



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2020

Creating Leaders, Cultivating Change

Last month, Extension Educator, Sara Marten, taught a group of youth about leadership in Montgomery County. Youth learned about ways they can look for needs in their community, what they can do to help and what skills make a great leader.



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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomery4h>



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4-H Memorial Camp is looking for 4-H members who can sew!



We are looking for 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 new curtains in the log cabins that thousands of campers stay in each summer. The Camp will provide all the materials (cloth and thread), patterns, and lunch for everyone. We will have a handful of sewing machines available but if you would like to bring your own we encourage you to do so. Each 4-H member can bring one parent/guardian with him/her to help and lunch will be provided for them as well.

Join us for a fun day of giving back and use this to add to your record book!

Cost: No Fee

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, 499 Old Timber Rd., Monticello, IL 61856

Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, cookies

Criteria to participate: You have taken Sewing for at least one year in 4-H

Please register: go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing

Questions: Please contact Andy Davis at ardavis1@illinois.edu or (217) 762-2741.




APRIL 7, 2020

4-H COMMITTEE



Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro



UNIT 18 YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
9:30 - 11:30 AM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

As a member of the Unit 18 Youth Leadership Team, you can...

- Practice leadership in a variety of ways across Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties
- Help plan unit-wide events for yourself and fellow 4-H members
- Advocate and promote 4-H locally and across the unit
- Be a teacher and mentor to younger youth
- Meet new 4-H members from other counties
- HAVE FUN!

Open to all members of Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County Federations/YLTs

MULTICOUNTY Served on a committee to plan a multi-county 4-H event or program

RSVP to Sara Marten at marten1@illinois.edu or 217.532.3941

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Montgomery County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m.
Extension Office, Hillsboro

Register online by April 14, at web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/

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

Must be a current 4-H member to participate
All 4-H members welcome!

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4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING ANIMALS ENTERING THE FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEM WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMAL CERTIFICATION (YQCA). THE TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY.

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 14
9:30 am - 10:30 am
#1 Industrial Plaza
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Christian County Extension Office

Saturday, April 25
9:30 am - 10:30 am
1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

You can complete online or in person. The livestock funds will cover the cost if you ask our office for a coupon BEFORE registering.

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

Cost - \$3

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

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Participation— County—Participated in 4-H activity . **OR** Project Learning—County—Participated in a 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity to my 4-H project

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Host an international youth this summer



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 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

- 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.
- Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook

@ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives

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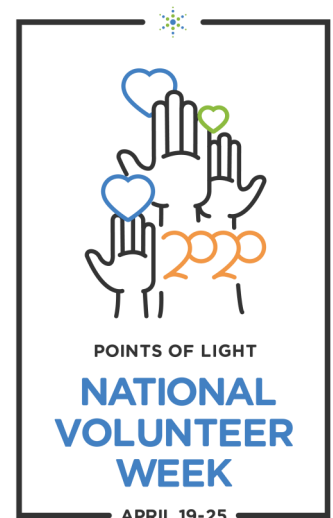
Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

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 19-25. 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.



We're going to the Capitol

May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

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Speaking for Illinois Training & Legislative Connection

Legislative Connection will put your leadership skills to test as you communicate the value and impact of 4-H. We'll help you practice persuasive public speaking techniques and show you how to use data and examples to enhance personal 4-H stories with legislators. Members of the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team and those 4-H members trained through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program will tell the 4-H story to legislators in two sessions; March 4-5 and May 6-7.

Speaking for IL Training—next training will be in Pulaski county on March 21. Registration is here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21848>

The Montgomery County 4-H office will provide transportation to youth wanting to attend this event. Contact Elisha at ehugh2@illinois.edu

State Robotics Challenge

May 9

McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

- Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.
- Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.
- Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.



Montgomery county 4-H would like to support the formation of a new robotics club the county. A n adult volunteer who is willing to attend a regional training to become our Robotics Club leader, is needed in order to get started. No special background or degree is required, as all necessary training will be provided. The ability to operate computers, build legos, and follow directions are the

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.



- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
 - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
 - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
 - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
 - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
 - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
 - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
 - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
 - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
 - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
 - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
 - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.



4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

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Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

ARRIVAL TIMES

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11

DAIRY: must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18

GOATS: Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12

GOATS: Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21

SHEEP: Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15

SWINE: Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12

SWINE: Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13

POULTRY: must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

SHOW TIMES

**SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/
SWINE:** 7 PM on 8/12

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY: 8:30 AM
on 8/22

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP: 7:30 PM on 8/14

BEEF: Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford,
Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time
TBA on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Short-
horn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on
8/14 (other breed times TBA)

BEEF: Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15

DAIRY: Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19

DAIRY: Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19

DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20

DAIRY: Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20

DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21

DAIRY: Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21

GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14

GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14

GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14

GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22

SHEEP: Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17

SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13

SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14

SWINE: Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15

POULTRY: 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All Others 9 AM on 8/22

RELEASE TIMES

BEEF CATTLE: released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes
have shown) on 8/15

DAIRY CATTLE: released after 4 PM on 8/22

MEAT GOATS: released after the meat goat show on 8/14

DAIRY GOATS: released after the dairy goat show on 8/16

PYGMY GOATS: released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22

MARKET SHEEP: released after the market show on 8/15

BREEDING SHEEP: released after the breeding show on 8/17

SWINE: released after the barrow show on 8/15

POULTRY: released after the poultry show on 8/17

MEAT PEN RABBITS: release after the show on 8/17

ALL OTHER RABBITS: release 8/23

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mark your calendar!



Coming Events

March 6	Project Night, Hillsboro
March 10	4-H Expansion & Review
March 14	YQCA training for Livestock, Montgomery County
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 20	YLT Meeting 6pm-7.45
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Ullin
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 28	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL
April 7	4-H Committee meeting
April 10	Unit YLT training and planning session, Hillsboro
April 14	YLT Career Exploration Trip to Purina (invitation only)
April 17	YLT Food Packaging 6-7pm
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	YQCA training for Livestock, Christian County
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 9	4-H Day at the Cardinals
June 22	Cat and Dog Shows
June 23	Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy and Beef Shows
June 24	Sheep and Goat Shows
June 26	Swine Show
June 27	General Show
June 29	Food and Clothing Shows
June 30	Visual Arts and Technology Show
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
August 15	STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY: