



Bureau County 4-H

Making a difference for life

February 2021

2021 Beef Weigh-In Scheduled



The 2021 Beef Weigh-In is set for Saturday, February 13th at Bureau Valley Vet Clinic. The weigh-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. with times assigned in approximately 15 minute increments. 4-Hers enrolled in a beef project will be receiving paperwork to complete and return to the Extension office to have their time slot assigned. If you are planning to participate in a beef project and do not receive a letter, please let Danielle Gapinski know.

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{Bureau County Dates to Remember}

February 13th—Beef Weigh-In, Bureau Valley Vet, 8:30 a.m.

March 1st—Previously enrolled member premium eligible 4-HOnline enrollment deadline

March 11th —Expansion and Review Meeting, 6:30 pm

April 1st—4-HOnline initial project selection deadline

April 24th—Leader Appreciation Event

May 1st—New member premium eligible 4-HOnline enrollment deadline

June 5th—State Public Speaking Contest—Richland Community College, Decatur

July 12—Clothing Judging—U of I Extension office

July 15-17— Bureau County 4-H Fair—Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton

July 25—August 1—State Horse Show, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

August 13—Bureau County State Fair Day, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

Find your
spark
with 4-H



Tuesdays at 4pm



6 week session

Starting February 23

For
kids
8-12!

In 4-H, you learn by doing and you will have a pretty great time while you're doing it! Want to know more about what your 4-H experience might look like?

Join Find Your Spark, a 6 week program taught by experienced 4-H educators. Each week will have a topic and hands on activity for kids to do. Families will be mailed supplies. Topics include: Health, Cultural Awareness, Creative Arts, Child Development, Animal Science, and Horticulture.

Just \$5 to join starting February 23! Learn more at go.illinois.edu/4Hfindyourspace. Register by Feb. 11.

What's Been Happening in Bureau County



4-H Re-Enrollment Date March 1

To be premium eligible at this year's 4-H Fair, previously enrolled 4-H members need to be re-enrolled no later than March 1st. Be sure to visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll.

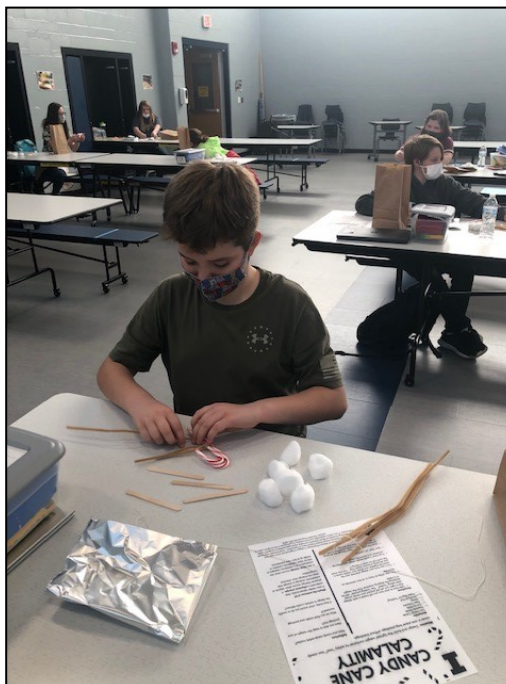


On Friday, September 25th, Bureau County 4-H honored their virtual fair participants with a drive-thru ceremony at the fairgrounds. Congratulations on all of the hard work put forth during an adverse year!



Bureau County 4-H Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapinski, was able to host two in-person workshops prior to mitigation changes. In October, participants learned how to make a macramé wall hangings. In November, participants created hand knit blankets. Both opportunities can be submitted as a project at the 4-H Fair.

For more pictures and to stay up to date, like us on Facebook!
[Facebook.com/bureaucounty4h](https://www.facebook.com/bureaucounty4h)



Bureau County 4-H has continued its partnership with 21st Century Grant sites for the 2020-21 school year. We have navigated both virtual and in-person STEM lessons which began in September. Students has learned about farm tools, sound waves, substance analysis, creating a “mail” carrier to safely transport candy canes, and symmetry and snowflakes.

In an effort to offer the Holiday Workshop to as many 4-Hers as possible, take home kits of five projects were assembled for youth to create at their own pace. Instructions and videos were also provided to aid in the completion of each item. Participants created a cork tree ornament, gnome, mason jar snow globe, deer on canvas painting, and a wire wreath.



Through Innovation Grant funding, Bureau County 4-H is offering a Seasonal STEAM program for area libraries. Buda, Ladd, Tiskilwa, and Walnut are receiving STEAM kits from November—May with the goal of not only offering programming during times when libraries can not offer in-person programming, but also as a means to expose more youth to 4-H. Our hope is that these kits spark an interest in youth to join a local community club and continue their project learning.

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement



The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Watch the Deadline

Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.

States 4-H International Exchange

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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/>



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp,
Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

Dairy Judging Workshop

Participants can register until January 29th using the following

link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22954>

Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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Speaking for Illinois 4-H

Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close March 4.**
Southern Regional: March 28 at Southern Illinois University

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at mbbecker@illinois.edu

Illini Summer Academies

Deadline Extended!

We are still looking for 10 teens who have attended ISA at least once before to be a part of the Production Team. As a Production Team member, you can expect to have all your registration expenses paid and will participate in monthly Zoom calls as we plan the fun, engaging activities for this year's 2021 4-H *Virtual* Illini Summer Academies.

If you are interested in being on the team this year, we have extended the deadline to apply by **11:59 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021.**

Teen Production Team

Application: [Click Here](#)

Reference for Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at: illini-4h@illinois.edu



4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83565174329?pwd=dDAvR2lxN3J3bmJqQVdmTy9raUZsZz09>

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, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot? Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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>

Don't forget - all 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! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!

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!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News](#)

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

Running list of state 4-H events:

National 4-H Summit for Healthy Living (virtual, Feb 12-14, 2021)
Registration currently open: <https://shop4-h.org/products/healthy-living-summit-registration> (See 1/11 email from Susan Sloop with more details. Those participating in the Walmart grant are also allowed to use those funds to support youth participation). Point person: Susan Sloop ssloop@illinois.edu

National 4-H Summit for Agri-Science (virtual, March 5-7, 2021) -
Registration currently open: <https://shop4-h.org/products/2021-agri-science-living-summit-registration> Point person: Mark Becker mbbecker@illinois.edu

Youth Livestock Conference (YLC) - (in person, sign up for either April 24 or 25) Will take place in Orr Building on State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Registration and details coming soon. Point Person: Dan Jennings djiennin@illinois.edu

4-H State Food Action Summit (virtual, May 15, 2021). Registration and details coming soon. Point person: Mark Becker mbbecker@illinois.edu

Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest—(June 5, 2021) - Will take place at Richland Community College, Decatur. Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Three entries per county are allowed in the state contest. Updates will be provided regarding any changes due to COVID-19 as the event gets closer.

4-H Illini Summer Academies (virtual, June 27-July 1, 2021).
Registration and details coming soon. Point Person: Cindy Ogwal cowusu@illinois.edu

4-H Memorial Camp (decision will be made in early March about programming option for summer 2021). Point Person: Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu

National 4-H Conference (virtual, April 10-14, 2021). Registration and details coming soon. Point Person: Pat McGlaughlin patm@illinois.edu

Legislative Connection - we are currently in discussion with Steve Wald, Extension Partners and others to identify best options for this engagement opportunity in the spring. We hope to have more details soon. Point Person: Pat McGlaughlin patm@illinois.edu

Illinois State Horse Show—July 25—August 1—
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

State 4-H Fair— August 13, 2021—Bureau County's
judging day at the Illinois State Fairgrounds,
Springfield