



4-H FAST FACTS



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

April 2021



2021 Christian County 4-H Show Book Now Available Online!

extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cjmmchristian4hshowbook21.pdf

Posted under "Fairs, Shows, and Awards" on the Christian County 4-H website

Printed copies will not be available until later in May as some details and/or dates remain tentative. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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Christian, Jersey, Macoupin & Montgomery Counties

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APRIL 15TH DEADLINE

- **Enroll to be eligible to show at the 2021 fair**
- **Add/drop projects to show at the 2021 fair**
- **Request an accommodation (at-home exhibit) for 2021 fair**

Our 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, April
22nd

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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Christian County Public Speaking Contest



Tuesday, May 18

6:00 pm

Christian County Extension Office

Social Distancing & Masks Required

Attendance will be limited and judging times may be pre-scheduled. More details to come.

Divisions Include:

- Formal Speech
- Illustrated Speech
- Original Works
- Oral Interpretation
- Food Demonstration

(for members enrolled in Food & Nutrition projects)

Register online through Fair Entry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15140>

See Christian County 4-H show book for complete guidelines.

Must be a current 4-H member & enrolled in public presentations to participate.

Contact the Extension office at 217-287-7246 with questions.

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NATURE EXPLORERS SPIN CLUB

Get ready to go outside and learn about our natural world using easy lessons and activities to explore the great outdoors!

TOPICS:
Outdoor Adventures
Forests
Wildlife
Weather
Geology
Pollinators

REGISTER AT
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/NATURESPIN

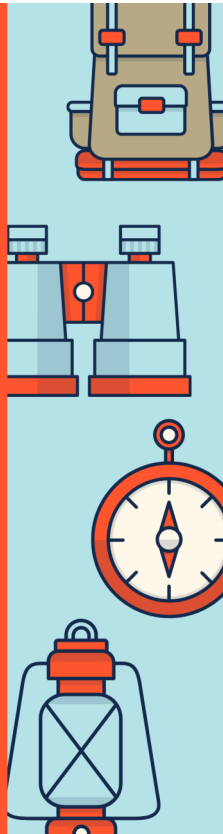
Once you sign up, a packet with activities & supplies will be available to pick-up at the Extension Office. This club will be self-paced for participants to complete on their own.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Groves at egroves@illinois.edu.

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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 217-532-3341.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN,
& MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

JOIN US VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, MAY 4 AT 7PM

Learn about:

- History of Cameras
- Mechanics of a Digital Camera
- Photography as a Career or Hobby
- Tips for taking Better Pictures

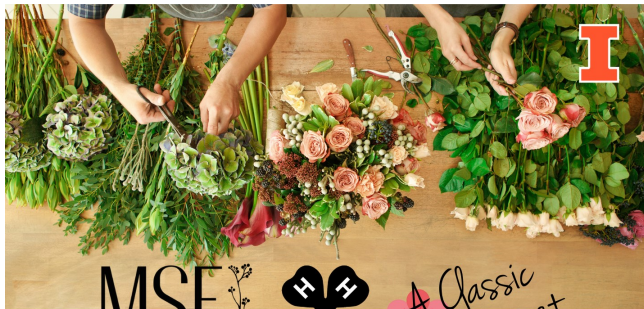
Local photographer Rebekah Cloninger will help lead this session!

Register by Tuesday, April 27 at the following link:
go.illinois.edu/photobasics

A Zoom Link will be e-mailed to you after registration is complete.

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MSF  A Classic Bouquet
main street florist
Flower Arranging

Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30pm
Join Sarah LaBue of Main Street Florist via Zoom to create a floral arrangement at home.

Kits can be picked up at
A Classic Bouquet

321 N. Madison Street- Taylorville
SPECIFIC DATES & TIMES TO COME

\$10

Kits will include:
Supplies needed for arrangement
Care Tips

**Youth
Ages 8-18**

REGISTER BY APRIL 15 AT THE LINK BELOW:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FLOWERCLASS](https://go.illinois.edu/flowerclass)

All Payments will go to your local florist for supplies.
Zoom link will be e-mailed closer to the program date.

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PLANT LIFE

ALL ABOUT SOYBEANS
APRIL 15 7PM
VIA ZOOM
AGES 10-18

Join Corteva Sr. Agronomist Andy Harding live via Zoom and learn all about soybeans and plant life. Participants will learn about plant science, agronomy as a profession, and learn about the the production of soybeans.

Register by Tuesday, April 13 at:
go.illinois.edu/plantlife

For questions or reasonable accommodations, please call 217-854-9604.

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**4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2021 4-H SHOWS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AREAS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS TRAINING EVERY YEAR:
-BEEF-DAIRY-GOAT-SHEEP-SWINE-**

MEMBERS CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION. ALL SESSIONS WILL COVER THE SAME TOPICS AND MATERIAL.

Christian County Extension Office

Thursday, April 8 6-7:30 pm
Saturday, April 24 9-10:30 am

1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

Jersey County Extension Office

Tuesday, March 23 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm
Friday, April 9 3-4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 27 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm

201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A
Jerseyville, IL

Macoupin County Extension Office

Monday, March 8 6-7:30 pm
Thursday, April 29 6-7:30 pm

#60 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 27 9-10:30 am
Monday, April 12 6-7:30 pm

#1 Industrial Park Drive
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**CLASS SIZES LIMITED.
MASKS REQUIRED WHILE
INDOORS.**

**Register online at:
<https://yqca.learn-grow.io>**

Cost - \$3

**Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H
Youth Development Educator**

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Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

Host an international student: Host a Japanese 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!

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

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NEW 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



Solar Activity Kits

Free: Six **SOLAR ACTIVITY KITS from Recharge Labs** available on first come/first served basis. 2 per Region.

Funded by the **Energy Education Council**, six kits are available for your club or classroom programs on renewable energy. Youth build solar a powered fountain; model solar homes; and play scavenger hunt games experimenting with solar energy. Did you struggle with the Junior Solar Sprint solar car building activity but like the subject? Start here instead. Kits are valued at \$275 each and serve up to 20 youth. Reusable supplies!

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to request a kit.



March starts Barred Owl nesting season!

Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local 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



Volunteer Opportunities



Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

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VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

Thursday, May 20, 7 PM

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

mark your calendar!

2021 State Event Dates

- April 12 Registrations close for the Youth Livestock Conference
- April 24 & 25 Youth Livestock Conference
- April 24 State Horse Judging (virtual)
- April 24 True Leaders Service Day
- April 30 Registrations close for the Robotics Challenge
- May 15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- **May 18** **Christian County Public Speaking Contest**
- May 20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- May 31 **DEADLINE: State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Submissions Due**
- June 4 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- June 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- June 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- **June 12** **Unit-Wide Horse Show**
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- **July 1** **DEADLINE—Entries Due for Christian County 4-H Shows**
- July 11- 23, 2021 Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
- **July 19** **Christian County 4-H General Show**
- **July 20** **Christian County Rabbit & Poultry Show**
- **July 20** **Christian County Cat, Dog & Small Pet Show**
- **July 21** **Christian County Livestock Shows**
- 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 the Illinois State Fair**



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