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4-H Newsletter

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Jasper County Illinois 4-H

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

October

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 9-20 Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply
- 7 4-H Federation Meeting
- 8 Afterschool Adventures-Fishing at Sam Parr State Park
- 19 Shooting Sports Certificate Training

November

- 8 4-H Award Celebration

Jasper County 4-H Awards Celebration

Each year we recognize those members who did an exceptional job with their 4-H records.

This year the Awards Recognition will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at the Sunrise Youth Center and Community Building.

The 4-H Federation will also be sponsoring a Chili Cook-off this year during the Awards Celebration. Each club has been asked to bring 1 gallon of chili to be judged for the evening. The 4-H Federation will also be providing sandwiches and drinks.

Every 4-H member is invited to come attend this evening full of good food and recognition.

Don't forget, all Cloverbud, 1st year, and 4-H Ambassador members will be recognized as well.



Jasper County 4-H



Jasper Co. 4-H
Archery club
Trailblazers

Open to 4-H and
NON 4-H members
ages 8-18 as of
Sept. 1, 2021

Join us
Sun., Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. at the
Jasper County Fairgrounds

Please RSVP by Sat., Oct. 9
at go.illinois.edu/jasperarchery

Please contact the Jasper
County Extension office
with any questions. 618-
783-2521

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The 4-H Archery club
will meet every
Sunday at 4p at the
fairgrounds through
Nov. 21, and will
resume in the spring.

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4-H Ambassador Meeting

- Monday, Oct. 18
 - 6 p.m.
 - Chamber of Commerce
- We will be welcoming new Ambassadors and discussing upcoming events and activities for the 2021-2022 4-H year.

AMBASSADOR INFORMATION

Would you like to be a Jasper County 4-H Ambassador? Now is the time, if you are 7th grade and older and have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years and want to assist with the promotion of the Jasper County 4-H program, you can be a 4-H Ambassador. Contact the Jasper County Extension Office and ask for an Ambassador Application, **complete the application and return it to the Extension Office by Monday, Nov. 1.** The new ambassadors will be announced and presented during the awards celebration on Friday, Nov. 12.

Don't Forget!

Every club member needs to attend at least 2 club meetings and 1 club or county event during the 4-H year in order to be eligible for advancement to the Illinois State Fair general projects showing and in order to sell an animal in the Jasper Co. 4-H Auction. We realize it is hard to make it to all events, but we believe 2 meetings plus 1 event per year is an attainable goal. If a family is having trouble making it to a club meeting due to the day and/or time they meet each month, please contact the Extension office for a list of other club meeting dates and times. We strongly feel that for our youth to receive the full experience of the 4-H program in Jasper County, that involvement outside of the 4-H shows during fair-time is necessary. If families have any questions, please contact Katie at the Extension office.

Jasper County 4-H

4-H Enrollment

If you are a returning 4-H member or 4-H Cloverbud member, you can enroll online now! Go to il.4honline.com and use your e-mail address and password from last year. If you forget the information you used from last year, request a new password online or call the Extension office for help. Please do NOT create a new profile if you were in 4-H last year. New members with no other siblings in 4-H may enroll by creating a new profile. If anyone has questions about the enrollment or project selection through the 4-H online system, please call the Extension Office.

4-H...INSPIRE KIDS TO DO...

4-H Federation

The Jasper County 4-H Federation is for all Jasper County 4-H members high school age and older.

The next meeting will be 6 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 8 at the Jasper County Extension Office.**

All high school age members are welcome, join us to make plans for the upcoming year and of course have some pizza!

Members will elect officers at the November meeting and make plans for the upcoming activities. Including:

- Lock-In's
- Fundraising
- Toys for Kids Shopping
- Other programs they find of interest

Afterschool Adventures

The Afterschool programs target 3rd–6th grade youth, but any 4-H member wishing to participate is welcome to participate. Just remember, it is geared for 3rd –6th. Register online or call the Extension Office at 783-2521.

The 4-H Ambassadors will be assisting with each of the programs as it fits into their schedules. Adult assistance is also needed so if there are any parents who are free to assist, just give us a call. We never turn down good volunteer assistance.

Please note these are tentative and there may be some changes due to availability of volunteers.

Following are the scheduled sessions:

- October—Fishing @ Sam Parr**
- November— Picture This!**
- December— Holiday Jamboree**
- February— Thyme to Eat!**
- March — TBA**
- April — TBA**
- May — Leather Stamping**

TOYS FOR KIDS

It's time to start making plans for the Jasper County HCE Toys for Kids program.

Local clubs have been a very important part of this program. Either by making monetary donations or assisting with the shopping.

We will be needing assistance again this year .

Feel free to discuss with your club if you would like to assist.

Donation drop-off and distribution dates are still TBD.

The Jasper County HCE appreciates everyone's efforts to ensure all the youth in Jasper County have a meaningful Christmas.

Call the Extension office if your club or your family would like to help with this worthwhile program.

Clay County 4-H



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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

October

- 1..... Club Financial Statements due
- 3-9..... National 4-H Week
- 15..... Award applications due



JOIN THE CLUB

Enrollment is open!

Register online at il.4honline.com

Thank you to

Clay County 4-H Foundation

for paying the \$20 enrollment fee for every Clay
County 4-H member.



**Congratulations to the
Clay County
4-H Foundation Lawn
Mower raffle winner,
Melvin Cook!**

**Thank you to everyone
that supported their
fundraiser!**

Clay County 4-H

Award Applications

Award applications for the 2020-2021 4-H Year are now available on the website under County Awards:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-clay-county>

Livestock Records: completed livestock records should be submitted to the office for judging. Awards will be given for the best records in each species.

Awards are due October 15th!

4-H Club Fiscal Paperwork

All 4-H Clubs **without** an EIN complete the Indication of Financial Activity Statement.

All 4-H Clubs **with** an EIN complete the club's fiscal review and submit the (2-page) **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement** to the Extension office in the following ways:

- separate 2-page financial statement included with the *Treasurer Record Book*
- Make certain bank statements, cancelled checks, copies of bills paid, deposit slips, proper signatories, and receipts for cash are all reviewed.

All paperwork must be submitted to the office by October 1st!

Make sure you have all required signatures before turning in!

Secretary Book: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Secretary%20Book.pdf>

Treasurer Book: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Treasurer%20Book.pdf>

Fiscal Resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/fiscal-resource-resources>



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News and updates posted there!



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Clay County 4-H State Fair Results

<u>Name</u>		<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Rockell	Allen	Paper	Participant
Silas	Allen	Nature	Participant
Ananiah	Barbee	Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A	Participant
Brady	Clark	Veterinary Science	Participant
Maleah	Cooper	Creative Writing	Participant
Ava	Fleener	Floriculture A	Participant
Clara	Hagen	Shooting Sports Shotgun	Champion
Ellie	Hagen	Floriculture A	Inspire
Teddy	Muskopf	Creative Writing	Participant
Katie	Muskopf	Photography 3	Participant



Effingham County 4-H



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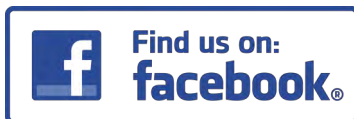
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October

3-9..... National 4-H Week

17..... Federation Meeting

23..... Christmas in October (POSTPONED)

31..... Newlin Martin Scholarship & Lori Voelker Award Essays Due

November

6..... 4-H Achievement Celebration

4-H Achievement Celebration

November 6, 2021 at 2:30 PM
Dieterich Community Civic Center
102 W. Virginia St., Dieterich, IL

**HOST
DIETERICH TRAILBLAZERS 4-H CLUB**

Effingham County 4-H

REMINDER! The 4-H New Year starts new financial planning for your club. Gearing up for a new fundraiser? Clubs are required to fill out a 4-H Fundraising Approval Form for each fundraiser, and submit it to their local extension office at least two weeks prior to the fundraising activity. Forms can be found at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/CLUB%20Fundraising%20Approval%20Form.pdf>

Volunteer Training is essential so that volunteers not only understand the expectations of their role but have the skills, competencies, and information necessary to be successful. We're here to do everything we can to help you. You can access these training courses 24/7! Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training> for more information.

NEWLIN MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

You must currently be a high school senior or junior, or college freshman, enrolled in the Effingham County 4-H program, and submit a 500 word essay including the following criteria: 4-H accomplishments, community service activities; how you will utilize what you have learned from 4-H; and financial need of the scholarship. Essay must be in the Extension Office no later than October 31.

LORI VOELKER AWARD

You must currently be in high school or college freshman, enrolled in and completed at least one 4-H project the past year in the Effingham County 4-H program, and submit a 500 word essay including the following criteria: 4-H accomplishments, community service activities; how you will utilize what you have learned from 4-H; and financial need of the scholarship. Essay must be in the Extension Office no later than the end of October 31.

Project Spark Sheets

Projects help 4-H members find and nurture their *spark*. When you try something for the first time, you may be inspired to keep learning as much as possible about it. You might even want a career related to that new interest. 4-H projects often spark young people to follow their passions, interests, and talents on a new path to career development, enjoyment, and belonging. Ready for your spark? Learn more about 4-H projects you can explore. We have more than 75 sparks just waiting for you to light!

Illinois 4-H Spark Sheets are available for all statewide 4-H projects. These sheets are designed as a tool for parents, mentors or club leaders who are helping a 4-H member explore a project of interest. Spark Sheets, and related project resources, are continuously updated and available on the Illinois 4-H website. Each sheet contains information to help plan project exploration, spark ideas, and ignite possibilities. Get more information including an overview of how to use spark sheets here:

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

Effingham County 4-H



The 4-H Federation would like to send a special thank you to all the clubs that volunteered to help hang ribbons in their communities for National 4-H Week.

4-H Achievement Night

Mark your calendars. We are excited to announce the Dieterich Trailblazers 4-H Club will be hosting the 2021 Effingham County 4-H Award Night. The Effingham County 4-H Achievement Night will be held at 2:30 p.m. on November 6, 2021, at the Dieterich Community Civic Center. Come show your appreciation to this year's 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees Larry & JoAnn Ring!

Due to the ongoing concern with COVID, the HCE ladies voted to postpone Christmas in October scheduled for October 23, 2021. As soon as HCE votes on a new date, we will notify you with rescheduled date.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY 4-H
ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR
AGES 5-18**

Enroll Today

v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

Become an Effingham County 4-H member by
DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR FREE!

The Effingham County 4-H Foundation will pay your
program fee. Join today!

PREMIUM CHECKS FOR THE 2020 EFFINGHAM COUNTY 4-H FAIR WILL BE MAILED SOON

PLEASE CASH ASAP

TO EFFINGHAM COUNTY
4-H MEMBERS 8TH
GRADE & UP

**THE NEXT 4-H
FEDERATION
MEETING IS AT
2 P.M.
OCTOBER 17, 2021**

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PARTICIPATION IN FEDERATION ALLOWS OLDER 4-H'ERS TO
START TAKING ON MORE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND
INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTY AND OFFERS MEMBERS THE
CHANCE TO EXPLORE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING EVENTS
BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL.



Fayette County 4-H



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Enrollment is open!.

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**Enroll by December 1st
to get this shirt!**

**Sponsored by Southwestern
Electric Coop**



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Fayette County 4-H

Award Applications

Award applications for the 2020-2021 4-H Year are now available at: <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

Types of awards:

- Experience—highlights activities from the past year
- Officer Awards—submit secretary, treasurer, and scrapbooks
- Best Kept Livestock Records
- Club Awards
- Alumni Award
- Friend of 4-H Award
- No application needed for:
 - Membership Year
 - Cloverbud
 - Leaders

Find applications:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-fayette-county>

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Fiscal Resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/fiscal-resource-resources>

Fayette County 4-H

Fayette County 4-H State Fair Results/

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Kinley	Carson	Floriculture A	Participant
Emma	Chambers	Photography 1	Inspire
Curtis	Cole Crockett	Photography 2	Participant
Isabelle	Daiber	Paper	Champion
Ike	Daiber	Metal	Participant
Ivy	Daiber	Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Inspire
Hadley	Hagler	Glass/Plastic	Participant
Chad	Ledbetter	Woodworking 2	Participant
Rhilynn	Miller	Animal Science	Participant
Anna	Niemeyer	STEAM Clothing 3-Sewn Clothing	Participant
Kendal	Pease	Robotics 1 Intermediate	Champion
Tanor	Pemberton	Vegetable Gardening Display	Participant
David	Stine	Welding	Participant
Calvin	Voelker	Woodworking 1	Champion
Auni	Wollin	Clay	Participant

Auction Checks

Auction checks and buyer photos are available for pick up in the office.

As a reminder, you will need to pay 3% back to the livestock committee. Checks should be written to FCLA.

Don't forget to say "Thank You"

It is important to say thank you to the trophy/award sponsors and auction buyers!

We would also like to thank Rural King for their gracious gift to each member who participated in the 4-H auction. Please take the time to send them a note of appreciation!

If you need a thank you card, please contact the office or Sarah Luce

Address: Rural King-Vandalia
1410 Veterans Ave
Vandalia, IL 62471

Did you hear?

Southwestern Electric Coop is paying the \$20 enrollment fee for every Fayette County 4-H member!

THANK YOU!



Extension Serving Clay, Effingham, Fayette and Jasper Counties



Extraordinary volunteers inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Longtime volunteers and former staff members were recently honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

In 2021, 71 individuals received the Foundation Hall of Fame Award, presented during a virtual ceremony Aug. 17. Four of the honorees are being named posthumously.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by either county University of Illinois Extension staff or by the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

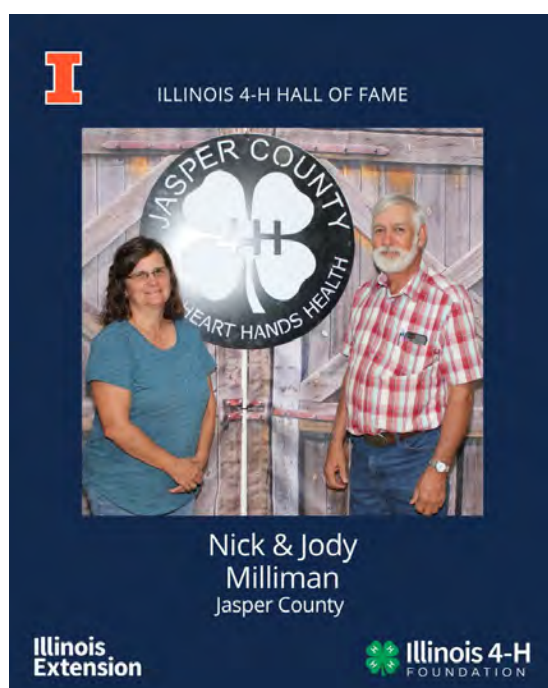
“These volunteers are a model of 4-H values,” says Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director. “All of our volunteers are valuable, but this award honors those that go above and beyond. These are volunteers that helped shape not only individuals, but generations of 4-H members. The Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization.

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 120,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in communities, schools, parks, and homes across Illinois. Volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles throughout the state.

“Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves,” Barnard says. “More and more though, adults brand new to the 4-H experience are seeing the value of the life skills development program and volunteering for the first time. 4-H has volunteer opportunities that fit such a wide variety of time, skills, and talents.”

To volunteer in your community, one may request information from the [local Extension office](#). “There is a place for everyone in 4-H, whether you have an hour or a lifetime to give,” Barnard says.

2021 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees



WELCOME KASEY SANDERS



Hello! My name is Kasey Sanders and I am the new 4-H Youth Development Educator for University of Illinois Extension serving Clay, Effingham, Fayette and Jasper Counties. I grew up on a small farm in Iroquois County. After graduating high school, I attended Eastern Illinois University where I received by Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. I then went on to teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in Urbana, Illinois for 5.5 years. During this time, I began working for Unit 13 as Extra Help throughout the summers. I helped with programming and planning their project expos and livestock shows. While teaching, I completed my Masters of Science in Curriculum and Instruction at Eastern Illinois University in 2019. I then moved to Shumway with my fiancé, Ben, and taught 6th grade for a year and a few months. Ben and I live on his grandparents farm with our dog (Clark) and run a show pig operation. We will also be welcoming another puppy in a few weeks, named Kip. I am very excited to begin this new adventure in this position. I look forward to meeting you!





Illinois 4-H

Planning ahead.....

2021-2022:

Illinois 4-H is joining forces with the Illinois Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Forestry Committee to organize a statewide tree appreciation program entitled: **4-H Green Communities Tree Program**. Several educational forestry topics will be emphasized along with a culminating event of planting trees throughout the state on community based properties in the spring of 2022.

Be thinking of where a tree could go in your community as a survey of interested counties will be done this fall! No cost to you!

Illinois 4-H Contact: Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



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!



Travel Abroad Update!

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>.

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



Illinois 4-H

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 carissa7@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 on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!

Instagram: @illinois4h

Facebook: www.facebook.com/illinois4h

Twitter: @illinois4h



National 4-H Week

Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9! [Flier with ideas available here](#) to get your creative juices flowing as you plan for the week!

Illinois 4-H will also have Spirit Week special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed! More posts and info to come, but here is a preview so you can plan:

- ★ **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.

Illinois 4-H

Are you ready to find your spark?

The 4-H New Year is here and the new 4-H Project Selection Guide is ready and waiting for you! View it online here: go.illinois.edu/4hprojectguide or in Spanish here: <https://go.illinois.edu/ProjSelectionSpan>



4-H Club Secretary Book

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Secretary%20Book.pdf>

4-H Club Treasurer Book

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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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