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Good afternoon 4-H Families,

As our 4-H shows and contests season begins, it is vital that you take the time to read emails and pay attention to dates and deadlines. I do not want to have any sad kids or negative experiences due to someone not reading the numerous times I have sent out information.

We kick off our Public Presentations Contest on Wednesday. Our presenters are limited to 2 spectators due to the University of Illinois guidelines. Everyone must be masked and practice social distancing. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

On Monday, I offered a 4-H 101 Zoom meeting. Here is the link to the recording if you missed it: https://illinois.zoom.us/rec/share/R8Fet0wH_mw1nzWzB_EFezV1V9Bn62LES6zXwla9goRO33IsbK6wJYkLtMmAThT.WpNfoWgKAotZZWgF .

Enjoy the weekend!
Becky Gocken

Attention 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef and Dairy Show Participants:

The YQCA annual training is required by the state 4-H office this year to show in any 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goat, Beef or Dairy livestock show. You may take the in-person training with me on Saturday, May 8 at 2 pm at Prince of Peace Church, Rockton for \$3 per member, or on your own for \$12 per member.

You must pre-register using your 4-H Online Family email and password by May 6 and pay via credit card at:

<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

All other livestock shows still require the QAEC training which can be found at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> .

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Click on the photo to take you to the registration!

I MADE THAT! MEDITERRANEAN MEALS

Send your taste buds on a trip to the Mediterranean in celebration of Mediterranean Diet Month!

University of Illinois Extension & 4-H has a fun opportunity to enhance your cooking skills! We are putting together educational cooking kits - designed to inspire the inner chef and help youth gain confidence while working in the kitchen.



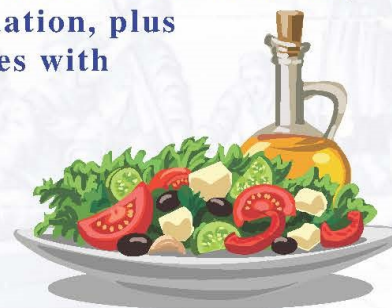
Register for your kit at:
go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

Sign up early, supplies are limited

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MAY 3, 2021

The cost is \$5 per kit. It includes the May "I Made That!" booklet, Mediterranean-based recipes, a sensory evaluation, plus olive oil to get you started. Each kit also comes with a salad bowl to showcase your masterpiece!

Kits will be available for pick-up the second week in May at one of our Extension offices in Jo Daviess, Stephenson & Winnebago Counties.



Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H
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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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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:

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Youth Development Educator
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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.



Registration closes May 3, 2021

Register early to reserve your place at camp!

Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>

More Information at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

We Want You!

We are looking for individuals to help with the following:

- **4-H Dog Show Superintendent**
- **Holiday Light Display Committee**
- **Leadership & Awards Committee**

Please email Becky rgocken@illinois.edu

SUMMER SHOWS: 4-H staff across Illinois are excited about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging this summer. WC 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:

Public Speaking Contest– April 21

Dog Show– July 23

Cat, Rabbit, **Reptiles** & Small Pets Show– July 24 ***New animals added– see Program Book**

General Projects Judging and Cloverbud Show– Friday, July 30

Horse Show– August 7 *changed from July 31

Food Decorating & Demonstrations– August 4

Livestock Shows– Tuesday, August 17

WINNEBAGO COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 21 Winnebago County Public Presentations Contest, Toni's of Winnebago Event Center, 6:30pm
- 18-24 National Volunteer Week

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
- 8 YLT Meeting, Extension Office, 11 am
- 8 **YQCA in-person training—Our Prince of Peace Church— 2-3:30 pm**
- 15 Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
- 15 2021 Illinois 4-H Food Summit, Zoom
- 31 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



JUNE 2021

- 1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- 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)
- 1 YQCA and/or QAEC Certification Deadline
- 4 Babysitting Clinic **Tentative**, Location TBD
- 5 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Richland Community College, Decatur
- 15-17 9am-8pm 4-H Day Camp- no overnight, Rock River Christian Camp, Polo
- 25 Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
- 30 Wizarding World of 4-H Day Camp **Tentative**, Location TBD

JULY 2021

- 23 4-H Dog Show, Forrest City Dog Training Club, 9 a.m.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

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>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



Who:	Youth ages 13 and up
What:	Come to the table at the 2021 Food Action Summit! Share your ideas, vision and passion while you network with Food Advocacy Professionals on a shared vision for future food security, food access and food justice
When:	May 15th, 9-11am, 12:30-4:30pm (Registration opens March 1st)
Where:	This virtual summit will take place via Zoom
Contact:	Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu



Keynote Address "The Future of Food Justice"- A conversation with Dr. Bobby Smith II, a sociologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Get inspired. Get empowered. Share your vision. Strengthen your leadership.



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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>

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



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>

ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

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 INFORMATION:

Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit (Virtual Event)

The Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit is where leaders meet to be inspired and share a vision for food security, food access, and food justice in Illinois. University of Illinois researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates, and civic leaders will be present to lead workshops designed to empower young people with the knowledge, confidence, and resources they need to strengthen their leadership as they work to create food security in their communities.

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021

Open to any youth who will be at least 13 years or older and any 4-H adult volunteer or staff

Registration Link: go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021

Registration Open: March 1, 2021

Registration Closes: April 16, 2021

Cost: Registration is free.

Required Forms: Since the event is virtual, participants will view and declare agreement (or not) to the code of conduct and the photo/media release during online registration.



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Virtual Room Monitors

Room monitors will be needed for zoom sessions. County staff interested in assisting with this event should email Carla Blue (blue1@illinois.edu) as soon as possible.

Schedule (Tentative)

Saturday, May 15

9:00 - 9:30AM: Opening Session

BREAK

10:00 - 10:50AM: Workshop 1

11:00 - 12:50PM: Lunch Break and Networking

1:00 - 1:30PM: Keynote Address

1:40 - 2:30PM: Workshop 2

BREAK

3:00 - 3:50PM: Workshop 3

4:00 - 4:30PM: Closing Session

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit (Virtual Event)

Workshop Descriptions:

Food Justice & 4-H - As a result of recent social movements, more youth are using their voices to promote food justice and influence positive change. In this session, you will learn how you can act on food justice issues in your community and in your own social networks.

How You Can Change Your Food System - Every day we make decisions that impact our food system. In this session, you will learn about how our food system functions and the power that you have to create change through the choices you make.

Food Choices and Personal Wellness - The food choices can play a big role in your health and wellbeing. In this session, you will learn about how you can leverage your food choices to help you live your best life.

Addressing Food Insecurity in Illinois - Food insecurity rates have increased in Illinois due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session, you will learn from researchers at the University of Illinois about how people are experiencing food insecurity and hunger in Illinois, and what steps we can take to address this crisis.

Food Advocacy and Civic Leadership - The process of making changes in your community can be difficult but also rewarding. In this session, you will hear about the challenges and opportunities of engaging in the civic process to promote food security and food access for all.

Food Security and Community Health - Having reliable access to healthy food is an essential part of living a healthy life. In this session, you will learn from experts in the field of food and nutrition about how food security can impact the health of an entire community.

Careers in Food Systems - Whether it's food production, distribution, marketing, safety, transportation, science, and research, or service and sales, there are many career opportunities in the world of food systems. In this session, you will have the opportunity to imagine a future for yourself and hear from people who have dedicated their careers to securing our food system.

Puerto Rico Food Security Challenge - Puerto Rico has had many challenges to its food system as a result of natural disasters and climate change. In this session, you will learn how Puerto Rico leaders are engaging with youth on the island to creatively address issues of food security through hands-on learning.

Sustainable Agriculture - Producing food to equitably feed our planet's growing population is one of the great challenges facing agriculture worldwide. In this session, you will engage in an important discussion around how we can continue to produce food in a way that responsibly stewards the earth's resources while addressing the challenges of climate change.

Food Advocacy and Youth Action in Brazil - Young people around the world are taking on the challenge of food insecurity. In this session, you will connect with leaders from the Federal Institute of Mato Grosso do Sul who are working to support service-learning projects and youth advocacy in Brazil.

Technology and Food Production - We know that food production is an art as well as a science. In this session, you will learn about the important role which STEM skills play in ensuring a secure food future for everyone.

For additional information contact:

Programming questions: Mark Becker, IL 4-H Food Systems Specialist, mbbecker@illinois.edu

Note: Mark will soon be on parental leave through mid-April.

Logistic Information: Carla Blue, IL 4-H State Events Coordinator

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://ndsu.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>
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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			

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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
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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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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				2021

2021 Illinois 4-H Dates

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



Are you looking for vegetables that will come back year after year in your garden? Join us for a zoom webinar focusing on Growing Perennial Vegetables as the first of our 'Get Growing' Series on Thursday, April 22 from 6 to 7:30 PM.

During this 90-minute educational program, Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty will focus on perennials such as rhubarb, asparagus and horseradish.

Pre-register online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call 815-858-2273.

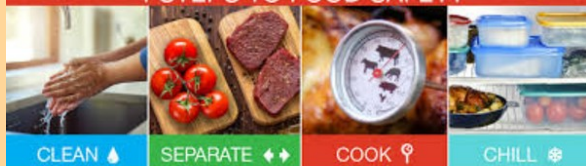
Learn to eat healthy as you support local growers in a monthly series by University of Illinois Extension experts.

Each webinar begins at noon and lasts 30 minutes. Nutrition experts will be available to answer questions. Topics will include: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Farmers Markets, Preserving and Storing your Harvest. For more information visit go.illinois.edu/jsw.



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4 STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY



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MAY 10, 11, 12, & 13, 2021
CLASS VIA ZOOM WITH
AN IN-PERSON EXAM
FREEPORT, IL

University of Illinois Extension will hold a web-based Certified Food Protection Manager, May 10, 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. This online course will be held over a period of three days, with the exam given in-person on the fourth day, May 13, 9 a.m. to noon. Participants must be present for all three days to be eligible to take the exam. This course will be taught using Zoom, and participants will need a web-camera.

Visit us at go.illinois.edu/jsw