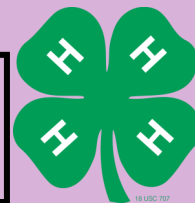




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# NEWSFLASH



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May 5, 2022

*Find Your Spark!*

Hello 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

In this week's E-News for all things 4-H related we have 3 new programs that are coming up. Our yearly babysitting clinic will be happening on June 6, and our Wizardly World of 4-H Daycamp Part 2 is coming up on June 28. Also, we have a new "I Made That" kit coming out for June is dairy month! See inside for all the details and how to pre-register!

Old News, but still very important, is to remember that June 1 is the deadline for YQCA and QAEC training. As of today you have 26 days left to get this done. For YQCA—don't forget you need to send your certificate to me by June 1 at 4 pm. This must be on file at the Extension office for the livestock shows. The links for both of these websites are inside the newsletter as well.

4-H Summer Camp in Polo, IL is June 14, 15, & 16. There is still a few spots left and they extended the deadline for that registration to May 22. So hurry over to: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp> to register!

Next week I will be sending out a newsletter specifically for fair entry and how to sign up. Please make sure you read that newsletter so you are aware of how that works and to make sure you don't miss the deadlines for it.

Wishing all of you Moms a very special Mother's Day this weekend! Hopefully it is filled with lots of sunshine, beautiful weather, and lots of love!

As always, if you have questions 4-H Show related or just 4-H related, I welcome them! Please feel free to call or e-mail me any time.

*~ Jill Next Time, Brenda*



# STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER!!

## MICHELLE MARCK



Michelle Marck from the Freeport Fantastic 4-H Club went to the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30. She entered in Oral Interpretation as an individual with a prose reading called: "Three Names of Me," by Mary Cummings. Michelle won 1st place in her division at state!!!

Congratulations, Michelle!!


Great Job!



# STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4-H Club Meetings—Attendance Policy

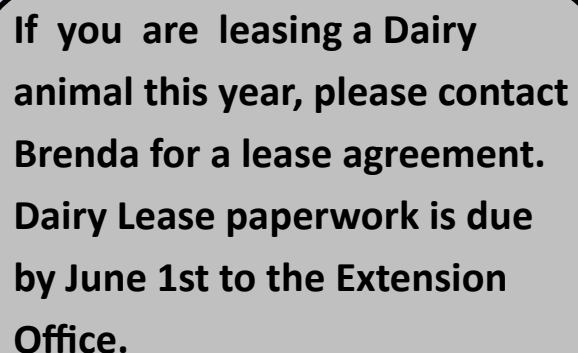
All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer. If you have questions on this, please reach out to your 4-H leader!



IF you are showing a Beef BUCKET CALF—  
Contact Brenda for  
your Project Record  
Book.



Important



If you are leasing a Dairy animal this year, please contact Brenda for a lease agreement. Dairy Lease paperwork is due by June 1st to the Extension Office.

## STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

# QAEC TRAININGS

**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 as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. 4-H Members only have to complete a QAEC training once in their 4-H career, when showing a live animal or doing animal science with the above breeds.

Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QAEC 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 at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

**Deadline is June 1, 2022**





# STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## YQCA TRAINING

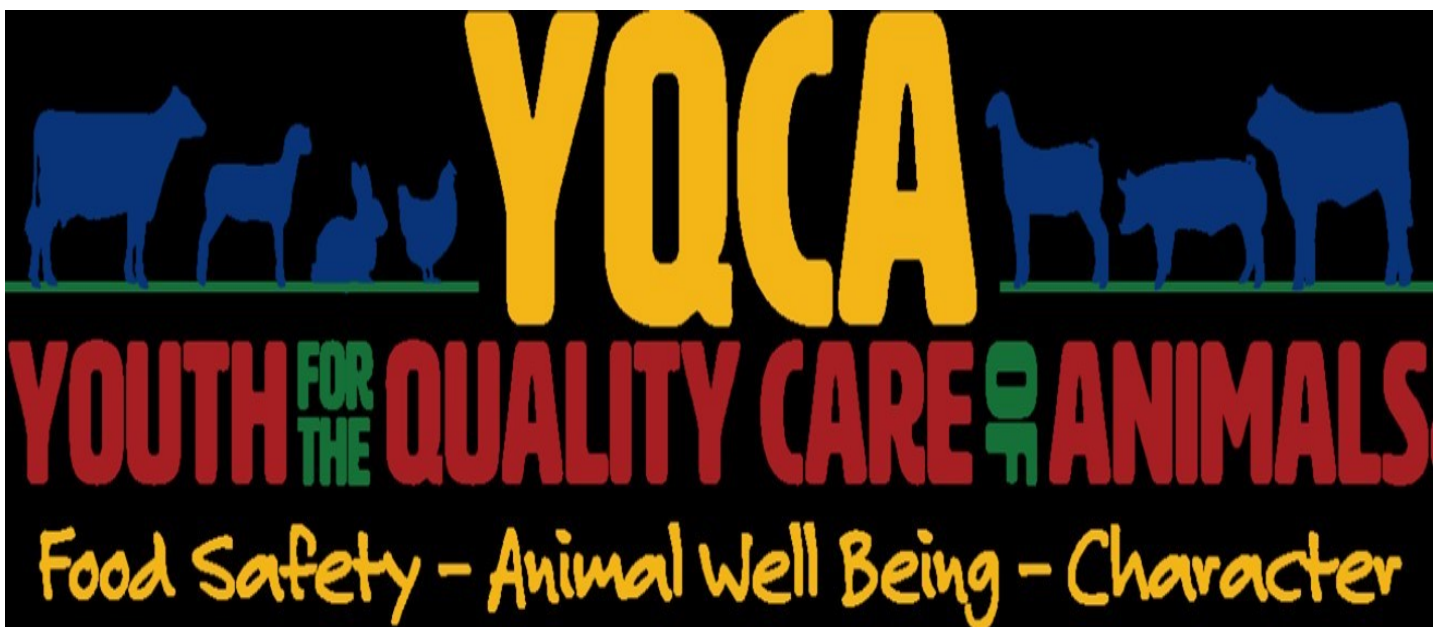
If you are a 4-H Member showing: **sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or beef** you will need to do your Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training again **BEFORE the June 1 deadline**. This is for all members ages 8-18 showing livestock for a 4-H show.

1) **Online training** ( there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. Once completed please print 2 copies of your certificate— 1 needs to be given to the Extension office before June 1, and the other one travels with the 4-H member to the shows.

Link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**Whether you take the online course OR attend an in-person training, you MUST submit your certificate of completion to Brenda at the Extension office—NO LATER than 4pm on June 1.**

If you missed the email with step-by-step instructions on how to setup your new YQCA account, please reach out to Brenda at [bheimann@illinois.edu](mailto:bheimann@illinois.edu)





## 2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

**\*\*Some dates/times subject to change\*\***

### MAY 2022

1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
2	<b>DEADLINE for 4-H Camp registration</b>
4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm</b>
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
17	Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30p.m. Location TBD
21	Forestry Club Meeting 3
30	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

### JUNE 2022

1	<b>Deadline for YQCA &amp; QAEC Certification</b>
1	<b>Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office</b>
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, Swine- gilts & barrows, 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	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds,
6	Babysitting Clinic, Farm Bureau, 9-2:30
14-16	4-H Camp, Daycamp- Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm- Stephenson County Fairgrounds
17	Extension Office Closed for Juneteenth
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
25	Multi- County Tubing Day, 10:30 a.m., Sugar River Adventures- Rockton, IL
28	Wizardly World of 4-H Part 2, HCC- Building H, Rm 201, 9-12

### JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
6	<b>Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m.</b>
8	Dog Show SPIN Club- Final practice, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
9	<b>Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds</b> <b>4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building</b>
19	<b>Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day &amp; Fair week</b>
20	<b>General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds</b>
22	<b>Clothing &amp; Textiles, Food Decorating, &amp; Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD</b>



## 2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

**\*\*Some dates/times subject to change\*\***

24-30	State Fair Jr. Horse Show
25	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings
25	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building
26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows -Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-30	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
28	Fashion Show, E & R Tent, 1:30-3:30p.m.
30	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring

### AUGUST 2022

6	Stephenson County 4-H Horse show, at Winnebago County Fairgrounds- 8:00 a.m. registration
11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day

Thank you to all the 4-H members and clubs that helped our 4-H Ambassadors with their Community Service Project!! 29 Blankets were made and donated to Madonna Renewal and the Pearl Pavilion in Freeport, IL. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!



(Pictured: Hannah Visel, Rebekah Visel, Sister Chinwezey from Madonna renewal, and Jordan Heimann.)



# Stephenson County 4-H News



## Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Go to our webpage:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Under Calendar of Events & 4-H Show book, there is a link on “How to Order Manuals.”

If you have any questions regarding manuals, please call me direct at 815-235-4125 or [bheimann@illinois.edu](mailto:bheimann@illinois.edu)

**Are you looking for more ways to help your child learn & engage with 4-H?**

**Illinois 4-H has many resources that can help!!**

Check out the 4-H Spark Sheets—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>

And 4-H At Home—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>





# 4-H Camp—June 14, 15, 16

Registration for 4-H Camp 2022 is OPEN!!!

4-H Camp is open to **ALL** boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 14, 2022. **4-H membership is not required**; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$70. **All camp fees must be paid in full by May 22, 2022.** Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda at 815-235-4125.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP



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JUNE 14, 15, 16

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN  
CAMP  
POLO, IL



SAVE THE DATES  
COME JOIN THE FUN IN 2022  
ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS!

JOIN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

# 4-H Babysitting Clinic

- 01** AGES & STAGES OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- 02** CREATING HEALTHY SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES
- 03** CHOKING PREVENTION AND FIRST AID
- 04** BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS



*Lunch  
Provided*

**Cost \$5**

**STEPHENSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
210 W. SPRING ST. FREEPORT  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022  
9 AM - 2:30 PM**

**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 11+ YEARS OLD \* MUST HAVE COMPLETED 5TH GRADE.**

**To register call 815-235-4125 or register online at:  
[go.illinois.edu/BabysittingClinic](https://go.illinois.edu/BabysittingClinic)**

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.  
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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# Wizarding World of 4-H

**JUNE 28, 2022**

**Highland Community College -Building H-  
2998 W. Pearl City Rd- Freeport, IL**

**JOIN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION FOR A NEW YEAR OF  
MAGICAL FUN! THIS WILL BE A HANDS-ON LEARNING EVENT AND  
FUN FOR ALL AGES. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND IS OPEN TO  
ALL YOUTH THAT HAVE COMPLETED 1ST -12TH GRADE.  
4-H MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.**

**DRIVE THROUGH CHECK-IN: 9:00-9:15 AM**

**BROOM MAKING AND CAPE CREATION: 9:15 AM**

**ROTATIONS: 9:45 AM**

**WIZARD TOURNAMENT, CARE OF MAGICAL  
CREATURES, & CANDLE MAKING CLASS**

**DRIVE THROUGH CHECK-OUT: 12:00 PM**



**REGISTER AT [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSW](https://go.illinois.edu/jsw)  
OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 815-235-4125**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 23**

**WIZARD TOURNAMENT:**

**YOU CREATED YOUR BROOM- NOW WHAT? EACH WITCH OR WIZARD WILL USE THEIR BROOM TO FLY THROUGH THE OBSTACLE COURSE DURING THE WIZARD TOURNAMENT.**



**CANDLE MAKING CLASS**

**CANDLE MAKING IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL THAT EVERY WITCH OR WIZARD NEEDS. DURING THIS CLASS, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE ART OF CANDLE MAKING.**



**CARE OF MAGICAL CREATURES CLASS:**

**CREATE YOUR OWN GOOD LUCK MANDRAKE TO TAKE HOME BY NEEDLE FELTING WITH WOOL.**



**IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 815-235-4125.**

**EARLY REQUESTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MEETING YOUR ACCESS NEEDS.**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LOCAL EXTENSION  
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Let's help our fellow 4-H club reach their goal of 1,000 items of hygiene products for the Miss Carly's place in Rockford!

German Valley Golden Eagles 4-H Club Presents:

# Hygiene Donation Drive

{to benefit Miss Carly's}

From April 12 to May 8, you can donate at:

- German American State Bank (German Valley location)
- Forreston Public Library

## Donation Ideas:

Full Size: Body Wash - Shampoo - Conditioner  
Wet Wipes - Deodorant - Toothpaste - Toothbrushes  
Lotion - Razors - Shaving Cream - Chapstick  
Feminine Hygiene Products - Baby Wipes - Diapers  
(Monetary donations are also accepted!)



THANK YOU!!!



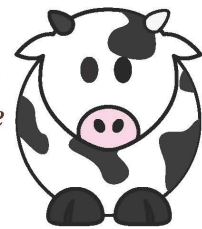
For more information on 4-H or to donate monetarily, please call 815-738-2230.

# I MADE THAT!

## DIY FREEZER JAM

## & ICE CREAM

*The June cooking kits are designed to inspire the inner chef and get youth moo-ving in the kitchen for National Dairy Month. This month, learn how to make ice cream in a bag, and freezer jam with fresh summer fruit. Make the most of summer with these tantalizing recipes plus summer safety tips for bug bites, sun exposure, fireworks, and more!*



Register for your kit at:  
[go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat](http://go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat)

### EACH KIT IS \$5 AND INCLUDES:

- June "I Made That!" booklet
- Freezer jam recipes
- Ice cream in a bag recipe
- Select ingredients for your recipes
- Activities and sensory evaluation

Kits will be available for pick-up beginning  
June 6 at one of our Extension offices in  
Elizabeth, Freeport or Rockford, IL.



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# SCHOLARSHIPS



**R.C. Miller Scholarship—** The scholarship was established by R. C. Miller, a lifetime Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and enrolled in an agriculture, natural resources or related degree program. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

To receive an application, please call the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County Office at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by **June 1, 2022** to the U of I Extension, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. Chosen recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



This is for all 4-H youth, whether in  
General projects or Livestock projects.  
It's a great way to tell your 4-H Story & make  
A little dough to support your projects!!!

### Parents, Grandparents, and 4-H Youth

Compeer Financial has been a longtime supporter of 4-H youth through donations and actively attending the county 4-H Livestock Auction in the past. We would like to continue to support our local youth's 4-H experience by broadening our approach and providing all 4-H members in our area a donation.

In order to qualify, 4-H members must submit an essay describing their 2022 project, what they learned completing their project and knowledge gained. We ask that the essay be at least 150 words and picture of the member with their project when possible. The 4-H member's name and address must be included with the essay. Essay form is attached and needs to be submitted to Compeer Financial by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The amount of each award will be determined by the final number of applicants and will be delivered by mail.

Please mail your essay to:

Compeer Financial  
c/o 4-H Awards  
651 W Meadows Drive  
PO Box 719  
Freeport, IL 61032



## Compeer Financial 4-H Award

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

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# STATE 4-H NEWS

## **GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!**

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. GO HERE for more info: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament> GO HERE to register your fish: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



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# STATE 4-H NEWS

## Join us for a virtual Volunteer Café Conversation!

This is your opportunity to engage virtually with 4-H Volunteers & teens in leadership roles from across Illinois to exchange 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.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your great ideas with other Volunteers and Teens in Leadership roles! 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!

This month's topics will include: Be Our Guest& Under FAIR Pressure!

Link to register for the May 19, 7pm Volunteer Café Conversation: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159>



Applications are now OPEN for the **2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards!** Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



**Applications now open!**

# EXTENSION NEWS

## Preserve the quality and nutrients of your produce

Spring is right around the corner, and summer gardens will be bursting with produce in no time. You can enjoy your summer flavors year-round by preserving your fresh produce now. Home food preservation continues to be a favorite by many.

*Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely: Freezing Your Summer Harvest* will be held both in-person and virtually. Pick the time and date that works best for you.

Thursday, May 12, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the [University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County, Highland Community College, Building R, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport.](#)

Virtually via Zoom, Wednesday, May 25, from 1-3 PM.

Reserve your seat today by calling our office at (815) 235-4125 or visiting us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw). There is a \$5 registration fee which will cover the educational session. Space is limited, so register today. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please contact our office at (815) 235-4125.

## Move more for better health

University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Diane Reinhold will be offering an educational workshop, “***Move More for Better Health.***” We will provide insight into the many health benefits of physical activity during this workshop and tips for activities you can do without even leaving the house.

Join us, in person, for this free event on Thursday, May 19, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W Spring St, Freeport. If you don’t want to make the drive, join us virtually, on Wednesday, May 18, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Preregistration is requested for this free event. Beat the registration deadline of May 17, and receive your Zoom link to join the presentation virtually or save your spot if attending in person. For more information on this program, or if you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact our office at (815) 235-4125, or visit us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw).







Save the  
date

## 4-H River Tubing Float Day

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:30 am



*Sugar River  
Adventures.com*  
Rockton, IL

More information coming soon!