



4-H FAST FACTS



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

June & July 2021

4-H COVID Update

Thank you so much for your continued support this past year as we made the necessary changes to protect the health of our 4-H community. This summer, we are excited to be able to return to in-person versions of our events!

In line with the latest guidelines from campus, the following will be in place on or before June 30th at all 4-H events:

- The university will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. "Fully vaccinated" means 14 days after your final dose.
- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors. Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers. The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.

We know this has been a year of making painful sacrifices to help stop the spread of a global pandemic, and we are humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Last summer, in the midst of the pandemic, we successfully moved to a virtual version of 400+ 4-H showcase events. As we go forward into this next phase, we know we will continue to be stronger together, whatever comes our way.

We will keep aligning with CDC, IDPH, and campus guidelines and will update you on any changes.

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer at 4-H events!

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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/christiancounty4h>



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Welcome our new 4-H Program Coordinator!

Lisa Peterson, Extension acting county director, is pleased to introduce Alexis McDowell who has joined Illinois Extension as a 4-H youth development program coordinator serving Christian County in Taylorville, Illinois. She will be coordinating 4-H activities throughout Christian County, such as the 4-H general and livestock shows at the Christian County Agricultural Fair, presenting various workshops, and working with area youth and volunteers.



A native of Nokomis, Alexis attended Lincoln Land Community College where she received her associates degree. She then attended University of Illinois Springfield earning her bachelor's degree in business administration and earned a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Before accepting her current position, Alexis participated in many educational experiences through University of Illinois Springfield.

McDowell stated, "I'm excited to be joining University of Illinois Extension! I have had many positive experiences with University of Illinois through my involvement at UIS. I'm looking forward to working with the community to provide opportunities for youth within Christian County." In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, and sewing.

You will see Alexis at all upcoming summer shows and events so be sure to say hello and introduce yourself!

Sing the National Anthem at State Fair!

We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H! To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip here: <https://form.jotform.com/211603360124036> Please submit by June 24th, 2021 and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details: Need to be available the afternoon of August 12th, 2021 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow.

2021 SHOW SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE - Subject to change

July 17: Rabbit & Poultry Show - Fairgrounds

Rabbit Show: Check-In @ 8:30am, Judging Begins @ 9am

Poultry Show: Check-In @ 9:30am, Judging Begins @ 10am

July 19: General Show - Fairgrounds

Judging Begins @ 9am (Check-In & Judging Times Pre-Scheduled)

July 19: Cat & Dog Show - Fairgrounds

Cat Show: Check-In @ 2:30pm, Judging Begins @ 3pm

Dog Show: Check-In @ 3:30pm, Judging Begins @ 4pm

July 21: Livestock Shows - Fairgrounds

Swine Show – 8:30 am

Sheep & Goat Show – Approx. 11:00 am or 30 minutes after Swine Show

Dairy & Beef Show – Approx. 1:00 pm or 30 minutes after Sheep & Goat Show

Master Showmanship – Approx. 2:00 pm or 30 minutes after Beef Show

July 22: Ag Lunch & Auction - Fairgrounds

Ag Appreciation Lunch @ 11:30am. Auction @ 6pm

FAIR ENTRY REMINDER!

Fair Registration is due **July 1st!**

Register the projects you will be exhibiting at the 4-H shows using Fair Entry.

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15140>



DON'T FORGET!!

To submit program pictures and fill out surveys for program feedback!

Pictures: go.illinois.edu/cjmmphotos

Survey: go.illinois.edu/4-Hevals

Local dog leaders and 4-H dog show exhibitors

Q & A Zoom session for the State 4-H Dog Show: Thursday, June 24th starting at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ID: 863 8879 5022

Password: 950418

2021 Public Speaking Contest

Congratulations to the participants and thank you to our judge
Mellisa McMillan, Christian County Farm Bureau Manager

Abigail Erlenbush - Formal Speech - State Fair Delegate

Olive Ryan - Illustrated Speech - State Fair Delegate

Reagan Funderburk - Food Demonstration - Best of Show - Junior Division

Elizabeth Schafer - Formal Speech - State Fair Delegate, Best of Show - Senior Division





Master Showmanship

Link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/211306260336141>



Important Information:

- Registration deadline is **July 1st**
- Contest held Wednesday, July 21, 30 minutes after the beef show
- Three species shown – beef, sheep, swine
- All ages can participate, but only 14 years or older can advance to the State Fair.
- Participants must be 4-H or FFA members
- Winner must be available to attend the state contest during the State Fair.

2021 Unit Horse Show

Congratulations to our Christian County 4-H members on a great show!

Abigail Erlenbush – Champion Showmanship at Halter (13 and over)

1st Place County Pleasure (13 and over)

1st Place Gaited Equitation

Dalton Cruitt – 2nd Place Pony





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Archery



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Christian County 4-H Shooting Stars Archery Schedule

SATURDAYS

10 AM to noon

Rack Attack Archery
(37 East 2nd St, Pana, IL)

Instructor: Tom Brookens

MONDAYS

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Powder Keg Outfitters
(115 N. Webster St, Taylorville, IL)

Instructor: Brad Arndt

Class 1:

June 5, 12, 19

Class 3:

July 3, 10, 17

Class 5:

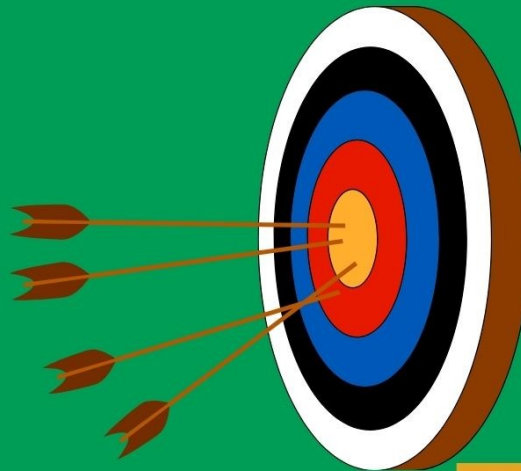
August 7, 14, 21

Class 2:

June 21, 28, &
July 12

Class 4:

August 2, 9, 16



Ages 8-18 - \$5.00 per person
Must pre-register online

Class size limited to 6 people.
Must have a minimum of 3 in each class



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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 217-287-7246.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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Schleich Toys Story Contest

What do you think would happen if the toy company Schleich got together with 4-H to create the most fantastic animal tale of all time?

Find out with the “Create Your Story” contest, launching NOW! Join in the fun by creating a story only YOU can imagine.

The top 10 stories will go to a vote and the top two will be part of an interactive “create your own adventure” video premiering this fall!

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3taqrEV>

Host an international student: Host a student from Japan or South Korea 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.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Students are enrolled in public high school and arrive in the USA in August.
- Your family and exchange student will be supported by local and state coordinators.

STUDENT DETAILS: Visit the Illinois states 4-H International Exchange for details about the student coming this summer. <https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange>

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

WHO CAN APPLY: Anyone who wants to welcome a high school student into their family and is able to provide the student meals and a bed.

Contact the State Coordinator for more information: Miriam Rosenbohm, rosenbohm07@comcast.net or 309-339-8282



From September 10-12 and on October 9, 2021 the True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare up to 20 teams to be change agents to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in 4-H.

At the Institute, your team will gain a deeper understanding of equity and inclusion, choose an issue to focus on, develop new skills, create an action plan for when you return home!

Go to <https://4-h.org/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/> to apply by June 30th.



Midwest Youth Photography Challenge

Calling all youth photographers! The Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge is all about exploring what makes your town, county, state or the Midwest great! Submissions due June 30.

Learn more: z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge



Photos due
11:59 p.m. (CST) on
June 30, 2021


**Capture What's Great in Midwest
States 4-H Photography Challenge**

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-reg>
Info: <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge>
Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu

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Illinois Crop Scouting Competition for High School Age Youth

The Illinois Crop Scouting Competition is a one-day contest and will be held at the Crop Sciences Research & Ed. Center in Savoy, IL on August 4, 2021

Student teams of 2-5 high-school-aged youth (grades 9-12) with an adult coach will rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management.

Event details can be found at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

A summer 4-H Shooting Sports leader certification training is scheduled for **Saturday, July 24, 2021** in Pike County, IL. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered.

Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



FYI: 2021 Illinois 4-H State Shoots (youth must be 14 by Jan. 1, 2022)

Archery: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL

Shotgun: Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL

Rifle/Pistol: October dates 2 (Rifle), October 3 (Pistol) Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL

Contact Curt Sinclair sinclair@illinois.edu with questions.



Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!

Are you ready to catch the buzz? Youth can take the role of citizen scientists through the I-Pollinate program run through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Youth volunteers can join up to three research projects and help collect critical data on monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars, pollinator visits to ornamental flowers, and statewide bee distribution. Your efforts will help inform conservation plans and how to plant gardens for pollinator

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum!

The new Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum, or Special Interest club, takes place over the course of 6 weeks and will focus on aquatic ecosystems, fish biology, and include STEM activities relating to fishing gear. Kids learn and take part in the sport, but they also gain a variety of skills and knowledge as they master fishing.

Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>



Travel abroad with 4-H- Start planning now for a trip in 2022

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks

(dates vary by program June-August 2022)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years
(price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>



Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

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For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or contact us by email:

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<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram [@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)



mark your calendar!

2021 State Event Dates

- June 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- June 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- June 6-8 4-H Family Camp Session #1
- June 18-20 4-H Family Camp Session #2
- **June 23** **Summer Science Camp—Jr. 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. 1-3 pm**
- June 20-25 National Shooting Sports Championships
- June 21 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- **July 1** **DEADLINE: 4-H Show Entries Due (FairEntry) - General & Livestock**
- July 1-3 Camp Corral Family Camp
- July 1-23 Applications open for the Food Advocacy Team
- July 5-19 4-H In Space Mission Command Team Applications open
- July 7-9 State Horse Speaking Virtual Contest
- July 9-11 4-H Family Camp Session #3
- July 17 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Shotgun/Rifle/Pistol Winchester-Olin Plant in East Alton
- **July 17** **4-H Rabbit & Poultry Show—Fairgrounds—9:00 AM & 10:00 AM**
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- **July 21** **4-H Livestock Shows—Fairgrounds—8:30 AM**
- **July 22** **Ag Lunch—Fairgrounds—11:30 AM**
- **July 22** **Auction—Fairgrounds—6:00 PM**
- July 24 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
- July 25 – August 1 ISF Junior Horse Show
- July – August In-Bound Exchange Program Summer 2021
- **August 14** **Christian County 4-H Projects at Illinois State Fair**
- Sept. 18 Archery State Shoot at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
- Sept. 25 Shotgun State Shoot at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill
- October 2 Rifle State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL
- October 3 Pistol State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL
- October 16-17 Junior Leadership Conference