



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2021

Illinois 4-H outlines safety requirements for in-person events

We're looking forward to seeing you in 2021! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

The opportunity for face-to-face judging for Jersey County will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible. By working together, we hope to return to face-to-face judging, but it only works if we are all equally committed to following essential COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

- Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
- Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
- Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
- Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 618-498-2913. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the chance to step back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

Please reach out if you have any additional comments or questions at this time.

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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Need help remembering important dates?

Go to go.illinois.edu/cjmmcalendar to see events & deadlines for all activities within Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, & Montgomery Counties!



Important Dates and Deadlines:

April 12—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—Sheep Weigh in



YQCA Training—completed for members exhibiting beef, sheep, swine or goat projects. This is a required training that needs to be completed annually. Coupons available for in-person training or complete training online at www.yqca.org

QAEC Training— no cost 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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**4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2021 4-H SHOWS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AREAS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS TRAINING EVERY YEAR:
-BEEF-DAIRY-GOAT-SHEEP-SWINE-**

MEMBERS CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION. ALL SESSIONS WILL COVER THE SAME TOPICS AND MATERIAL.

Christian County Extension Office

Thursday, April 8th 6-7:30 pm
Saturday, April 24th 9-10:30 am

1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL
LOCATION PENDING

Macoupin County Extension Office

Monday, March 8th 6-7:30 pm
Thursday, April 29th 6-7:30 pm

#60 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626

**CLASS SIZES LIMITED.
MASKS REQUIRED WHILE
INDOORS.**

Jersey County Extension Office

Tuesday, March 23rd 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm
Friday, April 9th 3-4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 27th 3-4:30 pm & 5-6:30 pm

201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A
Jerseyville, IL

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 27th 9-10:30 am
Monday, April 12th 6-7:30 pm

#1 Industrial Park Drive
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Register online at:
<https://yqca.learngrow.io>**

Cost - \$3

**Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H
Youth Development Educator**



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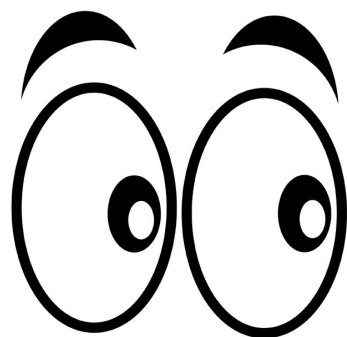
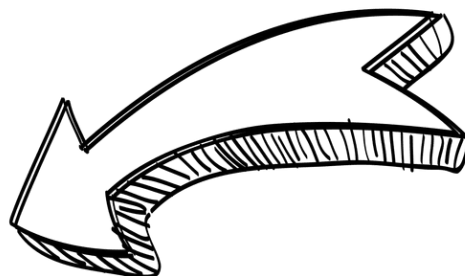
4-H SIGN DESIGN

PERSONALIZE YOUR OWN 12X12 PAINT PROJECT KIT
CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN AND PAINT COLORS



Ages 8-18 Order & purchase your kit by March 15: **\$15-\$17 per kit**
www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com

Illinois Extension Kits will be available for pick up at your county Extension office the week of March 22. Please call Kate at 217-854-9604 with any questions. 



BREAD MAKING CLASS



**APRIL 2,
10AM-11AM**

Held at Extension office in Hillsboro
Or join on Zoom

**Supplies will be provided for the
in person session only**

Everyone will go home with their
bread dough cook.



NO COST

To register visit:

<https://go.illinois.edu/breadmaking>
or call 217-532-3941

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Jersey County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Thursday, April 29, 2021

Jersey County Extension Office
201 W. Exchange Jerseyville, IL

Speeches will be scheduled in 15 minute increments beginning at 6 p.m.

Each participant is limited to 10 people in attendance and masks are required.

Divisions include:

- Formal Speech
- Illustrated Speech
- Original Works
- Oral Interpretation

Register online: extension.illinois.edu/4-h-jersey-county

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

Must be a current 4-H member, enrolled in public presentations to participate.



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CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN, AND MONTGOMERY 4-H

PLANT LIFE



ALL ABOUT SOYBEANS
APRIL 15 7PM
VIA ZOOM
AGES 10-18

Join Corteva Sr. Agronomist Andy Harding live via Zoom and learn all about soybeans and plant life. Participants will learn about plant science, agronomy as a profession, and learn about the the production of soybeans.

Register by Tuesday, April 13 at:
go.illinois.edu/plantlife

For questions or reasonable accommodations, please call 217-854-9604.

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JERSEY COUNTY 4-H SWINE WEIGH-IN

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
5:30 P.M.

31056 OLD FIDELITY ROAD
JERSEYVILLE, IL 62052

RSVP TO JESSICA AT JJAFFRY@ILLINOIS.EDU



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MSF
main street florist



Sweet Pea's

Flower Arranging



Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30pm

Join Sarah LoBue of Main Street Florist via Zoom
to create a floral arrangement at home.

\$10

Kits can be picked up April 21
9am-4:30pm from Sweet Pea's
100 E. Arch St. Jerseyville

**Youth
Ages 8-18**

4-H Floriculture

Kits will include:
Supplies needed for arrangement
Care Tips

REGISTER BY APRIL 15 AT THE LINK BELOW:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FLOWERCLASS](https://go.illinois.edu/flowerclass)

All Payments will go to your local florist for supplies.
Zoom link will be e-mailed closer to the program date.

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SALSA GARDENING FOR KIDS

Youth will receive their very own Salsa Garden Kit!

Each kit will include: seeds, labels, seed starter mini greenhouse, potting soil, care sheet, and a recipe for yummy salsa.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20 at 3:30PM
LIVE VIA ZOOM**

Learn about starting seeds and growing your very own salsa garden. Seeds will be started during this program.

Free!

Kits provided by
Memorial Donations
in Honor of
Vivian Ferguson
Ages 8-18

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.
REGISTER BY APRIL 8. ONE KIT PER FAMILY.
go.illinois.edu/salsagarden**

Kits will be ready on the week of April 12 at your local Extension office.

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& MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

JOIN US VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, MAY 4 AT 7PM

Learn about:

- History of Cameras
- Mechanics of a Digital Camera
- Photography as a Career or Hobby
- Tips for taking Better Pictures

Local photographer Rebekah Cloninger will help lead this session!

Register by Tuesday, April 27 at the following link:
go.illinois.edu/photobasics

A Zoom Link will be e-mailed to you after registration is complete.

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4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021. Different programming options are being developed to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment as decisions are made.

We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



A number of states expressed an interest in participating in the MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge. We have worked out the registration process.

If states would be willing to verify the status of their youth, then we can use this zlink for registration; the zlink is: <https://z.umn.edu/BlackandWhitePhotos>.

This **new registration process** is laid out in the photography challenge's [communications tool kit](#) for your use and adaptation. You will notice that the toolkit language has been updated to reflect that this is a multistate event.

Here is the [photography challenge guidelines and information](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Extension Educator Crystal Reith at mohrh002@umn.edu.



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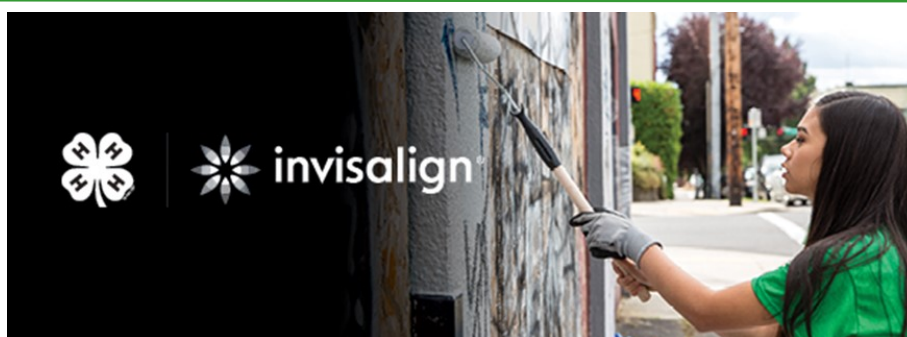


Illini Summer Academies!

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state!

Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our [website](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illini-summer-academies) at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illini-summer-academies> or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.



Celebrate Teens In Your Community With \$5K

We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for 100 deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded \$5,000 cash to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: https://invischangemakers.smapplly.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/



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States 4-H International Exchange

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina *Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

Miriam Rosenbohm at rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.