



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

**March 2021**



## 2021 4-H Showbook Cover Contest

Congratulations to

Maddie Rosentreter of the Lucky Birds 4-H Club for 1st Place in the 2021 4-H Showbook Cover Contest!

We had 17 entries and many wonderfully creative designs!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's contest!

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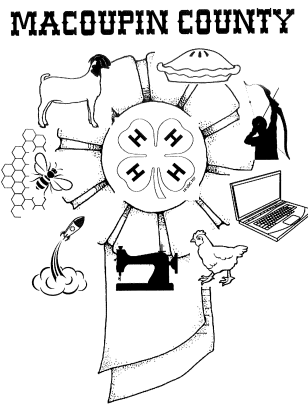
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2nd Place: Charlee Dugger



3rd Place: Wyld Gilmore



4th Place: Anna Cloninger



All 4-Showbook Cover Submissions will be featured in the 2021

Macoupin County 4-H Showbook.

The 4-H Showbook will be ready this March!

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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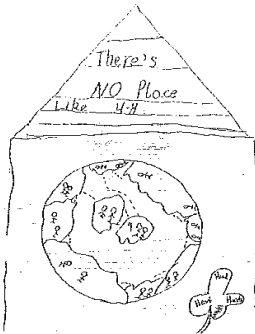
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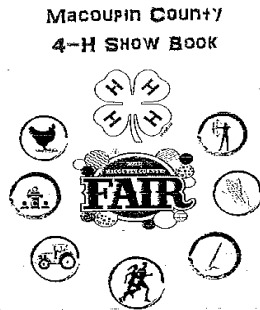
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## 2021 Showbook Cover Contest Entries



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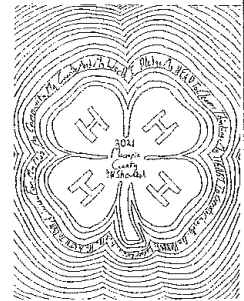


Braylee Gilmore, Crazy Clovers

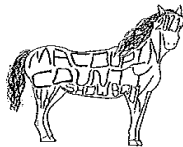


Macoupin County 4-H  
Show Book  
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Jonathan Royer, Clover Cadets



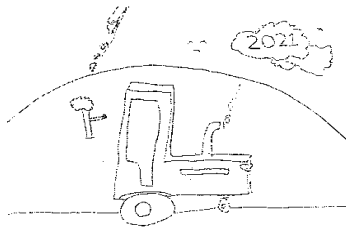
Kayleigh Trimm-BH Livewires



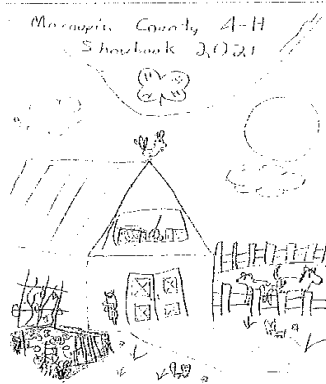
Natalie Royer, Clover Cadets



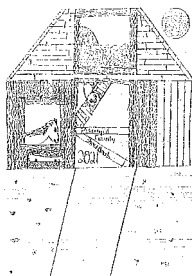
Reese Heyen, 4x4



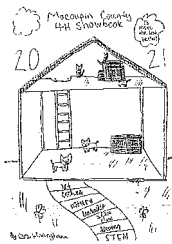
Ethan Cloninger, Lucky Birds



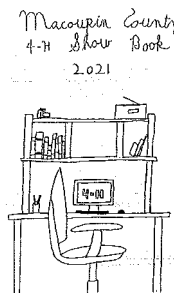
Nola Reid, 4x4's



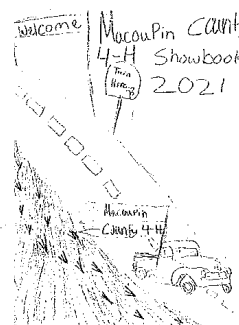
Payton Harding-Crazy Clovers



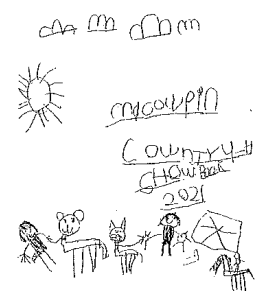
Cara Winningham-Lucky Birds



Caleb Cloninger, Lucky Birds



Makenna Harding-Crazy Clovers



Quincy Harding-Crazy Clovers



## 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 Macoupin 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 217-854-9604. 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!

*Sara Marten*  
marten1@illinois.edu

## Need help remembering important dates?

Go to [go.illinois.edu/cjmmcalendar](http://go.illinois.edu/cjmmcalendar) to see events & deadlines for all activities within Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, & Montgomery Counties!



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Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery 4-H

## 4-H SIGN DESIGN

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





have  
COURAGE  
→ SAND →  
be kind

**Ages**  
8-18

Order & purchase your kit by  
March 15:  
[www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com](http://www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com)

**\$15-\$17**  
per kit

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.

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## YOCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

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\*\*

**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

**Macoupin County Extension Office**  
Monday, March 8th 6-7:30 pm  
Thursday, April 29th 6-7:30 pm

#60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626

**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

CLASS SIZES LIMITED.  
MASKS REQUIRED WHILE  
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Register online at:  
<https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Cost - \$3

Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

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## Become a Hunger Ambassador

Learn about food insecurity & hunger in your community and work with others to help those in need.  
REGISTER BY MARCH 12

**Saturday, March 20**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## BREAD MAKING CLASS



APRIL 2,  
10 - 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 to cook.



NO COST

To register visit:  
[go.illinois.edu/breadmaking](http://go.illinois.edu/breadmaking)  
or call 217-532-3941

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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](http://go.illinois.edu/plantlife)

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

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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.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.  
REGISTER BY APRIL 8. ONE KIT PER FAMILY.  
[go.illinois.edu/salsagarden](http://go.illinois.edu/salsagarden)

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

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



4-H Floriculture

MSF   
main street florist

## Flower Arranging

Youth  
Ages 8-18

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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## 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](http://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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& 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](http://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](mailto:JJAFFRY@ILLINOIS.EDU)



## 4-H AT HOME SERIES

### STEM Maker Kits

To check availability or to reserve a kit:  
Call the office at 217-854-9604 or email  
[harding@illinois.edu](mailto:harding@illinois.edu)

#### ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

Youth will learn basics of electricity as they work through the activities in the book.

#### DIY POPCICLE FLASHLIGHT:

Youth will learn about circuits, switches, conductors and insulators through a simple LED flashlight project.

**No Return**

#### HYDRAULIC CLAW

Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the arcade classic. All pieces included in this predesigned kit.

#### MAKER ROBOT KIT

This kit comes with instructions and supplies for building a rover. For the rest of the supplies, there are no specific instructions just a lot of supplies for you to be creative. Make your own Hebocon or DIY robot!

#### 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.



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## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

### National Volunteer Week/Macoupin County 4-H Week

April 18-24, 2021



Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

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## 2021 Robotics Challenge –Our Story (Virtual)



This year's competition will be held virtually and will require teams to upload videos of their table performance, technical/design rationales, and story (formally Teamwork) to be judged by our team of virtual judges **by Sunday, June 20th, 2021**

Winners will be announced in a Live Virtual Awards Ceremony at **5pm on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (online venue to be determined)**. Team registration **will open March 1, 2021** and will **close April 30, 2021**. There will be NO entry fee to participate in this year's competition.

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs please refer to the Always Up to date, challenge direct download link: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

**Register Here Starting March 1:** <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES 2021

2021 4-H Shows & Fair Info Coming Soon!

4-H Federation Meeting– Sunday, April 18 at 2:30

4-H Committee Meeting– April 12 at 6:30pm

22 & Air Rifle  Shotgun

Macoupin County 4-H Top Shots Schedule 2021

Location:  
Brittany Shooting Park,  
Bunker Hill at 6:30pm

**April 29**

**May 13**

**May 27**

**No June Shoots**

**July 1**

**July 15**

**July 29**

**Aug 12**

**Aug 29\* Fall Classic**



Macoupin County 4-H Shooting Sports will be starting up this Spring! Please check your e-mail for more details!

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Archery  Archery

Macoupin County 4-H Top Shots Archery Schedule 2021

Macoupin County Fair Grounds  
Time:TBD

**May 3**

**May 17**

**June 21**

**July 5**

**July 19**

**Aug 2**

**Aug 16**

**Aug 29\* Fall Classic Brittany Trap**



**4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**

**9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021**

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp,  
Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

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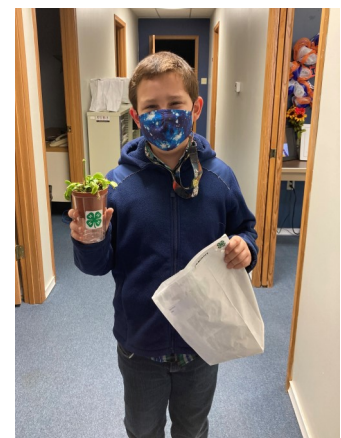




## 4-H Cloverbuds Farm Animal Kit



Cloverbuds received farm animal facts, coloring sheets, a book, and farm animal crafts to complete at home. They joined together via Zoom Feb 25 with 4-H Federation members Braylee and Claire for a story, game, and some fun! Thanks!



## 4-H Carnivorous Plant Kits

Over 60 4-H members took part in the Carnivorous Plant Program this March. Participants received a Venus Fly Trap Plant, care sheet, craft, and an educational Zoom Call on carnivorous plants!

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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](https://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](mailto:mohrh002@umn.edu).



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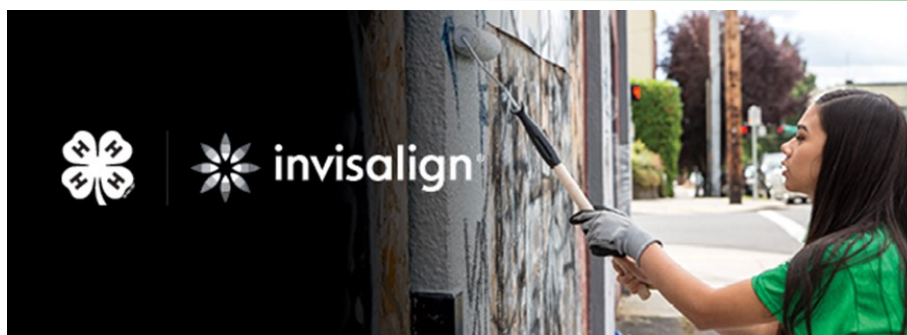


## Illini Summer Academies!

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](mailto: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.smapply.io/prog/invisalign\\_changemakers/](https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/)

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*extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-macoupin-county*

## 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/>

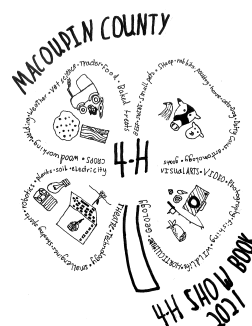
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## April 15 is the Add/Drop Date for all 4-H projects in order to exhibit at fair.

4-H Showbooks should be printed in March, so be on the look out for more information! There will also be a online link.



# March 2021

## Macoupin County 4-H Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 4-H Gamnorous Plants Zoom Call 3:30pm	3	4 4-H Healthy Habits Zoom 5pm	5	6
7	8 Cloverbud Farm Animal 4pm-445pm YQCA-Carlville-7:30 pm Wellness Through Connection 530-7pm	9	10	11 4-H Healthy Habits Zoom 5pm	12	13
14	15 Deadline to Order 4-H Paint Kits	16	17	18 4-H Healthy Habits Zoom 5pm	19	20 4-H Hunger Ambassadors Training 9am (Carlville Extension Offices)
21	22 Cloverbud Farm Animal 4pm-445pm Pick-Up 4-H Paint Kits	23 YQCAJerseyville 3-4:30 pm 5-6:30 pm	24	25 4-H Healthy Habits Zoom 5pm	26	27 YQCAHillsboro 9-10:30 am
28	29	30	31			

# April 2021

## Macoupin County 4-H Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <b>EASTER</b>	5 Gloverbud Farm Animals 4pm-445pm	6 4-H Leader's Meeting 7pm	7	8 YQCA-Taylorville 6-7:30 pm	9 YQCAJerseyville 3-4:30 pm	10
11	12 YQCAHillsboro 6-7:30 pm	13	14	15 **4ADD/DROP** DEADLINE Gardner Soybean Zoom 7pm	16	17
18 National Volunteer Week/Mac Co 4-H Week April 18-24	19 Gloverbud Farm Animals 4pm-445pm	20 4-H Salisa Garden Zoom-3:30pm	21	22 4-H Flower Arranging Class Zoom 6:30pm	23	24 State 4-H Livestock Conference
25	26 4-H Public Speaking Contest 6:00 PM	27 YQCAJerseyville 3-4:30 pm 5-6:30 pm	28	29 YQCA-Carlinville 6-7:30 pm	30	