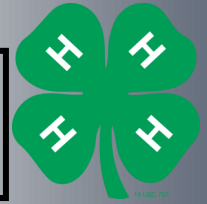




NEWSFLASH



March 18th, 2021

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Hello 4-H Families,

Although, the weather has been a bit wintery this week, spring is definitely in the air! With the warmer weather here and flowers starting to pop thru the ground- we are gearing up for summer events! We are adding events and dates weekly to our Calendar of Events. Please read through them and make sure you are marking your calendars and saving the dates for the upcoming 4-H Shows.

IMPORTANT items in this E-News that you want to pay special attention to:

- * YQCA- Instructor Led, April 10th
- * 4-H Camp Registration is OPEN!
- * Last day to add/change projects & enroll is April 1st
- * Public Speaking Contest Registration is open NOW
- * Dog SPIN Club Kick-off Meeting, March 24th- 6:30 pm
- NEXT Countywide 4-H Meeting, March 29th

Think Spring,
~Brenda



March
Ambassador
Meeting-
Cupcake
Decorating
Kasen DeHaven
(Country Cuzins)
& Michelle
Marck (Freeport
Fantastics)



Aubrey Benning (Davis Rockets)
Mom & Uncle enjoying 4-H Ski day!



Find us on
Facebook!

CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY: Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a “Non-Eligible for Show” Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office. Please do your best to attend!

4-H UNIVERSITY APP- The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for all androids and iPhones called “4-H University.” Currently, this app will feature “Cooking 101” material, project manual for the “Technology: Drone” project and material for the new “Maker” project. You may find this app on the Apple Store

Manuals: The next set of manuals have been sorted and are being picked up by leaders! If you ordered some recently they should be getting handed out at your next 4-H meeting. I will order one more batch of manuals on April 2nd. After this date no more manuals will be ordered for this 4-H year. The link to order is: [https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOe9t\\$1T](https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOe9t$1T)

PUBLIC PRESENTATION CONTEST IS BEING HELD:

April 20th, 2021

At the Highland Community College Campus-
Building N-Rm 107

At 6:30p.m.

Online registration is open NOW—April 15th.

If you signed up for this project area you should have received an email from the Extension office giving you more information.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are limiting our audience this year to **ONLY** the member and 2 spectators.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training— The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat**. 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/>.

The deadline to complete this training is June 1, 2021.

HORSE LEASE/OWNERSHIP PAPERWORK— All horse paperwork is due on May 1 in the Extension Office. This means you must own a horse or have one leased by this date. All horse show exhibitors must have completed the QAEC at least once in their career. You must turn in the ownership/lease form, must have a lifetime liability waiver on file, medical release, and your guidelines and policies forms. You must take NEW pictures. Pictures from previous years have been discarded. I will email these to you!

Please keep in mind that you are NOT required to turn in your Coggins at this time. You will be required to have it “in hand” for the 4-H fair or any show/clinic that you participate in, however.

4-H ONLINE:

4-H families and leaders are now able to log in to 4-H Online and view their projects. If you want to add or delete a project— you can do that now as well! All new projects must be added by April 1.

SUMMER SHOWS: 4-H staff across Illinois are excited about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging this summer. Stephenson County 4-H is planning for in-person Summer Shows. Although I do not have all the answers at this time, I can say with certainty that things will look different. The decisions that will be made in the upcoming months will be based on local conditions and will reflect the requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may also be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department (based on local conditions at the time of the event).

This is an evolving situation. Please keep in mind that 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. I will be sending more information in the upcoming months. You will be responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with all guidelines. Here are some dates for you to begin thinking about (keep in mind these may change).

TENTATIVE:

**4-H Clothing & Textiles, Candy Making,
Cake Decorating & Flower Arranging— Friday, June 25th**

General Projects Day - Wednesday, July 7th

Dog Show, Cat Show, Rabbits & Cavies Show—Saturday, July 10

Crops, Foods, Horticulture & Cloverbud Shows—Monday, July 19

4-H Livestock Shows: Poultry, Dairy, Goat, Swine, Sheep & Beef—Monday, July 26

Animal Ownership Deadlines— All 4-Hers who intend to exhibit at the 2021 Stephenson County 4-H Show must abide by the following ownership deadlines.

January 1

Performance Cows (Beef)

Dairy Cows

Milking Does (Goat)

February 1

Steers

Ewes

May 15

Market Wethers & Ewes (sheep)

Jr. & Open Premiere Sheep

All Meat Goats (wethers and all breeding animals)

Beef Bucket Calves

June 1

Gilts (Swine)

Dairy Calves & Heifers

Barrows (Swine)

All Rabbits

All Poultry

Beef Heifers

Horse/Pony

Dogs

Dairy Goat -Kids/Yearlings (not in milk)

All Pygmy Goats

June 25

Sheep Ewes & Rams

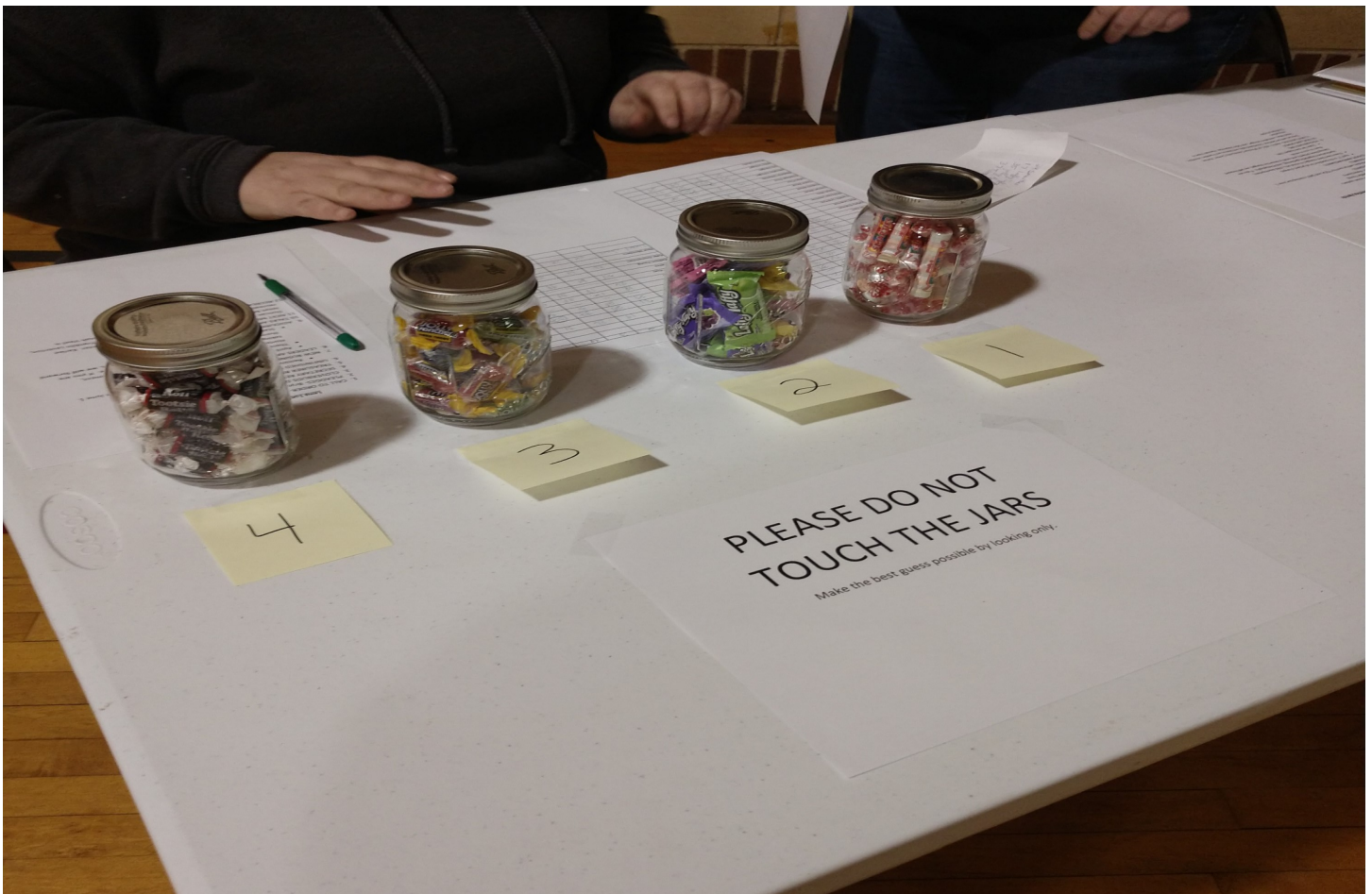


STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

The Lena Lucky Clovers 4H group met on March 2nd 2021 at the Winslow Community Building. When you first walked in, there was a candy guess for anyone who wanted to participate. The candy jars were Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Laffy Taffy, and Jolly Ranchers. The candy guess winners were Addison Tiesman, Lily Schoger, Jonathan Schoger, and Sydney Duncan. Bryson Shultz led both of the pledges to start the meeting. The members made St. Patricks Day cards for the Lena Living Center using stickers and green cards with a little sentence inside. The Clover Buds met separately and made a St. Patricks Day shamrock craft. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2021.

By Addison Tiesman

4H Reporter



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



It's that time of year again! If you are a 4-H Member showing: sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or beef you will need to do your Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training again BEFORE the June 1st deadline. This is for all members ages 8-18 showing livestock for a 4-H show. There are two ways you can get the training:

- 1) You can take the online training (there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. The link to do that is <https://yqca.learngrow.io/> You **MUST** use your 4-H Online information to create an account and gain access to the course. **DO NOT** use the FFA/ Independent sign-in. Once completed please print 2 copies of your certificate– 1 needs to be given to the Extension office before June 1st, and the other one travels with the 4-H member to the shows.
- 2) **Instructor-led training– this is being held at the Farm Bureau Building April 10th from 9:30-11 a.m. Pre-registration is required!** Go to: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/> and select the in-person training (**LIMITED Seating– so SIGN up Early**) Cost is \$3, per student and **MUST** be paid at the time of registration.

REMINDER—

If you are showing any other livestock than the 5 listed above, you will need to complete the QAEC once in your lifetime. This is a free training completed online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. If you are showing one from each area, you will need to complete both. For example, if you are showing beef and a rabbit, you will need to complete both the QAEC and the annual YQCA.

Any Questions: you can reach Brenda at bheimann@illinois.edu

or 815-235-4125

4-H Dog SPIN Club Schedule 2021

**Kick Off Meeting: March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
HCC, Bldg R- Room 153**

Traditional obedience class (Beginning Novice, Preferred Novice and Novice) will begin at 6 p.m. Showmanship will begin at 6:45 p.m. Rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. These classes will meet on Wednesdays.



May 19
May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7



July 9 *Last practice session on evening before Dog Show

All classes will be held at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds in the Foresight Commercial Building or outside of the building on the grass (weather permitting).

**The 4-H Dog Show is Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Foresight Commerical Building.**

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Life at 4-H Camp

We are very thrilled to announce that we will be hosting 4-H Camp - day camps this year! While we are unable to host an overnight due to COVID policies, we are excited to host three days of 4-H Day camp. These three days will give campers a similar experience to past 4-H camp without the overnight. We will again be attending Rock River Christian Camp, in Polo, Illinois. 4-H Day Camp will offer a variety of safely-led activities such as: archery, crate stacking, arts and crafts, hiking, zip-line, team building and large group games, as well as end each day with a camp evening program.

4-H Camp is open to a total of 75 youth each day that are between the ages 8-14 by June 15, 2021. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth may choose to attend, one, two or all three days for 4-H day camp. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with check-in and check-out procedures.

Camp Location

4-H Camp is at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. Rock River Christian Camp has 94 acres that have been transformed over the years into a beautiful facility for youth and adults.

Staff at RRCC are certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. There is a qualified first aid person at camp at all times. Campers select their own activities, and are supervised at all times. 4-H Youth Development staff extensively train all camp counselors. We strive to maintain an environment that both encourages personal growth and creates an unforgettable summer experience.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend contact the registration office at 815-732-2191

Northern Illinois 4-H Summer Camp

(4-H Camp without the overnight)

Rock River Christian Camp | Polo June 15-16-17 | 9AM-8PM



Cost: \$60 per day

Options to choose 1, 2 or all 3 days
Includes boxed lunch, dinner and snack
Must pay in full by credit card



Registration Information:

Register by May 3, 2021
Limited space so sign up today!
go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp



Contact Information:

Martha Ebbesmeyer, (Carroll, Lee, Whiteside)
Youth Development Educator
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Johnna Jennings, (Boone, DeKalb, Ogle)
Youth Development Educator
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Angela Miller, (Jo Daviess, Winnebago, Stephenson)
4-H Program Coordinator
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Covid restrictions and safety guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe camp experience. Campers will need to be dropped off/picked up each day. Adults/guardians will NOT be allowed to stay.



State Horse Judging Contest– Virtually

- **Registration is open NOW– Deadline is March 31st.**
- **Judging Date is April 24th from 10-2**

**If you are signed up for Horse as a project–
Check your email for more information**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS- 2021



MARCH 2021

- 15 Fair Entry opens for Public Presentations
- 15 **DEADLINE for program book cover contest**
- 24 Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 pm, HCC, BLDG- R, 153
- 29 Stephenson Countywide Virtual 4-H Meeting via Zoom, 6:30pm

APRIL 2021

- 1 **Final day to add/change projects in 4-H Online**
Enrollment due date to enroll in 4-H Online for ALL new members
- 10 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 9-12pm
- 10 **YQCA Training, Farm Bureau building- 210 W. Spring St**
Freeport
9:30-11 a.m.
- 20 Stephenson County Public Presentations Contest, HCC, Room N-107, 6:30 pm
- 18-24 National Volunteer Week
- 24-25 Youth Livestock Conference, Springfield

MAY 2021

- 1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
- 1 Camp Counselor Training, Ogle County Office, 9-3pm
- 15 Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
- 19, 26 Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
- 31 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2021

- 1 **Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification**
- 1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office
- 1 Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office
- 1 Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), *ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
3	Babysitting Clinic, Pearl City District
5	Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Richland Community College, Decatur
15-17 9am-8pm	4-H Day Camp- <u>no overnight</u> , Rock River Christian Camp, Polo
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
25	4-H SHOW Clothing & Textiles, Candy Making, Cake Decorating & Flower Arranging- HCC TBD 9 AM
30	Wizarding World of 4-H Day Camp* <i>Tentative</i> *, Location TBD

JULY 2021

5	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
7	General Projects Day, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 9 AM
7, 9	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
10	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
10	Stephenson County Cat Show, 1 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
10	Stephenson County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Rabbit building
19	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight & Liberty buildings
19	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building
26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, & Beef, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-31	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds

AUGUST 2021

12-22	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day
28	Illinois State 4-H Dog Show, Granny Rose, Dixon

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Adkins Energy- This Scholarship is designed for ANYONE actively pursuing higher education. Adkins Energy LLC will award 3- \$500 scholarships. Please visit their website: www.adkinsenergy.com **Deadline is April 5th, 2021**



R. C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship— Must be a Stephenson County resident, studying agriculture with an emphasis in conservation. 1- \$1000 scholarship will be awarded. Please contact Julie Miller, Office Support Assistant at 815-235-4125 for application. **Deadline is: June 1st, 2021**

Junior Livestock Conference: Come join the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador

Team and get hands-on experience at this year's Junior Livestock Conference! This year's theme is "Making Your Mark" – There are so many ways to Make Your Mark in the livestock industry. Whether you are identifying a disease, branding a steer, developing a new feed ration, or being a leader in the industry – you can Make Your Mark in all things you do! In order to hold this event in person, number of participants has been reduced and the format of the conference has changed to a one-day conference. The conference will be offered on Saturday, April 24 and repeated on Sunday, April 25. Participants will choose one of those dates to attend. Registration is limited to 26 youth each day and spots are on a first come, first served basis. Note that maximum capacity for this event is often reached before the registration deadline.

- Options to Attend: Saturday, April 24 OR Sunday, April 25
- Open to any youth currently in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades
- Registration Link: go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock
- Registration Open: March 3, 2021
- Registration Closes: April 12, 2021

Participants will rotate through all workshops :

Poultry, Egg Judging, and Breed I.D.

Which came first – the chicken or the egg? From candling to egg judging, join us to understand the “egg”citing world of poultry. Not only will you learn to evaluate fertility in an egg, but you can preserve your knowledge by taking home a chick embryo.

Mastitis Testing, Milking a Cow

Come join us and try your hand at milking our mechanical cow and put your “Mark” of approval on a sam-ple of milk before it heads to the fridge!

Making Rope Halters, Saddle Fitting, Livestock Knots

By using the power of your own two hands, you can saddle up and lead the way to making your mark in your species by learning how to make temporary halters and how to tie safe and proper knots.

Livestock I.D. (branding, tagging, notching, etc.)

Make your mark by learning a wide variety of identification techniques utilized in livestock over time. This workshop will teach the importance of permanent identification, and offer hands-on experience of many methods including ear notching, tagging, tattooing, hot and cold branding, EID, microchipping and DNA tagging.

Junior Livestock Conference Cont'd

Nutrition Experiments, Feed I.D., Hay Judging

Join us in taking a closer look at ruminant and non-ruminant nutrition and the raw materials that go into these rations. Participants will engage in hands-on feed I.D., formulation, and digestion experiments.

Hoof Trimming, Bandaging, Wound Care

This station incorporates live animals for your hands-on bandaging, wrapping, and wound care practice. Hoof trimming will be explained and demonstrated by instructors.

Magna Wave Laser Therapy

Watch a live demonstration and learn various uses for magna wave laser therapy.

SIGN up today! Don't miss out!





**TRY
SOMETHING
NEW!**

Career Sparks Series (Not a Summer Program)

Career Sparks is a unique opportunity for teens to **explore career paths** by connecting with highly successful young professionals in diverse industries.

We are looking for (3) youth who are highly energetic and interested in being in front of a camera to interview a young professional. Please contact Cindy Ogwal at cowusu@illinois.edu for additional information.

Discovering STEM in ACES

The pre-college summer programs have officially launched and wish to invite you to share with students grades 9-11 in your units. Many of you have known of the Research Apprentice Program (RAP) is held in person in campus. Due to Covid-19 pandemic we have decided to move forward this summer virtually. We have renamed the program to **Discovering STEM in ACES**. You can access more information at <https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem>.

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, July 11- 23, 2021, via Zoom from the University of Illinois. It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. The application deadline is Friday-March 19,2021.

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program. This program is also virtual via Zoom, July 11-30, 2021. The deadline to apply is Thursday- March 25, 2021. See the link to access the application: <https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery>

Both programs are **FREE!** We are available to visit your school or community organization virtually to talk more about both programs.

Please contact: Chicago area: Diana Rodriguez, 773-540-1990, drodrgz1@illinois.edu, Other Illinois area: Dr. Jesse Thompson, 217-333-3380, jthomps5@illinois.edu

I hope that your students will seek to experience these STEM opportunities here on the University of Illinois campus. The graduation rate for this program is 96%, and 37% went on for graduate and professional degrees.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021; 7 PM

ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

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>



INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Click here "[share your 4-H Story](https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory)" today!



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

ILLINOIS SUMMER ACADEMIES

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! Registration is open now! Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our go.illinois.edu/illini4H or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu



The graphic features a central tablet displaying the event details. At the top of the tablet is the 'ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES' logo, which includes a green four-leaf clover with the letters '4H' on it. Below the logo, the text reads 'Follow your passion!' in a red script font, followed by 'Illini Summer Academies are going virtual' in a blue sans-serif font, and 'June 27 - July 1, 2021' in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. At the bottom of the tablet screen, there is the Illinois Extension logo (a red 'I' with a vertical line) and the text 'Illinois Extension UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN'. Below the tablet, a mouse cursor icon points to the URL 'go.illinois.edu/illini4H'. To the right of the tablet, there is a circular badge with a blue border containing the text 'REGISTER BY March 24th' in red and blue.

Participants will choose one academy of interest to study Monday through Wednesday during the event. On Thursday, July 1 participants will attend a college and career day conference. Registration cost includes an event registration fee plus an academy session fee. Each academy has specific materials and activities for this event, therefore cost will vary from academy to academy. Registration fees cover the cost for your academy, the supplies and materials needed for the week, a conference t-shirt, and the shipping of these items. Participants will receive an Illini Summer Academies box before the event.

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Veterinary Medicine

Honeybees and Beekeeping

Media and Communications Academy– Telling Stories about Ag and the Environment

Animal Science Academy

Feeding a Growing Population: Food Production, Technology, Plant Behavior, Crops

Future Teacher Academy

Save the World with ACE

Business Academy

Going Nuts for Environmental Sciences

Explore Family and Relationship Science



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

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

TOPICS will include:

One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

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

Thank you 4-H Volunteers! We
appreciate all you do for our
Youth!

We ♥
Volunteers

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



If you do gardening with kids or have them do service projects such as bring food to food pantries, you might see something on our NDSU Extension webinar list you want to attend.

<https://ndsus.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b303ec77430a20180bc6a4b92&id=502444b486>

Sign up below to register for the Field to Fork Weekly Webinars from NDSU. Depending on your state, you might see some familiar names!

The free webinars will be held each **Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Central time February 10 through April 21**. They will be archived for later viewing; however, participating in the “live” webinar allows you to interact with the presenter.

When you sign up, you'll receive two reminder emails, a link to an evaluation survey, and a message about how to access the recording for each of the 11 webinars below:

- Feb. 10: Shopping in a Garden Center: Tips for Customers and Managers - Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension agent - horticulture, Cass County
- Feb. 17: Growing Safe Produce for Distribution to Food Pantries - Barbara Ingham, professor and Extension food science specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Feb. 24: Hot Topics in Food Preservation - Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate, Kansas State University
- March 3: High Tunnel Cut Flower Production - Esther McGinnis, associate professor and Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 10: The Best Vegetable Varieties for 2021 - Tom Kalb, Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 17: Weed Control in the Home Garden - Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- March 24: The “Good” Creepy Crawlers in Your Garden - Janet Knodel, professor and Extension entomologist, NDSU
- March 31: Maple Syrup Production - Joe Zeleznik, Extension forester, NDSU
- April 7: Hot Topics in Nutrition: Why Eat Fruits and Vegetables, Anyway? - Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and food and nutrition specialist, NDSU
- April 14: Tips for Selling Food Safely at Farmers Markets - Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri
- April 21: How to Start a New Food Business - Amy Illg, program administrator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Food and Lodging

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ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

June

Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	3 Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	4 Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	5 Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show
6 Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	15 Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	16 Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	17 Midwest Charity show starts Non Fair Show	18 Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show	19 Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show
20 Take down Midwest Charity Décor Non Fair Show	21 Western Show Appaloosa & POA Show Move in State Fair Show	22 Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show State Fair Show	23 Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show State Fair Show	24 Non Fair Show	25 Non Fair Show	26 Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show
27 Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show	28 Non Fair Show	29 Western Paint Show Move in State Fair Show	30 Western Paint Show State Fair Show			

2021

July

Horse Show Events at the Illinois Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Western Paint Show AQHA move in State Fair Show	2 Western AQHA Show State Fair Show	3 Western AQHA Show Barrel Racing in MPA State Fair Show
4 Barrel Racing in MPA State Fair Show	5 Palomino World Show Move in Non Fair Show	6 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	7 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	8 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	9 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	10 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show
11 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	12 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	13 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	14 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	15 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	16 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	17 Palomino World Show Non Fair Show
18 Clean Stalls	19 Western Reining Show move in State Fair Show	20 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	21 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	22 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	23 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	24 Western Reining Show State Fair Show
25 Jr Horse Show Schooling over jumps. In the After noon 4:00 to 8:00	26 Jr Horse Show English Dressage, Jumping Hunt Seat Saddle Seat	27 Jr Horse Show English Showmanship Conformation Equitation	28 Jr Horse Show Tail Class, Traditional & Stock Pattern Costume Class Scholarship Class	29 Jr Horse Show Western Ranch Riding & Pleasure & Horsemanship	30 Jr Horse Show Western Horsemanship Gymkhana in the MPA in the afternoon	31 Jr Horse Show Western Conformation Showmanship, Egg & spoon Versatility

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ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

August

Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Jr Horse Show Western Pleasure Reining State Fair Show	2	3	4	5	6 Society Horses move in	
8	9 1 st Session Society Horse Show	10 1 st Session Society Horse Show	11 1 st Session Society Horse Show	12 1 st Session Society Horse Show State Fair Starts	13 1 st Session Society Horse Show Draft Horse move in	14 Draft Horses move in Livestock show of champion
15 Draft Horse Show	16 Draft Horse Show	17 Draft Horse Show Livestock Sale	18	19 2 nd Session Society Horse Show	20 2 nd Session Society Horse Show	21 2 nd Session Society Horse Show
22 Draft Horse Pull in the afternoon	23	24	25	26	27	28 Western Mounted Shooting State Fair Show
29 Western Mounted Shooting State Fair Show	30	31				

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



REINVIGORATING PASTURES AND EXPANDING GRAZING

MARCH 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 2021

6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

2021 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference



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Think Spring Gardening Series

This virtual series will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 16-April 1st. 6:30-8:30 pm to pre-register got to go.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-235-4125

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



**Rural Pond
Management Webinar**
March 30, 7-8:30 pm

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