



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March & April 2020



NOTICE: Cancellation of 4-H Club Meetings & Events

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. Illinois Extension has been active in

responding to and setting guidelines to protect both the health and safety of the public as well as its staff and volunteers.

Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, campus leadership has implemented social-distancing protocols that impact all university events. Illinois Extension, as the outreach program of the university, aligns with all policies related to public health and safety. Effect immediately, **ALL face-to-face events organized by Illinois Extension have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery through May 31, 2020.** A full list of county and unit-wide programming affected by this policy can be found on our website: www.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

This also means that all 4-H club meetings and activities are cancelled or postponed at this time. Club leaders should communicate any upcoming cancellations or postponements with their members. During this time, club leaders cannot penalize or withhold opportunities from youth because they do not attend a meeting or activity (i.e. attendance at meetings determining ability to show at fair, ability to participate in auction, etc.)

We realize this is an ever-changing situation and are still committed to supporting you and your continued 4-H project experiences at home. We are currently working on some alternative learning opportunities. Some are shared in this newsletter and more will be shared in the weeks and months to come. We are also actively monitoring our summer events and schedules and will provide updates as they are available.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we navigate this ever-changing situation. Thank you!

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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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WHAT HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED (as of 3/24/2020)

- County-Wide Community Service (4/18/2020) - In-person community service (tie blankets) has been cancelled.
- YQCA In-Person Training (4/25/2020) - In-person training is cancelled but can and should still complete. **Deadline to complete as been pushed back until June 15th**
- Foundation Scholarship Interviews - Postponed until further notice.
- Christian County Public Speaking Contest (4/30/2020) - Event will be postponed and held during the summer in conjunction with/close to the Christian County Fair. Date and location TBD.
- Swine, Sheep & Goat Weigh Ins - Livestock animals will be self weighed and nominated for the county and state fairs this year. All tagging and weigh-in dates have been suspended.

WHAT IS STILL SCHEDULED AS PLANNED (as of 3/24/2020)

- Add/Drop Deadline (4/15/2020) - Members have until April 15th to add or drop projects in order to show at the county fair. Any project not enrolled in by April 15th will NOT be allowed to be exhibited.
- FairEntry Window & Deadline - Opening on May 1st and will close for ALL 4-H SHOW ENTRIES on June 24th, 2020
- Unit Horse Show (6/13/2020) - Held at Gillespie
- All Christian County 4-H Shows & Fairs (including General Show, Food & Clothing, and all Livestock)

Please watch our website and Facebook page closely for updates and more information.



Extension Office Closed Until Further Notice

To protect our staff and clients, as well as to follow policies set by the University of Illinois and the Governor's Stay At Home order, our office is closed until further notice (effective 3/18/2020).

All our staff is currently working remotely and can still be reached by email. Phone calls are also being forwarded and answered.

We appreciate your patience as we are adjusting. Know that we are still dedicated to answering your questions and assisting in any way we can.

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4-H Cookie Decorating Workshop—March 9th

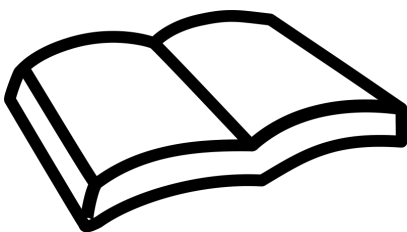
Many thanks to Meredith at Happy Baked Goods for her hospitality and eagerness to teach us all about baking!



SHOWBOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2020 Christian County 4-H Showbook is now posted on our website. If you require a physical copy at this time, please email Sara Marten (marten1@illinois.edu). **Some locations/dates are still pending.**

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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. BE CREATIVE. THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

DIY CODE & BUILD

Using the Makey Makey system and Scratch programming

ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED, A KIT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

APRIL 7
1- 2:30 P.M.
AGES 8-18 NO COST

Register online at extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county
Or call 217-532-3941

Open to 4-H members in Montgomery, Christian, Jersey and Macoupin Counties. If you would like to become a member and participate in this program, please contact us at ehugh2@illinois.edu

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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programming and employment.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please contact 217-854-9604. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITY**



CLUB LEADERS

Watch for an email regarding an upcoming online leaders meeting. Please reach out to Sara (marten1@illinois.edu or 217.300.3117) if you have questions about your club and/or activities during this time.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Online & At Home

LEARNING RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

Make the most of your time at home! We've collected some of our favorite online and hands-on activities that you can complete at home. Our list is included in this newsletter and can be found on our website. <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-youth-development>

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Host an international youth this summer



Host a Japanese or South Korean 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! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

- 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.
- Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

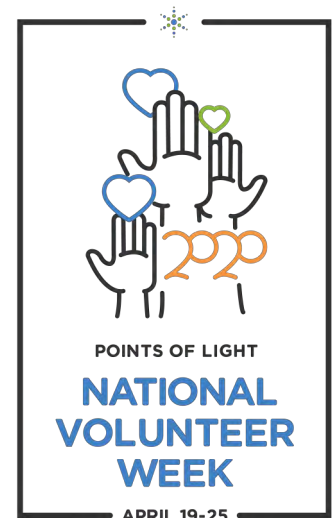
Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.



We're going to the Capitol

May 6-7 | Springfield

TENTATIVE

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

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Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri

CANCELLED

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.



Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!
2. Click the "Tickets" down arrow.
3. Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)
4. Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

State Robotics Challenge

May 9
McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

CANCELLED



The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

- Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.
- Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.
- Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM
Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at the Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.



- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
 - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
 - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
 - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
 - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
 - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
 - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
 - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
 - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
 - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
 - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
 - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



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Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

ARRIVAL TIMES

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11

DAIRY: must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18

GOATS: Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12

GOATS: Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21

SHEEP: Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15

SWINE: Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12

SWINE: Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13

POULTRY: must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

SHOW TIMES

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/

SWINE: 7 PM on 8/12

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY: 8:30 AM on 8/22

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP: 7:30 PM on 8/14

BEEF: Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)

BEEF: Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15

DAIRY: Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19

DAIRY: Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19

DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20

DAIRY: Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20

DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21

DAIRY: Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21

GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14

GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14

GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14

GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22

SHEEP: Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17

SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13

SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14

SWINE: Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15

POULTRY: 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All Others 9 AM on 8/22

RELEASE TIMES

BEEF CATTLE: released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15

DAIRY CATTLE: released after 4 PM on 8/22

MEAT GOATS: released after the meat goat show on 8/14

DAIRY GOATS: released after the dairy goat show on 8/16

PYGMY GOATS: released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22

MARKET SHEEP: released after the market show on 8/15

BREEDING SHEEP: released after the breeding show on 8/17

SWINE: released after the barrow show on 8/15

POULTRY: released after the poultry show on 8/17

MEAT PEN RABBITS: release after the show on 8/17

ALL OTHER RABBITS: release 8/23