Jasper County 4-H

## Public Speaking Contest

The Jasper County 4-H Public Speaking contest is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 5 at 7 PM. The location is TBD. More information about the contest will be emailed to 4-H members enrolled in the Public Speaking project mid-March. If a 4-H member is interested but not enrolled in this project yet, please contact Katie.

## 4-H...INSPIRE KIDS TO DO...

## Horse Judging Team

The 4-H Horse judging team will start practicing for upcoming events on March 1 at 3:30 PM at the Sunrise Youth Center & Comm. Building. If 4-H members are interested in joining the horse judging team, please contact Katie. The horse judging team will also make plans for upcoming clinics and fun rides this spring and summer.

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## Federation/Ambassador Training

There will be a Federation and Ambassador combined meeting and training on Sunday, March 21 at the Sunrise Youth Center. Within our meeting, we will participate in the virtual 4-H Officer Training which will be held from 2-4 PM. More details will be sent directly to Federation and Ambassador members, but please plan accordingly for an extended meeting that afternoon.

## Superintendent Meeting

The next 4-H Superintendent meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 9 at 7 PM at the Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building.**



## Leader Meeting

The next 4-H Leader's meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 PM at the Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building.**



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# Unit 21 4-H News



## Illinois 4-H outlines safety requirements for in-person events

We're looking forward to seeing you in 2021! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

The opportunity for face-to-face judging for Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper Counties will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible. By working together, we hope to return to face-to-face judging, but it only works if we are all equally committed to following essential COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

As excited as we are about the chance to step back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!



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**Learn more about officer roles and duties, with helpful ideas and information to bring back to your club!**

- ✓ Open to all current 4-H officers and 4-H members interested in becoming an officer!
- ✓ 4-H Leaders are welcome to attend



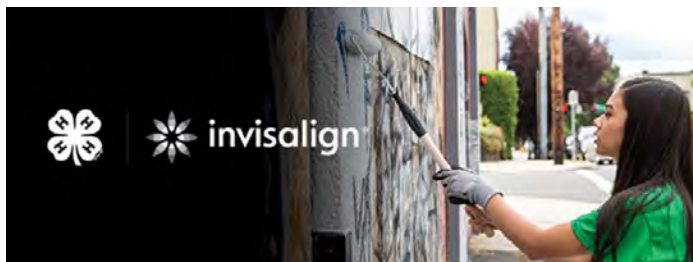
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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.  
If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, contact 217-347-7773. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.



# Illinois 4-H



## 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](https://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.

**4-H Memorial Camp** is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021. Different programming options are being developed 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 as decisions are made.



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/](https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/)

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](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu)



# Illinois 4-H

## Upcoming Events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

### 2021 Dates

February 17	Illini Summer Academies Registration Opens
February 18	Volunteer Café Conversations
February 19	DEADLINE: Agri-Science Virtual Summit Registration
February 28	Last day to apply ISA Trailblazer scholarship
March 1	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Registrations open 6/5 & 7/24
March 1	May Food Action Summit Registrations Open
March 4	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Registration
March 5-7	2021 Agri-Science Virtual Summit
March 6	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training (Virtual)
March 6	Dairy Quiz Bowl
March 13	Virtual Regional Hippology Contest
March 19	Discovering STEM in ACES event registration deadline
March 13	Virtual Regional Horse Bowl Contest
March 24	Illini Summer Academies Registration Closes
March 31	Registrations close for the Food Action Summit
Late April (TBD)	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
April-May (TBD)	YQCA
April 24 & 25	Youth Livestock Conference
April 25	True Leaders Service Day
May 15th	Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
May 20	Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
May 31	DEADLINE: State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Submissions Due
June 4	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
June 5	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 5	State Public Speaking Contest
June 27 – July 1	Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
July 11- 23, 2021	Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show
July – August	In-Bound Summer 2021



**Visit the Illinois 4-H Website  
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<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events>



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Illini Summer Academies are going virtual  
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