



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

April 2020

## CANCELLATION OF ALL PRORAMS AND 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

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.

Effective as of March 18th, 2020, **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.

**This also means that all 4-H club meetings and activities have been cancelled or postponed at this time.** Club leaders will be communicating cancellations with their club 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 have announced some online workshops and resources and more will come in the following weeks and months. We will send further updates as we have more information on rescheduled and future programs.

We also know that you may have questions about summer events. We are currently monitoring the situation and will provide updates no later than May 1st. We know that you have put a lot of work into your 4-H projects, and we remain determined to provide the best possibility for judging and exhibition while keeping everyone's safety in mind.

We understand that these are difficult decision but ones that were not made lightly. We are working to support all our 4-H families and volunteers at this time. We appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate this ever-changing situation.



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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/jersecounty4h>



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 Jersey County 4-H   
Swine Weigh-in

Monday, April 6, 2020  
5:30 p.m.  
Hugh Moore Jr. Farm

**CANCELLED**

RSVP to Jessica at 618-498-2913 or [jjaffry@illinois.edu](mailto:jjaffry@illinois.edu)

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Jersey County 4-H  
Sheep Weigh-In

Saturday, May 2, 2020  
Hugh Moore Jr. Farm  
9-10 a.m.

**CANCELLED**

RSVP to Jessica at [jjaffry@illinois.edu](mailto:jjaffry@illinois.edu) or 618-498-2913

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**Livestock Members—Look for more information on tagging & weigh-in information in your mailboxes and inboxes soon.**



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

## REMAINING DATES & DEADLINES

<b>APRIL 15TH</b>	Deadline to add/drop/change a 4-H project
<b>MAY 1ST</b>	Deadline to complete YQCA or QAEC Training
<b>MAY 1ST</b>	Online FairEntry Site will Open for ALL Fair Exhibit Entry
<b>JUNE 1ST</b>	*UPDATED DEADLINE* Unit Horse Show Registration & Paperwork Due

## PROJECT BOOKS

We are not receiving shipments from campus. This include publications & project books. If you are still in need of a book, please contact Jessica or Sara for options. \*MEMBERS WILL NOT BE PENALIZED AT FAIRS/SHOWS IF THEY DO NOT HAVE PROJECT BOOK INFORMATION.\*

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## EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSURE

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 of our staff are currently working remotely and can still be reached by email. Phone calls to the office are also being forwarded and will be answered during normal business hours.

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



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## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

# DIY CODE & BUILD

Using the Makey Makey system and Scratch programming

We are continuing to develop and offer online and at-home learning opportunities. Watch our website and Facebook page for more announcements and information.

<— Makey Makey/DIY Code & Build Online Workshop

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

\*ONLY MAILED TO CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN, OR MONTGOMERY COUNTIES. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO ACCESS THEIR OWN MAKEY MAKEY KITS TO FULLY PARTICIPATE.

**APRIL 17**

**1- 2:30 P.M.**

**AGES 8-18 NO COST**

Register online at [extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county](http://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](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)





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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 Voice  
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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University of Illinois | U.S. Department of Agriculture | Local Extension Councils Cooperating  
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 618-498-2913



## Illinois 4-H Message from 4-H Director

See new blog post from IL 4-H Director at

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/our-illinois-4-h-story/2020-03-30-message-illinois-4-h>

Applications Due:  
Saturday - May 2, 2020

**ILLINOIS 4-H  
FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM**

THE NEXT GENERATION OF FOOD ACCESS LEADERS

**Inspire**  
Spark your interest and educate yourself about the future of food systems.

**Innovate**  
Collaborate with your team to develop new approaches to large scale challenges.

**Implement**  
Hands-on experience in event planning, program development and advocacy leadership.

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## New Statewide Leadership Opportunity: Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team

The Illinois 4-H State Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new statewide leadership opportunity for Illinois youth seeking to improve food security and food access in their community. The Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy team is a group of teens and young adults from across the state of Illinois who are recognized for their dynamic leadership and who want to increase their impact on the future of food in Illinois. Team members will influence the annual Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit event and provide support for Food Systems programming in Illinois. You will also be eligible for state and nationwide opportunities.

If you're looking for a way to serve your community while strengthening your leadership, communication and advocacy skills, this is the next step for you. Applications, along with one professional reference, are due to the Illinois State 4-H Office by Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. For more information please contact Mark Becker ([mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)), Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist.

Application Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamApplication>

Professional Reference Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamReference>

## State Robotics Challenge

Date: TBD

Virtual Competition

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to continue working on their robots until we determine the new date and logistics of a potential online virtual competition. Details including date, format, and registration are expected to be finalized and announced the week of April 6.

- For up to date information, please visit our Facebook Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics>
- Download the challenge at [go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE](https://go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE).
- Watch the video at [youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8](https://youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8).



## Stand up and be heard: Compete in Public Presentation Contest



Three youth from each county will advance to the State 4-H Public Presentation Contest in August at the Illinois State Fair. The contest will be held August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions: Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, Oral Interpretation. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 6 minutes in length. See the rules and scoresheets online at 4-H.illinois.edu. Click **Member>Projects>Communications**. Our county 4-H public presentation contest will select who advances to the state competition at our local contest.

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## NEW: 4-H State Scholarship Opportunities

The Illinois 4-H Awards program will be expanding for the 2019-2020 program year! We will be offering five \$1,000 scholarships in each of our program areas. More information, applications and training video will be released prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The applications will be due November 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank our generous donors and the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing this opportunity for our members!



## NEW: Illinois 4-H Virtual Fishing Fun-Fest

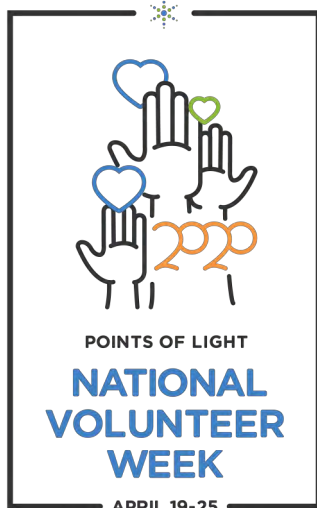
4-H members currently enrolled in Fishing 1, 2, or 3 are eligible to win big this spring! Between April 17 – May 15 these 4-H members can enter a statewide fishing contest (Fun-Fest) via smartphone. New spinning rod and reel combos will be given away weekly to the longest largemouth bass and channel catfish entered. The simple contest details can be found on the Illinois 4-H Events Page and Illinois 4-H Facebook page. Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) with questions. Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine on the lake!

## NEW: 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Field-Day Training Dates:

- **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL. Register between April 1 – June 3.
- **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL. Register between July 1 - September 2.

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. Most Extension offices cover training fees with 2 year commitment from volunteers. Your local Extension staff will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.
- \$85 fee covers two meals; all equipment and ammunition; on-line curriculum fee; instructors manual; complete full-day individual instruction; and Level I instructor cap.



## 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.

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## Be a true leader in service



April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. In the current COVID-19 situation, it is important that we all follow CDC and safety guidelines, but there are still ways to serve safely and practice social distancing – write and mail cards to those who are socially isolated, organize a group online to teach and share something from your 4-H project, sew PPE masks to donate locally. If you have ideas for a statewide, COVID-safe service project, this is a great opportunity to plan and promote something for others to participate in. Send your ideas to [Illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:Illinois4H@illinois.edu).

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

## Summer Programs: Pending updates

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

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

**\*\*Registration for this event is postponed and will be rescheduled pending updated COVID-19 information\*\***

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](http://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.

### Illini Summer Academies

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

**\*\*Registration for this event is postponed and will be rescheduled pending updated COVID-19 information\*\***

The 4-H Illini Summer Academies event scheduled for June 21-26 falls outside of the university sponsored event suspension dates so we are hopeful that there will be more information and an update in the coming weeks. Until then we will continue to plan for the summer.

The office is doing the best it can to respond to questions that come in via phone and email. Please help them out by visiting the event website and the FAQ document **BEFORE** phoning or emailing the office. It is likely that your question has been answered already in one of those places.

Look for specific information about other cancellations and postponements on our website at [go.illinois.edu/illini4h](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4h). If you have any questions about this or other 4-H events, please contact our office at (217) 333-0910.

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## mark your calendar!



<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>CANCELLED—Swine Weigh-In, Jerseyville</b>
<b>APRIL 15</b>	<b>DEADLINE—Add/Change 4-H Projects</b>
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>DEADLINE—YQCA/QAEC Training</b>
<b>MAY 2</b>	<b>CANCELLED—Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, Jerseyville</b>
<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>POSTPONED—Jersey County Public Speaking Contest</b>
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>NEW DEADLINE—Unit Horse Show Registration/Paperwork</b>
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 3	DEADLINE: Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
<b>JUNE 11</b>	<b>Plant Terrarium Workshop, Jerseyville</b>
<b>JUNE 13</b>	<b>Unit Horse Show, Gillespie Lake Horse Arena</b>
June 13	Shooting Sports Training, Pike County
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
<b>July 10—13</b>	<b>Jersey County 4-H Shows</b>
July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 22 – August 17	Inbound youth from Japan and South Korea in states
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
<b>August 15</b>	<b>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</b>