



4-H FAST FACTS



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

October 2021



Previous members can enroll now at il.4honline.com

Interested in joining? Email amcd06@illinois.edu

Every member who is enrolled before the end of the day Oct. 9 will be entered to win a customized 4-H t-shirt!



ENROLL TODAY!!



4-H WEEK BONUS ACTIVITY

1. Tell your friend why 4-H is great!
2. Have your friend email Alexis at amcd06@illinois.edu to learn more, make sure they mention that you referred them.
3. You will be entered to win a 4-H pillow!

4-H REFER A FRIEND!

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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/ChristianCountyIL4H>



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The 2021-2022 4-H program fee for new and returning members is being waived again by the Unit 18 Extension Council. Their goal was to remove financial barriers for families during this challenging time so that more area youth can take part in the 4-H program.



**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN
FOR THE 2021-2022 4-H YEAR!**

**RETURNING MEMBERS ENROLL HERE:
il.4honline.com**

Interested in joining 4-H? Contact the Christian County Extension Office

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4-H WEEK 2021

OCT. 3-9

MONDAY

10/4

Tell a friend about 4-H!

Email Alexis one reason you joined 4-H!

TUESDAY

10/5

Tell a 4-H Leader or Volunteer thank you!

Email Alexis who you are thankful for!

WEDNESDAY

10/6

Help your community!

Submit a photo helping within your community!

THURSDAY

10/7

Share a 4-H memory!

Email Alexis your favorite 4-H memory!

FRIDAY

10/8

Wear a 4-H shirt!

Submit a photo of you in your 4-H shirt!

Email Alexis at amcd06@illinois.edu each day! Complete every activity on the schedule and win a prize!

Items must be submitted by end of day Oct. 9.

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4-H FALL GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H



Fall Themed Art Projects

Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hfallkit

Kits available from local Extension
Office starting Oct. 11

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ART KITS!

**RESERVE
NOW!**



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4-H FALL CLOVERBUD GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Youth will get a fall
themed art project to
make at home!

Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmcloverbudfallkit

Youth Ages 5-7

Kits available from local Extension
Office starting Oct .11

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The Secrets of Baking



Make Soft Pretzels in a Bag

TAKE HOME KIT

Learn the secrets of baking while making soft pretzels! Kits will be available for pick up at your local Extension Office.

Kits available for pick up starting October 11.
Available for all youth.

Register online: extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

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CELEBRATE
4-H WEEK!

**PICK UP A 4-H YARD SIGN NOW
AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!**



Volunteer Training

For 4-H volunteers serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin & Montgomery Counties

Each topic will be offered IN PERSON and VIRTUALLY - Can attend in any county or format



Helping Youth Thrive

- Monday, October 25, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office
- Tuesday, October 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Saturday, November 6, 10:00 am -noon, Christian County Extension Office



Making the Most Out of Your Club Meetings

- Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, Christian County Extension Office
- Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, November 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, Jersey County Extension Office



Working With Youth

- Tuesday, November 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Montgomery County Extension Office
- Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, December 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office

Register online:

go.illinois.edu/cjmmvolunteertraining

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Are you a club officer for the 2021-2022 4-H year?

Attend 4-H Officer Training

Oct. 30 | 9:30 - 11 AM

Find Your Spark in Leadership

Register here:

go.illinois.edu/cjmmofficertraining



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4-H THANKFUL BASKETS



UNIT-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANKFUL 4 TEACHERS

REGISTER TO BRING GREEN ITEMS FROM THE PROVIDED LIST TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE NOV 1-17. ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE GIVEN TO AREA TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF!

Register here: go.illinois.edu/cjmmcommunityservice

Hosted by: Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H



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Christian County 4-H Achievement Day

November 7th

Christian County Extension Office

Invitations will be sent to those being recognized!



JOIN THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Membership on the youth leadership team (YLT)

is open to any 4-H member ages 13 and up.

YLT helps plan and promote county-wide 4-H events.

Email amcdo6@illinois.edu with questions or to join!

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National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how agriscience is important and how young people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. Full details available here or at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/180k-2WP7zQ4rBpxJASxUn523TgUt6Rha/view>



Submissions are due by October 3!



Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year September 15th – October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved! [Flier available here](#). The flier is also available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b24kbmEKZclZW0Q21n7qN6sump7sAwgA/view>

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National 4-H Week

Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9! [Flier with ideas available here](#) to get your creative juices flowing as you plan for the week!

Illinois 4-H will also have Spirit Week special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed! More posts and info to come, but here is a preview so you can plan:



Service Project Sunday – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.

Member Monday – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.

Time Machine Tuesday – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.

Why 4-H Wednesday – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.

Thankful Thursday – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!

Favorite Project Friday – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project

Spirit Saturday - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.

Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

October 6 - October 17 stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.



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Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022



Travel Abroad Update!

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Or at <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/71518-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

Program information can be found [here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/06mmylql4dyh124tqjf0husfq1s4sqn>

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/rltzgtq5h4t8xvmpmuehvdypry9np4s>

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

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Let's get social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to carissa7@illinois.edu.

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!

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