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Keeping You Informed

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Deadlines/Dates:



- September 24th -27th – View the [2021 Member End of Year Records List](#) for due dates and deadlines.
- **September 24th- DEADLINE: Member Record, Secretary & Treasurer's books due**
- September 23rd- Leaders Meeting @ Extension Office
- October 3rd-9th - National 4-H Week
- November 11th – Achievement Night

4-H Clubs & COVID

- 1.) Anyone attending a 4-H meeting must wear face coverings (that cover the nose and mouth) regardless of vaccination status throughout all meetings and events, except for when eating and drinking.
 - At indoor meetings, all members and meeting attendees must wear face coverings throughout the whole meeting or event, except for when eating and drinking.
 - At outdoor meetings, all members and meeting attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings at all times and must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible.
- 2.) Social distancing of at least 6 feet between attendees from different households must be followed.
- 3.) Objects should not be shared by attendees unless sanitized between each individual use.
- 4.) Clubs should consider using pre-packaged food and set up for individual servings.

- 5.) Attendance should be taken at meetings. All youth & adults present **must** sign in as part of this process.
- 6.) Hand sanitizer should be present at sign-in areas and/or soap should be available in restrooms at meeting sites. Attendees should wash or sanitize their hands regularly before, during and after meetings.



4-H Workshop Survey:

I would like to hear from you!!! Please take a moment to respond to this three-question survey about 4-H Workshops! <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HWorkshopSurvey>

4-H Re-enrollment:

4-H Online is currently down for updates. We will re-open for re-enrollment after September 15th. An update email will be sent out once we are ready for re-enrollment!!

Illinois 4-H Project Guide:

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

4-H Awards/Records:

Everyone should be working on their 2021 4-H Records. Please, check out the 4-H Member Box Link for all forms. You will also find forms for award nominations and scholarship opportunities.



Leaders -4-H Club Fiscal Paperwork:

Due: Wednesday, October 13th Please, refer to email I sent last week. If you have any questions, please reach out!

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Awesome Autumn Photography Contest:

September 22-October 31st See flyer on **Page 8** for more information.

Record Note: Multi-County (M)

National 4-H Week



Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9!

Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send @Illinois4H your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed!

- **Service Project Sunday** – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- **Member Monday** – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- **Time Machine Tuesday** – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- **Why 4-H Wednesday** – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- **Thankful Thursday** – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- **Favorite Project Friday** – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- **Spirit Saturday** - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.

Achievement Night

November 11th More details to come!

American Idol 9/24

♪ THIS could be your big break ♪ American Idol is looking for 4-H'ers and 4-H Alumni 15-28 to join an exclusive 🍀 virtual audition on September 24th! Register now for your chance to be the next **#AmericanIdol!**
<https://bit.ly/3C8TygE>



Cloverseed Creative Writing Contest:

Show off your creative writing skills and share what 4-H allows you to be!

Use the prompt “4-H Allows me to be ...” to inspire any type of creative written piece. This could include, but isn’t necessarily limited to essays, song lyrics, poetic forms, word art, short stories or a speech.

Your finished project should be:

- Your original work
- Less than 500 words in length
- Something that tells your story and inspires others!

If your work is chosen, you will be asked to submit at a later date:

- Your final piece written in your own handwriting for the final publication
- A picture of yourself for publication and social media promotion
- A video of you performing your piece (reading your poem, singing your song, etc.)
- A talent release for releasing your work for publication in the 2021-2022 Cloverseed

All submissions are due by **Friday, September 24th** at **5pm** with winners notified the following week. This contest is only open to Illinois 4-H members. Please submit your work through this JotForm:

<https://form.jotform.com/212454747041149>

Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

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

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Instagram: @states4hinternational

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Travel Abroad Update!

National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!



National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how agriscience is important and how young people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. [Full details available here](#) and submissions are due by October 3rd!

Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

October 6 - October 17 stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally

Hispanic Heritage Month



¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year September 15th – October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved! [Flier available here.](#)

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Let's get social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story, you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to JNHays@illinois.edu



What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Follow along for news, announcements, and stories!

State:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/illinois4h

Instagram: @illinois4h

Twitter: @illinois4h

County:

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



Note

Make sure you only mark the ones you participated in.

2020-2021 Workshops

Your Thoughts Matter STATEWIDE SPIN Club (11/20/20)

Virtual Holiday Workshop (12/9/20) -(M)

Explore 4-H First Aid Virtual Workshop (1/30/21) -(M)

Explore 4-H - Trebuchets Workshop (2/27/21) -(M)

Officer Training (3/6/21) -(M)

Art Workshop (3/13/21) -(C)

Explore 4-H - Can Can Robots Workshop (3/20/21) -(M)

Explore 4-H - Rockets Workshop (4/17/21) -(M)

Coles County 4-H Fair (5/8/21-7/30/21) (C)

Illinois State 4-H Fair - (S)

Club (L) County (C) Multi-County (M) Regional; (R) State (S)



September

2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New 4-H Year Starts !!!	2	3	4
5 4:30pm Above & Beyond	6	7	8	9 6:30pm Cooks Mills Clovers	10	11 10am Blue Ribbon Go Getters 1:30pm Oakland Oakleaves
12 3pm Golden Spur 6pm Coles County All-Stars	13 6pm Barnstormers	14	15 4-H Online Opens	16	17	18 9am Shooting Sports Air Rifle 8am Shooting Sports Shotgun
19 5pm Showstoppers 6:30pm Kickapoo Ramblers	20 7pm Southsiders	21	22	23 5pm Leaders Meeting @ Extension Office	24	25
26 1:30pm Shooting Sports Archery	27	28	29	30		

AWESOME AUTUMN Photography Contest

Sept. 22-Oct. 31

2 Categories:
Fun in the Fall
Autumn Beauty

3 Age Divisions
(Age as of 9/1/21)
5-7
8-13
14-18

Cash Prizes for each division!

Open to 4-H members in Coles,
Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and
Shelby Counties

Non- 4-H members in the
photographs must have a
photo release that is
submitted with the entry.

Pictures must be taken by 4-H member.

4-H'ers may submit one entry
in each category. The entries
will be reviewed & critiqued
by a photography judge.
Email entries to Yolanda at
nation2@Illinois.edu

DJ's Custom Framing,
Shelbyville, will frame
the overall winner.



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