



4-H FAST FACTS



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

October 2019

**4-H Week
October 6th—
12th, 2019**



Share your 4-H spirit all week on social media by using the hashtags below. Some posts may be shared on the Christian County 4-H Facebook page.

#ShareYour4HSelfie

#ShareYour4HStory

#inspiredby4H

#thats4H

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
OCTOBER 6TH - 12TH

#ShareYour4HSelfie & #ShareYour4HStory

Help celebrate National 4-H Week by sharing your love for 4-H!
#ShareYour4HSelfie - Take a selfie (individual or group) of yourself in a 4-H shirt or during a 4-H activity.
#ShareYour4HStory - Share how 4-H has impacted you. What did you learn? How did 4-H make a difference for you?

Share on your personal pages (using the hashtags) or submit using the link below.

go.illinois.edu/Christian4-HWeek

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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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**CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
ACHIEVEMENT
NIGHT**

6:30 pm - Meal
7:00 pm - Awards
Christian County Extension
Office

Please bring a dessert to share!

RSVP online by October 30th.
go.illinois.edu/cjmm/events

SAVE THE DATE!
**NOVEMBER
1ST**

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2019 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

November 1st
6:30 Meal
7:00 Awards

Please bring a des-
sert to share!

RSVP by October
30th!

[go.illinois.edu/
cjmm/events](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmm/events)
217-287-7246

Serve on the Christian County 4-H Expansion & Review Committee

We are searching for youth and adults who are interested in helping us review our 4-H program and set goals for expansion and future programming.

The Expansion & Review committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 12:00 pm (noon) at the Extension Office. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact the Extension Office.



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4-H Officer & Leaders Training

Open to all 4-H volunteers and 4-H club officers in Christian, Jersey, Macoupin and Montgomery Counties

Learn more about your role and take home helpful information to improve your clubs throughout the new 4-H year!

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**INSPIRED TO LEAD
CALLED TO SERVE**



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

Register by October 17th
online at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmm or call
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**Saturday,
October 19th**

9:30 - 11:30 AM
Lincoln Land Community
College - Litchfield
Campus

STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Call the office or register online! go.illinois.edu/cjmm/ events

← Multi-County Leadership Training

Multi-County Community Service (below)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

CHRISTIAN • JERSEY • MACOUPIN • MONTGOMERY
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

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Saturday, October 19
9:00 - 9:30 AM
Lincoln Land Community College - Litchfield, IL

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Help us create care packages that will be sent to recent 4-H alumni that are in college during their midterm exams!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:
FUN SIZE CANDY BAR/SNACKS
\$10 GIFT CARDS INDIVIDUAL DRINK MIXES

Drop off donated items at your local Extension office by Oct. 17 or bring Saturday morning.
Register online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>

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FALL WREATH WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
2:00 - 3:00 PM
CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
(1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville)

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To register call Christian County Extension Office at
217-287-7246 or register online at extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

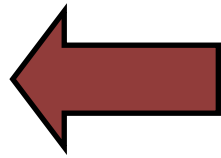
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AGES 8-18
COST: \$10.00

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A 4-H MEMBER TO ATTEND!

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WORKSHOP
FOR
OCTOBER!**

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FINISH YOUR 4-H ENROLLMENT TODAY!

All returning 4-H members and volunteers need to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 4-H program year. Visit 4-H Online or contact the office with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

For those who turned in 2018-2019 records or award applications, your 2019-2020 program fee (\$20) will be covered by the Christian County 4-H Foundation! Many thanks to the foundation for providing this opportunity to our 4-H members!

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Award deadlines is earlier! Submit by November 1

IMPORTANT: The state deadline for awards has been changed to November 1. Don't miss your chance to apply. Award applications are available online at go.illinois.edu/4Happly:

- **Key Award:** This award focuses on Leadership, Community Service and Mentoring. Members 16-19 are eligible for this award.
- **State 4-H Award:** Members may apply in any or all of the five award categories: *Communications, Community Service, Leadership, Personal Growth, and/or Project Mastery*. State winners in these categories can receive educational scholarships or trips to national events. This award is open to members 15-18.
- **Vet Science Award:** Outstanding members enrolled in the 4-H Veterinary Science Project are eligible to apply for a \$200 cash award. Check with your county for their deadline for this award.
- **4-H Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award:** Applicants must be 17-19 and exemplify leadership, citizenship and professionalism skills. This award is sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliate Companies. Winners will be invited to a 3-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April.
- **Experience Award:** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed to submit this application. This award is open to 4-H members of all ages!

Get money for college

The deadline for **state scholarship** has also been changed to November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships for these scholarship opportunities:

- **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship:** Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due November 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.
- **Livestock Scholarship:** \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for youth who have demonstrated project mastery in their livestock area. Open to current high school seniors who have completed a minimum of 3 years in a Livestock Project and plan to pursue a college degree in the agriculture industry. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.



Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. The training is **Saturday, November 9** at the Adams County Extension Office in Quincy.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training which helps cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Use the following link to register and get additional details: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



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New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. Check with local offices about completing the training. The training must be completed each year.

Horses, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

Join inspiring Illinois 4-H teen in service to others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel/soap/moisturizer
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
- Combs/brushes
- Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

- Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard counties
- Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener
- Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

Learn more @ <https://www.facebook.com/crownsfightcancer>. Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. For more information, one may call 217-925-5700. Elizabeth wants to deliver her items in late fall, so plan your campaigns soon!

College isn't the end of your 4-H career

If you are a 4-H'er or know a 4-H member heading to University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana campus, check out Collegiate 4-H! Collegiate 4-H is a registered student organization that provides opportunities to continue strengthening your leadership skills and be engaged in service to others. In addition to the leadership and service benefits, Collegiate 4-H also creates an opportunity for positive social engagement with other college students who, like you, have been a part of 4-H. One may contact Collegiate 4-H Club President Brittney Muschetto @ uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.



INSPIRED TO LEAD CALLED TO SERVE

Information to make your new year sparkle!

It's the new 4-H year, and we've got lots of things to get the new year started! We've added four new projects: Child Development, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Visual Arts Leather! Our theme for the year and National 4-H Week is **Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve**. Download the new Project Guide @ go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide.

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Internship with Illinois Pork Producers available

The Illinois Pork Producers Association wants you as its 2020 State Ambassador intern. You'll represent the association and the pork industry during the coming year for a full year and will work from the Springfield office during the summer (May - August 2020).

Main duties include managing the birthing center during the Illinois State Fair, attending Summer Ag Institutes, completing a project of his/her choosing (to be discussed with staff), and various other tasks. The internship is education and communication focused.

A \$4,500 scholarship will be provided to the intern upon successful completion of the internship. Start date will depend on the student's school schedule, and end date will be after the conclusion of the State Fair.

Qualifications:

- Must be an Illinois resident between the ages of 18 and 23 (Must be age 18 by Jan 1, 2020)
- Must exhibit strong communication, organization and leadership skills
- Must exhibit a genuine interest in the Illinois pork industry and be able to speak on behalf of it
- Recommended that he/she has attended Illinois Livestock Leadership Institute (Previously IPLI)
- Must be a member (or become a member) of the Illinois Pork Producers Association
- Must have reliable transportation and be willing to travel to out-of-state training and functions
- May only serve one year

Application deadline is OCTOBER 31, 2019. For application information, one may contact Jenny Jackson at jenny@ilpork.com or 217-529-3100.



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Generations of Commitment.*

Who will win \$5,000?

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges they have faced. Each of the honorees epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. In addition, the winners have demonstrated the positive impact they've made with their family, peers, and community through their 4-H experiences.



Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Deadline for application is October 21.



Paper Clover Campaign returns in October

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council, are October 9 - 20. Money donated during the campaign STAYS in that local county. The campaign runs twice a year.

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Take a trip across the globe



Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.
- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ states4hexchange.org/.



mark your calendar!



October 5	State 4-H Awards Reception, by invitation only
October 6 – 12	National 4-H Week: Inspired to Lead Called to Serve *Share your 4-H photos and stories on Facebook!
October 9 – 20	Fall Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply stores
October 12-13	State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington
October 18	DEADLINE: Salute to Excellence nominations due
October 19	Field Certification Training for 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers
October 21	DEADLINE: Youth in Action award applications due
October 23	CHRISTIAN COUNTY—Fall Wreath Workshop
November 1	CHRSTIAN COUNTY—Achievement Night
November 1	DEADLINE: for all state awards, including Key Award, Experience Award, State 4-H Award, Vet Med Award, and the Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award.
November 1	DEADLINE: for all state scholarships, including Legacy of Leadership and Livestock Scholarships
November 5	CHRISTIAN COUNTY—Christian 4-H Youth Leadership Team Meeting
November 9	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Adams County, Quincy
December 13	CHRISTIAN COUNTY—4-H Express Holiday Open House