



4-H FAST FACTS



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

April 2021



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Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

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4-H Continues to Offer Hybrid Youth Classes

We have had a great turnout for our virtual lessons, take home kits, and in-person learning sessions! Keep an eye out for more programs coming soon! Thanks to all of you who have participated!

To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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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!



MACOUPIN 4-H WEEK

April 18-24, 2021

SUN
MON
TUES
WED
THURS
FRI
SAT

Apr 18 - MAKE A SIGN SUNDAY

Display a 4-H sign or make one of your own

Apr 19 - SOCIAL MEDIA MONDAY

Showcase your 4-H Love on Social Media

Apr 20 - TASTY TUESDAY

Share a snack or meal with friends or family

Apr 21 - 4-H SPIRIT DAY WEDNESDAY

Wear green or a 4-H shirt

Apr 22 - THANKFUL THURSDAY

Write a thank you note to a volunteer or 4-H supporter

Apr 23 - FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY

Reach out to a friend and tell them about 4-H

Apr 24 - COMMUNITY SERVICE SATURDAY

4-H National Day of Service
Help a neighbor or friend

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H



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 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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2021 

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.

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

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.

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.

MSF 
main street florist

4-H Floriculture Youth
Ages 8-18

Flower Arranging

Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30pm
Join Sarah LoBue of Main Street Florist via Zoom to create a floral arrangement at home.

Kits can be picked up April 21-22
9am-4:30pm from Main Street Florist
240 East Side Square-Carlinville

\$10

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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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Macoupin County 4-H Public Speaking Contest


Monday, April 26, 2021
6pm
Macoupin County Extension Office

Event Info:
Required Social Distancing Guidelines will be enforced. The total number of spectators will be limited to meet safety requirements for this contest.
More details to follow.

- Divisions include:
- Formal Speech
 - Illustrated Speech
 - Original Works
 - Oral Interpretation

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

See Macoupin County 4-H Show Book for complete guidelines.
Must be a current 4-H member, enrolled in public presentations to participate. Contact the Extension office at 217-854-9604 with questions.

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NATURE EXPLORERS SPIN CLUB

Get ready to go outside and learn about our natural world using easy lessons and activities to explore the great outdoors!

- TOPICS:**
- Outdoor Adventures
 - Forests
 - Wildlife
 - Weather
 - Geology
 - Pollinators

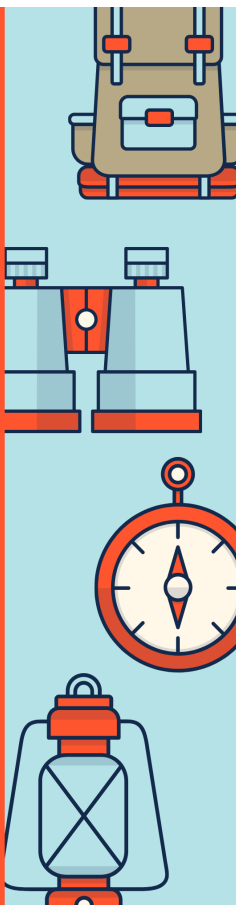
REGISTER AT
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/NATURESPIN

Once you sign up, a packet with activities & supplies will be available to pick-up at the Extension Office. This club will be self-paced for participants to complete on their own.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Croves at egroves@illinois.edu.



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CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN,
& 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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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



EZ BANKING

APRIL 24
10-11:30 A.M.

Youth 8th-12th grades

Topics will include:
Essentials of Banking Checking Accounts
Interest Rates
Benefits & Challenges of Banking

Register at:
go.illinois.edu/4hezbanking
217-532-3941
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Macoupin County 4-H

4-H NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE



Organized by Crazy Clovers 4-H and "Make Carlinville Beautiful" Committee



PLEDGE YOUR HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Help Pick-Up Litter Across Carlinville!

Join the new craze of Plogging , picking up litter while jogging! A little exercise while cleaning up your neighborhood.

Saturday, April 24 at 9 AM

Meet at Extension Office - Carlinville Plaza

Register at: go.illinois.edu/macoupincleanup

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Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 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/>



Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

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NEW 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



Solar Activity Kits

Free: Six **SOLAR ACTIVITY KITS from Recharge Labs** available on first come/first served basis. 2 per Region.

Funded by the **Energy Education Council**, six kits are available for your club or classroom programs on renewable energy. Youth build solar a powered fountain; model solar homes; and play scavenger hunt games experimenting with solar energy. Did you struggle with the Junior Solar Sprint solar car building activity but like the subject? Start here instead. Kits are valued at \$275 each and serve up to 20 youth. Reusable supplies!

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to request a kit.



March starts Barred Owl nesting season!

Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



Volunteer Opportunities



Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

Thursday, May 20, 7 PM

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Macoupin County 4-H Fair & Show Dates 2021

TENTATIVE DATES

All 4-H Show Dates in 2021
are subject to change.

4-H Public Speaking Contest
April 26-6pm-Extension Office

Federation Fair Clean-Up Day
June 1—10:00am

4-H Visual Arts/Photography Show
June 7-9am-Mac Co Fairgrounds

4-H Livestock Shows
June 8-12- Mac Co Fairgrounds

Unit 18 4-H Horse Show
June 12—Gillespie Lake Horse Arena

Mini Fair
Dogs, Cats, Small Pets, Tractor
June 19- Mac Co Fairgrounds

4-H Foods Show
June 21-9am-Carlinville

4-H Clothing Show
June 24-Time TBA—Extension Office

4-H General Projects Show
June 28-Carlinville
June 29- Overflow Day if needed

2021 4-H Showbooks Ready!

You can also check the
showbook out online at :

[https://extension.illinois.edu/
sites/default/files/](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/)

TO BE ELIDGIBLE TO SHOW AT
THE 4-H FAIR

PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

APRIL 15