



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

January 2021

## ORDER PROJECT BOOKS BY MARCH 1ST!



Use the link below to select the project books you need this year. We will place a bulk order after the 1st.

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

Books will be mailed to your homes in 2-3 weeks. Project books can also be purchased, as needed, from the Extension Office. Please call ahead if you need to make an appointment to visit us..

## COUNTY SHOWBOOKS

County show books will be available by March 1st and will be posted on our website, under the "Fairs, Shows, and Awards" tab.

Many details will still be tentative at this time so we will NOT be printing copies in bulk until further into the spring. Watch the newsletter and Facebook page for announcements.

**Check out the show book cover contest in the following pages. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.**

As long as the county or region remains under waning, we will be following University of Illinois Extension policy for group size:

**Less than 10 people inside/25 people outside OR 50% of space capacity (whichever is fewer).**

If clubs cannot meet in person, we are happy to set up a zoom meetings for you. Please contact Sara at [marten1@illinois.edu](mailto:marten1@illinois.edu) for any questions.



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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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## HEALTHY HABITS CHALLENGE

LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY HABITS.  
PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGES AND  
LIVE ACTIVITIES TO EARN PRIZES.

PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AND RUNS  
THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 22 TO PARTICIPATE AT:  
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HHEALTHYHABUTS](https://go.illinois.edu/4HHEALTHYHABUTS)



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**JOIN US FOR OUR  
\*NEW\*  
COUNTY-WIDE 4-H  
MEETINGS  
—  
JANUARY 28TH  
7:00 PM**

While COVID meeting policies are restricting some clubs from meeting in person, the Christian County Extension Office is hosting county-wide meetings for our members to stay connected. **Meetings will take place the 4th Thursday of each month (January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27)**

Any current 4-H member OR new family that is interested in learning more about what 4-H is are welcome to attend. These meetings will count as club meetings on your end-of-year award applications. Members will have the opportunity to give talks and demonstrations, play games, and connect with others.

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



HELP US DESIGN A COVER FOR  
2021 4-H SHOWS

# CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK COVER CONTEST

Submit your entries to the Extension Office by  
February 19

### Entry Requirements

1. "Christian County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2021" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. Use any fair or project theme.
3. Artwork must be created by a current Christian 4-H member (including cloverbuds).
4. Your artwork can either be handdrawn or design using computer software. All entries printed in black ink only with a white background/on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.



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The YQCA program will still be required for any member (8-18 years old) who is enrolled in the following projects AND bringing a live animal to the fair this year.



Beef Cattle—Dairy Cattle—Goats—Sheep—Swine

Training is provided online via webinar or in-person through a trained instructor. Trainings, on average, take 60-90 minutes to complete. Costs for each training method are as follows:

**ONLINE: \$12/participant**

**IN-PERSON: \$3/participant**

**\*At this point, we have not schedule any in-person trainings for Christian County. We hope to be able to schedule some into March and April for our members.\***

All registration and payment—whether for in-person or online training—done through the YQCA website.

<https://yqca.learnrow.io>

## Don't Forget to Re-Enroll!

Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H as soon as possible. This helps us make sure we have the most up-to-date information for our members so that you don't miss out on any upcoming opportunities or reminders.

**[ll.4honline.com](http://ll.4honline.com)**

Detailed instructions can be found on our website.

If you have specific questions or need access to a computer or paper enrollment form, please contact our office or email Sara at [marten1@illinois.edu](mailto:marten1@illinois.edu).

After March 1st, we will only pull current 4-H families information for newsletters and mailings. Make sure you re-enroll so you don't miss out!

**Beef Weigh-In—February 6th—8 AM—Extension Office**



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## 2021 AG INNOVATORS EXPERIENCE

This next year's theme will be **Curbing Our Carbon Appetite**. The 2021 4-H Ag Innovators Experience, Curbing Our Carbon Appetite Challenge, is a series of interactive, hands-on activities that help youth understand why everyone has a role to play in addressing climate change. Participants will learn how human activity including burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, soil mismanagement, and unwise food systems are increasing atmospheric carbon and contributing to climate change. The activity leads them through an exploration of actions that three carbon influencer groups—agriculture, business and industry, and individuals and families—can take to reduce atmospheric carbon.

If you are interested to learn more and to participate in the AIE 2021 activities, please join us for an informational meeting **Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 from 10-11:00 AM (CST)**.

Please see the attached flyer as well for details.

**Register here:** <https://go.illinois.edu/CurbingOurCarbonAppetite>

**In our meeting we will discuss:**

1. Details about the challenge
2. The salary reimbursement process for participating Units
3. Questions you have about engaging youth

Please join us! We are looking to recruit a team of about 10-15 folks to meet our deliverables.

## NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#lagri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).



## BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

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## INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

<https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799>



## SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News](#) — <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/8251680>

## WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

- **Linked In:** <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>



## 4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Save the date for a fun evening of networking with Illinois 4-H alumni for a virtual trivia night. Trivia night will be hosted by Hambone Entertainment, and trivia questions will cover a wide range of knowledge, including history, sports, pop culture, and of course, 4-H! Teams will be randomly assigned at the event to encourage new connections and networking.

Registration will launch in early January 2021.

**Time:** 7:00 pm; **Platform:** Zoom; **Cost:** \$10/per person

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni>

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## ISA TEEN PRODUCTION TEAM

Join us and be a part of the Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team! Help us plan and lead this summer, state-wide, virtual event! For more information on what the Teen Production Team does and, how to apply, please click on the application link below.

**Application Link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO\\_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Due:** Friday, January 8, 2021

Interviews will be a part of the application process!

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## ISA TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge. For more information on requirements and how to apply, please click on the application link below.

**Application link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu\\_Fx-x45INE\\_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Due:** Friday, January 22, 2021

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**mark your calendar!**