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Update on COVID Guidelines

In line with the latest guidelines from campus, the following will be in place on or before June 30th at all 4-H events:

- The university will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. "Fully vaccinated" means 14 days after your final dose.
- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors. Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers. The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.

If any of these guidelines present a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 815-544-3710. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth and families can safely participate in our scheduled events.

4-H Premium Checks from 2020 Shows

We are happy to announce that 4-H Premium checks for those exhibitors who participated in the 2020 4-H "Virtual" Shows last summer have been mailed. Checks were mailed to homes on Friday, June 4. Please watch your mail! Please be respectful of our office staff who went through the work to get those checks



processed **CASH THEM IMMEDIATELY or by July 28** at the latest! We do not wish to reissue checks. Thank you.

4-H Foodstand Managers Needed

Looking for several adults to help manage the 4-H Foodstand during the Fair. For more details, please contact Melissa at the office (815) 544-3710 or by email mmirwin@illinois.edu.

Clothing & Textiles Judging - NEW DAY, TIME & PLACE

Date: Thursday, July 8

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m. **(Each exhibitor will be assigned a judging time)**

Place: Boone County Extension Meeting Room, 205 Cadillac Ct., Ste 5, Belvidere

The following projects will be exhibited at Clothing & Textiles Judging, not at General Projects Day:

- STEAM Clothing (all levels)
- Shopping in Style (all levels)

General Project Day -- NEW LOCATION

Please remember that General Projects Day for 2021 will be at a new location.

Date: Saturday, July 10

Place: **Boone County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall #3**

Time: Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please follow the [Club Schedule](#). All exhibitors must be in line by 11:30 a.m.



Volunteers Needed @ GPD

LEADERS, PARENTS & TEEN 4-H'ers

Secretaries and Aides Needed — We are looking for help at General Projects Day on Saturday, July 10. We need parents, leaders, or your friends to help us from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with being a secretary for our judges. Your duties will include recording grades, attaching ribbons, and displaying projects. If you are interested, please contact the office (phone or email kmorrow@illinois.edu) by June 22. Please consider helping. We would really appreciate the help!

4-H Premium Notice & Understanding of IRS

4-H Premium Notice

The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book.

4-H Premiums - Premiums will be paid using an "X" factor based on the amount of premium money available from the state. Premium values are listed in the [4-H Show Book on Page 6](#).

Understanding IRS Regulations

Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security-protected software (PEAR).

Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided. *This is not a 4-H or University of Illinois directive; this is a requirement of the Internal Revenue Service.*

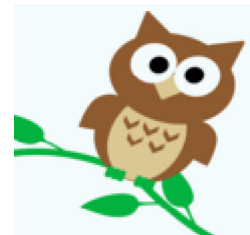
4-H Show Exhibit Requirements

Please be sure to read your 4-H Show Book thoroughly for exhibit requirements. For instance, did you know...

1. Food projects now require an activity to be completed alongside your food item. Please be sure to read the 4-H Show Book (pages 25-27).
2. Photography Exhibits -- All photos MUST be accompanied by details of the camera settings. Please be sure to read the 4-H Show Book (pg. 34-35)

Important Dates

- Clothing Judging -- Thursday, July 8
- General Projects Day — Saturday, July 10
- Boone County 4-H Dog Show — Wednesday, July 14
- Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show, Springfield –July 26-Aug. 1
Entries postmarked by June 1 - must have staff signature -
<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>
- Boone County Fair — August 10-15



- Illinois State Fair, Springfield— August 12-22 *Animal entries postmarked by July 15 -- must have staff signature -*
<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>
- Boone County's General Exhibit Day @Illinois State Fair — Aug. 15
- Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon, IL— August 28

Illinois 4-H and Boone County 4-H will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines.

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.



Livestock/Animal Verification

Please watch for more details regarding Livestock & Animal Verification to be held in July.

Boone County 4-H Fair Shows - August 10-15, 2021

Highlights & Reminders

Swine

- Premises Identification Numbers (PIN) will be required for all *4-H Swine Exhibitors for the Boone County 4-H Show*. Please enter your PIN when submitting your 4-H entries. *If you don't have a PIN, visit the [Illinois Department of Agriculture](#) to apply.*
- Pen assignments will be **2 pigs per pen!**
- **No tack pens** allowed. All tack must be stored above the pens.

Poultry

Pullorum testing of birds will be required this year for fairs/exhibitions. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing, and the number, breed, and species of those tested. More information will be provided soon to exhibitors.

Dairy

- If you will be exhibiting a GRADE dairy female at the 4-H Show, please remember to turn in your Grade Dairy Identification Forms. Submit your form and photos online: <https://go.illinois.edu/DairyGrade4HID> OR print a hard copy: <https://go.illinois.edu/DairyIDGradePaperForm>
- If you are showing REGISTERED females, you can email a copy of the registration paper to kmorrow@illinois.edu or turn in a copy to the office.
All paperwork for Dairy Grades & Registered Cattle is due IMMEDIATELY!

General

- Animals shown in pairs classes for 4-H must be owned by one exhibitor. Family members cannot combine animals to make a pairs class.
- The Illinois 4-H Code of Conduct standards applies to online 4-H activity including social media. Read page 6 & 8 of the 4-H Show Book.



Open & Junior Show @ Boone County Fair

Please remember if you want to participate in the Open and Junior Shows sponsored by the Boone County Fair Association you must make your entries with them. The 2021 Premium Book is available on the [Boone County Fair](#) website. Entry forms still must be printed and completed hard copy. If you have any questions, please contact the Fair Office at 815-544-2900. Be sure to read your department to make sure you know when and how to make your entries as departments vary on postmark dates, etc.

Woodworking Project Consultations

Stumped on what to do for your woodworking project? Working on a project and need some help? Have a project complete and want to get some feedback? Brian and Rachel Rawson of Rawson Custom Wood Works would like to offer their assistance to 4-H'ers who would like some guidance on their projects. They have reserved Saturday, June 19 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for consultations. To sign up, please contact us here at the Extension Office 815-544-3710 by June 14.

Other Opportunities

Check out the following opportunities brought to us by the Illinois State 4-H Office.

[Click here](#) to find out more about:

- Midwest Youth Photography Challenge
- Host an International Student
- Adult Certification Training for 4-H Shooting Sports
- I-Pollinate Community Scientist
- Service Projects - register your community service activities

Search for Auction Association Directors

The Boone County Auction Association would like to fill two Director positions. In order to be considered for this position, you must have experience with livestock, and you will need to write a letter stating why you would like to be a Director. All submissions must be received by August 16, 2021. Please email your letter to Springlakefarm59@gmail.com.

Soft Plastic Drop Offs

The Wranglers 4-H Club is NOW in the process of collecting "soft" plastics to earn another recycled bench. Drop offs will be at the Boone County Extension Office Meeting Room -- Suite 5. The following days and times have been set for anyone wishing to drop off:

- Monday, June 14, 3-4 PM
- Monday, June 28, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Monday, July 12, 3-4 PM
- Monday, July 26, 5:30-6:30 PM

If you have any questions, contact Melissa via email (mmirwin@illinois.edu).

4-H Shout Outs

Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking contest

Congratulations to the following Boone County 4-H members:

- Lars Carlson & Justin Irwin -- 1st Place in Original Works-Team

Others 4-H'ers representing Boone County were: Allyson Aves and Ella Ellingson!



Congratulations Graduates!

Boone County 4-H would like to extend a round of applause to all of our

graduating seniors! We know it was a difficult year, but you persevered. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Boone County 4-H Staff.



- Melissa Irwin, 4-H Program Coordinator, mmirwin@illinois.edu
- Kelli Morrow, 4-H Office Support Assistant, kmorrow@illinois.edu

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:30 pm

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