



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

April 2022

## REMINDER

APRIL 15  
IS THE DEADLINE  
TO ENROLL &  
ADD/DROP  
PROJECTS TO BE  
ELIGIBLE TO SHOW  
AT THE FAIR!



Update your projects  
& enroll at:  
**il.4honline.com**

Premium checks have been mailed.  
Please cash them as soon as possible!

**UNIT 18 - Serving:**  
*Christian, Jersey,  
Macoupin &  
Montgomery Counties*

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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/christiancountyi14h>



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## 2022 4-H Public Speaking Contest

- Drew Mickey - Blue, Best of Show in Senior Division, State Fair Delegate
- Cole Paulek - Blue, Best of Show in Senior Division, State Fair Delegate
- Reagan Funderburk - Blue, Best of Show in Junior Division, State Fair Delegate
- Waylon Paulek - Blue, State Fair Alternate
- Olive Ryan - Blue, State Fair Alternate
- Opal Ryan - Blue, State Fair Alternate
- Hayden Funderburk - Blue
- Levi Paulek - Blue

**Congratulations to all the participants!**

## New YQCA System

Effective March 23, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) has moved to a new website: [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). If you still need to complete your certification to show at the fair this year, please follow the instructions sent to you to create a new account and complete your training.

**Deadline to be eligible to show at the fair: May 1.**

**Unit 18 has one remaining in-person training scheduled – Saturday, April 9 from 9:00-10:30 AM at the Christian County Extension Office.**

Register now at: [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

# STOCKMAN CONTEST TESTING



**APRIL 9 | 11 AM - NOON**

**Christian County Extension Office**

**Arrive anytime between 11AM-12PM. This will be after YQCA.**

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## 4-H VIRTUAL CAREERS DISCUSSION

Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery 4-H

Open to 4-H members in Unit 18 **April 14 | 7-8pm**



**Register:**

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

# VOLUNTEER & TEACHER APPRECIATION



**APRIL 14 & 27**  
**4-5 PM**

*Community Service*

**Register: [go.illinois.edu/ChristianCommunityService22](http://go.illinois.edu/ChristianCommunityService22)**

## 4-H & AG LIT **Vegetable Kit**

**KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 9**

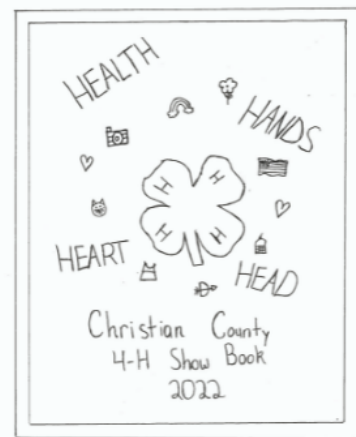
**Register: [go.illinois.edu/CCVegetableKit](http://go.illinois.edu/CCVegetableKit)**



# Christian County SHOWBOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COVER WINNER:  
PAYTON MAY!

View a draft of the Christian  
County 2022 4-H Showbook now at:  
[go.illinois.edu/CCShowbook22](https://go.illinois.edu/CCShowbook22)



Copies of the showbook will be given to leaders later this  
month to distribute to club members.

Please note the showbook is currently a draft and changes  
will be made in the next few weeks.



## 4-H Committee Meeting APRIL 12 | 7PM

This 4-H Committee meeting will be open to any 4-H leader, volunteer, member, and parent.  
The goal of this first 4-H Committee meeting will be to help plan for summer and discuss potential  
programming ideas for the future.

Registration required: [go.illinois.edu/CC4-HCommitteeMeeting](https://go.illinois.edu/CC4-HCommitteeMeeting)

Tentative (subject to change)

## 2022 Christian County 4-H Show Schedule



### **Unit 4-H Horse Show**

Saturday, June 11 – Gillespie Lake Horse Arena  
Check-In @ 9:00 am – Show Begins @ 10:00 am

### **Foods/Nutrition & Clothing Show**

Thursday, July 14 – Extension Office  
Judging Begins @ 4:00 pm \*Check-In & Judging Times Pre-Scheduled\*

### **General Show**

Monday, July 18 – Fairgrounds  
Judging Begins @ 9:00 am \*Check-In & Judging Times Pre-Scheduled\*

### **Cat & Dog Show**

Monday, July 18 – Fairgrounds  
Cat Show - Check-In @ 1:45 pm – Judging Begins @ 2:00 pm  
Dog Show - Check-In @ 2:45 pm – Judging Begins @ 3:00 pm

### **Rabbit & Poultry Show (Tentative)**

Monday, July 18 – Fairgrounds  
Rabbit Show - Check-In @ 2:45 pm – Judging Begins @ 3:00 pm  
Poultry Show - Check-In @ 3:15 pm – Judging Begins @ 3:30 pm

### **Livestock Shows**

Wednesday, July 20  
Swine Show – 8 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

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April 20 | 4-6 PM

## STEAM Clothing 1: Prepare for Fair



**Register & learn more here:**  
[go.illinois.edu/SteamClothing1](https://go.illinois.edu/SteamClothing1)

May 7 | 9:00 AM

## Food Packaging Event *Unit-Wide Community Service*

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**More information  
coming soon!**



# PROJECT SHOWCASE

Members Wanted:

Share about your project,  
with new members!



Register to participate:

[go.illinois.edu/montgomeryprojectshowcase](https://go.illinois.edu/montgomeryprojectshowcase)



UIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Career Exploration

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION TOUR

Theater Arts



April 7

6:30 - 8 PM

Sangamon Auditorium  
1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703

Ages 8-18  
Families are welcome to attend!

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Extension

[go.illinois.edu/cjmmuistour](https://go.illinois.edu/cjmmuistour)





# REAL COLORS

Open to all 4-H members,  
age 13-18

Counts at unit-wide leadership  
training for end-of-year award  
applications

**Saturday, May 28, 2022 11:30 - 2:30 PM**

Montgomery County Extension Office

Learn how to better work with others and be a leader by learning about your own  
personality and how you view and interact with the world around you.

**Register by Wednesday, May 18**

Cost: \$15

*Lunch and all supplies included.*



## Publications website: [go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hshop](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hshop)

Publications are optional, but a great educational resource  
to continue project learning all year long. Members are  
responsible for purchasing publications. If you have any  
questions about which publications to buy for a project area,  
please email [amcdo6@illinois.edu](mailto:amcdo6@illinois.edu).



## 4-H INTERNATIONAL



### Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. 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 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18.

*Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.*

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

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange)

OR

Contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

## MEMORIAL CAMP

### Family Camp Spring 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

**Dates:** May 20-22

**Fees:**

Cabin Rental - \$210

Participant Fee - 8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3 - No Charge

**\*At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!



## MEMORIAL CAMP



### 4-H Memorial Camp Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

#### Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) or Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) (217) 762-2741

### 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping.

#### Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum)

**Dates:** Mid May-July 29

**Details:** This paid position includes room and board.

#### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

##### Dates

May 31-June 4 Training

June 5-9 Youth Camp Session 1

June 12-16 Youth Camp Session 2

June 26-July 1 Camp Corral

July 5-9 Youth Camp Session 3

July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

**Details:** This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

#### Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

**Dates:** End of May through Mid-August

**Duties:** Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources; Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

**Sat., May 7, 2022**      4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL  
(central Illinois)

**Sat., July 16, 2022**      Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL  
(N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



## NATURAL RESOURCES



### GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

#### State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



## Shop 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our Illinois pop-up shop and scroll to the bottom of the page! [shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop](https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop)



## NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

### 4-H at Home

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

[Get started here.](#)

[https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/internet-basics/?utm\\_campaign=4HatHome](https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/internet-basics/?utm_campaign=4HatHome)



### 4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. [Learn more here.](#)

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application/>

### True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. [Register Now.](#)

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application/>



### Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice. [Learn more here.](#)

<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/4-h-pyd-academy-on-youth-mental-health/>



## mark your calendar!



### 2022 State Event Dates

#### April

- April Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- April 6 and 7 Legislative Connection
- April 9 Awards Ceremony
- April 16 Robotics Competition
- April 23 & 24 State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
- April 23 True Leaders day of service day
- April 30 State Public Speaking

#### May

- May Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- May 7 Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

#### June

- June Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
- June 5 - 9 Memorial Camp
- June 12 - 16 Memorial Camp
- June 20 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

#### July

- July 5-9 Memorial Camp
- July 16 Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
- July 17 - 21 Memorial Camp
- July 24 - 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

#### August

- August 10 SYPA General Livestock
- August 12 - 14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
- August 13 - 15 Illinois State Fair
- August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
- August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- August 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center