



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

**October 2021**



4-H Federation Youth worked with Macoupin County Master Gardeners to help plant flower beds at the Macoupin County Courthouse Sept 24.



**UNIT 18 - Serving:**  
*Christian, Jersey,  
Macoupin &  
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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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**The 2021-2022 4-H program fee for new and returning members is being waived again by the Unit 18 Extension Council. Their goal was to remove financial barriers for families during this challenging time so that more area youth can take part in the 4-H program.**

## JOIN TODAY

### Macoupin County 4-H

FIND YOUR  
*Spark*

OPEN ENROLLMENT  
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Youth  
Ages  
5-7  
8-18

**ENROLL ONLINE:**

**[il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)**

Email Kate at [harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu) with questions or to join!

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## Macoupin County 4-H Achievement Night

Two Options: Attend In-Person or Virtually!

November 12 at 7pm

Cross Church  
1030 West Main  
Carlinville

RSVP by Nov 1:

[go.illinois.edu/macoupinachievement](http://go.illinois.edu/macoupinachievement)



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# 4-H WEEK

Macoupin County

October 3-9, 2021  
Find Your Spark!

<b>SUNDAY</b>	10/3	Sign Sunday - Make a 4-H sign to display in your yard or pick one up from the Extension office.
<b>MONDAY</b>	10/4	Member Monday - Submit your 4-H enrollment before October 9.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10/5	Trendy Tuesday - Share a pic on social media that shows your love for 4-H. Change your profile pic to show 4-H love.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10/6	4-H Spirit Day - Wear a 4-H t-shirt or the color green.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10/7	Thankful Thursday - Write a thank you note or show your appreciation to your club leader or 4-H volunteer.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10/8	Friendship Friday - Tell your friend about why you love 4-H and take of selfie with your friend!
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10/9	Service Saturday - Lend a helping hand by donating to a local charity or assist a friend/neighbor.

Email a photo to Kate at [harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu) to share on county 4-H FB page and be entered in a drawing for special prizes!



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Enroll today! It's Membership Monday!

Go to [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)  
Email [harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu) with any questions.

Every member who is enrolled  
before the end of the day Oct. 9  
will be entered to win a  
4-H t-shirt!



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**ENROLL TODAY!!**



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Register Today!  
4-H Members  
8-18

**VIRTUAL**

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# 4-H Officer Training

Find Your Spark in Leadership  
Saturday, October 30, 2021

9:30 - 11am

Register by Oct. :

[go.illinois.edu/cjmmofficertaining](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmmofficertaining)

Zoom link will be sent out closer to event date!  
Open to all 4-H officers or members interested in  
becoming an officer!

Call Kate at 217-854-9604 or email [harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu) with any questions.

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University of Illinois | U.S. Department of Agriculture | Local Extension Councils Cooperating

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension office.

# 4-H THANKFUL BASKETS



UNIT-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

**THANKFUL 4 TEACHERS**

REGISTER TO DONATE GREEN ITEMS FOR  
THE BASKETS FROM PROVIDED LIST:  
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMMCOMMUNITYSERVICE](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMMCOMMUNITYSERVICE)

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT  
60 CARLINVILLE PLAZA, CARLINVILLE NOV 1-17

BASKETS WILL BE DELIVERED TO AREA TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF  
WEEK OF NOV 22!

Hosted by: Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Questions? Contact Kate at [harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu) or call 217-854-9604



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## 4-H FALL GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

### Fall Themed Art Projects

Reserve a kit at:  
[go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hfallkit](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hfallkit)

Kits available from local Extension  
Office starting Oct. 11

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## 4-H FALL CLOVERBUD GRAB AND GO ART KITS



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Youth will get a fall  
themed art project to  
make at home!

Reserve a kit at:  
[go.illinois.edu/cjmmcloverbudfallkit](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmmcloverbudfallkit)

Youth Ages 5-7

Kits available from local Extension  
Office starting Oct. 11

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# Outdoor Photography Workshop

*for beginners*

Sponsored by  
Macoupin County 4-H



Monday, October 11, 2021  
10-11:15 a.m.

Loveless Park Pavilion

This is a hands-on opportunity!  
You don't have to be a member of 4-H to  
attend. Please bring a digital camera or  
camera phone.

Ages 8-13

Free to attend!

Register online: [go.illinois.edu/macoupinphotography](http://go.illinois.edu/macoupinphotography)  
or call the Extension office at 217-854-9604

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**Macoupin County 4-H**  
**ROBOTICS TEAM**

INTERESTED IN 4-H ROBOTICS?  
COME JOIN THE FUN STARTING THIS NOVEMBER

SIGN UP TODAY FOR MORE DETAILS!

LEADERS: GREG & STEFANIE BEHME  
CALL 217-854-9604 WITH QUESTIONS

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**Youth Ages 8-18**

Meetings will be at:  
60 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville

Register by Nov 1 at :  
[go.illinois.edu/macoupinrobotics](http://go.illinois.edu/macoupinrobotics)



## MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H

# ART SPIN CLUB



**\$20**

Gallery Show  
in April to  
showcase  
artist's work!

**Virtual Art SPIN Club**  
(November - April @ 6PM)

Youth ages 8-18 Space is Limited.

Each 3rd Monday of the month youth will create a special art piece at home! Projects will include working with Nature, Pigment, Fiber, Clay, and Paper.

Youth will be guided by local guest artists from The MAC (Macoupin County Art Collective) via Zoom.

Register by calling 217.854.9604 or online at [go.illinois.edu/macoupinartspin](http://go.illinois.edu/macoupinartspin)

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## 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.

## 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.



## 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 or at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/180k-2WP7zQ4rBpxJASxUn523TgUt6Rha/view>



**Submissions are due by October 3!**



## 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](#). The flier is also available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b24kbmEKZclZW0Q21n7qN6sump7sAwgA/view>



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## Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022



**Travel Abroad Update!**

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Or at <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/71518-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

Program information can be found [here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/06mmylql4dyh124tqjf0husfq1s4sqn>

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/rltztg5h4t8xvmpuehvdypry9np4s>

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

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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 [carissa7@illinois.edu](mailto: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.

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Twitter: @illinois4h

