



4-H FAST FACTS



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

November 2020



It's 4-H Achievement time!

Even though we are not gathering in person for achievement this year, we still want to celebrate our 4-H achievers. Achievement awards will be distributed through the clubs this year so contact your leader for more details. The achievement book is on the website under awards.

Some of our top Winners....

Outstanding Member

Monica Dudek - Sr - Starr Shooters/Amanda Niemann - Jr - Clovers

I Dare You Award

Elaan Bader Teen Teachers

Jon Schmidt—Clovers

Emma Hughes—Clovers

Cecilia Dudek— Starr Shooters

Diamond and Emerald level Experience Awards

Amanda Niemann

Kendall Knodle

Erin Kistner

Kohen Stolte

Emma Hughes

Nathan Brown

Joelle Hughes

Alden Knodle

Elaan Bader

Jenna Durbin

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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 AT HOME SERIES



STEM Maker Kits

To check availability or to reserve a kit:
Call the office at 217-532-3941 or email lisa
at lmwhite@illinois.edu

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

Youth will learn basics of electricity as they work through the activities in the book.

HYDRAULIC CLAW

Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the arcade classic. Using a designed kit you can build you very own.

MAKER ROBOT KIT

This kit comes with instructions and supplies for building a rover. For the rest of the supplies, there are no specific instructions just a lot of supplies for you to be creative. Make your own Hebocon or DIY robot!

STRAW ROCKET

Create a paper rocket that can be launched from a soda straw – then, modify the design to make the rocket fly farther!

No Return

DIY POPCICLE FLASHLIGHT:

Youth will learn about circuits, switches, conductors and insulators through a simple LED flashlight project.

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MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT

Construct your own catapult out of everyday items. Then use it to hurl marshmallows at a friend or family member. How many can they catch with their mouth.

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COLLEGE 101


LEARN ABOUT THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF COLLEGE LIFE FROM CURRENT U OF I STUDENTS

Tuesday Nights - 7:00 PM
Beginning November 10

All sessions held LIVE via Zoom.

Each session will include a panel of current University of Illinois students or 4-H alumni who will share personal experiences and helpful hints for helping you navigate college life. Panelists will respond to some pre-determined questions but time will be given for live Q & A during each session as well.



 Register online at
extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

November 10 - Picking a Major & Career
Is college right for me? What should I study? What career path should I choose? What should I be doing now - in high school - to better prepare myself?



November 17 - Picking a College
How do I know if a college or university is right for me? How do I prepare for a college visit? What do you love about your college or university? What made you choose to enroll there?

November 24 - Applying, Financial Aid & Scholarships
What are some tips for completing college applications and financial aid applications? Where do I find scholarships?



December 1 - College Life
What is it like living in a dorm? How do you manage your class schedule and other responsibilities? What is the biggest adjustment to living on your own or with new people?



December 8 - College Life, Part Two
What type of student organizations are you involved in? What other experiences or opportunities can you be involved in on campus (study abroad, internships, student research, etc.)

December 15 - Start Now
What are some things that high school students could start or continue doing to better prepare for college? What is something you wish you were told about preparing for college? What's the biggest surprise about college so far?



Cloverbud Craft Pinecone Turkey



Make your very own pinecone turkey and show off what you are thankful for this year! Kit will include: Directions and all the supplies needed to make your turkey decoration. The only thing you need is the glue!

**Ages 5-7
FREE**

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
go.illinois.edu/cloverbudturkeykit

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday, November 16 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local Extension office or call to make other pick-up arrangements.

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Pumpkin Pie in a Bag

Create a no-bake pumpkin pie in a bag! Kits will include: pumpkin pie recipe, non-perishable ingredients, instructional video and fun facts about pumpkins.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
go.illinois.edu/pumpkinpiekit

FREE!

Kits will be available for pick up on Monday, November 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at your local Extension office.

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I Pledge:



(Right hand over heart)

My Heart to
Greater Loyalty

My Head to
Clearer Thinking



(Right hand points to forehead)



(Arms at sides)

and My Health to
Better Living,

My Hands to
Larger Service



(Arms slightly bent, palms up)

For My Club, My Community, My County, and My World.

LEARN THE 4-H PLEDGE

CLOVERBUD PLEDGE CHALLENGE

Do you know the 4-H pledge and hand motions?
If you don't you can learn it for this challenge.

We are asking our Cloverbuds to have a parent to record them reciting the pledge with hand motions. They can post the video on Facebook with the tag #illinoiscloverbud. All participants will receive a 4-H Prize.



Cloverbuds
ages 5-7

POST YOUR VIDEO ON FACEBOOK WITH THE TAG
#ILLINOISCLOVERBUD

For questions please contact Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu

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COLLEGIATE 4-H

JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittney Muschetto at uiucollegiate4h@gmail.com.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

4-H shooting sports members age 11 and up are still eligible to register and participate in the virtual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports 2020 Shoot! Disciplines offered include shotgun, archery, and rifle with scores entered online until the end of December.

Register at: <http://go.illinois.edu/20204Hregistration> and learn more at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu with any questions!



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and 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. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

- **Thursday, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaged volunteers are central to a thriving 4-H club program which is why we have developed three new virtual volunteer training opportunities for you this fall! Please hold the following dates and watch your email for an email for a registration details so you can participate in the following training opportunities!

It's Not Scary...It's Parliamentary Procedure – Thursday, October 29, 2020

Just because it's spooky season doesn't mean you have to be spooked by parliamentary procedure! Join us as we dive into the 4-1-1 on parliamentary procedure. We will explore officer roles, general parli-pro history, simplifying parliamentary procedure, and share ideas to help make parli-pro fun! Grab your ghouls and ghosts and save this date!

It may not be too late to register! Use this link to sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22663>

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22664>



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Start enrollment- Leaders you can start enrolling in 4-H online at: il.4honline.com

It has a new look but all the feedback we have heard is positive for ease of use.

A couple notes:

Cloverbuds can only enroll in the cloverbud project.

Some 4-H Fair classes like "lego" & WeDo Robots, are classes and not projects. Keep that in mind when enrolling.

Publications- this year publications can be ordered online at: <https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>

This is a way for us to collect a list but payment still needs to be made to the Extension office when picking up pubs. You could also order by calling the Extension office. Talk to your club leader first as your club may order as a group.

Book Order Schedule:

Order December 1 for January club meeting

Order February 1 for March club meeting

Order March 1 for April club meeting.

Order April 1 for May club meeting

All orders after March 1 will be filled from the resources at the Extension office.