



4-H FAST FACTS



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

February 2022

Montgomery County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Saturday, March 26
6pm

Montgomery County Extension Office

Divisions include:

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



Register online:

extension.illinois.edu/4-h-montgomery-county

Must be a current 4-H member to participate.



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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 618-498-2913.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

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Important Dates to remember

April 15– last day to register for projects and be eligible to show at the fair. ll.4honline.com

May 1– QAEC and YQCA certification completed for animal projects

June 1– Show registration on faireentry.com

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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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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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: Learn, Read, Experience, Cook, Get invivled and more!
<https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

Christian, Jersey, Macoupin,
Montgomery 4-H



BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLORING CONTEST



Black History Month highlights the achievements & accomplishments of black Americans and also their role in US 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 Division
- 1 entry per person

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



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extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county

SPIN CLUBS

Montgomery County 4-H Archery Club



Meets
Sundays from 1:30-3pm

Youth ages 8-18
Annual Club fee - \$10

Sign up at
go.illinois.edu/montgomeryarchery

Contact the Extension Office
217-532-3941 or ehugh2@illinois.edu

Follow Facebook page for updates
Montgomery County Straightshooters.

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ADULT & YOUTH

QUILTING CLASS



EQUIPMENT AND MACHINES PROVIDED
OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

DATES:
March - 21, 28 ; April - 4, 11, 18, 25; May - 2, 9

TIME: 6:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Montgomery County Extension Office
(#1 Industrial Park Dr., Hillsboro)

COST:
Adult - \$25
Youth - \$10 (ages 10-18)

Register at: go.illinois.edu/cjmmquiltingclass
or call (217) 532-3941

- Extra days built in just in case you miss
- Class dates will be extended if needed
- An adult must stay for any youth under the age of 16



BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

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

REGISTER
go.illinois.edu/cjmmteenteachertraining

QUESTIONS?
Email marten1@illinois.edu

CORE TRAINING
(choose one to attend)

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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

OPEN TO AGES 14+

FREE OF COST
Lunch Provided



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-



DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION:
May 1, 2022

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

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

Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Training also available online. Contact the Extension office for a coupon code. The YQCA certification for Montgomery County members is paid for by the Livestock committee.

Virtual Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training

Saturday – February 12 from 9-11 AM



This is a great opportunity 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>



 UIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 

Career Exploration

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION TOUR

Theater Arts

DATE: TBA

Sangamon Auditorium
1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703

Ages 13-18

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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

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.

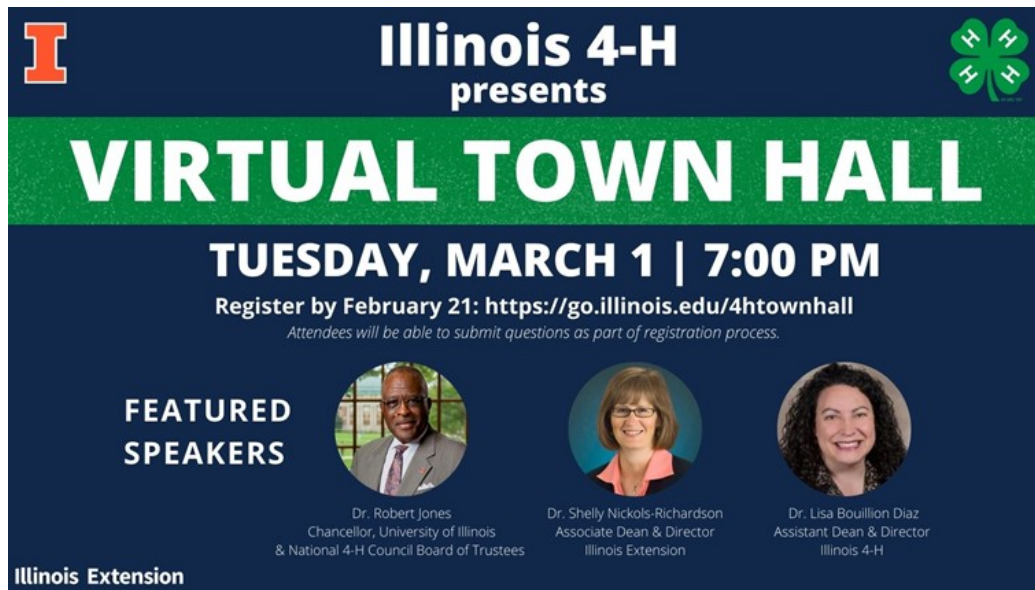
Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

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





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
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Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
Illinois 4-H

Illinois Extension

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

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!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

Helpful Website links

Enroll online

il.4h.online.com

Order publications

go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hshop

County Website

extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county

County Facebook

www.facebook.com/montgomery4h

Illinois 4-H Website

4h.extension.illinois.edu/

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:

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| 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>