

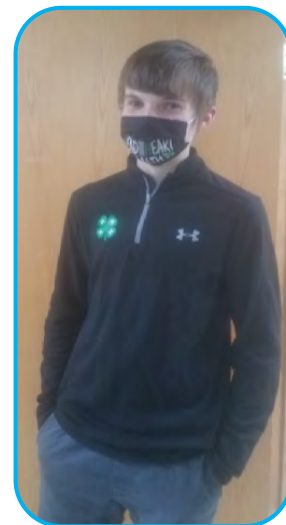
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4-H Newsletter

April 2021



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Jasper County Illinois 4-H

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

- 12Jasper Co. Public Speaking Contest
- 12Federation Meeting
- 154-H Ambassadors Attend Jasper Co. Board Meeting
- 17State Hippology Contest
- 20YQCA Training
- 24YQCA Training
- 24State Horse Judging Contest
- 24Nature Workshop

May

- 1Horse Clinic

Federation Meeting

The next 4-H Federation meeting will be on Monday, April 12, 6 PM at the Jasper County Extension office.

Jasper County Board Meeting

Jasper County 4-H Ambassadors will be attending the next Jasper County Board meeting on April 15. Ambassadors will give an update on the Jasper County 4-H program, school programs they are assisting with, and other Extension events and activities being held in Jasper County.

4-H Handbooks

2021 Jasper County 4-H Handbooks are available online!

If your family would like a printed copy, please contact your 4-H Leader or email Katie at turkal@illinois.edu

Jasper County 4-H

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. 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/>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

The YQCA is a livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA , which no longer exists. This training replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species: dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly. Youth must either attend a face-to-face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org> The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken up into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, seniors 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Face to face training dates (please note, there is a maximum of 30 participants per training):

Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM, Sunrise Youth Center

Saturday, April 24 at 9 AM, Sunrise Youth Center

More trainings will be listed in the May 4-H Newsletter



Officer Training

The 4-H Virtual Officer Training for Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper counties was held on Sunday, March 21. The Jasper County 4-H Ambassador team met prior to the training and discussed upcoming events, then participated in the training and ended the day's events with pizza from Joe's. Several of the Jasper County 4-H Federation members helped lead the training activities and gave helpful tips to 4-H members that are currently or would like to become 4-H Officers in their clubs or at a county, regional, or state level. They also were able to give some important parliamentary procedure information to help make club meetings run more smoothly. At the end of the training, members got to play Parliamentary Procedure Jeopardy, and everyone did a great job!



Jasper County 4-H

4-H Public Speaking Contest

The Jasper County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held at the Sunrise Youth Center & Community Building on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. 4-H members interested in participating in this event should enroll in the Public Presentations project on 4-H Online no later than Wednesday, April 1. 4-H members selected to move on to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will have the opportunity to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair.

Jasper County Livestock Ownership Dates

Beef/Dairy-April 30, current year

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Feeder Calves-April 30, current year

Horse- April 30, current year

Dog-April 30, current year

Cat-April 30, current year

Small Pets-April 30, current year

Rabbits/Poultry-April 30, current year

Swine-April 30, current year

Sheep- April 30, current year

Goats-April 30, current year

****In order to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair, exhibitors must follow state ownership guidelines.**

Premium Checks

2019 Jasper County 4-H Fair premium checks were mail.

Please cash/deposit them ASAP!

Horse Judging Team

Congratulations to the Jasper County 4-H Horse Judging team, including Chloe Jansen, Virgil Jansen, Taylor Slough, Alex Osborne, and Shawn Crutcher! The team competed in the Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl contests, receiving 2nd overall. Alex Osborne, Chloe Jansen, and Taylor Slough all placed in the top 10 in Hippology! They will go on to compete at the State Hippology contest on April 17!

The team will also participate in the State Horse Judging contest on April 24.

If any other 4-H members are interested in joining the 4-H Horse judging team, please contact Katie at turkal@illinois.edu.



Horse Clinic

Saturday, May 1

9 a.m.

Jasper County fairgrounds

Join us for a fun, hands-on event that includes body condition scoring and utilization of weight tape that will help keep your equine friends healthy and happy! Any questions about feeding or health issues will be answered and participants are welcome to ask additional questions after the workshop.

*We ask that members do not bring their horses to this clinic, but there will be horses for the demonstration portion.

Jasper County 4-H



Date	Show/Event	Time	Location
Monday, April 12	Public Speaking Contest	7:00 p.m.	Extension Office
Saturday, June 5	Clean-up Day	8:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds
TBD	*Horse Show	TBD	Jasper Co. Fairgrounds
Wednesday, June 16	Deliver Barrows to Hart rich's	8:00 a.m.	Hartrich's Meats, Ste. Marie
Thursday, June 17	General Building Set-Up	4-6 p.m.	4-H Building
Friday, June 18	General Show Registration	4-6 p.m.	4-H Building
Saturday, June 19	Section 20 FFA Shows		4-H Show Ring
Saturday, June 19	Dog Show	9:00 a.m.	TBD
Saturday, June 19	Cat Show	1:00 p.m.	TBD
Saturday, June 19	Move In	After 4 p.m.	
Saturday, June 19	Records & Health Paper Check-in	3-6 p.m.	4-H Building
Sunday, June 20	Poultry Show	2:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Sunday, June 20	Rabbit Show	5:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Monday, June 21	Weigh-In	8:00 a.m.	Beef and Swine Barns
Monday, June 21	Sheep & Goat Shows	4:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Tuesday, June 22	Swine Show	8:00 a.m.	4-H Show Ring
Tuesday, June 22	Beef Show	5:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Wednesday, June 23	Open Shows		4-H Show Ring
Wednesday, June 23	4-H Showcase/ Grandparents Day	5:00 p.m.	4-H Building
Thursday, June 24	Master Showmanship	8:00 a.m.	4-H Show Ring
Thursday, June 24	Dairy Show	9:30 a.m.	4-H Show Ring
Thursday, June 24	Set Up Show Ring Auction	2:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Thursday, June 24	Auction	5:00 p.m.	4-H Show Ring
Friday, June 25	Clean Up / Move Out		
Saturday, August 14	Illinois State Fair		Springfield, IL

Clay County 4-H



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Calendar of events

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April

15Clay County 4-H Memorial Scholarship due

18-24Volunteer Appreciation Week

29Livestock & Foundation Committee Meetings

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern, both globally and here in our community. Following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, campus leadership has implemented social-distancing protocols that impact all university events. Illinois Extension, as the outreach program of the university, aligns with all policies related to public health and safety.

University of Illinois Extension office in Clay County will be reopening to the public in April. It is recommended to call ahead, to ensure staff will be in the office and available.

Hours:

Monday-Friday

8-4:30, closed 11:30-12:30 for lunch

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Clay County 4-H Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship is offered to graduating HS Seniors and College Freshman & Sophomores, sponsored by the Clay County 4-H Foundation

Application can be found under County Awards: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-clay-county>

State 4-H Public Speaking

Location: Richland Community College, Decatur, IL

Sponsors: Compeer Financial and the Illinois 4-H Foundation

Qualifications: Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest.

Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in the Illinois State Fair General Projects Show.

Divisions: Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation

Scoresheets are available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>

Enrollment is open!

Register online at il.4honline.com

(The website will look a little different, so please let me know if you have any questions.)

Enrollment Instructions

New Members:

In the internet browser of your choice, pull up the 4-H online website: il.4honline.com and select *Don't have an account*.

Continue by *Creating a new 4-H Online Account*

Liability Form (blue)

Review the 4-H Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability form, then have it signed by participant and parent/guardian before returning to our office. *This only has to be signed once, so re-enrolling members do not need to complete again.*

Publications & Manuals

Members select their projects within 4-H Online and may purchase resources available to help them learn about the project. If books are needed please select the books you wish to receive in the online order form.

<https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>

Books will be ordered on a regular basis. *Clay Co. Extension will pay up to \$5 towards the cost of project manuals.

Clay County 4-H

Premium Checks

2019 Clay County 4-H Fair premium checks are being distributed by mail. **Please cash/deposit them ASAP!**



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA is currently required for those showing:
Beef, Goats, Sheep, or Swine

The YQCA training can be done either online or in person. The cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Face-to-face training in Clay County:
Date Pending, more information to come

Clay County 4-H Handbook and 4-H Fair Schedule

Handbooks will soon be available online under Fairs & Show:

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

Printed copies will be distributed through leaders to the 4-H families.

**Clay County Fair
July 24-31, 2021**

QAEC requirement

(new livestock members)

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, or swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. *Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test.*

The website is located online at:

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

Swine, Dog, and Horse

Ownership forms can be printed online under Fairs & Show:

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

If you are unable to print at home, please let Sarah know.

Completed forms are due **May 1**. Swine tags are available for pick up in the office!

Virtual Officer Training – follow up

Thank you to all who attended the 4-H Officer Training! We appreciate you taking the time to learn more about leadership and development of your club!

If you were unable to attend, but would like to receive the material provided, please contact Sarah.

Clay County 4-H



Tentative



2021 Clay County 4-H Show Schedule

May TBD

Location-Clay County Extension Office

TBD Public Presentations Contest

Thursday, July 22

Food & Clothing Show

Location – REA Building

4:30-5:30 PM Check-In

5:30 PM Judging Begins

Projects: Clothing & Textiles, Foods & Nutrition, Visual Arts-Food/
Cake Decorating

Friday, July 23

Location – REA Building

4-7 PM 4-H BBQ

Saturday, July 24

General Project Show

Location – REA Building

8:30 AM Check-in

9 AM Judging Begins

Projects: Aerospace, Animal Science, Bicycle, Civic Engagement, Cloverbud, College & Career Readiness, Communications, Computer Science, Consumer Education, Crops, Do Your Own Thing, Electricity, Entomology, Entomology Beekeeping, Exploratory, Forestry, Geology, Geospatial, Health, Horticulture: Floriculture, Horticulture: Vegetable Gardening, Intercultural, Interior Design, Leadership, Natural Resources, Photography, Plants & Soils, Robotics, Small Engines, Small Pets, Technologies, Theatre Arts, Tractor, Vet Science, Video/Filmmaking, Visual Arts, Weather, Welding, Woodworking

General & Food/Clothing Project Pickup

4-H Projects must be picked up Tuesday evening

1 PM Rabbit & Poultry Check-In

2 PM 4-H Poultry Show

Location – Show Ring

To follow 4-H Rabbit Show

Sunday, July 25

12 PM Livestock must be on the fair-
grounds

Location – Show Ring

12-1 Veterinary Paper Check

Check of livestock health papers for 4-H livestock
shows

12-3 PM Livestock Weigh-In

Location – REA Building

4 PM Awards Recognition, Livestock
Exhibitors Mandatory Meeting, Check of livestock
records & entries, & Master Showmanship Sign-Up

Monday, July 26

8 AM 4-H Beef Show

2 PM 4-H Sheep Show

Tuesday, July 27

8 AM 4-H Swine Show

2 PM 4-H Goat Show

5 PM Master Showmanship Contest

(Hosted by Clay County Farm Bureau Young
Leaders)

Wednesday, July 28

1 PM 4-H Tractor Driving Competition

6:30 PM Livestock Auction

Thursday, July 29

Location-REA Building

9:30 AM Check-in for dogs

10 AM 4-H Dog Show

12 PM 4-H Cat Show

6 PM 4-H Horse Show

Location – Arena

Effingham County 4-H



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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

- 1..... Recognition Award Application Due
- 1-30..... 4-H Llama Leaders Art Gallery Display
- 27..... Federation Meeting
- 30..... Horse & Dog Ownership/Lease Forms Due

May

- 1..... Project Enrollment Deadline
- 1..... Sheep Weigh In
- 4..... Top Dog Club Meeting



Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates!

<https://go.illinois.edu/EFFCO4HFACEBOOK>

Please turn the \$20 enrollment fee and “Code of Conduct, and Liability” form into our office! If you signed a liability form last year you do not need to sign another one. Be sure to write your 4-H member’s name on the memo line.

Mail to:

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Effingham County
1209 N. Wenthe Drive
Effingham, IL 62401



Effingham County 4-H

4-H Clubs can resume face-to-face meetings with the following guidelines: A *Safety Management Plan* is required for all in-person events hosted by the University of Illinois (including 4-H meetings and events) or in a facility owned or managed by the university. The *Safety Management Plan* should include these essential details.

Currently, we are at gathering size limit.

Face-to-face events, **outdoors**: Gathering size limited to lesser of 50 people or 50% of space capacity. Social distancing and face coverings required.

Face-to-face events, **indoors**: Gathering size limited to lesser of 50 people or 50% of space capacity. Social distancing and face coverings required.

The numbers above would include parents that attend the meetings. For anyone that does not feel comfortable attending in person, please contact your 4-H leader to see if other accommodations can be made. We do not want anyone to feel they must attend in person. Your safety, your family, and our 4-H leaders safety is our number one priority! 4-H clubs that have a private 4-H club page can you do a Facebook live, Zoom, Google meet, or if anyone knows of other ways members can still participate in the club meeting virtually. This is a great opportunity for Jr. Leaders to take charge and organize. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Patti Logan.

Top Dog Club will be resuming in-person meetings for the upcoming summer. The first meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 at the Effingham County Fairgrounds. New families/members are asked to come at 5:30pm for a brief orientation on club rules, club meeting expectations, and what to expect when showing dogs in Effingham County. Orientation will be followed by our first regular meeting of the summer at 6pm. Prior families/members are welcome to come to the orientation at 5:30pm, but may also choose to come at 6pm at the start of the meeting. As a reminder, prior to the first meeting, all dogs must have CURRENT proof of vaccination for the following vaccinations: Rabies, Distemper, Leptospirosis, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, and Bordatella. Please provide proof of vaccination to any leader prior to getting your dog out of the vehicle at the first meeting. For anyone interested in showing dogs, please ensure that you are signed up as a member of Top Dog Club in 4-H Online, as initial communications from the leaders will come via email from that list of members. Communications will begin mid- to late-April.

CONGRATULATIONS to Country Cousins 4-H Club! Country Cousins' 4-H members are recipients of the 2021 \$500 Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant! The Association is providing \$25,000 in donation funds to 50 4-H clubs and FFA chapters throughout the 60-county region of Illinois we serve. FCI is proud to partner with Country Cousins 4-H club in bringing tangible value to their community.



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

Any 4-H club wishing to engage in public speaking appearances must notify the Effingham Extension Office prior to the event.

SHEEP WEIGH IN MAY 1, 2021

*at Effingham County Fairgrounds from
9 -10:30 AM*

Boer/Dairy Goat WEIGH IN JUNE 5, 2021

*at Effingham County Fairgrounds from
9 -10 AM*

Boer/Dairy Goats -ALL wethers must be weighed in at Effingham County Fairgrounds.

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

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

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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.

Project Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at the Effingham County 4-H Shows, members must be enrolled in their projects by 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

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

Effingham County Fair

With the 4-H Fair season quickly approaching there will be a few policies and procedures put into effect for our exhibitors. First, as a reminder the only two species that are allowed to be leased are horses and canine. All other livestock are exempt from the lease provision.

Second, exhibitors wishing to show goats and sheep will be required to submit photos of their project. Required photos will include full view of left side, full view of right side, and any and all other identifiable distinguishing marks or scars.

PHOTOS OF MARKET LIVESTOCK – Species that are required to submit photos of their animals are: sheep, swine, and goat.

- a. Beef will receive tattoos in each ear. All beef steers are required to come to weigh in.
- b. Swine exhibitors will need to produce ear notches and tag numbers by June 1.
- c. Sheep & Goats take a picture of scrapie tags. All photos must be turned into the Effingham Extension office by June 1.

Click on the following link to print your livestock ownership forms: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-effingham-county>

WOW! Effingham County 4-H members had a very nice surprise from The Equity while weighing in their steers this morning! Members received a gift certificate and show feed from The Equity to continue their hard work and dedication to their animals. A SPECIAL thank you to The Equity for their many years of support to 4-H members!

A HUGE thank you to South Central FS, Inc. for their many years of support and for continuing to supply their scale for 4-H members to use. It is a very nice set up and is easy for 4-H members to use!

4-H is so fortunate to have their GREAT support. When it comes to our youth & 4-H, we can always count on The Equity and South Central FS, Inc.!



Effingham County 4-H



4-H FIBER ART DISPLAY

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FRIDAY 8AM TO 6PM, SATURDAY 9AM TO 1PM.

Come & support the Llama Leaders 4-H Club! Many projects were made with llama fiber that was sheared from our 4-H llamas! Check out our 3D Sculptures, Purses, Scarves, Hats, Ornaments and More!



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Featured Artist include:

<i>Jenna Chestnut</i>	<i>Annelise Donaldson</i>
<i>Ava Donaldson</i>	<i>Luke Donaldson</i>
<i>Scarlett Donaldson</i>	<i>Stella Esker</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kreke</i>	<i>Sierra Kreke</i>
<i>Scarlette Sorling</i>	<i>Belle Watkins</i>
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4-H Rabbit Superintendent Needed

Contact Carl Baker to Apply by
May 1, 2021

cdbaker@illinois.edu

The 4-H Rabbit Superintendent role is to provide a positive learning experience for 4-H members and volunteers in the judging of rabbit projects. In addition, they will be instrumental in promoting a positive image of 4-H to the public within the scope of University of Illinois Extension guidelines.

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TO EFFINGHAM COUNTY
4-H MEMBERS 8TH
GRADE & UP

**THE NEXT 4-H
FEDERATION
MEETING IS AT
5:30 P.M.
APRIL 27, 2021**

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PARTICIPATION IN FEDERATION ALLOWS OLDER 4-H'ERS TO START TAKING ON MORE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTY AND OFFERS MEMBERS THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING EVENTS BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL.

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Birthday Corner

Those celebrating birthdays in
the month of April are:

Mason	Lidy	4/1
Hunter	Ring	4/1
Violett	Runge	4/1
Luke	Vonderheide	4/1
Karen	Grupe	4/4
Ty	Ohnesorge	4/5
Dexten	Lotz	4/5
Caleb	Klingler	4/7
Elijah	Wendling	4/7
Pamela	Apke	4/10
Amelia	Wendling	4/10
Kaylee	Will	4/10
Grace	Schumacher	4/11
Jackson	Kinkelaar	4/11
Scarlette	Sorling	4/12
Michael	Alsbury	4/12
Megan Ailyn	Spring	4/14
Roscoe	Davies	4/15
Justin	Neu	4/15
Jolene	Habing	4/15
Joseph	Habing	4/15
Avery	Bohnhoff	4/17
Sophie	Niebrugge	4/18
Eli	Bowman	4/18
Jonah	Jansen	4/19
Alexziah	Hagler	4/21
Hadley	Hagler	4/21
Jason	Huber	4/22
Evie	Macklin	4/23
Michele	Kreke	4/24
Olivia	Katt	4/25
Maggie	Shepard	4/25
Kinley	Will	4/28
Emma	Bowman	4/29



Fayette County 4-H



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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

18-24..... Volunteer Appreciation Week

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://fb.me/FayetteCountyIL4H>



News and updates posted there!

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. Following [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidelines](#), campus leadership has implemented social-distancing protocols that impact all university events. Illinois Extension, as the outreach program of the university, aligns with all policies related to public health and safety.

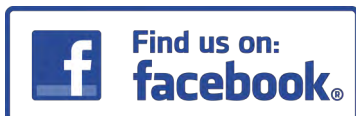
University of Illinois Extension office in Fayette County will be reopening to the public in April.

Hours:

Monday-Friday

8-4:30, closed 11:30-12:30 for lunch

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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 18-24, 2021



**Celebrating the impact our volunteers
make on the community!**

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

Virtual Officer Training—follow up

Thank you to all who attended the 4-H Officer Training! We appreciate you taking the time to learn more about leadership and development of your club!

If you were unable to attend, but would like to receive the material provided, please contact Sarah.

State 4-H Public Speaking



Location: Richland Community College, Decatur, IL

Sponsors: Compeer Financial and the Illinois 4-H Foundation

Qualifications: Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in the Illinois State Fair General Projects Show.

Divisions: Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation

Scoresheets are available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>

Enrollment is open!

Register online at il.4honline.com

(The website will look a little different, so please let me know if you have any questions.)

Enrollment Instructions

New Members:

In the internet browser of your choice, pull up the 4-H online website: il.4honline.com and select *Don't have an account*.

Continue by *Creating a new 4-H Online Account*

Liability Form (blue)

Review the 4-H Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability form, then have it signed by participant and parent/guardian before returning to our office. *This only has to be signed once, so re-enrolling members do not need to complete again.*

Publications & Manuals

Members select their projects within 4-H Online and may purchase resources available to help them learn about the project. If books are needed please select the books you wish to receive in the online order form.

<https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>

Books will be ordered on a regular basis. *Clay Co. Extension will pay up to \$5 towards the cost of project manuals.

Fayette County Fair: July 10-14, 2021

Fayette County 4-H



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA is currently required for those showing: **Beef, Goats, Sheep, or Swine**

The YQCA training can be done either online or in person. The cost for the face -to -face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Face -to-face training in Fayette County:
Date Pending, more information to come

Sheep & Goat Weigh In

Sheep & Goat weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 9-11AM at the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

Fayette County 4-H Handbook and 4-H Fair Schedule

Handbooks will soon be available online under Fairs & Show.

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

Printed copies will be distributed through leaders to the 4-H families.

Fayette County 4-H
Making a difference for life

Swine, Dog, and Horse

Ownership forms can be printed online under Fairs & Show.

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

If you are unable to print at home, please let Sarah know.

Completed forms are due **May 1**. Swine tags are available in the office!

QAEC requirement (new livestock members)

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, or swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. *Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test.*

The website is located online at:

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

Premium Checks

2019 Fayette County 4-H Fair premium checks are being distributed by mail.

Please cash/deposit them ASAP!

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Tentative

2021 Fayette County 4-H Show Schedule



May TBA

Fayette County Public Presentations Contest

TBD June

Food & Clothing Show

12 – 1 PM Check- In

1 PM Judging Begins

1:30 PM Table Decorating & Foods Demonstration

2:00 PM Fashion Revue

*Awards presentation will be held Wednesday, July 14

*Visual Arts-Food Decorating is judged on this day

Times are approximate

Brownstown Elementary School

TBA

9 AM – 11 AM Fayette County Fairgrounds Clean Up

Saturday, July 10

8 AM Horse Show Check-In

9 AM 4-H Horse Show

2:30 PM 4-H Rabbit Show Check-In

3:00 PM 4-H Rabbit Show



Sunday, July 11

11 AM Check of livestock health papers, livestock records, and entries for 4-H livestock shows

11:30 AM 4-H Poultry Show Check-In

12:00 PM 4-H Poultry Show

1:00 PM Weigh In of Market Swine, Sheep, Beef and Dairy Steers

4:00 PM 4-H Goat Show

Monday, July 12

8 AM 4-H Sheep Show

11 AM 4-H Beef Show/Dairy Steer Show

5 PM 4-H Swine Show

Tuesday, July 13

TBD 4-H Dairy Show

6 PM 4-H Auction

Wednesday, July 14

9 AM 4-H General Project Show

8:30 AM Check-In

Opens for assigned clubs

1:30 PM 4-H Dog Show Check-In

2:00 PM 4-H Dog Show

3:00 PM Dairy Cattle must be on the fairgrounds

Unit 21 4-H News



Illinois youth learn skills to become healthy living changemakers

URBANA, Ill. – The past year has presented many challenges to people's physical, emotional, and mental health. Risk factors such as poverty, neglect, and violence can make the challenges more intense, and social isolation and uncertainty from COVID-19 may continue to negatively impact community health for some time to come. 4-H Youth now have the tools to become healthy living changemakers right in their communities through the leadership of prominent lifestyle and health experts at the recent National 4-H Summit for Healthy Living.

Illinois 4-H youth represented Illinois in facilitator, speaker, and ambassador roles.

Designed for grades 9 through 12, the summit brought together teen health leaders from across the country to focus on helping teens develop the knowledge and skills to address today's issues facing nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Fifteen teens were chosen to represent Illinois at the conference as 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassadors.

Over 500 ambassadors gathered for this virtual conference.

“The changes that came from holding the conference virtually were amazing,” says Susan Sloop, University of Illinois Extension youth development educator. “The virtual format allowed youth to participate in a way they couldn't before.” Twelve collegiate facilitators were chosen to assist with the new event format, including Metropolis, Illinois youth Kaitlyn May.

“It was an incredible honor to be selected as a collegiate facilitator for the 2021 National Healthy Living Summit and to represent Illinois 4-H in the process,” May says. “I was fortunate to be able to attend in person a couple of years ago and learned so much from it. To be able to be on the facilitator side of it this year was a great experience and I hope to be able to participate again next year. I enjoyed the collaboration among all of the facilitators as we planned activities. It was great to meet so many new 4-H members from across the country.”

Illinois' Elizabeth Weidner, 2021 4-H Youth in Action Award Winner, provided the capnote address on her experience battling childhood cancer and becoming an advocate for childhood cancer research.

These delegates will now have the opportunity to take what they have learned, assess the needs of this community, create an action plan, and compete for an opportunity to receive a National 4-H stipend to implement their plan. '

“We're challenging our ambassadors to ask ‘How healthy is my community?’” Sloop says. “We hope they take a really holistic approach in assessing their communities and creating their action plans.”

Unit 21 4-H News

Ninety-nine percent of the teens who attended the 2019 Healthy Living Summit reported that it helped them become leaders and create change in their communities.

This event was sponsored, in part, by Illinois Extension and funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

About Illinois 4-H: Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities, two times more likely to make healthier choices, two times more likely to be civically active, and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

About Extension: Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

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Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>



Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

Host an international student: Host a Japanese 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>



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Registration Open:

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local UofI Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss!

Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:



Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>



Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

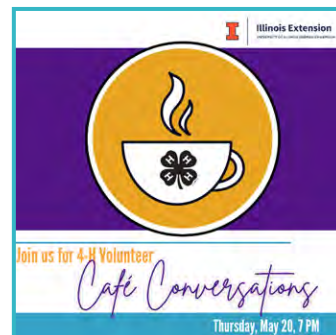
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (**registration opens 3/18**):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Upcoming State Events

April 12	Registrations close for the Youth Livestock Conference
April 24 & 25	Youth Livestock Conference
April 24	State Horse Judging (virtual)
April 24	True Leaders Service Day
April 30	Registrations close for the Robotics Challenge
May 15	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 Exchange Program Summer 2021



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