



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

September 2019



## HAPPY NEW (4-H) YEAR!

It's time to start re-enrolling in 4-H for the 2019-2020 program year!

**UNIT 18 - Serving:**  
*Christian, Jersey,  
Macoupin &  
Montgomery Counties*

### Re-Enrollment Checklist

- ⇒ Log in to 4-H Online and update your profile. Make sure you make any necessary changes or updates to the following information.
  - ⇒ Updated contact information. What's the best way for us to contact you?
  - ⇒ Club Information. Still a part of the same club? Looking at joining others?
  - ⇒ Project Information. Keeping the same projects? Looking for a change?
- ⇒ Contact your club leader to make sure you don't miss the first meeting of the year!
- ⇒ **Invite a friend to your next club meeting!** Share the 4-H fun with them!

**Contact the Extension Office if you have questions or need help re-enrolling. Instructions for returning members are included at the end of the newsletter.**

### **New Year, New Website**

Check out our new website! Please bookmark these new links to make sure you stay updated. We are working hard to keep things updated but please be patient! (Our Facebook page has not changed.)

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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 4-H at the Illinois State Fair!

Christian County 4-H members exhibited their projects at the Illinois State Fair on Monday, August 12th! Congratulations to all members on a great fair season and for representing Christian County well!

Individual project results are below.

Name	Project & Level	Ribbon	Award
<b>Tri-County Kids</b> Nathan Bailey, Noah Bailey, Elayna Bailey, Rebekah Brookens, Zachariz Cotter, Natalie Fry)	Passport to the World (Club Project)	Outstanding	Champion
Hayden Baker	Visual Arts—Chalk/Carbon/Pigment	Outstanding	
Madelyn Boaden	Visual Arts—Chalk/Carbon/Pigment	Participant	
Maria Brockamp	Food Science	Outstanding	
Meredith Cook	Interior Design	Outstanding	Reserve
Ramsey Dammerman	Visual Arts—Clay	Participant	
Adelaide Dunkirk	Cooking 101	Participant	
Abigail Erlenbush	STEAM Clothing 2	Participant	
Conner Grant	Tractor—Innovation Class	Participant	Champion
Caleb Grover	Food Science	Outstanding	Champion & Inspire Award
Mackenzie Harmon	Visual Arts—Metal	Outstanding	
Kelsie Hunt	Cooking 201	Participant	
Claire Hunt	Veterinary Science	Participant	
Jordan Lauwerens	Photography 3	Participant	
Sydney Poleon	Cooking 401	Participant	
Abbie Rexroad	Floriculture A	Participant	
Abigail Wamsley	Cooking 101	Participant	
Benjamin Wamsley	Interior Design	Participant	
Benjamin Wubker	Cooking 201	Participant	

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## Check Out Our Upcoming Programs!

### 4-H Fridays: Homeschool Youth

Friday, September 20, 2019  
Friday, October 18, 2019  
Friday, November 15, 2019  
Friday, December 13, 2019  
Friday, January 17, 2020  
Friday, February 21, 2020  
Friday, March 20, 2020  
Friday, April 17, 2020

Programs are STEM focused and on the 3rd Friday of each month and will start at 10 AM at Christian County Extension Office

Ages: 8-18

Open to all youth in Christian County and you DO NOT have to be a 4-H member to attend!

To register contact Christian County Extension Office at 217.287.7246 or register online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>



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BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

### 4-H TIE-DYE TSHIRT WORKSHOP

Open to all youth 8-12

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**  
**5:00 PM**

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

Cost: \$5  
(all supplies included)

Make your own 4-H tie-dyed t-shirt to wear during National 4-H Week!

Register by calling 217.287.7246 or online at [go.illinois.edu/cjmm](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmm)

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### VISUAL ARTS: BEGINNERS FALL WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
2:00 - 3:00 PM  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
(1120 N. WEBSTER ST., TAYLORVILLE)

AGES 8-12

COST \$5.00

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### VISUAL ARTS: INTERMEDIATE FALL WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
3:00 - 4:00 PM  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
(1120 N. WEBSTER ST., TAYLORVILLE)

AGES 13-18

COST \$5.00

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**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**  
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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT  
★★★  
Saturday, October 19  
9:00 - 9:30 AM  
Lincoln Land Community College - Litchfield, IL  
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    INDIVIDUAL DRINK MIXES  
USB DRIVES    \$10 GIFT CARDS    CELL PHONE CHARGERS  
Drop off donated items at your local Extension office by Oct. 17 or bring Saturday morning.  
Register online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>

<— Multi-County Community Service Opportunity



## Unit 18 Fall Classic—August 25th

Congratulations to Christian County 4-H Shooting Sports member Zacharia Cotter, who competed in the Archery Division at the Unit Fall Classic contest. —>

## *A Note from Sara...*

As most of you know, Rebecca Livingston has accepted the full time position as the Program Coordinator for Ag Literacy . She will be serving both Christian and Montgomery Counties in this new role. While you will still see her at the Extension Office, she is moving out of the 4-H Program Coordinator role and those responsibilities. We want to thank her for her dedication to the 4-H program in Christian County. I know that she will be missed by many members, volunteers, and their families! **Thank you, Rebecca!**

During this time of transition, the staff in the Christian County Office are ready to answer your 4-H questions and help in any way they can. Please continue to call the office if you have questions. You can also reach directly out to me at the email below, if needed. Both myself and Amanda Cole, County Director, are helping with 4-H programs and committees in the interim. We thank you, in advance, for your patience as we move forward.

Thank you! Sincerely,

Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

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## Celebrate National 4-H Week!

**October 6-12**

Help celebrate National 4-H Week in Christian County! Snap a selfie in your favorite 4-H gear or during a 4-H event and send to [marten1@illinois.edu](mailto:marten1@illinois.edu). Your selfies could be featured on our Facebook page and entered to win a prize!

More details to come—but save the dates and help celebrate!

**#inspiredby4H**

**#thats4H**

## CALLING ALL 4-H LEADERS AND CLUB OFFICERS

Save the date and plan to attend the Unit 18 officer and leaders training.

**Saturday, October 19th**

**9:30-11:30 AM**

**Lincoln Land Community College—Litchfield**

Register online or call the Extension Office.

Don't miss out!

<b>4-H Officer &amp; Leaders Training</b>		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!		INSPIRED TO LEAD CALLED TO SERVE	
HEAD	HEART	HANDS	HEALTH
Register by October 17th online at: <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/cjmm">go.illinois.edu/cjmm</a> or call 217-532-3941		<b>Saturday, October 19th</b>	
<b>I ILLINOIS</b> Extension COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES		9:30 - 11:30 AM Lincoln Land Community College - Litchfield Campus	
<small>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - US Department of Agriculture - Local Extension Councils Cooperating University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program please call 217-532-3941. Early registrants are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.</small>			

## 2019 4-H Fair Survey



We are inviting all 4-H members, parents, and volunteers to take a short survey to help us review our 2019 Christian County 4-H Fair. Please use the link below to give us your feedback. Survey will close on September 30th. Paper copies also available at the Extension Office.

**[go.illinois.edu/ChristianFairSurvey](http://go.illinois.edu/ChristianFairSurvey)**

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## 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](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide). 4-H Online new year enrollment begins September 7.



National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag #inspiredby4H and #inspiredtoLEAD as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.

### Just the help you need for your 4-H club

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

- Click on the **Clubs** tab.
- Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:
  - ◇ **Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
  - ◇ **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
  - ◇ **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
  - ◇ **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources



### SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

#### Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories are:

- **Volunteer of the Year** – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.
- **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019**.



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## Register today for fall shooting sports contests

This is the final call for youth wishing to compete in the 2019 State 4-H Shooting Sports contests.

- State 4-H Shotgun Contest will be held Sept. 14 at Brittany Shooting Park near Bunker Hill. Register @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hshotgun](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hshotgun) before Sept. 6.
- State 4-H Archery Contest will be held Sept. 21 at the Pekin Archers near Pekin. Register @ [go.illinois.edu/4Harchery](http://go.illinois.edu/4Harchery) before September 6.
- State 4-H pistol and rifle contest will be held October 12 & 13 at CIPS near Bloomington. Register @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hpistol](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hpistol) or [go.illinois.edu/4Hrifle](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hrifle) before September 20.

### Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

- Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.
- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.
- To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

## Become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

- Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.
- Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.
- Pay the \$60 registration cost that covers three meals, snacks, instructor curriculum, hat, and all necessary equipment and materials for the training.
- Staff will complete your registration. Registration is due October 9.
- Attend certification training from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.
- Complete additional online training.
- Check back in with the county Extension staff to begin volunteering.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.

## 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.



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## Inspire your club to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school.
- Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/councilmen sign the Proclamation.
- Give presentations at schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- Host a project fair for the community to see work of 4H members and recruit new members.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- Ask banks to include a bookmark or flyer about 4-H at their drive-thru facilities.
- Host a special interest workshop open to the community sponsored by 4-H:
  - ⇒ Emergency Preparedness Meeting
  - ⇒ CPR
  - ⇒ Weather Spotters
  - ⇒ Bicycle Safety
  - ⇒ Internet Safety
  - ⇒ Teen Driver Safety
- Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- Sponsor a dance for Jr. High youth.
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- Promote 4-H family projects at the doctor offices.
- Host a blood drive.
- Host a fun run.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- Host a “My 4-H Word Is \_\_\_\_\_” event in your community.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- Present a puppet show about how good it feels to be in 4-H.
- Start an email chain letter—What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your contacts lists, then watch it spread.
- Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses with an appreciation poster for them to post.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders about how important 4-H is to you.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Hold a 4-H talent show and invite the public.
- Host a 4-H fun day with games and prizes for families.
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school.
- Have a county-wide community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.
- Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.
- Have your 4-H flag displayed with the American flag at sporting events during the week.
- Carry groceries for customers at a store.
- Create a county 4-H alumni club and solicit names through the paper and newsletter.
- Hold a dinner where everything made must come from a 4-H Food Project Manual.
- Hold a health fair where all the exhibits have something from a 4-H project or activity—for example, nutritional food labels, fitness, safety goggles when mowing, anti-bullying, safe driving.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses.
- Post 4-H alumni signs, National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.



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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/](http://states4hexchange.org/).



## 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.

## Award deadlines moved up to November 1

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

- Key Award
- Experience Award
- State 4-H Award
- Vet Science Award
- 4-H Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award

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

- Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
- Livestock Scholarship



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## mark your calendar!



September 6	DEADLINE: Shotgun registration due
September 6	DEADLINE: Archery registration due
September 13 – 15	Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp
September 14	State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
September 20	DEADLINE: Rifle and Pistol registration due
September 21	State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin
September 25	
October 5	State 4-H Awards Reception, by invitation only
October 6 – 12	National 4-H Week: Inspired to Lead } Called to Serve
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
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