



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2021

## 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 **Montgomery 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 **217-532-3941** 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!

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## UNIT 18 - Serving:

**Christian, Jersey,  
Macoupin &  
Montgomery Counties**

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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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## 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.

**Free!**

Kits provided by  
Memorial Donations  
in Honor of  
Vivian Ferguson

**Ages 8-18**



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

**Macoupin County Extension Office**

Monday, March 8th 6-7:30 pm  
Thursday, April 29th 6-7:30 pm

#60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626

**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

**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**  
**INDOORS.**

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

**Cost - \$3**

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

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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## 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**

**Macoupin County**  
**Extension Office**

 BROUGHT TO YOU BY 4-H AND PAINTED LACE CREATIVE STUDIO 

Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery 4-H

## 4-H SIGN DESIGN

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

Ages 8-18      Order & purchase your kit by March 15: [www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com](http://www.4h.paintedlacecreativestudio.com)      \$15-\$17 per kit

Illinois Extension  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.

## EZ BANKING

APRIL 24  
10-11:30 A.M.

Youth 8th-12th grades

Essentials of Banking  
Checking Accounts  
Interest Rates  
Benefits & Challenges of Banking.

Register:  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-montgomery-county>  
217-532-3941  
ehugh2@illinois.edu



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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 the Robin's Nest 1411 Vandalia Rd- Hillsboro      \$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.

## BREAD MAKING CLASS

APRIL 2,  
10AM-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 cook.



 NO COST

To register visit:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/breadmaking>  
or call 217-532-3941

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## Montgomery County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, April 24, 2021

6pm

Montgomery County Extension Office

Speeches will be scheduled in 15 minute increments beginning at 6 p.m.

Each participant is limited to 2 people in attendance and masks are required.

Divisions include:

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

Register online: [extension.illinois.edu/4-h-montgomery-county](http://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-montgomery-county)

See Montgomery County 4-H Show Book for complete guidelines. Must be a current 4-H member, enrolled in public presentations to participate.



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University of Illinois | U.S. Department of Agriculture | Local Extension Councils Cooperating  
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.



Community Service Project

## BLANKET KITS FOR KIDS



All supplies will be provided by the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation, but donations of fleece will be accepted.

### REGISTRATION:

[go.illinois.edu/montgomeryco4h](http://go.illinois.edu/montgomeryco4h)

217-532-3941  
[ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)

At this event we will make tie blanket kits for displaced youth to make themselves.

Kits will go to the Child Advocacy Center, who will give the kits to youth who need them.

**April 1, 2021**  
**10am**

AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN HILLSBORO

## "GRANDFRIEND" PEN PAL PROJECT

Hosted by the Unit 18 Youth Leadership Team

Become a 'pen pal' with a local nursing home or long-term care resident. Write a card or letter and drop it off at your Extension Office by April 1st to participate.



Please include the following in your letter / card:

1. Name and 4-H Club where you are a member
2. Include some information about yourself. Topics could include:
  - a. 4-H Projects or Events
  - b. Sports You Play or Enjoy Watching
  - c. Your Pets or Hobbies
  - d. School
  - e. Future Goals or Careers
3. Include your mailing address so that your grandfriend can respond to you.
4. Do not seal your envelopes.
5. Do not write on the outside of your envelope.

This opportunity will count as a unit-wide community service project on award applications.



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programming and employment.  
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact 217-532-3913.



## **Show Dates for the 2021 4-H Program**

### **Public Presentations Saturday, April 24, Montgomery County Extension office**

Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 6 p.m.

### **Horse Show Saturday, June 12, Gillespie Lake Horse Arena**

Check-in 9:30a.m./show begins at 10 a.m.

### **General Show Friday, June 18, Montgomery County Extension office**

Check-in and show times will be determined at a later date.

### **Visual Arts Show Saturday, June 19, Montgomery County Extension office**

Check-in and show times will be determined at a later date.

### **Cat Show Monday, June 21, Montgomery County Extension office**

Check-in for Cats will begin at 3:15 p.m. with the show beginning at 3:30p.m.

### **Dog Show Monday, June 21, Butler 4-H Park**

Check-in for Dogs will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the show beginning at 6p.m.

### **Poultry Show Tuesday, June 22, Butler 4-H Park**

Check-in will begin at 8a.m. The Poultry Show will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m.

### **Rabbit Show Tuesday, June 22, Butler 4-H Park**

Check-in will begin at 10a.m. The Rabbit Show will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.

### **Dairy & Beef Shows Tuesday, June 22, Butler 4-H Park**

All animals must be checked in by 10a.m. Dairy Show begins are 12:15 and the 4-H Beef Show will begin at approx. 1p.m.

### **Sheep Show Wednesday, June 23, Butler 4-H Park**

All Sheep must be checked in by 8:30 a.m. The show starts at 9a.m. with the County fair

### **Goat Show Wednesday, June 23, Butler 4-H Park**

All Goats must be checked in by 8:30 a.m. The show starts at Noon with the County fair

### **Food & Clothing Shows Thursday, June 24, Montgomery County Extension office**

Check-in and show times will be determined at a later date.

### **Swine Show Friday, June 25, Butler 4-H Park**

All Swine must be checked in by 8 a.m. The show starts at 8:30 a.m. with the County fair

**THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS COUNTY WARNING LEVELS GO INTO EFFECT.**

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## MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge

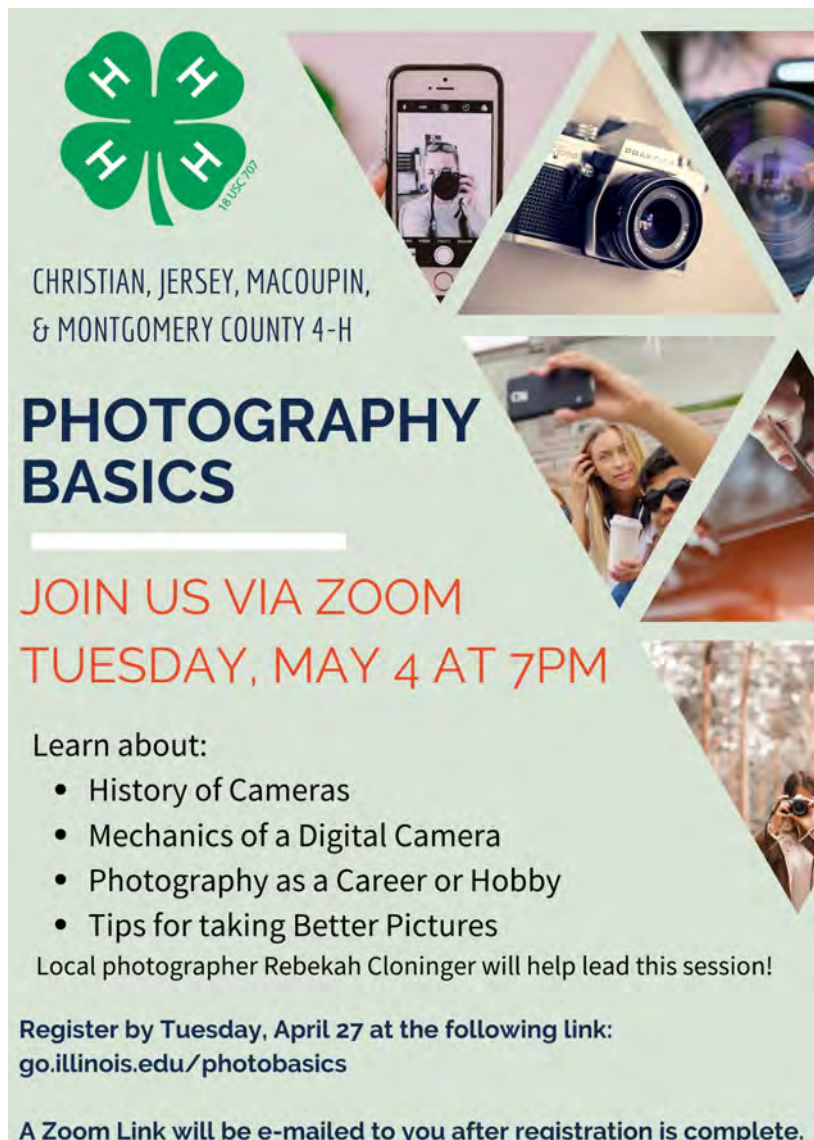
A number of states expressed an interest in participating in the MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge. We have worked out the registration process.

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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& 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](https://go.illinois.edu/photobasics)

A Zoom Link will be e-mailed to you after registration is complete.



## 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.

## Resources for your 4-H year

**Enroll:** <https://v2.4honline.com/>

You must be enrolled and have your projects selected by April 15 in order to show at the 4-H Fair.

**Adding projects after you enrolled:** log back in to 4-H online, click “view” beside the members name. Click “projects” on the left hand side list. Click “edit” and then “Select Project”.

**Ordering books–** go to <https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest> and select the books you want to order. The office will place the order and charge you when you pick them up.

**Qaec-**<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

If you plan to show a live animal in the fair this year and you have not completed the training, you will need to complete by May 1 in order to show.

**Project resources:** Illinois 4-H has created Sprak Sheets for most project areas. Check out the resources and guides listed <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

## 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.





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## Illini Summer Academies!

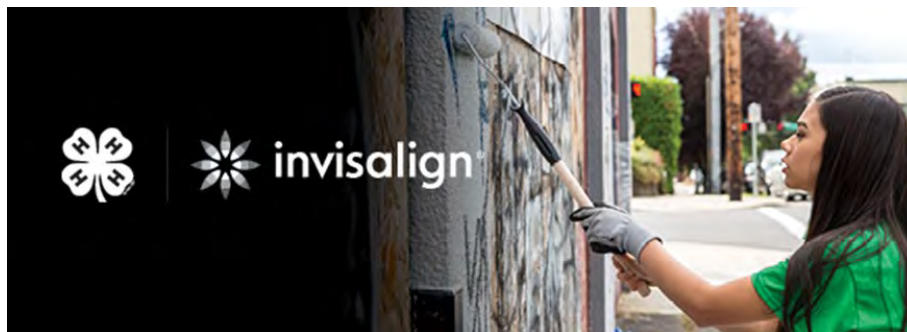
The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state!

**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).

### Need help remembering important dates?

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



## 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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## 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/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina \*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

Miriam Rosenbohm at [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)



## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

## mark your calendar!

### 2021 State Event Dates

- March 13 Virtual Regional Hippology Contest
- March 19 Discovering STEM in ACES event registration deadline
- March 13 Virtual Regional Horse Bowl Contest
- March 24 Illini Summer Academies Registration Closes
- March 31 Registrations close for the Food Action Summit
- Late April (TBD) State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- April-May (TBD) YQCA
- April 24 & 25 Youth Livestock Conference
- April 25 True Leaders Service Day
- May 15th Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- May 20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- May 31 DEADLINE: State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Submissions Due
- June 4 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- June 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- June 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- July 11- 23, 2021 Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
- July 24 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
- July 25 – August 1 ISF Junior Horse Show
- July – August 4-H Exchange In-Bound Summer 2021



*Come join the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and get hands-on experience at this year's Junior Livestock Conference! This year's theme is "Making Your Mark" – There are so many ways to Make Your Mark in the livestock industry. Whether you are identifying a disease, branding a steer, developing a new feed ration, or being a leader in the industry – you can Make Your Mark in all things you do!*

Registration is **limited to 26 youth each day** and **spots are on a first come**, first served basis. *Note that maximum capacity for this event is often reached **before** the registration deadline. \$50*

**Options to Attend: Saturday, April 24 OR Sunday, April 25**

**Open to** any youth currently in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades

**Registration Link to give to families:**  
[go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock)

**Registration Open NOW**

**Registration Closes: April 12, 2021**