



4-H FAST FACTS



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

December 2021



4-H Thankful Baskets Hands to larger service!

Throughout the month of November, 4-H members from Christian, Jersey, Macoupin and Montgomery counties collected green items to donate to area school districts. Teachers and school staff play an integral role in the development youth and it was our goal to give back for all that they do. In Montgomery County, baskets were donated to schools where youth participated in the service project. Thank you to all the 4-H members who participated in the unit-wide community service project and thank you to our teachers!



To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomery4h>



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Achievement Night Participants



Jon Schmidt

- Gold Level Award
- Youth Leadership Team member



Hazel Holshouser

- 1st Year member Award



Erin Kistner

- Youth Leadership Team member
- Gold Experience Award
- Emerald in Leadership
- Gold Achievement Project Learning



Blakely Jones

- Cloverbud Recognition



Elaan Bader

- Gold Experience Award
- Youth Leadership Team member
- Gold Achievement in Project Learning
- Emerald in Project Learning



Ethan Marley

- Silver Experience Award



Kohen Stolte

- Gold Experience Award
- I Dare You Award
- Youth Leadership Team member
- Diamond in Leadership



Joelle Hughes

- Gold Experience Award
- Youth Leadership Team Member

Achievement Night Participants



Amanda Niemann

- Youth Leadership Team member
- Gold Achievement Project Learning
- Gold Level Experience Award
- I Dare You
- Emerald Project Learning
- Officer Award



Emma Hughes

- Gold Experience Award
- Gold Achievement
- Emerald Level- Project Learning
- Outstanding Member
- Club Officer
- Youth Leadership Team member



Cecilia Dudek

- Youth Leadership Team Member



Willow McSperrit

- 1st Year Member Award



Alden Knodle

- Youth Leadership Team member
- Gold Achievement Leadership
- Gold Level Experience Award



Levi Reynolds

- Cloverbud Recognition



Travis Broers

- Silver Experience Award



Katlyn Marley

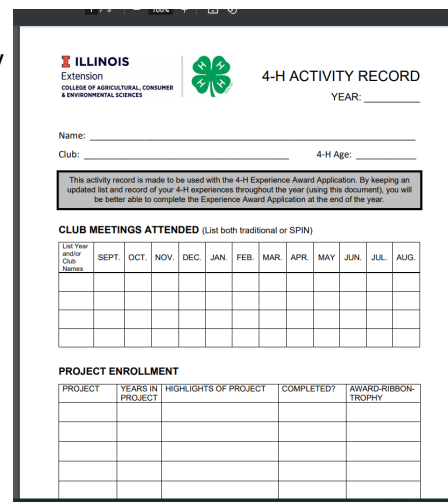
- 5 Year Member Award
- Gold Experience Award


WIN AWARDS AT 4-H ACHIEVEMENT FALL 2022!



Did you see all the great awards some of our members got during achievement? You can win some too.

Keep track of all of your 4-H activities. Use the Activity Record here <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cjmm4-hactivityreport.pdf>



ILLINOIS Extension COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  **4-H ACTIVITY RECORD**
YEAR: _____

Name: _____
Club: _____ 4-H Age: _____

This activity record is made to be used with the 4-H Experience Award Application. By keeping an updated list and record of your 4-H experiences throughout the year (using this document), you will be better able to complete the Experience Award Application at the end of the year.

CLUB MEETINGS ATTENDED (List both traditional or SPIN)

List Year and/or Club Names	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG

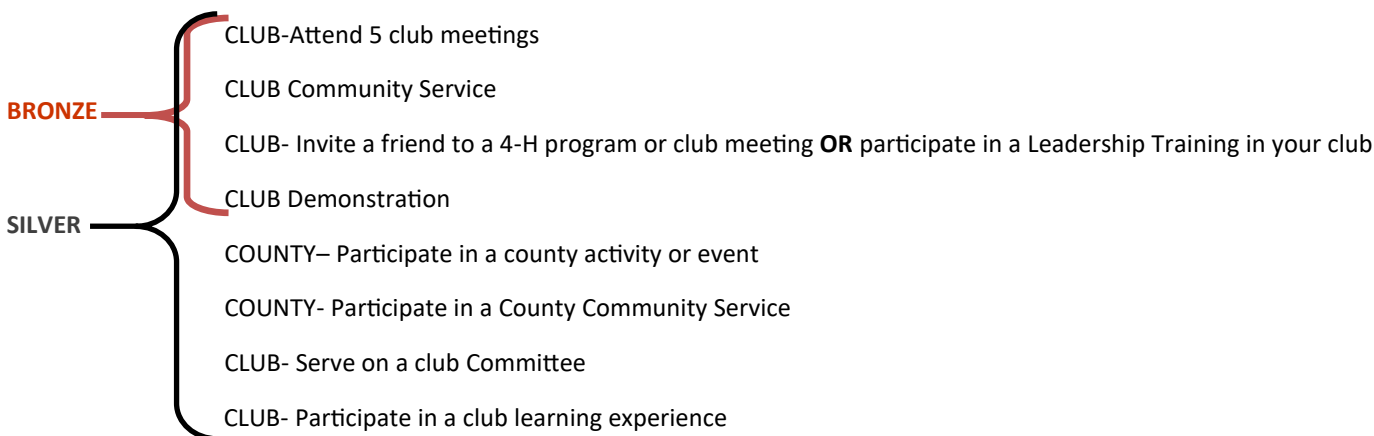
PROJECT ENROLLMENT

PROJECT	YEARS IN PROJECT	HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECT	COMPLETED?	AWARD-RIBBON-TROPHY

PLAN AHEAD TO WIN AWARDS

Choose the level you want to work toward and plan your 4-H experience to get the activities you need. If you get farther than you planned-GREAT! Just adapt to the new level and try to complete by August 31, 2022

Use this chart to help you get started.



If you are interested in learning about higher level awards, contact your leader or the staff in the 4-H office. We are happy to help.



December 2021

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I CULTURAL EXPLORATION
FINNISH GNOMES
CLOVERBUD KIT 

Explore Christmas traditions in Finland
Each kit will include all supplies, directions and a lesson on Finland.



COST
\$0

**You will need tacky glue or a hot glue gun.*

Register at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmgnomes

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I CULTURAL EXPLORATION
FINNISH GNOMES &
HOLIDAY TRADITIONS 

Explore Christmas traditions and fairytales in Finland
Each kit will include all supplies, directions and a lesson on Finland.

**You will need tacky glue or a hot glue gun.*



COST
\$3

Register at:
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Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County 4-H



4-H B&W HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Submit your digital black and white holiday photograph
by Dec. 17 to harding@illinois.edu.

RULES:

- Take a picture with a holiday theme. Must be in black and white!
- Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.
- 2 Age Groups - Cloverbuds Age 5-7 & Age 8-18
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!
- If taking 4-H Photography, use skills from the 4-H Photography Manual.
- Questions should be directed to Kate at harding@illinois.edu.

Winners announced and pictures displayed on county 4-H Facebook pages



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**Extension offices will be CLOSED
Friday, December 24 till Tuesday, January 4.
Normal office hours will resume on
Wednesday, January 5, 2022.**



Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

- Provide repairs at a community church
- Develop a bicycle, horse, or hiking nature trail
- Provide improvements to a local park or cemetery
- Provide landscaping at a fairgrounds, park, or other community meeting place
- Build a resting bench for a public space
- Construct a welcome sign for your community
- Plant a community garden

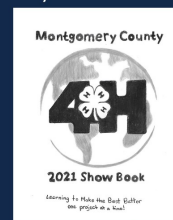


Help us design a cover for the 2022 4-H shows!

Submit your entry to the Extension Office by February 4

Entry Requirements

- "Montgomery county 4-H Show Book" and the year "2022" must be shown somewhere in the design.
- Use any fair or project theme.
- Must be a 4-H member.
- Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
- Your entry must be on white paper.
- No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover accepted.
- Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.



SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER C

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)

July 2022

TBD in Northern Illinois



Montgomery County 4-H 
Archery Club

Meets
Sundays from 1:30-3pm

Youth ages 8-18
Annual Club fee - \$10

Sign up at
go.illinois.edu/montgomeryarchery

Contact the Extension Office
217-532-3941 or ehugh2@illinois.edu

Follow Facebook page for updates
Montgomery County Straightshooters,

VOLUNTEERS

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Watch for future registration details!



Join us for 4-H Volunteer
Café Conversations

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!



LAST CHANCE! MORE MEMBERS NEEDED

FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS

Join FCL

Learn how YOU can be a leader in your community

COMMUNITY ISSUES

LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PUBLIC SPEAKING

COMMUNICATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU

Time line

November/December - training (dates set according to availability for members)

January - Feb Attend local government meetings and start researching a project

Winter-Spring work on a community project of your choice

Registration:

bit.ly/3I91WXW

Questions:

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