



4-H FAST FACTS



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

February 2022



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4-H Robotics Team in Action



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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Macoupin County 4-H SHOWBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST 2022

**PRIZES FOR
TOP 3
DESIGNS!**

DESIGN THE 2022 4-H
SHOWBOOK COVER!

ENTRIES DUE FEB 4, 2022 TO
THE EXTENSION OFFICE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. "MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK" AND THE YEAR "2022" MUST BE SHOWN SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DESIGN.
2. USE ANY 4-H FAIR OR PROJECT THEME.
3. MUST BE A 4-H MEMBER. THIS INCLUDES CLOVERBUDS.
4. YOUR ARTWORK MUST BE DRAWN OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK ONLY.
5. YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ON WHITE UNLINED PAPER.
6. NO ENTRIES WITH TRADEMARK CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS OTHER THAN THE 4-H CLOVER, ACCEPTED.
7. PUT YOUR NAME AND CLUB ON THE BACK OF YOUR DESIGN IN PENCIL.
8. ONE ENTRY PER PERSON.



4-H SPIN Clubs



4-H Robotics Team

- Feb 13
- Feb 20
- Feb 27
- 2-4pm
- Ext Office



4-H Virtual Art SPIN

- Feb 21
- March 21
- 6pm
- Zoom

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Join Lucky Birds 4-H Club in helping collect supplies for the Macoupin County Animal Shelter during the month of February

4-H Animal Supply Drive

Community Service



Supply List

- Kitty Litter
- Small Blankets
- Iams Dog Food
- Purina Cat Food
- Bleach/Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels

Drop off Supplies at:
U of I Extension Office
60 Carlinville Plaza
Feb 1-24
M-Th 8am-4:30pm
Closed 12-1 for Lunch

Contact 217-854-9604
with questions

Check out the Macoupin County Animal Control Facebook Page for Amazon Wish List and other needs!
<https://www.facebook.com/maccoanimalcontrol>



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County 4-H

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLORING CONTEST



Black History Month highlights the achievements & accomplishments of African Americans and also their role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

- Research influential African Americans in History and select your coloring sheet from:
<https://www.classroomdoodles.com/black-history-month.html>
<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/people/black-history-month-coloring-pages/>
<http://www.getcoloringpages.com/black-history-month-coloring-pages>
- Color using crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Write name, age, and county on back of coloring sheet
- Age categories (5-7 * 8-13 * 14-18) - Prizes for TOP 2 in each age division
- 1 entry per person

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All Entries are due to your local Extension office by Feb. 18 to be considered. All drawings will displayed locally throughout February.

4-H COOKIE DECORATING

Cost \$5

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
10 - 11 AM
MACOUPIN COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE**

**AGES
5 - 7YRS
&
8 - 12YRS**



Youth will make a special treat to take home!

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Register online at go.illinois.edu/maccookieclass or call 217-854-9604.



4-H SPRING GRAB AND GO ART KIT NO SEW SOCK BUNNY



Use your creativity to create your own bunny!

**Ages 5-7 & 8-18
\$3**

Register by March 1 at: go.illinois.edu/cjmm

Kits will be available the Macoupin County Extension Office for pick up March 7-10

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Macoupin County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Thursdsy, March 24
6 PM

Macoupin County Extension Office

Divisions include:

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



Register online:

go.illinois.edu/macpublicspeaking

Must be a current 4-H member to participate.



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UIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Career Exploration

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION TOUR

Theater Arts

Coming Soon!

Date TBA
6:30 - 8 PM

Sangamon Auditorium
1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703

Ages 13-18

Keep a look out for date and Registration Details!

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YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2022 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

Saturday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM

1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

Macoupin County Extension Office

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 PM

#60 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626

Jersey County Extension Office

Friday, March 4, 3:00-4:30 PM

Friday, March 18, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Friday, March 18, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

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

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 19, 9:00-10:30 AM

#1 Industrial Park Drive
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Training also available online. Cost - \$12. Use same website (below) to register.

**DEADLINE TO COMPLETE
CERTIFICATION:
May 1, 2022**

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

Cost - \$3

Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth
Development Educator

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JERSEY COUNTY 4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022
9-11 A.M.

31056 OLD FIDELITY ROAD
JERSEYVILLE, IL 62052

RSVP TO JESSICA AT JJAFFRY@ILLINOIS.EDU



JERSEY COUNTY 4-H SWINE WEIGH-IN

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022
5:30 P.M.
31056 OLD FIDELITY ROAD
JERSEYVILLE, IL 62052

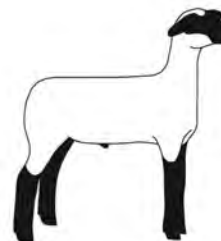
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JERSEY COUNTY 4-H SHEEP WEIGH-IN

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022
9 A.M.
31056 OLD FIDELITY ROAD
JERSEYVILLE, IL 62052

RSVP TO JESSICA AT JJAFFRY@ILLINOIS.EDU



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BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

Grow your leadership potential · Learn something new · Teach others · Give back

CORE TRAINING (choose one to attend)



Saturday, March 12

Macoupin County Extension Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This training is required in order to attend future curriculum training. You only have to attend this training once in your 4-H career.

CORE Training Includes:

- Ages & Stages of Youth Development
- Experiential Learning Model
- Teaching Techniques
- Teambuilding (using Real Colors)
- Communication Skills

REGISTER

go.illinois.edu/cjmmteenteachertraining

QUESTIONS?

Email marten1@illinois.edu

OPEN TO
AGES 14+



FREE OF COST
Lunch Provided

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FEB 28

Macoupin County 4-H Committee Meeting


FEB 28, 2022
7 P.M.
Macoupin County Extension Office
Zoom Call-In Option Available

Join us to prepare for the summer 4-H shows and plan upcoming opportunities



Macoupin County 4-H Leaders Meeting

April 5, 2022
7 P.M.
Macoupin County Extension
Call-In Option Available



Macoupin County 4-H Federation Meeting

April 24, 2022
3:00pm
Macoupin County Extension



MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H TOP SHOTS



Archery 2022

April 25
May 9
May 23
June 20
July 11
July 25
Aug 8
Aug 22
Macoupin County Fairgrounds
Carlinsville
See E-mail for Shooting Times
Aug 28
Fall Classic-Brittany Shooting Park

Mark your Calendars...

Mac. Co. 4-H Shooting Sports begins this Spring!



MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H TOP SHOTS

Rifle/Shotgun 2022

May 5
May 19
June 2
June 30
July 7
July 21
Aug 4
Aug 18
Aug 28 (Fall Classic)
6:30pm
Brittany Shooting Park
Bunker Hill



Virtual Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Saturday – February 12 from 9-11 AM



This is a great opportunity to for teens to develop their speaking skills, while preparing them to advocate for issues and programs at the local, Unit and the State 4-H level. The skills gained will help them share their local 4-H story with donors, key community leaders and groups, and even serve as ambassadors to other youth, encouraging them to be a part of the Illinois 4-H program.

Additionally, once teens complete the Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, they are eligible to participate in Legislative Connection which involves teens in meeting with Illinois State Legislators in Springfield. We have two sets of tentative dates March 16-17, and April 6-7, on hold with the Secretary of State's office with hopes of meeting in person during 2022 however that will be dependent on the status of CDC and UIUC Extension Health guidelines.

Register at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>

4-H INTERNATIONAL



Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM and also Tuesdays at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18. Register at go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

4-H INTERNATIONAL

Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean 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! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

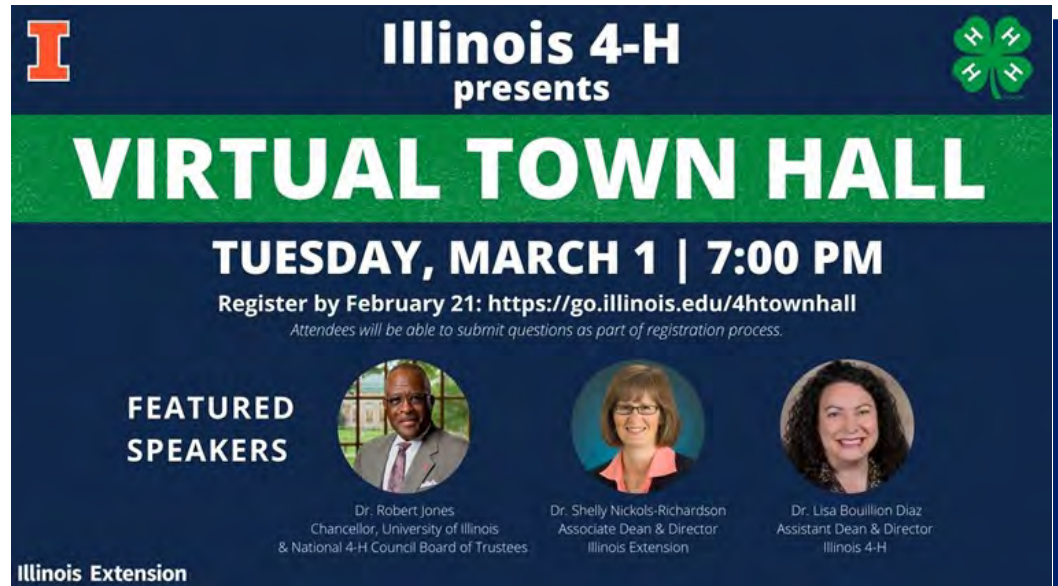
Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange)


OR

Contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.



4-H TOWN HALL






I Illinois 4-H presents 

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM

Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>
Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

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Dr. Robert Jones
Chancellor, University of Illinois
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees
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Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson
Associate Dean & Director
Illinois Extension
- 
Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
Illinois 4-H

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Save the Date – March 1, 2022 Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



WIN UP TO \$5000!

Submit a video on how a company on EPA's TRI tool is going green!

 COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION
Video Challenge

 Enter by March 1, 2022

 More information:
www.epa.gov/companiescrushingpollution-video-challenge



ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.



The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18.

<http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

-  earn a \$5K scholarship
-  serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!



MEMORIAL CAMP



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022	4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full	4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

- Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
- Lead Male/Female Counselors
- Lifeguards
- Outdoor Education Director
- Arts & Crafts Director
- Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
- Recreation Director
- Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



SHOOTING SPORTS



NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 - Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

- Sat., March 26, 2022** Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)
- Sat., May 7, 2022** 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)
- Sat., July 16, 2022** Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!



Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

- April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>