



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

**February 2022**



## 4-H SHOWBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST 2022

DESIGN THE 2022 4-H SHOWBOOK COVER!

ENTRIES DUE FEB 11, 2022 TO THE  
EXTENSION OFFICE

PRIZES FOR TOP 3 DESIGNS!

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. "CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK" AND THE YEAR "2022" MUST BE SHOWN SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DESIGN.
2. USE ANY 4-H FAIR OR PROJECT THEME.
3. MUST BE A 4-H MEMBER. THIS INCLUDES CLOVERBUDS.
4. YOUR ARTWORK MUST BE DRAWN OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK ONLY.
5. YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ON WHITE UNLINED 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. ONE ENTRY PER PERSON.

## FIND YOUR SPARK IN 4-H

Enroll: [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)

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*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/ChristianCountyIL4H>



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[extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-christian-county](http://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-christian-county)

## Christian County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



**Tuesday, March 22**

**6pm**

Christian County Extension Office

Divisions include:

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

**Register online:**

**[go.illinois.edu/ChristianCountySpeakingContest22](http://go.illinois.edu/ChristianCountySpeakingContest22)**

Must be a current 4-H member to participate.



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programming and employment.  
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.

# CHRISTIAN COUNTY BEEF WEIGH-IN



**February 12, 2022 @ 8 AM**

**Christian County Extension Office**

**Questions? Contact Alexis at [amcdo6@illinois.edu](mailto:amcdo6@illinois.edu)**



# 4-H SEWING: LEARN TO SEW



MARCH 10, 2022

4-5PM

CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



Learn about sewing machines & practice sewing!

Register here: [go.illinois.edu/CCSewingWorkshop](http://go.illinois.edu/CCSewingWorkshop)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION PROVIDES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRAMMING AND EMPLOYMENT. IF YOU NEED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT 217-287-7246.



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County 4-H

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLORING CONTEST

Black History Month highlights the achievements & accomplishments of African Americans and also their role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

- Research influential African Americans in History and select your coloring sheet from:  
<https://www.classroomdoodles.com/black-history-month.html>  
<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/people/black-history-month-coloring-pages/>  
<http://www.getcoloringpages.com/black-history-month-coloring-pages>
- Color using crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Write name, age, and county on back of coloring sheet
- Age categories (5-7 \* 8-13 \* 14-18) - Prizes for TOP 2 in each age division
- 1 entry per person

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All Entries are due to your local Extension office by Feb. 18 to be considered. All drawings will displayed locally throughout February.

# Order Publications!



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

## 4-H Food Pantry Collection!



Bring items to the Christian County Extension Office between February 7 - 21

- ▶ When you drop items off, please mention which club you are a member of.
- ▶ Club with the most items dropped off will receive a prize pack with 4-H meeting supplies.

April 15 is the deadline for adding  or dropping projects to be  eligible to show during the 2022 Christian County 4-H Shows!

Go to your 4-H Online account and make sure your projects are updated!  
[il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)

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## Tentative Christian County Show Dates



July 14 - Food/Nutrition & Clothing Show  
July 18 - General Show  
July 19 - Poultry, Rabbit, Cat, Dog Shows  
July 20 - Livestock Shows

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## REMINDER!

- Masks are required for everyone indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
  - Masks are not required outdoors UNLESS you cannot keep socially distanced. Single-serve or pre-packaged food items are preferred to limit contact on shared surfaces. No potluck or buffet style meals.
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## BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

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

### CORE TRAINING

(choose one to attend)



**Saturday, March 12**

Macoupin County Extension Office

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

### CORE Training Includes:

- Ages & Stages of Youth Development
- Experiential Learning Model
- Teaching Techniques
- Teambuilding (using Real Colors)
- Communication Skills

### REGISTER

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

### QUESTIONS?

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

OPEN TO AGES 14+



FREE OF COST  
Lunch Provided



**4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2022 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**

Saturday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM

1120 N. Webster St.  
Taylorville, IL

**Macoupin County Extension Office**

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 PM

#60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626

**Jersey County Extension Office**

Friday, March 4, 3:00-4:30 PM

Friday, March 18, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Friday, March 18, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

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

**Montgomery County Extension Office**

Saturday, March 19, 9:00-10:30 AM

#1 Industrial Park Drive  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Training also available online. Cost - \$12. Use same website (below) to register.**

**DEADLINE TO COMPLETE  
CERTIFICATION:  
May 1, 2022**

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

**Cost - \$3**

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

## Virtual Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Saturday – February 12 from 9-11 AM



This is a great opportunity to for teens to develop their speaking skills, while preparing them to advocate for issues and programs at the local, Unit and the State 4-H level. The skills gained will help them share their local 4-H story with donors, key community leaders and groups, and even serve as ambassadors to other youth, encouraging them to be a part of the Illinois 4-H program.

Additionally, once teens complete the Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, they are eligible to participate in Legislative Connection which involves teens in meeting with Illinois State Legislators in Springfield. We have two sets of tentative dates March 16-17, and April 6-7, on hold with the Secretary of State's office with hopes of meeting in person during 2022 however that will be dependent on the status of CDC and UIUC Extension Health guidelines.

Register at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>

## 4-H INTERNATIONAL



### Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM and also Tuesdays at 9AM or 4PM.

\*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18. Register at [go.illinois.edu/globalclub](https://go.illinois.edu/globalclub)

Send questions to [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

## 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>.

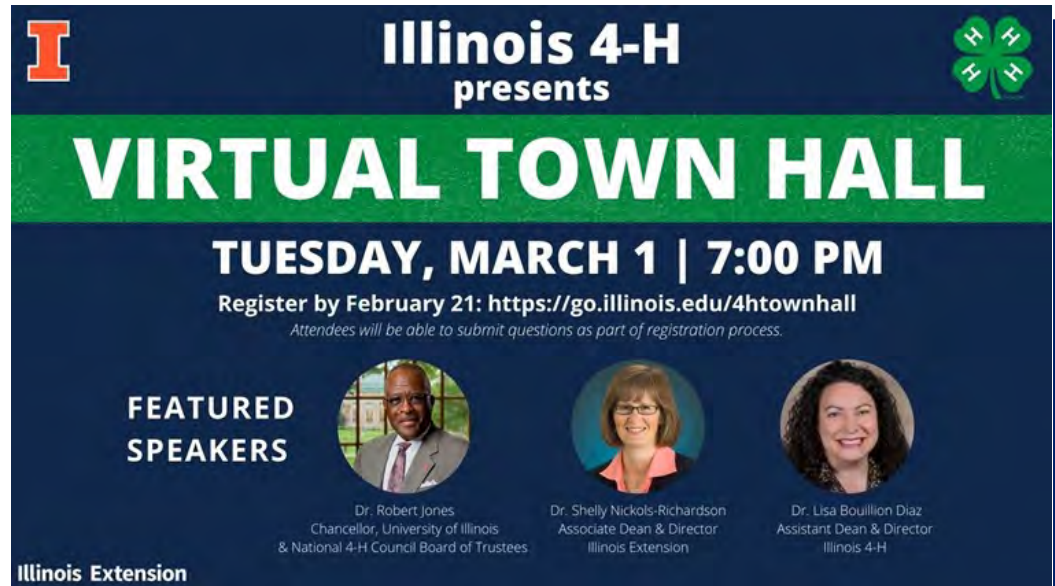
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OR

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



## 4-H TOWN HALL






**I** Illinois 4-H presents 

# VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM**

Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>  
*Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.*

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

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Dr. Robert Jones  
Chancellor, University of Illinois  
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees
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Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson  
Associate Dean & Director  
Illinois Extension
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Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz  
Assistant Dean & Director  
Illinois 4-H

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## Save the Date – March 1, 2022 Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

*Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association*



**WIN UP TO \$5000!**

Submit a video on how a company on EPA's TRI tool is going green!

 COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION  
**Video Challenge**

 Enter by March 1, 2022

 More information:  
[www.epa.gov/companiescrushingpollution-video-challenge](https://www.epa.gov/companiescrushingpollution-video-challenge)



## ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

## NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

#### Application opens on January 18

#### Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.



The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18.

<http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

-  earn a \$5K scholarship
-  serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!



## MEMORIAL CAMP



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

### Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022	4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full	4-H Members and non-members

### Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022  
June 12-16, 2022  
July 5-9, 2022  
July 17-21, 2022

## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! 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. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

### Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director  
Lead Male/Female Counselors  
Lifeguards  
Outdoor Education Director  
Arts & Crafts Director  
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director  
Recreation Director  
Climbing Tower Director

### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

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



**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

### Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

**New Date: March 19, 2022** - Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](http://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

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| <b><u>Sat., March 26, 2022</u></b> | Tombstone Range, Marion, IL<br>(southern Illinois)       |
| <b><u>Sat., May 7, 2022</u></b>    | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL<br>(central Illinois)  |
| <b><u>Sat., July 16, 2022</u></b>  | Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL<br>(N.W. Illinois) |



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



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. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

- April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:  
<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>