



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

May 2021

## 2021 Public Speaking Competition



The 2021 Public speaking competition was held on April 24 at the Extension office. Six 4-H members participated: Katlyn Marley, of Star Shooters, A rating, State Fair delegate and Jr champion; Kohen Stolte of Starr Shooters, A rating, State Fair delegate; Ethan Marley of Starr Shooters, A rating and State Fair alternate; Amanda Niemann of The Clovers, A rating, State Fair delegate and Sr. Champion; Emma Hughes, of The Clovers, A rating, State Fair alternate.

**4-Hers that showed at 2020 Virtual 4-H Shows - you will be receiving your 4-H premium check in the mail! Please work to get them cashed as soon as possible!**

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Macoupin &  
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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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## 2021 4-H Fair

**Show book:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cjmmmontgomery4hshowbook21.pdf>

**Show Registration:** Open May15-June 11 <https://faireentry.com>

**General and Visual Arts project drop off**– this year we are asking that you bring your exhibits for general and visual arts shows to the office BEFORE the show, June 11-17. A judging time will be assigned to you. Exhibits can be dropped off anytime our office is open (M-F 8-4:30. If you need an evening time please contact Elisha to make arrangements.

Judging times 9:30-1pm.

**Food Stand**– there will not be a food stand this year however during the animal shows meals will be covered by local donations.

**Virtual Exhibitions:** If you are not comfortable coming in person for judging, we can set up a zoom judging session. See Show book for details.

**Livestream:** Livestock shows and General project award ceremonies. will be livestreamed so our audience can watch from home.



## **DON'T FORGET!!**

To submit program pictures and fill out surveys for program feedback!

Pictures: [go.illinois.edu/cjmmphotos](https://go.illinois.edu/cjmmphotos)

Survey: [go.illinois.edu/4-Hevals](https://go.illinois.edu/4-Hevals)

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## 4-H JUNIOR SCIENCE CAMP



### FORENSIC SCIENCE

Wednesday, July 28

9:30 - 11 AM

Montgomery County Extension Office

For ages 8-11

Cost \$5 (fee waivers available)

Learn about finger printing, blood typing, and more forensic science principles as you discover clues and solve a mystery!

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/cjmm](https://go.illinois.edu/cjmm) or call Montgomery County Extension Office at 217-532-3941.

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## Candy Company

LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS, JUNE 1 - JUNE 22  
2 - 3 P.M.

COST \$10

AGES 8-18

SESSIONS 1-3 WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM. THE FINAL SESSION WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[HTTPS://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)



## 4-H GRAB AND GO ART KITS

Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Reserve One:  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>



- Beadwork
- Duct Tape Art
- Recycled Art
- Paper Craft
- Fiber
- Painting

Kits available from local Extension office starting May 24

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We would love to hear how 4-H has impacted your life!

Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel.

Complete the survey online:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey>



CHRISTIAN, JERSEY, MACOUPIN,  
& 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.



## NATURE EXPLORERS SPIN CLUB

Get ready to go outside and learn about our natural world using easy lessons and activities to explore the great outdoors!  
Best suited for ages 7-14

**\*UPDATE\***  
We have run out of fully-supplied kits but will be offering packets with all printed activity instructions and list of supplies for you to purchase on your own.

**REGISTER AT  
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/NATURESPIN](https://go.illinois.edu/naturespin)**

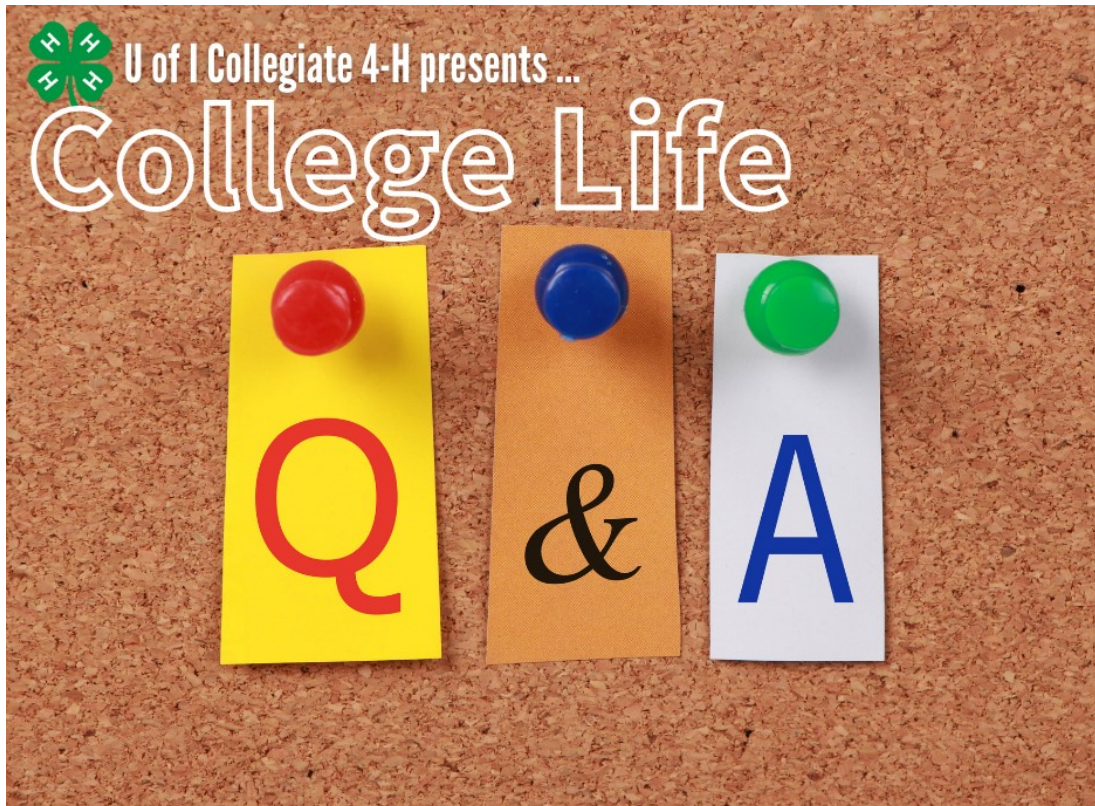
Packets will be mailed to you at the address you give on or after May 15. Limited number of packets available. Please limit one per family.



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**Wednesday May 5 at 6:00pm**



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Join U of I Collegiate 4-H for a College Life Q & A on May 5th at 6pm! Get answers to your questions about college life, admissions, scholarships, housing, and of course Collegiate 4-H, right from real college students!

To register for this free event, head here: [go.illinois.edu/CollegeQA](https://go.illinois.edu/CollegeQA)

### Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)



Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

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## NEW 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to submit a request!



## Barred Owl NestWatch 2021

Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology [https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet\\_20171103.pdf](https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf) to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

## 4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>



## 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20 @ 7 PM



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>



## Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!

I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small “study” gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4’ x 6’ in size.

A detailed training will open April 26<sup>th</sup>, and data collection won’t start until National Pollinator Week June 21<sup>st</sup> but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the UofI with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at [ipollinate.illinois.edu](http://ipollinate.illinois.edu)

## 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 2022)

**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

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

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## mark your calendar!

### 2021 State Event Dates

- May 15 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 6-8 4-H Family Camp Session #1
- June 18-20 4-H Family Camp Session #2
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- July 1-3 Camp Corral Family Camp
- July 9-11 4-H Family Camp Session #3
- 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

### FREE 4-H Shirt for NEW Members

Show your 4-H pride at the next 4-H event! Ever feel left out because you're the only one without a 4-H t-shirt?

All new 4-H members in Montgomery county, are eligible for a free 4-H shirt.

You have until July 15 to fill out the registration and pick up your shirt. Register online or call our office.

