



4-H FAST FACTS



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

June 2020

Virtual 4-H Show Announcement & Registration Process



On June 1st, all 4-H members and families received communication from Dr. Lisa Diaz, Illinois State 4-H Program Leader, announcing that all in-person events sponsored by Illinois Extension through July 5 will be canceled or moved to an online format. This includes all 4-H club meetings, events, and summer exhibit opportunities.

The Christian County 4-H program and their summer shows are affected by this announcement and are adapting their judging experiences accordingly.

2020 Virtual 4-H Show Information

For this year's 4-H shows, we will be using the online Fair Entry system – which has been used to register for the 4-H shows for the past few years. Members will still register for the proper classes as usual. **For the virtual show, each entry will also include pictures, videos or documents of your project for the judge to review.** These MUST be uploaded during the registration/entry process. Instructions are included to guide you through entering your projects and uploading the proper documents for each. Also included is a list of picture requirements for uploading during registration.

An overview of the proposed timeline for entry and judging is included below:

- July 3rd—Fair Entry opens for all members to enter projects and supporting documents (pictures, videos, project reports)
- July 8th—GENERAL PROJECTS DEADLINE—Fair Entry will close (end of day) for all general project entries
- July 13—17—Judging of GENERAL PROJECTS in the Fair Entry system (closed judging)
- July 23rd—LIVESTOCK DEADLINE—Fair Entry will close (end of day) for all livestock entries
- By July 24th—Results of General Project judging
- July 24th—28th—Judging of LIVESTOCK PROJECTS in the Fair Entry system (closed judging)
- By July 31st—All results available and released publicly (state fair delegates must announce their project selection by this date)

Livestock-Specific Show Information

All June 2020 4-H livestock and other live animal exhibits are also being moved to a virtual format. Livestock entries will still register for the appropriate classes and shows as outlined in the show book through the Fair Entry system. In order to capture the animal and its movements, we hope that members can 'show' their animals at home, capture it on video, and submit these videos along with their online entries.

More information is included throughout this newsletter. Contact us if you have any additional 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/ChristianCountyIL4H>



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WHEN PREPARING FOR THE VIRTUAL 4-H SHOWS

How do I know what I need to be preparing or entering for my virtual exhibit this year?

For the virtual show, members are submitting two things for each project area: 1) photos, videos, or a slide show presentation that showcases what they have learned or made, and 2) a completed 4-H Project Report.

For each project area and class, different photos or videos might be required. Some projects will just require a few photos of your exhibit. Others might require more or require specific photos (i.e. photos of specific pieces of your aerospace exhibit). All project requirements have been updated in the virtual show book. Make sure you review these requirements and refer to what is needed

What is the 4-H Project Report? Why is it important?

The project report will accompany every project and class entry this year. It is a one-page document with 5-6 questions that members will complete—what was a challenge you faced while completing this project, what is something you want the judge to know or be aware of while they are judging, etc. This report will hopefully be a good stand-in for the conference judging and one-on-one discussion that would usually happen between the judge and member at an in-person show.

Make sure you take time to think about your responses and complete these reports for each project. These reports will often be how the judge learns a little more about your project than just what they see in a photo.

*For livestock animals, you might have one report for an animal/specie but you still need to submit it for each class that you enter.

I never received my project books to help prepare me for my exhibit. What do I do?

We submitted a publication order around the time campus offices and our local offices closed. Therefore, we know many of you never received the project books you ordered or had an opportunity to pick them up from our offices.

Know that we will NOT be enforcing any project book requirements for the virtual shows. You will not have to complete or show proof that you complete an activity from your project book, if that is usually a requirement.

If you still want or need access to a project book, please contact the Extension Office. Many are available for purchase at shop4h.org and some can be downloaded digitally.

I'm concerned I don't have the proper internet access to support entering my projects and/or uploading my photos or videos. What should I do?

If you can usually stream online video services without interruptions, you should not have any problems with accessing Fair Entry or uploading your photos/videos. However, if you need access to wifi, you are free to use the public wifi located at the Extension Office. While our offices are still closed, you still access it from the parking lot without major problems.

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions or if you need the password..

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Online Training & Virtual Office Hours

To help families understand the virtual show set-up and how to enter in Fair Entry, we will be hosting an online training on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM**. Meeting invite is below but will also be emailed to all families.

To join meeting, follow this link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/93859719440?pwd=NkYvM1h0WCtHSTFGdkdMVDhnTWdsZz09>

Meeting ID: 938 5971 9440

Password: 056458

Times have not been set, but we will also be offering virtual 'office hours' during the week of fair entry. These will be opportunities for you to log in and ask any questions you have as you are entering your projects. As always, if you have questions during the process at any time, please let us know.

Questions about project requirements, judging, etc.:

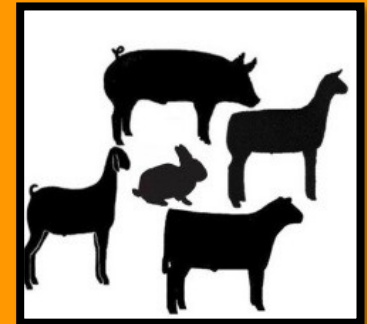
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Questions about logging in to Fair Entry, resetting passwords, etc.:

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LIVESTOCK REMINDERS & UPDATES

- Make sure you take note of Fair Entry deadlines for livestock as they may differ from general projects.
- Almost all livestock entries will require a video over photos. However, if pictures are easier or necessary, make sure you capture all sides of the animal and follow the video instructions as closely as possible.
- YQCA requirements will be waived for our county shows this year.
- Check the virtual show book on information regarding the Master Showmanship Contest this year.
- Information regarding the Stockman Contest is still being planned. Information will be shared directly with families when a decision is made.
- **As of 6/15/2020, we do not have additional information regarding state fair livestock shows and entry deadlines.** It was announced that the Illinois State Fair is cancelled in August but there is the potential for live animal shows later in September. Current entry deadlines are as follows but are, of course, subject to change.



June 20th—Entry Deadline for State Horse Show *subject to change

July 15th—Entry deadline for state livestock shows *subject to change

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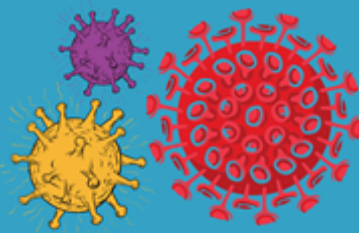
4-H SCIENCE CAMP



VIRUS SCIENCE


Tuesday, June 14
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Held online via Zoom
For ages 13-18

Learn about what a virus is and how we can keep ourselves healthy!



Register online at go.illinois.edu/cjmm or call Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941.

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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

4-H SCIENCE CAMP



SIMPLE KITCHEN SCIENCE

Wednesday, June 15
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Held online via Zoom
For ages 8-12

Use some everyday kitchen items to learn about chemistry and simple science!



Register online at go.illinois.edu/cjmm or call Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941.

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VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMPS OFFERED

Call the Extension Office or visit our website to get signed up. You can sign up to participate live or just sign up to receive a packet of instructions to participate on your own at a later date.

Space limited—sign up now!



UPDATE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZES IN 4-H ONLINE!

Instead of many of our trophies and banners this year, all 4-H members who participate in the virtual shows will receive a FREE t-shirt. These have been purchased with help from our usual trophy and banner sponsors. **Help us in thanking these sponsors for continuing to support the 4-H program.**

When ordering t-shirt sizes, we will be using what is entered in 4-H Online. Make sure the t-shirt size is updated and correct for each member **no later than Thursday, July 23rd.**

Call the Extension Office at 217-287-7246 if you have questions or cannot find your listed size.

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Illinois 4-H Making a Difference in Local Communities!

The *True Leaders in Service*, designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. ***To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!***

Illinois 4-H’ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach 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 is your time to make a difference!

The 4-H Everyday Sportsman’s Skills Challenge is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman’s skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they’ve mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they’ve learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>



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Extension webinars being offered

University of Illinois Extension helps individuals, families, farmers, businesses, and communities solve local problems to improve lives of Illinois residents. Check out the list of online webinars and trainings at <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/webinars>.

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Are you a 4-H Senior?

We are proud of your accomplishments! While this year may not have been how you planned to end your Senior year, you have persevered! We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

We are seeking 4-H Seniors to complete the **4-H Senior Survey** (https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5itG50fd6fLrZQx) This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share about your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions.

Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H program. This 4-H tassel will be a special gift from Illinois 4-H as a token to celebrate your successes.

As you complete your 4-H career, you will also have an opportunity to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association. The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is launching to stay connected to you! We want to see where your go, what successes continue to unfold and to create a lifelong connection between **YOU** and **Illinois 4-H**. We hope one day you will return as a volunteer or even as a 4-H parent.



Collecting Food Access Stories

The Illinois 4-H State Office is putting a call out for stories that highlight the creative, innovative, and inspiring work that 4-H youth are doing to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. If you have a young person or a club in your area that is going out of their way to create greater food security and food access through service learning projects, advocacy, social media campaigns, or community service, we want to hear about them and help their work get highlighted by the U of I College of ACES Extension communication team. Please send a brief description of their project, a contact, and a photograph (where possible) of their work to mbbecker@illinois.edu. Thank you for all the important work you're doing to support our young people.

4-H Maker Monday Series



Maker Mondays is a YouTube Segment featuring the Illinois 4-H STEM Team, that guides youth through the process of designing, fabricating, and finishing anything we can think of, from co-splay inspired outfits, to custom themed drones and gadgets. These videos are designed to inspire and encourage youth to expand their imaginations, and build/make whatever they can think of. Our videos are not meant to transform youth into content experts, but rather into process experts with the tools and skills needed to find the answers to questions they have. Every video lists the materials and tools needed, and many videos will have accompanying downloads. In our first video, we make Mandalorian Armor from scratch using basic tools and a 3D printer!

Click the link below to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7hhXcl-6fQ&feature=youtu.be>

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Are you a 4-H Alumni? We want to stay connected to you!

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is building a network of 4-H alumni to join the alumni association.

Sign up today for your free membership: <https://go.illinois.edu/4halum>

(use logo Join 4-H Alumni)

Follow the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association on Social Media.

We want to stay connected to you !

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>



Do you have news or life changes to share?

We want to hear from you! 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!

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HALumniNews>

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mark your calendar!



- June 13-19** HORSE SHOW ONLY—Fair Entry open for entries and photos/videos
- July 3rd** Fair Entry opens for all remaining projects.
Members will log in to Fair Entry to submit their projects and photos/videos and project reports
- July 8th** GENERAL PROJECTS DEADLINE—Fair Entry will close (end of day) for all general project entries
- July 13-17** Judging of General Projects in the Fair Entry system (closed judging)
- July 23rd** LIVESTOCK DEADLINE—Fair Entry will close (end of day) for all livestock entries
- By July 24th** General Project judging results available
State Fair Delegates will be notified
- July 24-28** Judging of Livestock Projects in the Fair Entry system (closed judging)
- By July 31st** All results available and released publicly
- By July 31st** State Fair Delegates must select the project they are showing at the state fair
- Aug. 10-16** *TENTATIVE* Virtual State Fair Project Judging