



4-H FAST FACTS



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

November 2020

Hello 4-H families,

Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 4-H program year. We appreciate your patience as we have rolled out an updated version of our online enrollment system, 4-H Online 2.0.



Use the link below to access the new 4-H Online 2.0 enrollment system.

→ **il.4honline.com**

Please take note of the following updates as well:

- **You may have to change your password.** With the new update, all passwords must contain a certain number or characters and special characters. If you cannot log in with your previous password, you will need to select 'Reset My Password' on the first screen. Reset information will be sent to your email.
- **Your program fee is being waived locally for the 2020-2021 program year.** When enrolling, you will still click through the payment screens for the usual \$20 fee. Please select the 'pay by check' option, but please know you will not be required to pay this year.
- **You will order project books separately.** In years past, you requested the project books while enrolling in the project online. This year, you will receive a separate link in your enrollment confirmation email that will direct you to selecting your project books. This link is also listed below. The state office is collecting those responses and returning them to us, locally, so that we can get manuals ordered and to you. We are still determining details for pick-up, delivery. Members are responsible for the payment of publications when they pick them up. **LINK TO ORDER PROJECT BOOKS:** go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest
- **Some of the vocabulary will look different.** On some screens, the word 'unit' is used to refer to a 4-H club and the word 'area' is sometimes used in conjunction with 'county'.

There may still be small updates to the system so continue to practice patience as you begin the enrollment process. If you have any questions or run into issues, please let me know. We are happy to assist you and your family in getting signed up for another great 4-H year!

Thank you!

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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/jersey4h>



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Pumpkin Pie in a Bag

Create a no-bake pumpkin pie in a bag!
Kits will include: pumpkin pie recipe,
non-perishable ingredients, instructional
video and fun facts about pumpkins.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
go.illinois.edu/pumpkinpiekit

FREE!

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday,
November 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local
Extension office.

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I COLLEGE 101

LEARN ABOUT THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF COLLEGE LIFE FROM CURRENT U OF I STUDENTS

Tuesday Nights - 7:00 PM
Beginning November 10

All sessions held LIVE via Zoom.

Each session will include a panel of current University of Illinois students or 4-H alumni who will share personal experiences and helpful hints for helping you navigate college life. Panelists will respond to some pre-determined questions but time will be given for live Q & A during each session as well.



Register online at
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High Schoolers -- it's time to think about college and what better way than to talk to current University of Illinois students? We want you to feel confident & prepared for your future!



November 10 - Picking a Major & Career

Is college right for me? What should I study? What career path should I choose? What should I be doing now - in high school - to better prepare myself?

November 17 - Picking a College

How do I know if a college or university is right for me? How do I prepare for a college visit? What do you love about your college or university? What made you choose to enroll there?

November 24 - Applying, Financial Aid & Scholarships

What are some tips for completing college applications and financial aid applications? Where do I find scholarships?

December 1 - College Life

What is it like living in a dorm? How do you manage your class schedule and other responsibilities? What is the biggest adjustment to living on your own or with new people?

December 8 - College Life, Part Two

What type of student organizations are you involved in? What other experiences or opportunities can you be involved in on campus (study abroad, internships, student research, etc.)

December 15 - Start Now

What are some things that high school students could start or continue doing to better prepare for college? What is something you wish you were told about preparing for college? What's the biggest surprise about college so far?



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Cloverbud Craft Pinecone Turkey



Make your very own pinecone turkey and show off what you are thankful for this year!
Kit will include: Directions and all the supplies needed to make your turkey decoration. The only thing you need is the glue!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

go.illinois.edu/cloverbudturkeykit

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday, November 16 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local Extension office or call to make other pick-up arrangements.

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**Ages 5-7
FREE**

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4-H AT HOME SERIES



STEM

Maker Kits

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

Youth will learn basics of electricity as they work through the activities in the book.
Individual kit available.

NO RETURN

DIY POPCICLE FLASHLIGHT:

Youth will learn about circuits, switches, conductors and insulators through a simple LED flashlight project.
Individual and club kits available.

HYDRAULIC CLAW

Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the arcade classic. Using a designed kit you can build your very own.
Individual kit available.

MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT

Construct your own catapult out of everyday items. Then use it to hurl marshmallows at a friend or family member. How many can they catch with their mouth.
Individual and club kits available.

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To check availability or to reserve a kit:
Call the office at 618-498-2913 or email Jessica at
jjaffry@illinois.edu.





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The 2020 Achievement Program will be virtual this year. The program and presentation will be prerecorded for members to view with their families and/or at club meetings. Award winners will collect their awards from the Extension Office at their convenience.



It's not too late to join! Jersey County Youth Leadership Team will be having their November meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. All meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Open to all members ages 13-18 as of September 1, 2020.

- ⇒ Build leadership skills
- ⇒ Plan county events and community service
- ⇒ Career exploration trips

Project Selection Guide

New year, new ideas!! Need help finding your spark and choosing a project this year? Stop by the Extension Office and pick up a Project Selection Guide. Guides provide an overview of the available projects and opportunities within 4-H.



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JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittney Muschetto at uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

4-H shooting sports members age 11 and up are still eligible to register and participate in the virtual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports 2020 Shoot! Disciplines offered include shotgun, archery, and rifle with scores entered online until the end of December.

Register at: <http://go.illinois.edu/20204Hregistration> and learn more at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu with any questions!



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

- **Thursday, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaged volunteers are central to a thriving 4-H club program which is why we have developed three new virtual volunteer training opportunities for you this fall! Please hold the following dates and watch your email for an email for a registration details so you can participate in the following training opportunities!

It's Not Scary...It's Parliamentary Procedure – Thursday, October 29, 2020

Just because it's spooky season doesn't mean you have to be spooked by parliamentary procedure! Join us as we dive into the 4-1-1 on parliamentary procedure. We will explore officer roles, general parli-pro history, simplifying parliamentary procedure, and share ideas to help make parli-pro fun! Grab your ghouls and ghosts and save this date!

It may not be too late to register! Use this link to sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22663>

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22664>