



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2021

## Illinois 4-H outlines safety requirements for in-person events

We're looking forward to seeing you in 2021! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

**We are excited to offer face-to-face judging in Christian County this summer, but this will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines.** We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible. By working together, we hope to return to face-to-face judging, but it only works if we are all equally committed to following essential COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

- Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
- Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
- Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
- Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 217-287-7246. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the chance to step back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

Please reach out if you have any additional comments or questions at this time.

Thank you!

*Sara Marten*

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**2021 4-H Show Dates on page 2**

## 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/christiancounty4h>



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## Need help remembering important dates?

Go to [go.illinois.edu/cjmmcalendar](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmmcalendar) to see events & deadlines for all activities within Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, & Montgomery Counties!



**APRIL 15** is the deadline for enrolling, adding, or dropping projects to be eligible to show during the 2021 Christian County 4-H Shows. Please review your enrollment in 4-H Online prior to the deadline!



## 2021 4-H SHOW DATES - *Updated March 24*

We are still finalizing the first draft of our show book. Expect it to be posted soon to our website.

**\*ALL DATES ARE TENATIVE AT THIS TIME.\***

Public Presentations Contest: Tuesday, May 18—6:00 pm—Extension Office

Unit Horse Show: Saturday, June 12—10:00 am—Gillespie Horse Arena

General Show, Science & Tech Show: Monday, July 19—9:00 am—Extension Office

Cat & Dog Show: TBA

Rabbit & Poultry: TBA

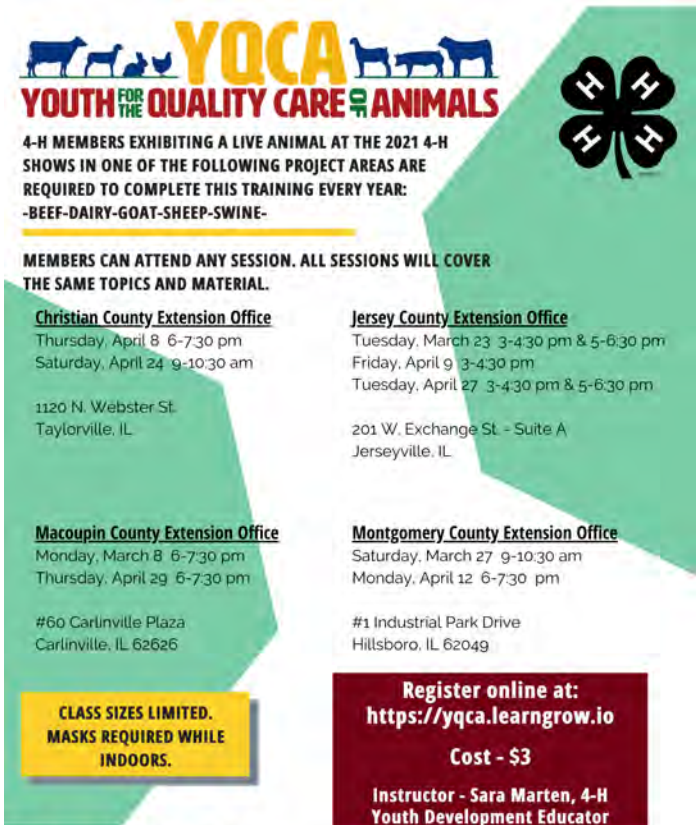
Livestock Shows: Wednesday, July 21—8:30 am—Fairgrounds

4-H Foundation Auction: Thursday, July 22—Fairgrounds

\*Science & Technology will include robotics, crops, horticulture, aerospace, and other science-related projects.

**\*Additional COVID policies and restrictions will be in place.\***

See front page for more information.



**YQCA**  
**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2021 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**  
Thursday, April 8 6-7:30 pm  
Saturday, April 24 9-10:30 am  
1120 N. Webster St.  
Taylorville, IL

**Jersey County Extension Office**  
Tuesday, March 23 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm  
Friday, April 9 3-4:30 pm  
Tuesday, April 27 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm  
201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A  
Jerseyville, IL

**Macoupin County Extension Office**  
Monday, March 8 6-7:30 pm  
Thursday, April 29 6-7:30 pm  
#60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626

**Montgomery County Extension Office**  
Saturday, March 27 9-10:30 am  
Monday, April 12 6-7:30 pm  
#1 Industrial Park Drive  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Register online at:**  
<https://yqca.learngrow.io>  
Cost - \$3  
Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

CLASS SIZES LIMITED.  
MASKS REQUIRED WHILE INDOORS.

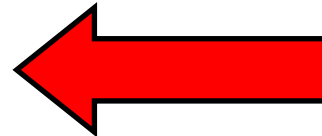
## YQCA Training

Required for all 4-H members showing an animal in the following areas:

Beef—Dairy—Goat—Sheep—Swine

Register online for in-person trainings: <https://yqca.learngrow.io>

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Class size is limited and masks will be required.



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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension office. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

## Public Speaking Contest

Open to 4-H members enrolled in the communications projects

Register online through the Fair Entry system now until May 14

[faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15140](http://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15140)



## Christian County Public Speaking Contest

Tuesday, May 18

6:00 pm

Christian County Extension Office

*\*Social Distancing & Masks Required\**

Attendance will be limited and judging times may be pre-scheduled. More details to come.

### Divisions Include:

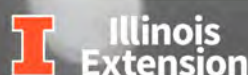
- Formal Speech
- Illustrated Speech
- Original Works
- Oral Interpretation
- Food Demonstration

(for members enrolled in Food & Nutrition projects)

Register online through Fair Entry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15140>

See Christian County 4-H show book for complete guidelines.

Must be a current 4-H member & enrolled in public presentations to participate. Contact the Extension office at 217-287-7246 with questions.



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## "GRANDFRIEND" PEN PAL PROJECT

*Hosted by the Unit 18 Youth Leadership Team*

Become a 'pen pal' with a local nursing home or long-term care resident. Write a card or letter and drop it off at your Extension Office by April 1st to participate.

 **Please include the following in your letter/card:**

1. Name and 4-H Club where you are a member
2. Include some information about yourself. Topics could include:
  - a. 4-H Projects or Events
  - b. Sports You Play or Enjoy Watching
  - c. Your Pets or Hobbies
  - d. School
  - e. Future Goals or Careers
3. Include your mailing address so that your grandfriend can respond to you.
4. Do not seal your envelopes.
5. Do not write on the outside of your envelope.

**This opportunity will count as a unit-wide community service project on award applications.**

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## MSE A Classic Bouquet

main street florist

### Flower Arranging

**Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30pm**  
Join Sarah LoBue of Main Street Florist via Zoom to create a floral arrangement at home.

 **4-H Floriculture**

Kits can be picked up at  
A Classic Bouquet  
321 N. Madison Street- Taylorville  
*\*SPECIFIC DATES & TIMES TO COME\**

**\$10**

**Youth Ages 8-18**

**Kits will include:**  
Supplies needed for arrangement  
Care Tips

REGISTER BY APRIL 15 AT THE LINK BELOW:  
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FLOWERCLASS](https://go.illinois.edu/flowerclass)

All Payments will go to your local florist for supplies.  
Zoom link will be e-mailed closer to the program date.

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## SALSA GARDENING FOR KIDS

Youth will receive their very own Salsa Garden Kit!

Each kit will include: seeds, labels, seed starter mini greenhouse, potting soil, care sheet, and a recipe for yummy salsa.

**Free!**  
Kits provided by Memorial Donations in Honor of Vivian Ferguson  
Ages 8-18

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20 at 3:30PM**  
**LIVE VIA ZOOM**

Learn about starting seeds and growing your very own salsa garden. Seeds will be started during this program.

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.**  
REGISTER BY APRIL 8. ONE KIT PER FAMILY.  
[go.illinois.edu/salsagarden](http://go.illinois.edu/salsagarden)

Kits will be ready on the week of April 12 at your local Extension office.

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## BREAD MAKING CLASS



**APRIL 2**  
**10 - 11AM**

Held at Extension office in Hillsboro  
Or join on Zoom

**Supplies will be provided for the in person session only.**  
Everyone will go home with their bread dough to cook.

**NO COST**

 **To register visit:**  
[go.illinois.edu/breadmaking](http://go.illinois.edu/breadmaking)  
or call 217-532-3941

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**Check out more workshops on our website and Facebook page!**



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Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery 4-H

## 4-H SIGN DESIGN

PERSONALIZE YOUR OWN 12X12 PAINT PROJECT KIT  
CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN AND PAINT COLORS

Ages 8-18      Order & purchase your kit by March 15:      \$15-\$17 per kit  
[www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com](http://www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com)

Illinois Extension  Kits will be available for pick up at your county Extension office the week of March 22. Please call Kate at 217-854-9604 with any questions.

## EZ BANKING


APRIL 24  
10-11:30 A.M.

Youth 8th-12th grades

Topics will include:  
Essentials of Banking Checking Accounts  
Interest Rates  
Benefits & Challenges of Banking

Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/4hezbanking](http://go.illinois.edu/4hezbanking)  
217-532-3941  
[ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)

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CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN, AND MONTGOMERY 4-H 



## PLANT LIFE

ALL ABOUT SOYBEANS  
APRIL 15 7PM  
VIA ZOOM  
AGES 10-18

Join Corteva Sr. Agronomist Andy Harding live via Zoom and learn all about soybeans and plant life. Participants will learn about plant science, agronomy as a profession, and learn about the the production of soybeans.

Register by Tuesday, April 13 at:  
[go.illinois.edu/plantlife](http://go.illinois.edu/plantlife)

For questions or reasonable accommodations, please call 217-854-9604.

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## MAKING YOUR MARK



 **2021 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE**  
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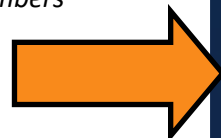
### State 4-H Junior Livestock Conference

For current 7th, 8th, and 9th grade members

**IN-PERSON EVENT**

April 24 OR April 25

[go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock)



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## 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021. Different programming options are being developed to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment as decisions are made.

## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



**Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19

**Length of service:** Two years

**Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](https://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

**Deadline:** March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



A number of states expressed an interest in participating in the MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge. We have worked out the registration process.

If states would be willing to verify the status of their youth, then we can use this zlink for registration; the zlink is: <https://z.umn.edu/BlackandWhitePhotos>.

This **new registration process** is laid out in the photography challenge's [communications tool kit](#) for your use and adaptation. You will notice that the toolkit language has been updated to reflect that this is a multistate event.

Here is the [photography challenge guidelines and information](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Extension Educator Crystal Reith at [mohrh002@umn.edu](mailto:mohrh002@umn.edu).





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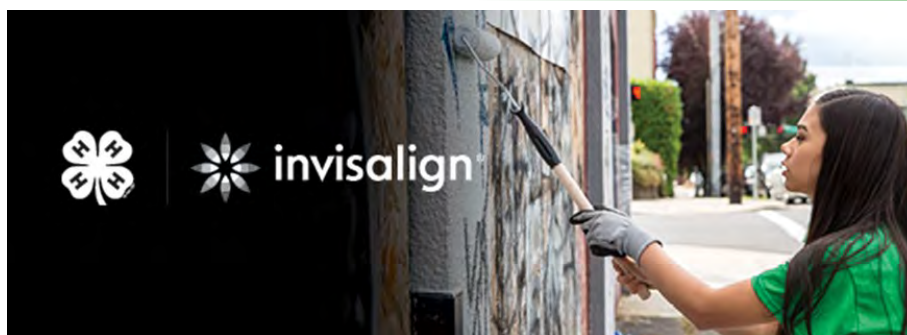


## Illini Summer Academies!

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state!

**Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.**

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our [website](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illini-summer-academies) at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illini-summer-academies> or contact us at [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu).



## Celebrate Teens In Your Community With \$5K

We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for 100 deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded \$5,000 cash to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: [https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign\\_changemakers/](https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/)



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## States 4-H International Exchange

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

**Apply Today** <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



## Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina \*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

Miriam Rosenbohm at [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)



## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.