



4-H FAST FACTS



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

September 2021



ENROLLMENT ON 4-H ONLINE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

RETURNING MEMBERS ENROLL HERE:



il.4honline.com



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

• **CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE** •

217-287-7246 | 1120 N Webster Taylorville | amcd06@illinois.edu

Updated Meeting Policies for 4-H Clubs (as of 8/20/2021):

- Masks are required for everyone indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Currently no restrictions on numbers or attendance.
- Masks are not required outdoors UNLESS you cannot keep socially distanced.
- Serving or providing food is okay. Masks must stay on anytime you are not eating or drinking. Single-serve or pre-packaged food items are preferred to limit contact on shared surfaces. No potluck or buffet style meals.
- Sign in sheets are required in case of exposure/contact tracing and need to be kept on file for 30 days.
- Please keep your local 4-H staff member informed of any changes or plans for larger events.

Policies subject to change.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sara Marten

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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4-H WEEK 2021

OCT. 3-9

MONDAY

Tell a friend about 4-H!

Email Alexis one reason you joined 4-H!

TUESDAY

Tell a 4-H Leader or Volunteer thank you!

Email Alexis who you are thankful for!

WEDNESDAY

Help your community!

Submit a photo helping within your community!

THURSDAY

Share a 4-H memory!

Email Alexis your favorite 4-H memory!

FRIDAY

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! Watch the Christian County 4-H Facebook page to see the photos submitted and to watch for bonus activities!

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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact 217-287-7246.

Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

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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.

TRI-COUNTY KIDS

LOCATION: PANA

Open to new members!

Tri-County Kids is currently looking for a new club leader! If interested, please contact the Christian County Extension Office by calling 217-287-7246 or emailing amcdo6@illinois.edu



CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H

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!

Illinois 4-H Recognition Program 2021 Awards Dates & Deadlines

DEADLINE	AWARD	DETAILS
Sept. 15, 2021 @ 4:30PM.	4-H Club Award Applications	Email or deliver your application to the Extension Office.
Nov. 1, 2021	Illinois 4-H Scholarship	Electronic submission by 4-H member. https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/scholarships
Jan. 7, 2022	Sustaining the Future Award	Electronic submission by 4-H member. https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards

To watch the recorded Awards Training visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/AwardsTraining21>

Questions or to submit your 4-H Club Award applications? Email amcd06@illinois.edu

SAVE THE DATE

Christian County 4-H Officer Training

Saturday, October 30

More details coming soon!



Be sure to check out Hysterical Historical Day!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – NOON TO 4 PM

CHRISTIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

325 Abe's Way, Taylorville



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2021 STATE FAIR RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK CONTESTS!

**Illinois Farm Bureau Master Showmanship
Champion - Lizzie Schafer**

**2021 Illinois Superior Young 4-H Livestock Producers Contest
Cole Paulek
Waylon Paulek**





2021 STATE FAIR RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS!

Noah Bailey - Cooking 201

Elayna Bailey - Cooking 301 - Inspire Award

Abigail Erlenbush - Clothing II

Reagan Funderburk - Cooking 101

Kenzie Harmon - Vegetable Display - Champion

Caroline Hedden - Cooking 201 - Reserve Champion

Claire Hunt - Vet Science - Inspire Award

Kelsie Hunt - Mixed Media

Kyle Jackle-Hugh - Weather 2 - Inspire Award

Macy Richards - Commercial or Promotional Video - Champion

Calum Shanks - Photography 1

Benjamin Wamsley - ESports - Champion

Abigail Wamsley - Food/Cake Decorating Beginning

Molly Zucco - Clothing I

*All participants received a Participant ribbon in addition to any listed awards.

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4-H Club Research Project with ALEC

This year your child's class/4-H Club is participating in a study about experiential learning. The University of Illinois is interested in learning more about the role of reflection in experiential learning. Specifically, we would like to find out:

Does the type of reflection activity impact the ability of youth to learn and retain information?

Your child's class/4-H Club will be completing 6 lessons about agricultural science during your class/club time. We are asking that you allow researchers to review your child's assignments and learning checks related to these lessons. Your child's name and identifying information will be removed before the materials are given to the researchers.

You will also receive another email with more detailed information about this project..

- We do not think that there will be any danger to your child to include their materials in this study.
- Every young person will be given the option to not include their materials in the study.
- The researchers will not have the name of your child or any other identifying information about your child.
- The data will only be used in summary.
- **If you would like your child to decline participation in this study, please 217.532.3941 or contact Sara Marten at marten1@illinois.edu.**

If you have questions about the study, please contact Dr. Amy Leman at bunselme@illinois.edu or 217.300.6561.

Travel abroad update:

Registration for the Travel abroad 2022 program will open early September.

Timeline

Registration must be complete by November 1

First payment of \$1500 due December 1

Second payment \$1500 Due February 1 after Final Approval.

Third and final payment Due April 15, when tickets are purchased.

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

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Travel Abroad Update!



2021 State Shoots: Registrations Open



State competitions for 4-H Archery; Shotgun; Rifle; and Pistol are conducted in the fall each year. Rules for the shoots and registration information will be posted on the Illinois 4-H website by August 1, 2021. Look at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>

Participants must be ages 13 – 18 years on Sept. 1, 2021 and be enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Club to be eligible for these competitions.

On-line registration for all shoots will be open Aug. 1 – mid-September.

Archery: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL

Register at: go.illinois.edu/4harchery

Shotgun: Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL

Register at: go.illinois.edu/4hshotgun

Rifle and Pistol: Sat., Oct. 2 and 3, 2021 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL

Register for rifle at: go.illinois.edu/4hrifle

Register for pistol at: go.illinois.edu/4hpistol

4-H Shooting Sports Level II State Instructor Applicants Wanted:



Illinois 4-H seeks volunteers wishing to be considered for Level II (State Instructor) certification in the disciplines of Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Coordinator, or Shotgun. Qualified candidates must be certified and active as a Level I (County-level 4-H Club Leader) for a minimum of 3 years. Chosen applicants are required to attend a 5-day certification workshop in Virginia held October 25-29, 2021. Workshop registration fees are paid by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Level II instructors are expected to volunteer for a minimum of three years providing instruction at Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Level I certification workshops (bi-annual) and assist with annual State Shoots relating to their discipline. To apply, please submit a letter of interest and list of references by September 3rd, 2021 to: Curt Sinclair, 4-H Shooting Sports State Coordinator, 499 Old Timber Road, Monticello, IL 61856. Email: sinclair@illinois.edu. Office Phone: (217)762-2741.



Planning ahead.....2021-2022:

Illinois 4-H is joining forces with the Illinois Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Forestry Committee to organize a statewide tree appreciation program entitled: **4-H Green Communities Tree Program**. Several educational forestry topics will be emphasized along with a culminating event of planting trees throughout the state on community based properties in the spring of 2022.

Be thinking of where a tree could go in your community as a survey of interested counties will be done this fall! No cost to you!

Illinois 4-H Contact: Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



mark your calendar!

2021 State Event Dates

- September 1 Summer 2022 Outbound Application information available
- **September 1** **New 4-H Year Begins**
- **September 15** **Enrollment begins on 4-H Online**
- September 18 State Archery Shoot (In Person)
- September 25 State Shotgun Shoot (In Person)
- October 2 State Rifle Shoot (In Person)
- October 3 State Pistol Shoot (In Person)
- **October 3-9** **National 4-H Week**
- **October 5** **Christian County Youth Leadership Team Meeting**
- October 16-17 Junior Leadership Conference
- **October 30** **Christian County Officer Training**
- November 1 DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due