



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

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## NEXT BULK PUBLICATION/PROJECT BOOK ORDER IS MARCH 1ST!



Check your enrollment and publication requests on 4-H Online. If you need a specific book, please select the “project resource” with your project. Books are delivered to your club leader approximately 1-2 weeks after ordering.

Project books can also be purchased, as needed, from the Extension Office during normal business hours.

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### COUNTY SHOWBOOKS

County 4-H showbooks should be ready to pick up at the Extension Office or at your club meeting by March 1st.

**Thank you to those members that submitting entries for the showbook cover. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.**

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### \*TENTATIVE\* Christian County 4-H Show Dates



Public Presentations—Tuesday, April 30th

Unit Horse Show—Saturday, June 13th

Clothing & Textiles—Friday, July 17th

Food Show—Friday, July 17th

Rabbit & Poultry Show—Monday, July 20th

General Show—Monday, July 20th

Cat & Dog Show—Monday, July 20th

Livestock Shows—Wednesday, July 22nd

STATE FAIR DAY—Saturday, August 15th

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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Cookie  
Decorating  
Workshop



**Monday, March 9th**  
**5:30-7:00 pm**

Happy Baked Goods  
115 W. Poplar St., Taylorville, IL

Cost: \$5 (Bring payment with you on March 9th)

Participants will learn basic decorating techniques and create treats to take home.

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4-H TEEN TEACHER**

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

**CORE TRAINING**

February 29th  
Macoupin County Extension Office  
9AM-3PM  
\*Lunch Provided\*

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

Additional curriculum training will be provided separately.

**REGISTER**  
REGISTRATION: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county>

**QUESTIONS?**  
Email [marten1@illinois.edu](mailto:marten1@illinois.edu)

**FUTURE CURRICULUM Training Subjects**  
May Include:  
• DIY Code & Build Using Makey Makey  
• Pollinator & Environmental Education  
• Cooking Basics  
• Gardening  
• AG LIT

**OPEN TO AGES 14+**

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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.

## Christian County 4-H Program Coordinator position is now open!

Applications are being accepted online only. Please share with any and all who might be eligible or interested. Full job details, requirements, and application can be found at

<http://jobs.illinois.edu>.



# WE ARE HIRING!

Applications close on  
Thursday, February  
13th.

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**NEW FOR 2019-2020  
PROGRAM YEAR**

## WHAT IS YQCA?

YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals—is a national training and assurance program for youth who work with and care for livestock. The training focuses on three main pillars of animal production agriculture—food safety, animal well-being, and personal character and life skill development.

Starting in the 2019-2020 program year, all youth are exhibiting a livestock animal in the following project areas are **REQUIRED** to complete YQCA training each year:

Beef Cattle—Dairy Cattle—Goats—Sheep—Swine

## HOW DO I GET TRAINED?

Training is provided online via webinar or in-person through a trained instructor. Trainings, on average, take 60-90 minutes to complete. Costs for each training method are as follows:

**ONLINE: \$12/participant**

**IN-PERSON: \$3/participant**

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

All registration and payment—whether for in-person or online training—done through the YQCA website.

<https://yqca.learngrow.io>

**REMAINING IN-PERSON  
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, March 14th @ 9:30 AM**

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**Saturday, April 25th @ 9:30 AM**

Christian County Extension Office

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## Host an international youth this summer



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 22 through August 17.

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 accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook

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## Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing)

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!



## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor



4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [ArDavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ArDavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.

## Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30





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## Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:
  - **Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.
  - **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
  - **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

## Check out these state contests

### STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

**April 18 | 8 AM**

**David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held on April 4 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield**

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology).

### STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

**April 19 | 8 AM**

**Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held on April 4 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield**

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl).

### STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

**April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM**

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking). There are 5 divisions:

- **Original individual formal speech**
- **Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
- **Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
- **Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.
- **NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

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## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.



In Christian County, there are 32 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. Help us thank them for their service to 4-H and their communities!



## Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

## Two ways to give to 4-H

- **Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!
- **Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.



## Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp)

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

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## 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. 18 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.

## Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

Our exhibit day is:

### August 15

Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford

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## mark your calendar!



February 21	DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
February 29	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.
February 29	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria
February 29	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Black Hawk College, East Campus
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1	CHRISTIAN COUNTY : Bulk Ordering Publications
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet (by invitation only)
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 18	CHRISTIAN COUNTY: County-Wide Community Service—Topic TBD
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 6-7	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington