



4-H FAST FACTS



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

December 2019

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Christian County Extension Office will be closing on Tuesday, December 24th for the holiday season and will not reopen until Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.



On behalf of the all Christian County Extension staff members, we want wish your family a happy and safe holiday season!

4-H PUBLICATIONS & PROJECT BOOKS

We will be putting in a bulk order for publications around the first of the year. Those books should be arriving in mid to late January (to your 4-H club leaders) who will then distribute to 4-H members. We will put another order in around April or May for any remaining books.

****NEW THIS YEAR!**** In the past, the local 4-H federation (now the county youth leadership team) has covered the cost of all 4-H member publications/project books each year. With statewide changes in these teen groups, this funding option is no longer available.

Beginning with this program year (2019-2020), all publication costs will be covered by the individual member. Clubs can decide if they want to help cover some of these costs as well.

Publication prices are updated at the following site:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

Please note that future changes to publication distribution and pricing could be coming. Watch for updates on our website and in our newsletter.

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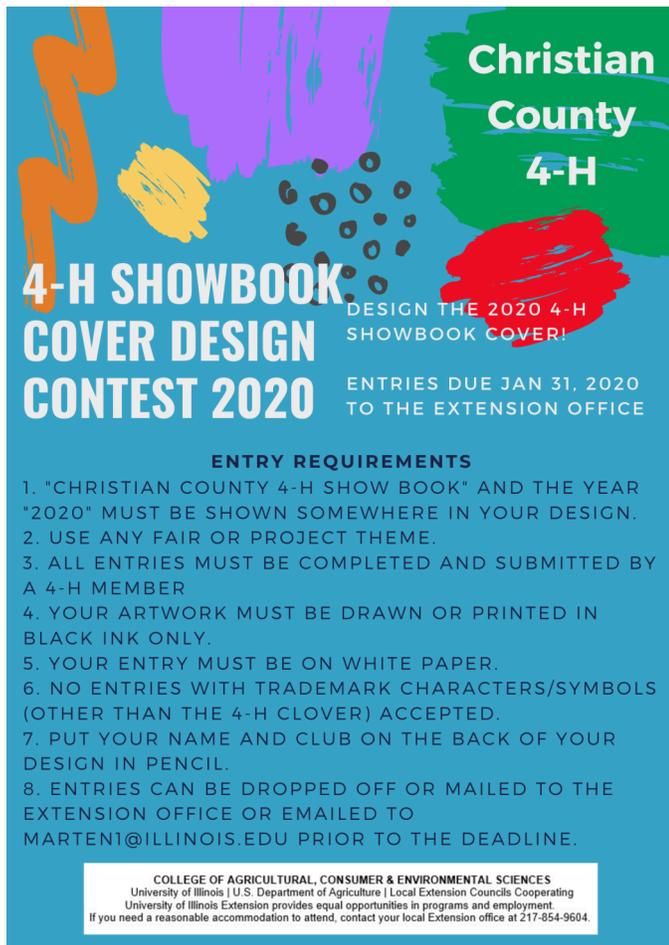
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Christian County 4-H

4-H SHOWBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST 2020

DESIGN THE 2020 4-H SHOWBOOK COVER!

ENTRIES DUE JAN 31, 2020 TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. "CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK" AND THE YEAR "2020" MUST BE SHOWN SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DESIGN.
2. USE ANY FAIR OR PROJECT THEME.
3. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY A 4-H MEMBER
4. YOUR ARTWORK MUST BE DRAWN OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK ONLY.
5. YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ON WHITE PAPER.
6. NO ENTRIES WITH TRADEMARK CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS (OTHER THAN THE 4-H CLOVER) ACCEPTED.
7. PUT YOUR NAME AND CLUB ON THE BACK OF YOUR DESIGN IN PENCIL.
8. ENTRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF OR MAILED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE OR EMAILED TO MARTEN1@ILLINOIS.EDU PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.

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4-H Fridays: Homeschool Youth

Friday, January 17, 2020
Friday, February 21, 2020
Friday, March 20, 2020
Friday, April 17, 2020

Programs are STEM focused and on the 3rd Friday of each month and will start at 10 AM at Christian County Extension Office

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Ages: 8-18
Open to all youth in Christian County and you DO NOT have to be a 4-H member to attend!

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To register contact Christian County Extension Office at 217.287.7246 or register online at extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

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NEW FOR 219-2020 ***YQCA TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK MEMBERS***

Member enrolled in a livestock project will have a new training process to complete each year in order to show at the 4-H show (both county and state levels.) Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a nationwide assurance training that teaches youth about three key livestock pillars—food safety, animal well-being, and personal life skills.

All members must sign up for the training online and attend either an in-person workshop or complete the training through an online module. Costs for the training are as follows: \$12/member online or \$3/member in person.

Members must complete this training by May 31st, 2020 in order to be eligible for the 2020 shows.



Letters with more information and in-person training dates will be sent to all livestock families in January.

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2019 Achievement Night



We still have a few remaining certificates and prizes remaining from Achievement Night. Please stop by or make arrangements to pick them up from the Extension Office. Items still remaining after January 31st will be recycled or used for future programs.

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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
2020
PASSPORT TO LEADERSHIP
ILLINOIS 4-H

**BE THE LEADER
YOUR CLUB NEEDS!**

BOOK YOUR TRIP TODAY
Only 100 spots available
Registration closes January 24
(or at capacity)
COST: \$170
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

February 22-23
ARRIVE 10 - 11 AM Saturday, Feb. 22
DEPART by 11:30 AM Sunday, Feb. 23
Keller Convention Center
1202 Keller Drive | Effingham
7th & 8th grade 4-H members

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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

February 22-23

Effingham, IL

Open to any 4-H member in
7th & 8th Grade

TWO FREE REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE!

The Extension Office will pay the full registration costs for up to TWO Christian County 4-H members to attend the Junior Leadership Conference in Effingham. Complete the enclosed application and return to the Extension Office before **January 17th**.

LOOKING FOR WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS!

We are always looking for volunteers to help lead a one-time workshop or a series of lessons on a variety of topics—arts and crafts, cooking, sewing, environmental sciences, robotics and science, crops and agriculture, and more!

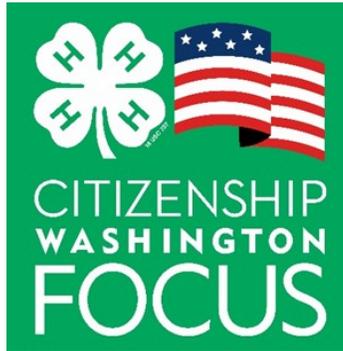
Contact the Extension Office if you would like to lend your time or talents to our 4-H program!

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Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus>

Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Pre-registration is not required.



Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:



- Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level
- Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by **{Local Staff - INSERT A DATE YOU WANT NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED}**, which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.



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Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

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.

- 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

Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.



Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

Be a true leader in service



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. 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.

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Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.



Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

- The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

- The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/>. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.



Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21 – 27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

Aim high for the Illinois State Fair

Make plans now to attend the Illinois State Fair. The 4-H General Project Show will be three days, Aug. 14-16 in Springfield. **Our exhibit day is Saturday, August 15!**

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!



2020 Dates

January 1	DEADLINE: Teach Outdoor Scholarship
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January 3	DEADLINE: Citizenship Washington Focus registration
January 9	DEADLINE: Salute to Excellence
January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 21 – June 27	Illini Summer Academies
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
August 15	STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY: 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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4-H TRIP & EVENT SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Partial and full scholarships are available to cover the cost. If you feel that your family can make some contribution to the fee, please indicate the amount.

4-H Member Name:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

4-H Club Name:

Name of Event: 2020 Junior Leadership Conference (February 22nd – 23rd)

Total Cost of Program/Event: \$170

I agree to register for and attend the 2020 Junior Leadership Conference on February 22nd and 23rd in Effingham, IL. If I do not attend or do not complete the registration process before the deadline, I understand that my award will be forfeited and will not transfer to another 4-H trip or event.

Registration for the conference is capped at 100 and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conference registration deadline: Friday, January 24th (or when all spots are filled)

Deadline to complete and submit this form: Friday, January 17th

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Extension Staff Member Signature

Date

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Date Received: ___/___/___

Date Paid: ___/___/___

Approved: Yes No