



4-H FAST FACTS



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

May 2021

2021 SHOW BOOKS READY FOR PICK UP!

Families can pick-up their county show books at the Extension Office during normal business hours.

- We have printed one book per family and one for each club leader.
- If you need to pick up after office hours, call ahead. We can leave your book in the overnight drop box.
- **CLUB LEADERS**—If you want to pick up your club’s books to distribute at a club meeting, please contact our office and we can have them ready for you.



Show book is also available on our website: extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-christian-county

LAST DAY TO ORDER 4-H PROJECT BOOKS—MAY 15TH

If you still need to order 4-H project books, please use the following link or call our office BEFORE May 15th: go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest

After this date, we will submit our final order for books and will ship them to your homes. We cannot guarantee that orders made after this date will be delivered in time for the 2021 4-H shows.



4-Hers that showed at 2020 Virtual 4-H Shows - you will be receiving your 4-H premium check in the mail! Please work to get them cashed as soon as possible!

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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/christiancounty4h>



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Have you participated in an at-home kit or online workshop?

We want to hear from you!

Please submit pictures of your activity or experience and give us feedback on our short survey. We want to know what you enjoyed and how we improve similar experiences in the future.

Pictures: go.illinois.edu/cjmmphotos

Survey: go.illinois.edu/4-Hevals



4-H GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

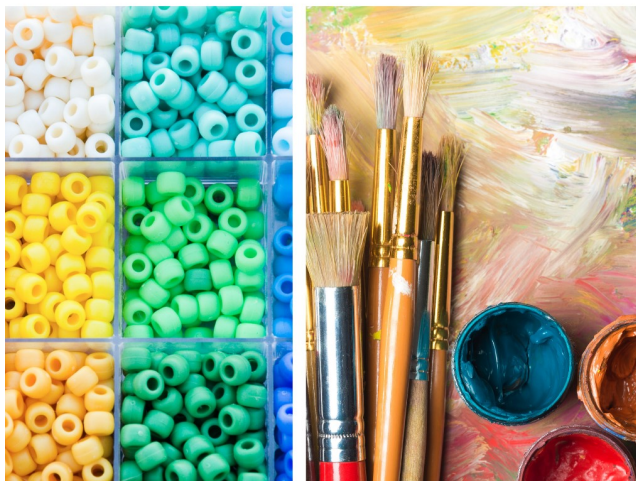
Reserve One:
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>



- Beadwork
- Duct Tape Art
- Recycled Art
- Paper Craft
- Fiber
- Painting

Kits available from local Extension
office starting May 24

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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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SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAYS, JUNE 1 - JUNE 22
2 - 3 P.M.

AGES
8-18

SESSIONS 1-3 WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM. THE
FINAL SESSION WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE
MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)



4-H JUNIOR SCIENCE CAMP



FORENSIC SCIENCE

Wednesday, June 23

9:30 - 11 AM

Christian County Extension Office

For ages 8-11

Cost \$5 (fee waivers available)



Learn about finger printing, blood typing, and more forensic science principles as you discover clues and solve a mystery!

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Register online at go.illinois.edu/cjmm
Christian County Extension Office

Afternoon Session
SR. SCIENCE CAMP
1:00-3:00 PM Ages 12-14
go.illinois.edu/cjmmrsrscience

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We would love to hear how 4-H has impacted your life!

Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel.

Complete the survey online: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey>

Host an international student: Host a Japanese 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!

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/>



Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



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NEW 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



Barred Owl NestWatch 2021

Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>



4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20 @ 7 PM



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>



Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!

I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small “study” gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4’ x 6’ in size.

A detailed training will open April 26th, and data collection won’t start until National Pollinator Week June 21st but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the UofI with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at ipollinate.illinois.edu

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 2022)

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/>



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

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mark your calendar!

2021 State Event Dates

- **May 14** **DEADLINE: Christian County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Entries Due**
- May 15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- **May 18** **Christian County 4-H Public Speaking Contest—6:00 PM**
- May 20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- May 31 **DEADLINE: State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Submissions Due**
- **June 1** **DEADLINE: Unit Horse Show Entries Due**
- June 4 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- June 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- June 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- June 6-8 4-H Family Camp Session #1
- **June 12** **Unit Horse Show—Gillespie Lake Horse Arena**
- June 18-20 4-H Family Camp Session #2
- **June 23** **Summer Science Camp—Jr. 9:30-11:00 am, Sr. 1-3 pm**
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- **July 1** **DEADLINE: 4-H Show Entries Due (FairEntry) - General & Livestock**
- July 1-3 Camp Corral Family Camp
- July 9-11 4-H Family Camp Session #3
- July 11- 23, 2021 Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
- **July 19** **4-H General Projects Show—Extension Office—9:00 AM**
- **July 20** **4-H Rabbit Show—Extension Office—9:00 AM**
- **July 20** **4-H Cat & Dog Show—Extension Office—3:00 PM & 4:00 PM**
- **July 21** **4-H Livestock Shows—Fairgrounds—8:30 AM**
- July 24 [4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull](#)
- July 25 – August 1 ISF Junior Horse Show
- July – August In-Bound Exchange Program Summer 2021
- **August 14** **Christian County 4-H Projects at Illinois State Fair**