



4-H FAST FACTS



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

November 2020

CURRENT IN-PERSON RESTRICTIONS (as of 11/02/2020)

In response to either the county or region being placed at a 'warning level' by the Illinois Department of Public Health, according to Illinois Extension policies:



- Our office will be closed to all walk-in customers. To visit a staff member or pick-up/drop off items, please call ahead to schedule a time. *Staff are working both remotely and from the office at this time. They are best reached via email or by calling the Christian County Extension Office.*
- 4-H clubs are limited to 25 people outdoors or 10 people indoors for any in-person event or meeting. Social distancing required at all times and face coverings will be required indoors and highly encouraged outdoors.
- Club leaders should keep a record of who attended each meeting (sign-in sheet) in case contact tracing is needed.

These policies will followed until our county and/or region comes off of the warning list. Watch for more information on changes to in-person meeting requirements at that time. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, please discuss any in-person events with Sara Marten (email marten1@illinois.edu) prior to scheduling or holding them.

CLUB LEADERS—You are still welcome and encouraged to meet virtually with your clubs if you cannot meet safely in person. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. We are happy to set up a Zoom link for our meeting and provide training on how to use the platform.

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN! CHECK OUT PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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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/Christian4h>



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COLLEGE 101

LEARN ABOUT THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF COLLEGE LIFE FROM CURRENT U OF I STUDENTS


Tuesday Nights - 7:00 PM
Beginning November 10

All sessions held LIVE via Zoom.

Each session will include a panel of current University of Illinois students or 4-H alumni who will share personal experiences and helpful hints for helping you navigate college life. Panelists will respond to some pre-determined questions but time will be given for live Q & A during each session as well.

Register online at
extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

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Pumpkin Pie in a Bag

Create a no-bake pumpkin pie in a bag! Kits will include: pumpkin pie recipe, non-perishable ingredients, instructional video and fun facts about pumpkins.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
go.illinois.edu/pumpkinpiekit

FREE!

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday, November 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local Extension office.

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Cloverbud Craft Pinecone Turkey

Make your very own pinecone turkey and show off what you are thankful for this year! Kit will include: Directions and all the supplies needed to make your turkey decoration. The only thing you need is the glue!


Ages 5-7
FREE

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://go.illinois.edu/cloverbudturkeykit>

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday, November 16 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local Extension office or call to make other pick-up arrangements.

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4-H AT HOME SERIES

STEM Maker Kits

To check availability or to reserve a kit:
Call the office at 217-287-7246 or email Sara Isenberg at saradi@illinois.edu

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS
Youth will learn basics of electricity as they work through the activities in the book. **No Return**

DIY POPCICLE FLASHLIGHT:
Youth will learn about circuits, switches, conductors and insulators through a simple LED flashlight project.

HYDRAULIC CLAW
Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the arcade classic. Using a designed kit you can build your very own.

MAKER ROBOT KIT
This kit comes with instructions and supplies for building a rover. For the rest of the supplies, there are no specific instructions just a lot of supplies for you to be creative. Make your own Hebocon or DIY robot!

MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT
Construct your own catapult out of everyday items. Then use it to hurl marshmallows at a friend or family member. How many can they catch with their mouth. **No Return**



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
7:00 PM

Meeting link will be emailed to families. Meeting will be recorded for those that cannot attend live.

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SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 16TH

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2020 Achievement Night

Link will be sent in an email to all families.

All are invited to attend. Meeting will be recorded and sent out to all families in case you cannot attend.

We will be recognizing our award winners, volunteers, 1st, 5th, 10th and completion members, cloverbuds, and foundation scholarship winners. Those receiving an award will be receiving a special invite.

WINNERS—Come pick up your award items at the Extension Office or they will be mailed to you.

2020-2021 Enrollment Now Open!

il.4honline.com

We greatly appreciate everyone's patience as our online system went through some updates over the summer and into the fall. Enrollment is now open for everyone to re-enroll themselves for the 2020-2021 program year!

Included in this newsletter are instructions for families to complete their enrollment. Some special reminders for everyone:

- **You may have to change your password.** The updated system requires a certain number of letters, special characters, and/or numbers. If you're old password doesn't meet the new criteria, you will need to change it.
- **Your program fee is being waived locally for this program year.** In year's past, those members that turned in award applications would have their program fee waived by our local foundation. This year, all member's program fees (\$20) are being waived. You will still select 'pay by check' and click through the payment screens to submit your enrollment, but we will mark you as paid once you are approved. No payment will be required.
- **You will order project books separately.** Instead of selecting books during the enrollment process, there will be a separate request link that is included in your enrollment confirmation email. Please make sure you find this and select any project books you need for the year.

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4-H Gratitude Challenge



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Start a gratitude journal. Each day write down something you are thankful for.	Write a thank you note to your 4-H advisor.	Think of someone you are grateful to know. Tell them.	Complete one random act of kindness today.	Send a text to someone who makes you smile and tell them why.	Handwrite a letter and mail it to a friend.	Create a piece of art that shows what you are thankful for.
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Spend time with someone you care about.	Compliment at least 5 other people today.	Think of someone you are proud of. Tell them!	Thank a veteran for their service. Veteran's Day	Volunteer to do an unpleasant task, like taking out the garbage or doing the dishes.	Write a thank you note to a special teacher.	Bake a treat for your neighbors.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Gather 10 items from your closet to donate.	Make a social media post highlighting a person you are grateful for.	Write a thank you note to a coach or mentor.	Color a picture and give it to a friend.	Do a family member's chores for them today.	Set time aside to play a game with your family.	Share a photo of something you are grateful for on social media.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Think of a creative way to Pay It Forward today.	Leave a note of encouragement for a friend.	Call a relative you haven't spoken to recently.	No complaining day! Each time you want to complain, say something you are grateful for instead.	Spend time with family and friends. Thanksgiving	Give a small gift to someone for no reason at all.	Write a letter or note to your parents or grandparents.
29	30					
Donate one canned food item for each day you forgot to write in your gratitude journal	Read over your gratitude journal and spend time reflecting on the challenge.					

4-H wants you to take our 2020 Gratitude Challenge! 2020 has not been an easy year, but we still have plenty of reasons to give thanks. Print this calendar and complete each daily task to help show gratitude to your Club, Community, Country, and World.

Use **#4HGrowsHere**, **#Grateful4Her**, and **#4HGratitudeChallenge** to spread an attitude a gratitude to all of your social media friends and followers.

4-H GROWS HERE

Take some time to be grateful this month! An accompanying journal is also available at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/ThankfulJournal>

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COLLEGIATE 4-H

JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittney Muschetto at uiucollegiate4h@gmail.com.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

4-H shooting sports members age 11 and up are still eligible to register and participate in the virtual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports 2020 Shoot! Disciplines offered include shotgun, archery, and rifle with scores entered online until the end of December.

Register at: <http://go.illinois.edu/20204Hregistration> and learn more at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu with any questions!



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and 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. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

- **Thursday, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaged volunteers are central to a thriving 4-H club program which is why we have developed three new virtual volunteer training opportunities for you this fall! Please hold the following dates and watch your email for an email for a registration details so you can participate in the following training opportunities!

It's Not Scary...It's Parliamentary Procedure – Thursday, October 29, 2020

Just because it's spooky season doesn't mean you have to be spooked by parliamentary procedure! Join us as we dive into the 4-1-1 on parliamentary procedure. We will explore officer roles, general parli-pro history, simplifying parliamentary procedure, and share ideas to help make parli-pro fun! Grab your ghouls and ghosts and save this date!

It may not be too late to register! Use this link to sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22663>

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!

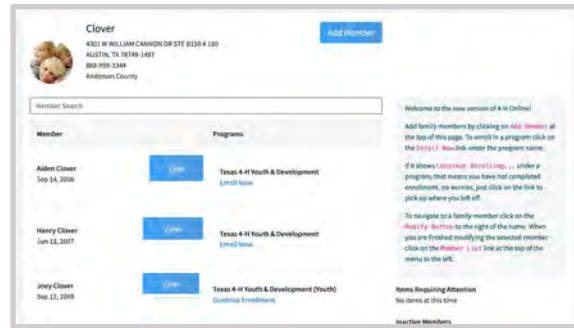
If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today:

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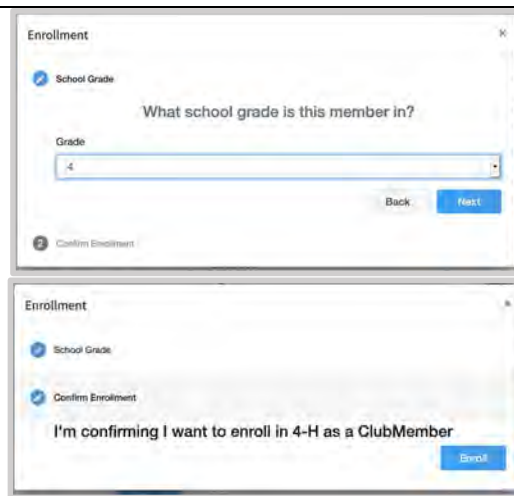
Youth and Cloverbud Member Enrollment

If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List. Click “Enroll Now” under the Program in which you would like to enroll.

If you are a new member and your name is not yet listed, click “Add Member” and follow the steps for [“Adding a New Member to the Family.”](#) then continue to Step 1 below.



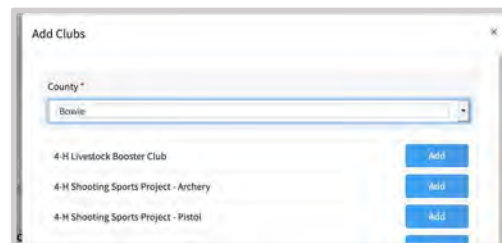
1. Select the member’s Grade and click Next.
2. Select to Confirm that you would like to enroll as a Club Member.



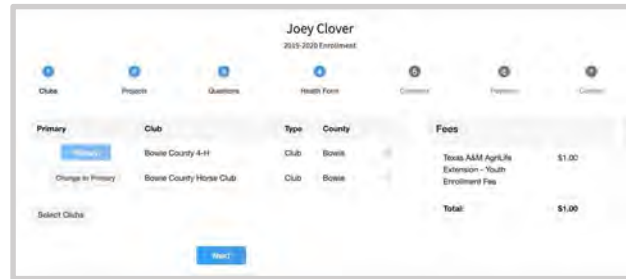
3. Click the Select Clubs button.



4. Select the County in which your Club is located.
5. Click Add next to the Club you would like to join.
6. Repeat steps 1-3 to add all of the Clubs in which you would like to participate.



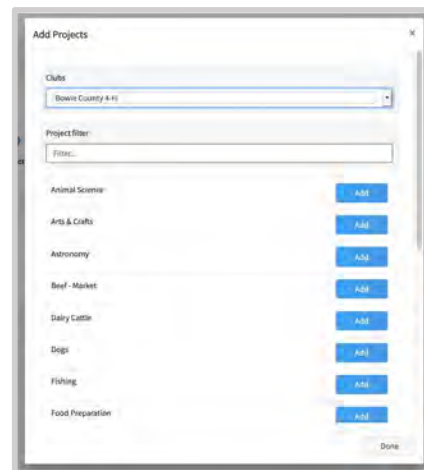
7. If you have enrolled in more than one club, be sure the Primary club is marked correctly. If not, click the Change to Primary button to mark a different Club as your Primary Club.
8. Click the trash can icon to remove a Club from the list.
9. Once all of your Clubs are added, click Next at the bottom of the screen.



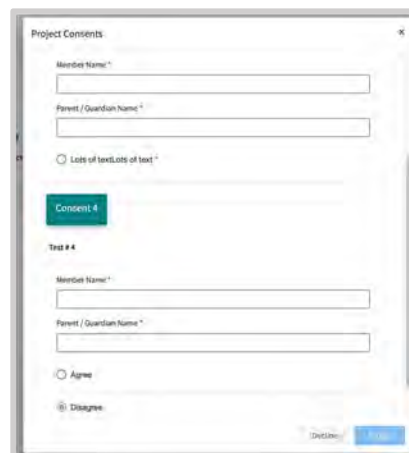
7. Click Select Projects



8. Select the Club with which you want your project to be associated.
9. Click the Add button next to the project you want to add to the member's enrollment.
10. Repeat steps 7-9 for each project in which you would like to participate.



NOTE: Some projects may have Consents that are required in order to participate. You will be prompted to enter the required signatures and accept the Consents after you click "Add".



11. Click the trash can icon to remove any projects.
12. Click the Next button once all the member's projects have been added.



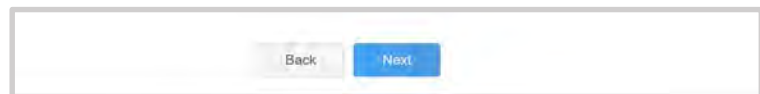
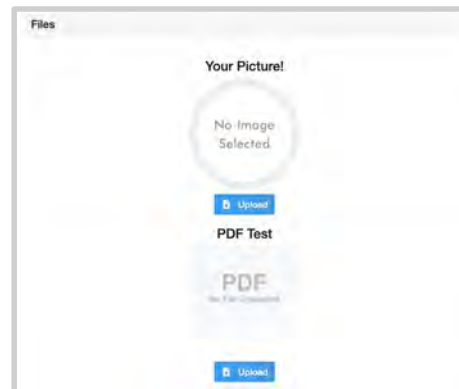
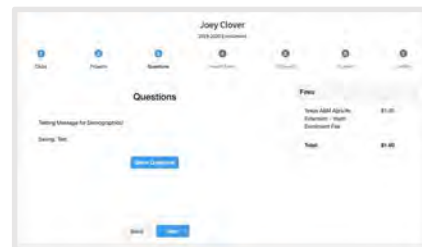
13. Click "Show Questions"
14. Complete the enrollment questions. Some of the questions will be completed for you based on what you entered when you created your record.

NOTE: Any questions with a red asterisk (*) are required. Questions may vary by Institution.

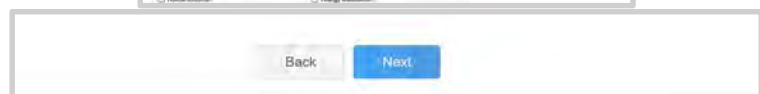
NOTE: Your Institution may also require you to upload pictures or documents with your enrollment.

Click the Upload button to select a file to upload.

Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen when you are finished.



15. If your Institution requires a Health form, you will be asked to complete the Health form fields and Consents.
16. Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen when you are done.



17. Complete any Consents your Institution requires.
18. Click the Next button at the bottom of the page when you are finished.

If no fees are due, click the Next button and skip to step 25.

19. If applicable, review the fees for the member.
20. Enter your credit card information to pay any enrollment fees.
21. Click Add Credit Card.
22. This card will be available for you to select for additional members in your family.

23. Complete the Payment Terms.
24. Click the Next button.

25. Review the enrollment information.
 26. Once you have verified that the clubs and projects are listed correctly, click the Submit button.
- Congratulations, your enrollment is complete!

You will receive an email to let you know your enrollment has been submitted. You will receive another email when your County Extension office has approved your enrollment. You may view the enrollment status on the Member List. Any enrollments that have fees to be paid by credit card will process when the County Extension Office approves the enrollment. Should the transaction be declined, you will receive an email notification. It will include a link to login so that you may add another card or change your payment method, if allowed.