



4-H FAST FACTS



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

December 2019

2019 Achievement awards



Gold Winners



Silver Winners

[More photos on our Facebook page](#)

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Members win awards for participating in 4-H activities

Montgomery County members were award Gold, silver and Bronze level awards for their participation in the 4-H program. If you would like to know how you can be eligible for these awards, talk with your 4-H leader or the Extension staff. Award applications are due August 31.

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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Pet Treat Workshop

Bake for your own furry friends and those spending the holidays in a shelter.



December 7, 9-10am

Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro

Ages 5-10

Cost \$5

Registration:
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county>



4-H Card Making

Cost \$3



At the Montgomery County Extension

December 14

10 am- 11am

Ages 8-18

Register online

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/events>

Or Call 532-3941

Montgomery County 4-H Archery Practice



Meets Sundays 1-3pm
Starting January
At the Extension office

Must be enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H to participate. Join Montgomery County 4-H today and contact the Extension Office 217-532-3941 or Elisha ehugh2@illinois.edu

Youth ages 8-18 years as of Sept. 1, 2019
If you are not a member you will need to pay a \$10 4-H enrollment and a \$10 club fee.

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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.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H



**4-H
SHOWBOOK
COVER
CONTEST!**

WINNER RECEIVES
\$20 GIFT FROM
4-H MALL

Help us design a new showbook cover
for the 2020 4-H Fair

SEND YOUR ENTRIES BY JANUARY 13.

Entry Requirements

1. "Montgomery County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2020" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. Use any fair or project theme.
3. Must be a 4-H member
4. Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
5. Your entry must be on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover, accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.

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**Shooting Sports & Sewing Classes
Starting in January.**

**Info Coming Soon. Look for info in
the Updates**

2020 Fair Dates

The 4-H committee met on November 14 and set the following schedule.

April 21 Public Speaking 6pm

June 22 Cat show 3pm, Ext Office

Dog Show 5:30, 4-H Park

June 23 Poultry, Rabbits and Beef

June 24 Sheep and Goats

June 26 Swine

June 27 General Show 9am, 4h Park

June 29 5:30pm Food and Clothing

June 30 Visual Arts Technology, ?? Projects 5pm, Extension office.

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HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD DONATION

Collecting
throughout the
school year that
the Extension
office

ITEMS NEEDED: MICROWAVE MAC & CHEESE, RAVIOLI, POPCORN, CANNED FRUIT & VEGGIES WITH POP TOP, PUDDING/APPLESAUCE CUPS, GRANOLA/CEREAL BARS, SNACK SIZE COOKIES, PRETZELS, GOLDFISH, JUICE BOXES, FRUIT SNACKS, BREAKFAST BARS

Donate goods to our vulnerable families

For more information contact Erin Kistner at 217-594-7126 or Montgomery County Extension Office at 217-532-3941.

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Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus>

Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Pre-registration is not required.



Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:



- Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level
- Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by **{Local Staff - INSERT A DATE YOU WANT NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED}**, which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.



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Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30

Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.



Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.



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Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.



Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

- The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. **The local Livestock committee will cover the cost for Montgomery County members. Please wait for more information from your local office about the trainings.**

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

- The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The



Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21 – 27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

Aim high for the Illinois State Fair

Make plans now to attend the Illinois State Fair. The 4-H General Project Show will be three days, Aug. 14-16 in Springfield. **Our exhibit day is Saturday, August 15!**

August 15

Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, **Jersey**, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, **Macoupin**, Massac, McLean, Menard, **Montgomery**, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford

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mark your calendar!



2020 Dates

Dec 6	YLT meeting 6pm
Dec 7	Pet treat Workshop
Dec 14	Card Making and Cupcake Decorating
January 3	DEADLINE: Citizenship Washington Focus registration
January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 21 – June 27	Illini Summer Academies
August 15	STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY: Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford

Homemade cookie donations **NEEDED**

For the Hillsboro High school weekend food program.
Cookies must be delivered to the extension office between Dec. 17-19.

YLT meeting

DEC 6, 6pm.

Let us know you are
coming.

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