



4-H FAST FACTS



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

October

Youth Leadership Team Kick Off Meeting

The Youth Leadership Team met in September for their first meeting of the year. The meeting started off with the team work challenge, 'Paper Tower' to see who could building the tallest paper tower. You can check out the results below. This group has a lot planned with year including quarterly community service projects for the county, weekend food program in 3 county high schools and a couple new projects that will be released shortly. If any Montgomery county 4-H member 13+ is interested in joining please contact Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu




**4-H
Achievement
Night**

November 5, 6pm
U of I Extension Office
Drive Thru Ceremony

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***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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The 2021-2022 4-H program fee for new and returning members is being waived again by the Unit 18 Extension Council. Their goal was to remove financial barriers for families during this challenging time so that more area youth can take part in the 4-H program.

FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS

Join FCL

Learn how **YOU** can be a leader in your community

COMMUNITY ISSUES



CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU

Timeline

November/December - training (dates set according to availability for members)

January - Feb Attend local government meetings and start researching a project

Winter-Spring work on a community project of your choice

Registration:

go.illinois.edu/montcommunityleaders

Questions:

ehugh2@illinois.edu



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The Secrets of Baking



Make Soft Pretzels in a Bag

TAKE HOME KIT

Learn the secrets of baking while making soft pretzels! Kits will be available for pick up at your local Extension Office.

Kits available for pick up starting October 11.
Available for all youth.

Register online: extension.illinois.edu/cjmm

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Montgomery County 4-H Archery Club

Meets Sundays from 1:30-3pm

Follow Facebook page for updates
Montgomery County Straightshooters,

Join anytime, open to
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

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If you need financial aid, contact your local Extension Council for more information.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for sending your account book.



4-H THANKFUL BASKETS



UNIT-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANKFUL 4 TEACHERS

REGISTER TO BRING GREEN ITEMS FROM THE PROVIDED LIST TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE NOV 1-17. ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE GIVEN TO AREA TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF!

Hosted by: Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Questions? Contact Elisha at ehugh2@illinois.edu or call 217-532-3941



Volunteer Training

For 4-H volunteers serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin & Montgomery Counties

Each topic will be offered IN PERSON and VIRTUALLY - Can attend in any county or format



Helping Youth Thrive

- Monday, October 25, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office
- Tuesday, October 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Saturday, November 6, 10:00 am -noon, Christian County Extension Office



Making the Most Out of Your Club Meetings

- Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, Christian County Extension Office
- Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, November 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, Jersey County Extension Office



Working With Youth

- Tuesday, November 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Montgomery County Extension Office
- Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-8:30 pm, VIRTUAL
- Thursday, December 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Macoupin County Extension Office

Register online:

go.illinois.edu/cjmmvolunteertraining

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Save the date!

4-H Officer Training

Saturday, October 30, 2021

9:30 - 11 a.m.

More information and registration details coming soon!

Open to all 4-H officers or members interested in becoming an officer!

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WELCOME TO 4-H!

GETTING STARTED

Now that you are ready to join 4-H, here is a list to get you started.



CHOOSE PROJECTS

There are over 70 different project areas for you to learn about. For your first year choose just a couple to get started.

ENROLL ONLINE

Enrollment is typically done online at il.4h.online.com however, if you don't have reliable internet you can request a paper copy from your leader or the 4-H office.



ORDER PUBLICATIONS

Most projects have a project manual. Manuals can be purchased on go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hshop. Talk to your club leader first though as they may have some advice.

GET YOUR FREE SHIRT

Every new member gets a free 4-H t-shirt just for joining! When your enrollment is approved, we will send a shirt to your club leader or in the mail.



4-H FALL CLOVERBUD GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

Youth will get a fall themed art project to make at home!

Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmcloverbudfallkit

Youth Ages 5-7

Kits available from local Extension Office starting Oct .11

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Need Help? Contact your local staff.

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Travel Abroad Update!

Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Or at <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/71518-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

Program information can be found [here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/06mmylql4dyh124tqjf0husfqj1s4sqn>

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#) or at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/rltzgtq5h4t8xvmmmpuehvdypry9np4s>

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

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Let's get social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to carissa7@illinois.edu.

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!

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