



4-H FAST FACTS



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

January 2022



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*Christian, Jersey,
Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

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MEMBERS, PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS
-THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2021!

ENROLL FOR THE 2021-2022 4-H YEAR!

Returning members enroll at
il.4honline.com

*New members contact the Christian County
Extension Office at 217-287-7246 or email Alexis at*
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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/ChristianCountyIL4h>



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extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-christian-county



Painting Class

FEBRUARY 21, 2022
1-2:30 PM
CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Register now: go.illinois.edu/CC4-HPainting

Paint a 4-H design on canvas!

COST: \$3

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Order Publications!

go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hshop

4-H Food Pantry Collection!



Bring items to the Christian County Extension Office between February 7 - 21

- ▶ When you drop items off, please mention which club you are a member of.
- ▶ Club with the most items dropped off will receive a prize pack with 4-H meeting supplies.

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CHRISTIAN COUNTY BEEF WEIGH-IN



February 12, 2022 @ 8 AM

Christian County Extension Office

Questions? Contact Alexis at amcdo6@illinois.edu



Register by Jan. 10 for Astro Explorers SPIN Club!

Astronomy is the study of everything in the universe beyond Earth's atmosphere! Astro Explorers will guide you through many online resources and activities to study the sun, moon, planets, stars, asteroids, comets & meteors, and space exploration.

You will receive a weekly guide listing the links to explore and suggestions for related activities. This will be a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to show their projects from this program at their county fair this summer!

Register at go.illinois.edu/cjmmastro



Christian County



4-H SHOWBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST 2022



DESIGN THE 2022 4-H
SHOWBOOK COVER!

ENTRIES DUE FEB 4, 2022 TO
THE EXTENSION OFFICE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. "CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK" AND THE YEAR "2022" MUST BE SHOWN SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DESIGN.
2. USE ANY 4-H FAIR OR PROJECT THEME.
3. MUST BE A 4-H MEMBER. THIS INCLUDES CLOVERBUDS.
4. YOUR ARTWORK MUST BE DRAWN OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK ONLY.
5. YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ON WHITE UNLINED PAPER.
6. NO ENTRIES WITH TRADEMARK CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS OTHER THAN THE 4-H CLOVER, ACCEPTED.
7. PUT YOUR NAME AND CLUB ON THE BACK OF YOUR DESIGN IN PENCIL.
8. ONE ENTRY PER PERSON.





BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

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

CORE TRAINING

(choose one to attend)



Saturday, January 29th

Montgomery County Extension Office

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, March 12th

Macoupin County Extension Office

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This training is required in order to attend future curriculum training. You only have to attend this training once in your 4-H career.

CORE Training Includes:

- Ages & Stages of Youth Development
- Experiential Learning Model
- Teaching Techniques
- Teambuilding (using Real Colors)
- Communication Skills

REGISTER

go.illinois.edu/cjmmteenteachertraining

**OPEN TO
AGES 14+**



QUESTIONS?

Email marten1@illinois.edu

**FREE OF COST
Lunch Provided**



MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

As a member of the Unit 18 Youth Leadership Team, you can...

Open to all 4-H members (**age 13 and up**) of Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County

- Practice leadership in a variety of ways across Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties
- Help plan unit-wide events for yourself and fellow 4-H members
- Advocate and promote 4-H locally and across the unit
- Be a teacher and mentor to younger youth
- Meet new 4-H members from other counties
- **HAVE FUN!**

MULTICOUNTY Served on a committee to plan a multi-county 4-H event or program

To join, sign up online:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmyltsignup

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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



Enroll now:
il.4honline.com



The National Youth Summit Series are immersive, three-day experiences where you dive into the issues, expand your career horizons and grow as a leader while working with and learning from other teens and experts with shared passions.

2022 Agri Science Summit

We are seeking applications for our IL Delegation that will be attending the **2022 Youth Agri-Science Summit in DC, March 10-13th**. You can learn more about the summit and see a detailed agenda here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will support the travel and registration of **six Illinois 4-H youth**.

Application Link for IL Delegation: Due Feb. 1st, 2022 <https://form.iotform.com/213485241850151>

We will be asking youth delegate participants to participate in all aspects of the summit as well as put what they learn into action in their home county. Details are provided in the application and I will be helping to coordinate as well once we have a delegation established. We are also requiring a \$100 registration fee



2022 Healthy Living Summit

February 10-13, 2022 at the **Hyatt Regency Bethesda, MD**

Register by the **January 10, 2022** priority deadline to save \$50!

Final Deadline to Register: January 24, 2022

You can learn more about the summit and see a detailed agenda here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned



4-H INTERNATIONAL



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 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, January through March and 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 Friday, January 7th 2022. go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

Host an international youth this summer

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) or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.



LEADERSHIP

Tell Your 4-H Story – Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team



We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events. Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close January 13.

STEM

The time has come for us to release the Robotics Challenge documents!

This year's competition will revolve around the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Team, which is preparing curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories (ISS) and The Lab for Advanced Space Systems at Illinois, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, (LASSI). These collaborations will enable Illinois 4-H youth to send experiments to the ISS, and build/launch micro satellites into orbit.

The SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge will take place at the **McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Team registration will open **January 17, 2022** and will close **March 16, 2022**. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration.

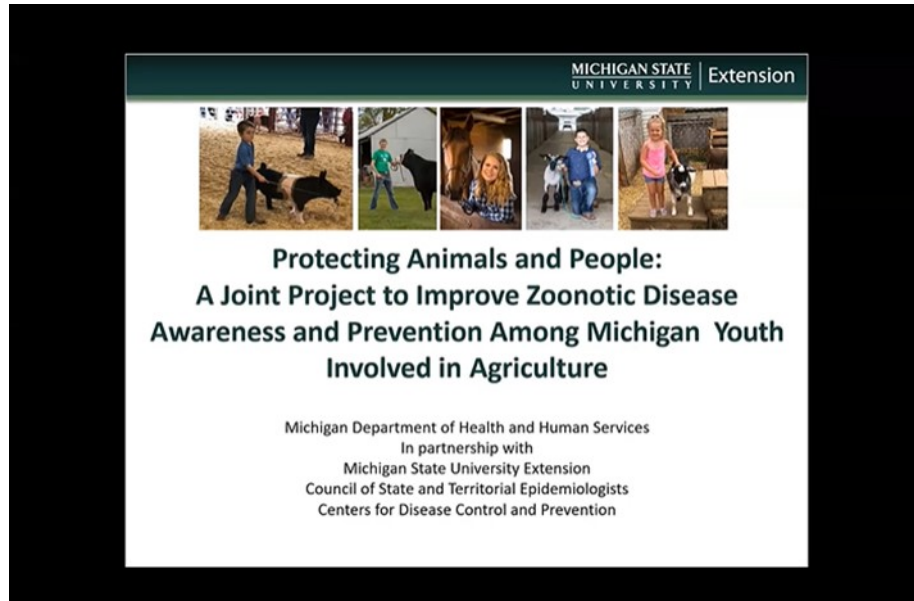
Challenge Download/Documents Folder: <https://go.illinois.edu/2022CHALLENGE>

Register Here on Jan 17, 2022: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2022>





ANIMAL SCIENCES



We are excited to share this closed-captioned webinar from our partners at Michigan State University Extension: [Zoonotic Disease Resource Webinar, Protecting People and Animals.](#)

Additionally, Michigan State University Extension has partnered with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create multiple other resources designed to help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases. These resources are highlighted on the [informational webinar hosted by MSU Extension](#) and also include educational resources available to promote healthy interaction between animals and people, strategies to bring awareness to the issue of the spread of zoonotic diseases and planning materials to keep animals and the public safe and healthy.

Additional resources can also be found highlighted on MSU Extension's [Fair and Animal Health webpage](#), and the [zoonotic disease webpage](#).

The webinar opportunity and development of these resources has been supported by a Cooperative Agreement from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).

Save the date!

The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19th at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM, judging starts at noon)

And save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus!





CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING



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. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022	4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full	4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022

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, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.





SHOOTING SPORTS



Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

February 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. 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

- 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)



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Tournament details coming soon!

- April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament