



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2020

Soup Fest

Another successful Soup Fest! Thank you to our leaders, members, families and volunteers for all their help and support!



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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Jersey County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jerey4h>



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Important Dates and Deadlines:

April 6—Swine Weigh in

April 15—Deadline to add/change projects to exhibit at the 4-H shows

May 1—Deadline for YQCA and QAEC certifications

May 1—Deadline for horse show paperwork

May 2—Sheep Weigh in

**** Please make sure you cash your 4-H premium checks ASAP! ****

YQCA Training—completed for members exhibiting beef, sheep, swine or goat projects. This is a required training that will need to be completed annually. Complete training online at www.yqca.org

QAEC Training—completed for members exhibiting in all other animal projects. This is a required one-time training for each species a member exhibits. Complete training online at web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/

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Jersey County 4-H

Woodworking Workshop

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

4 - 6 p.m.

Jersey Community High School

Ag Department

Cost: \$5

Ages 8- 18 years

Youth do not have to be a 4-H
member to attend!

Pizza provided!

Register online at

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Jersey County 4-H

Outdoor Adventures 4-H SPIN Club



3 Sessions

Open to all youth
ages 8-18

March 28 at 10 a.m. - Jersey County Fairgrounds

April 25 at 10 a.m. - Beaver Dam State Park

May 23 at 10 a.m. - TBD

More sessions to follow!

Cost:

4-H members: \$0

New members: \$20

Register online at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/events>

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Jersey County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Thursday, May 28, 2020
6 p.m.
Farm Credit Illinois
27049 IL-16, Jerseyville, IL 62052

Register online by May 21 at
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>

Categories:

Formal Speech
Illustrated Speech
Original Works
Oral Interpretation



See Jersey County 4-H Show Book for complete list of guidelines.

Must be a current 4-H member to participate and enrolled in the project public presentations.

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Jersey County 4-H

Plant Terrarium Workshop

Thursday, June 11, 2020

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Jersey County Extension Office

Create a plant terrarium to take home!

Open to youth ages 8-18

Do not have to be a 4-H member to participate

Cost: \$10

Register online: <https://ewm.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/events>

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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

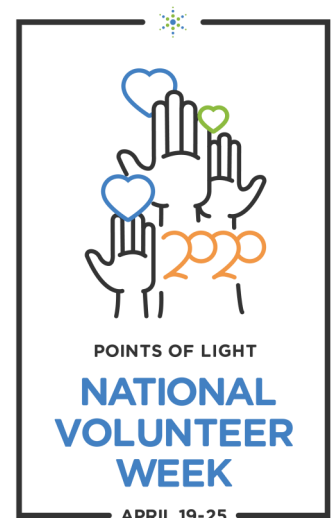
April 19-25

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.

In _____ County, there are _____ volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.



We're going to the Capitol

May 6-7 | Springfield

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

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

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 Illini 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

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mark your calendar!



Coming Events

March 13	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H training registration
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Ullin
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 24	Woodworking Workshop, Jerseyville
March 28	Outdoor Adventures 4-H SPIN Club, Jerseyville
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL
March 31	DEADLINE: State Robotics Challenge registration
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 4	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Knoxville
April 6	Swine Weigh in, Jerseyville
April 15	Deadline to add/change projects
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
May 1	DEADLINE: Horse Show Paperwork, Jerseyville
May 1	DEADLINE: YQCA/QAEC Training, Jerseyville
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2	Sheep Weigh in, Jerseyville
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 9	4-H Day at the Cardinals
May 28	Public Speaking Contest, Jerseyville
June 11	Plant Terrarium Workshop, Jerseyville
August 15	Exhibit Day at State Fair: Christian , Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey , Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin , Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery , Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford