



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Christian County** 4-H Families

May 2019

Christian County 4-H Public Speaking



Christian County 4-H Livestock Clinic



UNIT 18 - *Serving:*

*Christian, Jersey,
Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Christian County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/christian4h>



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Join us for an Open House!

Christian County Youth
Leadership Team wants YOU
to join 4-H!

June 14th
5 PM - 8 PM

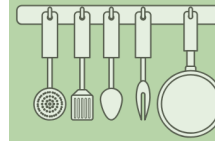


Come experience 4-H
projects and see which ones
OPEN an interest to you!

Woodworking
Cooking
Pets
AND MORE!

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Upcoming Events!



*Cooking
Challenge*

JUNE 25TH-27TH
9 AM - 12PM
AGES 8-12
\$15
*ONLY 20 SPOTS
AVAILABLE*

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE
1120 N. WEBSTER ST.
TAYLORVILLE

DAY 1 AND 2: LEARN BASIC
KITCHEN SKILLS
DAY 3: "CHOPPED"
CHALLENGE

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*Training for summer
2019!*

BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

Grow your leadership potential - Learn something new - Teach others - Give back

CORE TRAINING

- Saturday, May 18th - Macoupin County Office
- Thursday, May 30th - Christian County Office

Topics include ages & stages, experiential learning, presentation skills, and classroom/group management.

All teen teachers must attend ONE core training during their 4-H career.

CURRICULUM TRAINING

- Tuesday, May 28th - Montgomery County Office
- Wednesday, May 29th - Macoupin County Office
- Friday, May 31st - Christian County Office
- Friday, June 21st - Jersey County Office

CURRICULUM Training Subjects

- DIY Code & Build
- Using Makey Makey
- Pollinator & Environmental Education
- Cooking Basics
- Gardening

Teen teachers must attend both a core and curriculum training before they can teach.

REGISTER ONLINE

web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm
QUESTIONS? Email marten1@illinois.edu

OPEN TO
AGES 14+

FREE OF
COST

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4-H Science Camp

June 17th & 18th

Jr. - Ages 6-9
9:30 AM - 11 AM
\$15

Sr. - Ages 10-13
1 PM - 2:30 PM
\$15

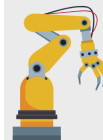


Come observe,
measure, and
hypothesize with us!



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4-H We Do Robotics



June 20th

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
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1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Ages 6-9

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Fair Entry

Fair Entry is now open! Fair entry is the website we will be using for 4-H fair entries this year! Directions were sent out in an email! If you have questions please contact the office 217-287-7246 or rlvngst2@illinois.edu.

Fair Entry will close Wednesday June 12th at 4:30!

No entries will be excepted after that!

Fair Entry Link

<https://fairenter.com/Public/FindYourFair>

Fair Entry Open House

If you need access to a computer or have questions about fair entry we will be holding an open house on June 5th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the extension office!

Fair Entry will close Wednesday June 12th at 4:30!

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Tie Blankets!

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped us tie blankets and donated fabric! We tied 32 in total! The blankets were donated to the hospital for the less fortunate kids! Remember if you helped tie blankets or donated fabric it counts as a National Community service project!

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Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
 - ⇒ Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
 - ⇒ In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned
 - ⇒ 4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...
 - ⇒ 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by
 - ⇒ I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
 - ⇒ In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...
- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!"
- There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

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Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or 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!

Be aware:

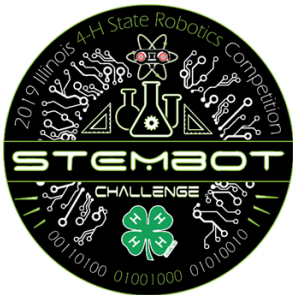
- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
- Applications are due June 1.



For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives

Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu

Come watch robots take over the world; Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition



Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.



Entry deadlines approaching



The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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Take the whole family



Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities! Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show.



Check out the masters at this year's state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.



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4-H FOUNDATION

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



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mark your calendar!



May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 11	State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington
June 1	Ownership Deadline for Horses
June 1	DEADLINE: Entries for Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
June 1	DEADLINE: Ownership Deadline for Dogs
June 4 – 8	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1
June 8	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
June 8 – 15	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC
June 9 – 13	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2
June 12 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
June 16 – 20	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3
June 17	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
June 20 – July 19	Outbound travel to Costa Rica
June 23 – 29	Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
June 26 – July 27	Outbound travel to Finland
June 30 – July 4	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4
July 1	DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
July 7 – 12	Camp Corral at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 10 – Aug. 8	Outbound travel to Japan
July 15 – Aug. 13	Outbound travel to South Korea
July 20 – 21	4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
July 22 – 28	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield
July 24	Superior Young Producer Horse Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
July 28 – Aug. 1	4-H Memorial Camp Week 5
August 12	State Fair Exhibit day for Adams, Boone, Brown-Schuyler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian , Cook, Ford, Franklin, Greene, Hancock, Iroquois, Jackson, Jersey , Lee, Macoupin , Montgomery , Morgan, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Scott, Vermilion, Whiteside, and Williamson counties.