



4-H FAST FACTS



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

January 2021



HELP US DESIGN A COVER FOR THE
2021 4-H SHOWS

4-H SHOW BOOK COVER CONTEST

Submit your entries to the Extension
Office by February 12



Entry Requirements

1. "Jersey County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2021" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. Use any fair or project theme.
3. Must be a 4-H member
4. Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
5. Your entry must be on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.

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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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Check it out! 

HEALTHY HABITS CHALLENGE

LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY HABITS.
PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGES AND
LIVE ACTIVITIES TO EARN PRIZES.

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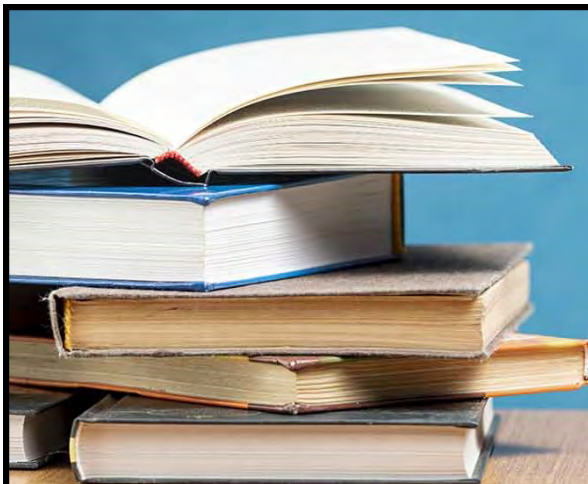
PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AND RUNS
THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 22 TO PARTICIPATE AT:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HHEALTHYHABUTS](https://go.illinois.edu/4hhealthyhabuts)



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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension office.



Publications

Do you need or want to purchase a publication for your project? You can order your project books after you submit your enrollment or at the link below.

Soup Fest Announcement

In order to protect the health and safety of both our volunteers and members, we regret to inform you that we will not be hosting our annual Soup Fest fundraiser. We appreciate the community's support and understanding and hope to see everyone at Soup Fest 2022.

Thank you!

Livestock Weigh-In Dates

Beef Weigh-In	Saturday, February 6, 2021	9 a.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms
Swine Weigh-In	Monday, April 12, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms
Lamb and Goat Weigh-In	Saturday, May 1, 2021	9 a.m.	Hugh Moore Jr. Farms



We will no longer be pulling contacts from last year's enrollments. To receive further information regarding upcoming weigh-ins, important deadlines, activities, etc. you need to enroll for the 2020-2021 program year.

[Enroll online: v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)



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 you 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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2021 AG INNOVATORS EXPERIENCE

This next year's theme will be **Curbing Our Carbon Appetite**. The 2021 4-H Ag Innovators Experience, Curbing Our Carbon Appetite Challenge, is a series of interactive, hands-on activities that help youth understand why everyone has a role to play in addressing climate change. Participants will learn how human activity including burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, soil mismanagement, and unwise food systems are increasing atmospheric carbon and contributing to climate change. The activity leads them through an exploration of actions that three carbon influencer groups—agriculture, business and industry, and individuals and families—can take to reduce atmospheric carbon.

If you are interested to learn more and to participate in the AIE 2021 activities, please join us for an informational meeting **Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 from 10-11:00 AM (CST)**.

Please see the attached flyer as well for details.

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/CurbingOurCarbonAppetite>

In our meeting we will discuss:

1. Details about the challenge
2. The salary reimbursement process for participating Units
3. Questions you have about engaging youth

Please join us! We are looking to recruit a team of about 10-15 folks to meet our deliverables.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#lagri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.



BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

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INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

<https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799>



SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News](#) — <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/8251680>

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

- **Linked In:** <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>



4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Save the date for a fun evening of networking with Illinois 4-H alumni for a virtual trivia night. Trivia night will be hosted by Hambone Entertainment, and trivia questions will cover a wide range of knowledge, including history, sports, pop culture, and of course, 4-H! Teams will be randomly assigned at the event to encourage new connections and networking.

Registration will launch in early January 2021.

Time: 7:00 pm; **Platform:** Zoom; **Cost:** \$10/per person

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni>

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ISA TEEN PRODUCTION TEAM

Join us and be a part of the Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team! Help us plan and lead this summer, state-wide, virtual event! For more information on what the Teen Production Team does and, how to apply, please click on the application link below.

Application Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: Friday, January 8, 2021

Interviews will be a part of the application process!

Contact information:

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ISA TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge. For more information on requirements and how to apply, please click on the application link below.

Application link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: Friday, January 22, 2021

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