

# Newsletter

Keeping You Informed



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### Deadlines/Dates:

- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Public Speaking Contest @ Coles County Extension Office.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Dog Workshop 10 a.m. 11 a.m.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Pork Chop BBQ 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Sheep/Goat weigh-in/registration (More Info. to Come)
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – YQCA Training
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due to Extension office



In January we collected items for the Coles County Animal shelter! Our Federation Club dropped off the donated items in early February!! They got to spend some time with our furry friends too!!



# Coles County

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## Dog Workshop:

This workshop is for anyone interested in knowing more about the 4-H dog project or dog show. Participants will experience hands-on learning related to the 4-H Dog project and gain knowledge to help support you as you train your dog for the dog show!

**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Location:** 4-H Center located at the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston.

**Age: 8 to 18 years old**

**Registration fee:** Free

**Deadline to register:** Friday, March 18, 2022

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

Note: This is a great workshop for those who plan to compete in the 2022 4-H Dog Show. However, this is not only for individuals who are participating in the dog show. No need to bring your dog to this workshop.

## 4-H Pork Chop BBQ: (Flyer Below)

**Date:** Saturday, April 9th

**Time:** 11 am to 6 pm.

**Cost:** \$10 (Per Ticket)

**Location:** 4-H Center

Drive-thru only

Each club has been given several tickets. Please divide the tickets between the members of your club. All members should write the ticket numbers on their Individual Tally Sheet (Ex: 100-135) Note: There should be an average of 16 tickets per member. If your club would like additional tickets please contact Jess. Collect and turn in money to the Extension Office by **Friday, March 25, by 4:30 p.m.** See your club leader for more guidance. Leaders if you have any questions please reach out!

## 4-H Online/4-H Project:

I have several members who I am not able to approve in 4-H Online. These members either have not paid their club dues or still need to turn in a risk management form. Please call the office or email Jess if you have any questions.

All members who have been approved in 4-H Online can add or drop any projects. Please be sure to edit your project list to include all the projects you plan to participate in. If you need help reach out to Jess via email or call the Extension office at 217-345-7034.

## Project Books:

If you have not ordered or received your project books. Please, reach out to Jess at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu).

Find an electronic version of the Project Guide here:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

## 4-H Incentive T-Shirts:

T-Shirts are in!!! Pick up your shirt from your club leaders. As a reminder the incentive T-Shirts are for members who enrolled in 4-H Online by December 15, 2021.

## YQCA

4-H members exhibiting in **beef, swine, sheep, and goats** are **required** to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed each year.

This year's training will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

Information about QAEC coming soon!

## Volunteer Opportunity:

The season for parades is coming up!! If you or your club would be interested in walking in some of the parades held in Coles County this year email Jess!! Put "*Parade*" in the memo line.

## Photography Contest:

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: "Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension with rules here.

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## 4-H Family Spirit Award:

4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:

[Illinois 4-H Foundation Family Spirit Award](#) Please, contact Jess with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story

# National Opportunities

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## 4-H Youth in Action:



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>

## 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award:

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

## Make a Difference:

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. [joann.com/4-H/](http://joann.com/4-H/)  
[#JOANNhearts4H](https://twitter.com/4-H).

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! [joann.com/4-H/](http://joann.com/4-H/)

# Shooting Sports/Environment

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## Shooting Sports:



**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

### **Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions**

**New Date: March 19, 2022** Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](http://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

## **2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings:**

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

**Sat., March 26, 2022** Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

**Sat., May 7, 2022** 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

**Sat., July 16, 2022** Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Jess Hays at [JNHays@illinois.edu](mailto:JNHays@illinois.edu)

## **2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!**

### **GET YOUR TACKLE READY**

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. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

**April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

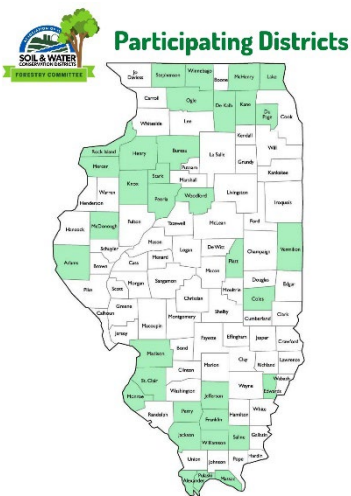
Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

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



## Planting Dates Are Being Planned for April 2, April 9, or April 16!

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.



Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

If you see your county shaded in green below and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county.

Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

## Illinois RiverWatch:

Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

This is a tremendous opportunity become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!

# Memorial Camp

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## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

### Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

### **Summer Program Staff** (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director  
Lead Male/Female Counselors  
Lifeguards  
Outdoor Education Director  
Arts & Crafts Director  
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director  
Recreation Director  
Climbing Tower Director

### **Cabin Counselors** (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

# 4-H International

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## U of I Global Club



### **Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD**

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals

- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems,. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

\*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18 . [go.illinois.edu/globalclub](http://go.illinois.edu/globalclub)

Send questions to [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)

## Host an international youth this summer:

### Sign up soon as spots are limited

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 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! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.



Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So, families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

*Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.*

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange)

## State Events Calendar

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### March

- March 1 Town Hall
- March 16-17 Legislative Connection
- March 19 Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions
- March 26 Adult Shooting Sports Certification Training Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

### April

- April Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- April 6 and 7 Legislative Connection
- April 9 Awards Ceremony
- April 16 Robotics Competition
- April 23 & 24 State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
- April 23 True Leaders Day of service day
- April 30 State Public Speaking

### May

- May Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- May 7 Adult Shooting sports leader certification  
4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL



## June

- June Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
- June 5-9 Memorial Camp
- June 12-16 Memorial Camp
- June 20 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest:  
U of I Stock Pavilion

## July

- July 5-9 Memorial Camp
- July 16 Shooting Sports Adult Certification  
Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
- July 17-21 Memorial Camp
- July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

## August

- August 10 SYPA General Livestock
- August 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
- August 13 – 15 Illinois State Fair
- August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
- August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- August 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose  
K-9 Enrichment Center

## Follow along for news, announcements, and stories!

### State:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/illinois4h](http://www.facebook.com/illinois4h)

Instagram: @illinois4h

Twitter: @illinois4h

### County:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColesCounty4H>  
(@ColesCounty4H)

*“To Make the Best Better”*

# COLES COUNTY 4-H Pork Chop BBQ

SPONSORED BY COLES COUNTY EXTENSION FOUNDATION



**SAT. APRIL 9, 2022**

**11 AM TO 6 PM**

*LOCATED AT THE COLES  
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS*

**\$10 PER TICKET**

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY**



## **MENU**

2 pork chops, a baked potato, applesauce, green beans, a cookie, and a bottle of water.



## **TICKETS**

Purchase tickets from any local 4-H member or stop by the Coles County Extension office



## **BBQ SPICE AVAILABLE**

Bottles of BBQ spice will be available for purchase. \$11 per bottle



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# DOG WORKSHOP

SAT. MARCH 26

AT 4-H CENTER  
10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

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<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HDogWorkshop>



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