



4-H FAST FACTS



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

October 2021



4-H WEEK

October 3-9, 2021
Find Your Spark!

UNIT 18 - *Serving:*

*Christian, Jersey,
Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

SUNDAY	10/3	Sign Sunday - Make a 4-H sign to display in your yard or pick one up from the Extension Office.
MONDAY	10/4	Member Monday - Submit your enrollment before October 9.
TUESDAY	10/5	Spark Tuesday - What sparks you? Share what you love about 4-H.
WEDNESDAY	10/6	4-H Spirit Day - Wear a 4-H t-shirt or the color green.
THURSDAY	10/7	Thankful Thursday - Write a thank you note or show your appreciation to your club leader or 4-H volunteer.
FRIDAY	10/8	Feature Friday - Knowledge is power! Learn the 4-H pledge and record it.
SATURDAY	10/9	Service Saturday - Lend a helping hand by donating to a local charity or assist a friend/neighbor.

Snap a photo of you completing the activity and send to Jessica at jjaffry@illinois.edu. Earn your club points and compete to win a prize at the end of the week!



Need Publications??

Publications are optional, but a great educational resource to continue project learning all year long. Request publications for your 4-H project at the link below. Members are responsible for purchasing requested publications.

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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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The 2021-2022 4-H program fee for new and returning members is being waived again by the Unit 18 Extension Council. Their goal was to remove financial barriers for families during this challenging time so that more area youth can take part in the 4-H program.

SHOOTING SPORTS KICKOFF

JERSEY COUNTY 4-H

ARCHERY

Oct. 2 - 9-10:30 A.M.
Oct. 16 - 9-10:30 A.M.

HUNTING AND OUTDOOR SKILLS

Oct. 2 - 11-12:30 P.M.
Oct. 16 - 11-12:30 P.M.

**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES
8-18 AS OF SEPT. 1, 2021**

Jersey County Fairgrounds
100 W. Fairgrounds
Jerseyville, IL

Register online:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24210>

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Oct. 30 | 9:30 - 11 AM
Find Your Spark in Leadership
4-H Officer Training
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4-H THANKFUL BASKETS



UNIT-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANKFUL 4 TEACHERS

REGISTER TO BRING GREEN ITEMS
FROM THE PROVIDED LIST TO YOUR
LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE NOV 1-17.
ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE GIVEN
TO AREA TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF!

Register here: go.illinois.edu/cjmmcommunityservice

Hosted by: Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H



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Volunteer Training

For 4-H volunteers serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin & Montgomery Counties

Each topic will be offered IN PERSON and VIRTUALLY - Can attend in any county or format



Helping Youth Thrive

- Monday, October 25, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office
- Tuesday, October 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Saturday, November 6, 10:00 am -noon, Christian County Extension Office



Making the Most Out of Your Club Meetings

- Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, Christian County Extension Office
- Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, November 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, Jersey County Extension Office



Working With Youth

- Tuesday, November 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Montgomery County Extension Office
- Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, December 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office

Register online:

go.illinois.edu/cjmmvolunteer
training



Training Topics

Helping Youth Thrive

The Thrive Model is a new framework for defining and practicing positive youth development in our 4-H programs. Discover and better understand key aspects of this model, specifically development relationships and youth sparks - and learn how to better apply them to your 4-H clubs and volunteer roles.



Making the Most Out of Your Club Meetings

4-H club meetings are an important part of the 4-H experience, where members learn how to work and communicate with others, practice leadership skills, and set goals. Learn strategies and tools that you can use to make your club meetings more engaging and impactful, from running a smoother business meeting to creating interactive games and activities to put the fun back in your meetings.



Working With Youth

As a 4-H volunteer, you are tasked with working with youth of different ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Explore the best ways to interact or work with different ages and stages of youth, as well as helpful tips to adapting to meet special needs and abilities. Learn the best ways to develop high-quality youth and adult partnerships and how best to utilize teens in leadership or decision-making roles within your clubs.



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The Secrets of Baking



Make Soft Pretzels in a Bag

TAKE HOME KIT

Learn the secrets of baking while making soft pretzels! Kits will be available for pick up at your local Extension Office.

Kits available for pick up starting October 11.
Available for all youth.

Register online: extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

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4-H FALL GRAB AND GO ARTKITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Fall Themed Art Projects

Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hfalkit

Kits available from local Extension
Office starting Oct. 11

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4-H FALL CLOVERBUD GRAB AND GO ARTKITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Youth will get a fall
themed art project to
make at home!

Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmcloverbudfalkit

Youth Ages 5-7

Kits available from local Extension
Office starting Oct .11

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**ENROLLMENT ON 4-H ONLINE
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15**

ENROLL HERE:



il.4honline.com



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Youth being recognized at
Achievement will receive
invitations soon!



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National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how agriscience is important and how young people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. Full details available here or at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/180k-2WP7zQ4rBpxJASxUn523TgUt6Rha/view>



Submissions are due by October 3!



Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year September 15th – October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved! [Flier available here](#). The flier is also available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b24kbmEKZclZW0Q21n7qN6sump7sAwgA/view>



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Let's get social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to carissa7@illinois.edu.

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/illinois4h

Twitter: @illinois4h



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Travel Abroad Update!

Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/71518-States-4-H-International-Exchange) Or at <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/71518-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

Program information can be found [here](https://uofi.app.box.com/s/06mmylql4dyh124tqjf0husfqi1s4sqn) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/06mmylql4dyh124tqjf0husfqi1s4sqn>

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](https://uofi.app.box.com/s/rltztgtq5h4t8xvmpuehvdypry9np4s) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/rltztgtq5h4t8xvmpuehvdypry9np4s>

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