



4-H FAST FACTS



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

May/June 2020

Virtual 4-H Show Announcement & Registration Process

On May 4th, all 4-H members and families received communication from Dr. Lisa Diaz, Illinois State 4-H Program Leader, announcing that all in-person events sponsored by Illinois Extension through July 5 will be canceled or moved to an online format. This includes all 4-H club meetings, events, and summer exhibit opportunities. Both the Macoupin and Montgomery County 4-H programs and their summer shows are affected by this announcement and are adapting their judging experiences accordingly.

2020 Virtual 4-H Show Information

For this year's 4-H shows, we will be using the online Fair Entry system – which has been used to register for the 4-H shows for the past few years. Members will still register for the proper classes as usual. For the virtual show, each entry will also include pictures, videos or documents of your project for the judge to review. These MUST be uploaded during the registration/entry process. Instructions are included to guide you through entering your projects and uploading the proper documents for each. Also included is a list of picture requirements for uploading during registration.

An overview of the proposed timeline for entry and judging is included below:

- June 13 – 19 – Fair Entry will open for members to enter the projects AND supporting documents (pictures, videos, etc.)
- June 22 – 26 – Judges will review and give feedback to projects within the Fair Entry system.
- By July 6th – Results will be released and state fair delegates and alternates will be notified.

Livestock-Specific Show Information

All June 2020 4-H livestock and other live animal exhibits are also being moved to a virtual format. Livestock entries will still register for the appropriate classes and shows as outlined in the show book through the Fair Entry system. In order to capture the animal and its movements, we hope that members can 'show' their animals at home, capture it on video, and submit these videos along with their online entries. More details surrounding specifics for livestock shows, requirements, and updated deadlines will be shared separately in the near future.

Please reach out if you have any additional comments or questions.

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Congratulations to our 2020 4-H Graduates!



Erin Kistner

Starr Shooters 4-H Club

- Montgomery County YLT
- Speaking for IL 4-H
- Hunger Ambassador



The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>



Barred Owl Nest Box Citizen Science Project reminders: May marks the month owlets are ready to leave the nest. Many nest boxes were hung in parks that have not been accessible this spring but please remind your 4-H families to check again to see when access may be possible. The owlets may be gone, but investigate the box for signs such as pellets, feathers, etc. Please send any information to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu. Nest Box reporting sheets are here:

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4-H Maker Monday Series

Maker Mondays is a YouTube Segment featuring the Illinois 4-H STEM Team, that guides youth through the process of designing, fabricating, and finishing anything we can think of, from cosplay inspired outfits, to custom themed drones and gadgets. These videos are designed to inspire and encourage youth to expand their imaginations, and build/make whatever they can think of. Our videos are not meant to transform youth into content experts, but rather into process experts with the tools and skills needed to find the answers to questions they have. Every video lists the materials and tools needed, and many videos will have accompanying downloads. In our first video, we make Mandalorian Armor from scratch using basic tools and a 3D printer! Click the link below to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7hhXCL-6fQ&feature=youtu.be>

4-H COVID Idea Challenge

5 finalists will be selected and pitch their idea to a panel of content experts as well as Maker and rapid prototyping experts, live streamed on Saturday, May 30 (link available the week of event). We will provide one person or collaborative team \$1000 in resources, and guidance to aid in the rapid prototyping of your idea. Additionally, if the idea qualifies, we will aid the winning person/team in sharing their idea to virtual platforms like the National Institute of Health's 3D Print Exchange (if 3D Printable), as well as other open source COVID 19 solutions platforms both locally and nationally. This is a timely opportunity to showcase the inner Maker in our youth, with the potential to impact their communities.

Go to: go.illinois.edu/covididea for details

Please feel free to share this email with those you think would be potentially interested. Thanks, and [Subscribe to our channel](#) if you enjoyed our content!

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.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Applications Due June 1st
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HYLT

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2020.

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: June 1, 2020

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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mark your calendar!



- June 1 YQCA and QAEC Deadline
- June 13-19 Fair registration and project upload. (upload project visuals when you register)
- June 15-19 Virtual office hours to be announced by email.
- June 22-26 4-H fair project judging takes place
- July 6 Show results announced.

Forgot what projects you are signed up for? Sign into 4-H online and check you project list.



Need Help with Fair registration? Zoom office hours June 15-19.

We will be online daily to assist you and answer questions you may have about our virtual fair and registration

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