

The 4-H Times



Marshall-Putnam

December 2020
January 2021

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4-H Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment in 4-H can take place any time during the year. However in order to be eligible for premiums, trophies, awards and State Fair Honors, you must be enrolled by March 1, 2021. If you need project books, follow link in confirmation email. Please note if you want to take part in SPIN Clubs you will need to be registered in 4honline.com prior to the start of the SPIN Club. Email Anne with any enrollment questions. amscheel@illinois.edu

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Association Meeting

March 1, 2021

7:00pm

All Leaders and Superintendents are encouraged to attend.

If we have to do this meeting via Zoom, a link will be emailed.

Senior Profiles Needed

Seniors please complete the online Senior Profile form. It can be found on our unit web page under online forms and surveys: <https://go.illinois.edu/mp4hseniorprofile>

A senior picture is also needed. Please email a jpeg photo to Anne at amscheel@illinois.edu
Preferred by February 1, 2021

Beef Weigh in
February 13, 2021
Call the office to schedule your time slot.
309-364-2356

Superintendent needed for Home and Family Department.

Judging for this department is on Wednesday at 1:00. Please contact Anne at 309-364-2356 for more information.

**Marshall-Putnam
2021
4-H Show
July 19 - 22
State Fair
Friday August 13**



.22 Rifle begins February 4, 2021 pending Covid restrictions. Registration must be in the office by January 28, in order to have you on the roster.

Shooting Sports Enrollment deadline is one week prior to the start date of each discipline. You must complete the registration paperwork and make payment to be a member of Shooting Sports. Forms can be found at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties>

Do not forget to order your project books. Link is in your enrollment confirmation email.

Project Selection Guide are available at the Extension office or view online;

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties>

Fundraiser reminder: There are only two fundraisers allowed per calendar year. This is a statute established by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

**M-P Extension office
will be closed**

December 23 – January 3

Federation News

Federation is open to all youth in 8th grade and above. A Zoom link for our December meeting has been sent to eligible members. Enrollment in 4-H is required, however members do not have to be in a community club. SPIN club members are welcome to be a part of federation. The “new” federation will focus on more Leadership and project days. They will still host the Closing Ceremony at the 4-H Show and Achievement Night when we return to normal. Contact a current member or Anne for more information, 309 364-2356 or amscheel@illinois.edu

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NASA Virtual Learning Opportunities Overview

Date: January 4, 5-6 pm | Type: Webinar



Get an overview of virtual learning opportunities for educators and students that are offered by NASA's STEM Engagement and Educator Professional Development Collaborative (EPDC). Presenters will walk through the EPDC website to showcase the resources available to assist educators with their STEM instruction and students with their continuous STEM learning. A detailed overview of the educator and student digital badging systems will be shared, including account creation, exploration of current digital badges, and student communities. Cost: FREE. [Learn more and register.](https://origin-www.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=593100&) <https://origin-www.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=593100&>

Offered by: NASA Educator Professional Development Collaborative at Texas State University



If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.

ISA TEEN PRODUCTION TEAM

Join us and be a part of the Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team! Help us plan and lead this summer, state-wide, virtual event! For more information on what the Teen Production Team does and, how to apply, please click on this [here](#).

Application Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Due: Friday, January 8, 2021

Interviews will be a part of the application process!

Contact information:

Roxana Cejeda

illini-4h@illinois.edu | 217-333-0910

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.

ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. If you or your club are interested, please let Anne know.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science>

ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERS HIGHLIGHTED IN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VIDEO COMPETITION

On November 15th, Dr. Megan Dailey, Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems Director at the University of Illinois, announced the winners of their Food Systems Video Challenge. The first-place prize went to Julia Heller, a 4-Her from Ogle County currently serving as the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team President and studying Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Second place was awarded to Elean Bader, a 4-Her from Montgomery County and a Food Advocacy Team member. Both video submissions focused on the role which each of us plays in shaping our food system. Future video challenge competitions will be made available to 4-H members around the state who want to play a role in a healthier, more sustainable future. See the winning video submission on the Metropolitan Food and Environmental System Facebook feed here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/MFSTIllinois/>

NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE



It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box!

For details and instructions, contact Anne at amscheel@illinois.edu

ISA TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge. For more information on requirements and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Application link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: Friday, January 22, 2021

Contact information:

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2021 AG INNOVATORS EXPERIENCE

This next year's theme will be **Curbing Our Carbon Appetite**. The 2021 4-H Ag Innovators Experience, Curbing Our Carbon Appetite Challenge, is a series of interactive, hands-on activities that help youth understand why everyone has a role to play in addressing climate change. Participants will learn how human activity including burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, soil mismanagement, and unwise food systems are increasing atmospheric carbon and contributing to climate change. The activity leads them through an exploration of actions that three carbon influencer groups—agriculture, business and industry, and individuals and families—can take to reduce atmospheric carbon.

If you are interested to learn more and to participate in the AIE 2021 activities, please join us for an informational meeting **Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 from 10-11:00 AM (CST)**.

Please see the attached flyer as well for details.

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/CurbingOurCarbonAppetite>

In our meeting we will discuss:

1. Details about the challenge
2. The salary reimbursement process for participating Units

Questions you have about engaging youth

Please join us! We are looking to recruit a team of about 10-15 folks to meet our deliverables.

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For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?



Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799) today! <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799>

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS



Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News: https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/8251680](https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/8251680)

4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021



Save the date for a fun evening of networking with Illinois 4-H alumni for a virtual trivia night. Trivia night will be hosted by Hambone Entertainment, and trivia questions will cover a wide range of knowledge, including history, sports, pop culture, and of course, 4-H! Teams will be randomly assigned at the event to encourage new connections and networking.

Registration will launch in early January 2021.

Time: 7:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

Cost: \$10/per person

If you have newsletters that will go live prior, please use the link to the 4-H alumni webpage to watch for more information: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni>.

** Information in Box file – under 4-H Alumni Events

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!



We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>



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2021 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show
For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2020
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2021
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –
 - **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 30, 2021) and February 28, 2021.**
 - In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021
- Weighed and Tattooed **with Box A tattoo** from February 10 to April 15, 2021
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2021
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2021
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.

- 3 Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- 3 Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- 3 Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2021.
- 3 Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2020
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2021
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

2021 Breeding Animals Birth & Ownership Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

SWINE – GILTS:

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2021
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2021

HORSE & PONY:

- **On or before June 1** – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2021
- At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2021.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does – By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others – Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.

Changes/Notices Regarding the 2021 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2021 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website:

<http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program are available at your county Extension Office.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: **Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1** for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.



Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am-4:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday

Subject to staff availability

Closed noon to 1pm daily

Staff

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
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