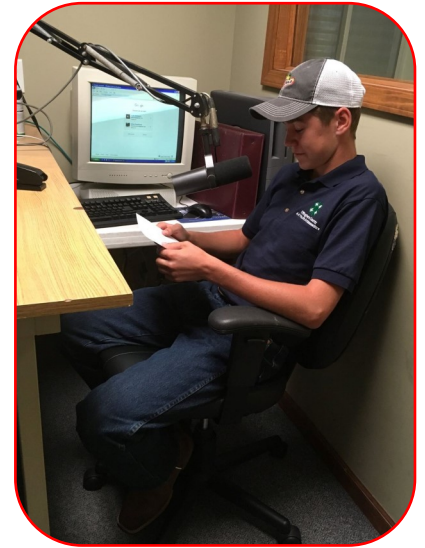


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## 4-H Newsletter

February 2021



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## **Calendar of events**

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### **February**

- 11..... County Connections—Leader Meeting (ZOOM)
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217-300-9294**

## **Premium Checks**

2019 Effingham County 4-H Fair premium checks have been printed and will be distributed soon. When you receive yours **please cash/deposit them ASAP!** Do not hold onto your checks. You **MUST** cash your checks within 60 days from the time the check was printed.

**Effingham County 4-H**  
Making a difference for life

## Effingham County 4-H



# 4-H Beef Weigh-In

Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL

February 20, 2021  
9 – 10:30 a.m.

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4-H members wishing to participate in the rate of gain contest or participate at the state fair must have their steers weighed & tagged. Beef Weigh In will be February 20, 2021,

### Project Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at the Effingham County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled in their projects May 1, 2020. The 4-H program year is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. To register visit:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

### Horse & Dog Ownership/ Lease Forms

4-H members who plan to exhibit dogs or horses at the Effingham County Dog & Horse exhibitions must complete the ownership/lease forms and provide them to the Extension office by May 1. Forms are available at the Extension office or visit [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff\\_dog\\_horse\\_ownership\\_form\\_-\\_effingham\\_2020.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff_dog_horse_ownership_form_-_effingham_2020.pdf)

### QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.



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## 4-H Rabbit Superintendent Needed

Contact Carl Baker to Apply by  
March 1, 2021  
cdbaker@illinois.edu

The 4-H Rabbit Superintendent role is to provide a positive learning experience for 4-H members and volunteers in the judging of rabbit projects. In addition, they will be instrumental in promoting a positive image of 4-H to the public within the scope of University of Illinois Extension guidelines.

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Effingham County  
Exhibits at State Fair  
Saturday  
August 14



**Publications** - if you are needing to order publications, you will do it directly at this web site:  
[https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\\_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T](https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T)

## Birthday Corner

Those celebrating birthdays in the months of February are:

2/2	Rhylee Holland
2/3	Aubrey Niemerg
2/4	Hunter Niemerg
2/7	Violet Ordner
2/9	Jennifer Weidner
2/9	Anthony Kreke
2/9	Charles D Ring
2/11	Anna Sigg
2/14	Luke Sipe
2/15	Brant Burry



2/15	Dalton Will
2/15	Adalyn Stock
2/16	Samuel Vonderheide
2/18	Ruby Stuckemeyer
2/19	Lillian Rodgers
2/22	Korina Hecht
2/24	Lydia Wendling
2/27	Gage Wendling
2/28	Patricia Purcell

The University of Illinois Extension staff would like to wish you a very happy birthday and may all your birthday wishes come true! Have a great day! If you have not re-enrolled for this year, your birthday will not appear in the birthday corner. Be sure to get enrolled today so we can help celebrate your special day!

# Clay County 4-H



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## CLAY COUNTY

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## Calendar of events


(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

### February

6 .....Beef Weigh In

11 .....County Connections Leader Meeting (zoom)


SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6




**CLAY COUNTY 4-H**  
BEEF WEIGH IN  
CLEM HILMES  
FARM

**CLUB SCHEDULE**

8 AM Little Wabash Deer & Fawn, Dismal Creek Critters  
8:30 AM Panther Creek Pioneers  
9 AM Thomas Toilers  
10 AM Walnut Hill  
11 AM Pixley Pride  
11:30 AM All Other Clubs



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**Farm address: 628 Magnolia Lane, Flora**

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**217-300-4807**

## Clay County 4-H



General Project  
Show Day  
Saturday, August 14

**Clay County Fair**  
**July 24-31, 2021**

### Virtual Officer Training

A 4-H officer training is in the works for members of Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper counties! Be on the lookout for more details and the date to be announced soon!

This will be a great opportunity for current officers and those interested in running for a position to learn more.

### State 4-H Public Speaking

**Location:** Richland Community College, Decatur, IL

**Sponsors:** Compeer Financial and the Illinois 4-H Foundation

**Qualifications:** Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in the Illinois State Fair General Projects Show.

**Divisions:** Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation

Scoresheets are available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>

### Enrollment is open!

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#### Enrollment Instructions

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#### Liability Form (blue)

Review the 4-H Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability form, then have it signed by participant and parent/guardian before returning to our office. *This only has to be signed once, so re-enrolling members do not need to complete again.*

### Publications & Manuals

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<https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>

Books will be ordered on a regular basis. \*Clay County Extension will pay up to \$5 towards the cost of project manuals.

# Fayette County 4-H



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## FAYETTE COUNTY

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## Calendar of events

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### February

6..... Beef Weigh In

11..... County Connections Leader Meeting (zoom)

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## Fayette County 4-H



Fayette County  
General Project Show Day  
Saturday, August 14

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# Jasper County 4-H



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## JASPER COUNTY

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Jasper County Illinois 4-H

## Calendar of events

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### February

11 ..... County Connections—Leader Meeting (zoom)

13 ..... Beef Weigh In

### March

1 ..... 4-H Enrollment Deadline



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*Don't forget:*

**4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE - MARCH 1**

**4-H members must be enrolled by the deadline to show at the  
2021 4-H Fair.**

## Jasper County 4-H

**COVID UPDATE**—As of right now, 4-H clubs are allowed to meet with 10 or less people indoors, or 50% capacity. When this changes, Extension staff will notify club leaders.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**—The Jasper County 4-H Public Speaking contest will be held in August. Depending on Covid restrictions, we are planning an in-person contest. Look for specific dates and times in the March newsletter.

**4-H PENPALS**— Are you interested in becoming the pen pal to another 4-H member that lives in a different state? 4-H members in Montana are interested in the same thing! 4-H clubs or individual members can participate. We would like to see individual members commit to writing 2 times each month. To register, and for guidelines, please go to

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgl4G44I-1\\_Nnr-hlyOBSXnRmj5zFjBwJZz\\_Hf8Wz7V4T-pA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgl4G44I-1_Nnr-hlyOBSXnRmj5zFjBwJZz_Hf8Wz7V4T-pA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

# Jasper County 4-H Beef Weigh-in

February 13, 2021  
9-10 a.m.

Tarr's Farm  
4660 N 1300th Ave, Newton



# Unit 21 4-H News



## Cancer Doesn't Define Me, and 2020 Won't Define Us

*How 4-H Inspires Resilience and Perseverance Through Life's Challenges*

I've proudly recited the 4-H pledge since I was 9 years old. But, much of my 4-H experience has been unconventional.

I've attended virtual 4-H meetings before "Zoom" became a household name; completed fair projects from the St. Louis Children's Hospital while waiting for a bone marrow transplant; attended conferences and helped judge fair projects from my hospital room; and wrote legislators regarding important health and agricultural issues while recovering in my bed at home.

**For the past five years, I've spent much of my life in and out of hospitals undergoing treatment for stage IV High Risk Neuroblastoma cancer.** I'll never forget how difficult that first hospital stay was. Not only was my family still reeling from the cancer diagnosis, but we didn't have any basic supplies for a lengthy hospital stay. Who thinks about *toothbrushes* when you're just trying to wrap your mind around chemotherapy? Who remembers to pack snacks when confronted with their child's serious illness?

But that experience got me thinking...*Other families must be dealing with this, too. Could I make their days and nights a little more comfortable so they can focus on healing...and on just spending precious time with each other?*

4-H taught me many things, but most of all it taught me the importance of contributing to my community. It inspires us to be leaders when we're called to serve. And that's what I needed to do. **I needed to turn my experience with pediatric cancer into a platform of awareness, advocacy and compassion.**

In 2017, I took initiative and formed my platform, "Crowns Fight Cancer," shortly after being crowned Jr. Miss Effingham County Fair Queen. **I knew in that moment – when my name echoed over the loudspeaker – that it wasn't about me, but rather every kid stuck in a hospital whose voice couldn't be heard.** So, I started advocating for childhood cancer research, awareness, and funding with a passion. I traveled to Washington, D.C. multiple times to speak with congressional leaders, I've been a guest speaker at CureFest, met with the FDA about issues affecting pediatric oncology patients, and was featured in an award-winning docu-series about pediatric cancer.

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, I'm beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to bless other families going through their own harrowing cancer journeys. I organize supply drives collecting toiletries and snacks to donate to St. Louis and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospitals and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Using my 4-H leadership skills, I've partnered with local businesses, civic organizations, 4-H clubs, area schools, and the media to promote this initiative which has – to date – **provided families with more than 60,000 essential items.** This project is something I am incredibly proud of, and I am excited to see how it will continue to grow.

One thing I love about 4-H is how much it embraces diversity and people of all abilities. There's no *one way* to be a 4-H'er. With each passing year, I've gained a broader skill set, expanded my knowledge, and increased my beneficial contributions to society. Throughout my battle with cancer, I've felt empowered and supported by my 4-H community which, in turn, has allowed me to empower and support others.

Participating in 4-H truly changed the course of my life and equipped me for the future – inspiring my dream to become a Pediatric Oncology Nurse. The hands-on projects I've participated in helped grow my confidence and develop my independence and strength. As a nurse, I will be able to take what I've learned in 4-H and directly apply it on an oncology floor – enriching the lives I touch and teaching pediatric patients the power of resilience.

Cancer is part of my story, but it doesn't *define* me. 4-H continues to be the reason for some of my best days, and helps me through some of my most challenging ones. And after a year like 2020, millions of kids need that support, too. This difficult year is always going to be part of our story, but it doesn't have to dictate our future. **I believe 4-H is what kids need most right now.**

If there's a kid in your life, introduce them to 4-H. It can change the course of their future in remarkable ways.

**Elizabeth Weidner**

*Illinois 4-H*

*2021 4-H Youth in Action Civic Engagement Pillar Winner*



# Illinois 4-H

## 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to 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.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#) today!

## States 4-H International Exchange

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

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## 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/>



# Illinois 4-H

## 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83565174329?pwd=dDAvR2lxN3J3bmJqQVdmTy9raUZsZz09>



## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue 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 have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**

**Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!



# Illinois 4-H



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

**Eligible Extension Units:** 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 representing the 60 counties served by Farm Credit Illinois: Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Menard, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

**Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/community](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/community)



## FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

**Eligible Extension Units:** 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 representing the 60 counties served by Farm Credit Illinois: Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Menard, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

**Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship)

## 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.

# Illinois 4-H

## Tell Your 4-H Story –

### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H.

4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6**.

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

**Registration will close March 4.**



## 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)

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 \*Country availability changes each year

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

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## Shooting Sports

Results of the first annual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Shoot are now posted on the Illinois 4-H events website, or click here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HVirtualShootResults2020>

Over 420 scores were posted and ribbons have been mailed to the top ten winners in shotgun; air rifle; compound archery; and recurve archery. Congratulations to all the participants and especially the 4-H leaders that went to the extra effort to offer this contest to their local shooting sports 4-H clubs! Thank you, volunteers!






**JOIN 4-H TODAY!**

- 4-H is for young people ages 5-18.
- Explore & master new skills!
- Learn leadership skills!
- Have fun!

**4-H YOUTH ARE:**

- nearly **4x more likely** to contribute to their communities.
- about **2x more likely** to be civically active.
- nearly **2x more likely** to participate in science programs during out-of-school time.
- **2x more likely** to make healthier choices.

Join over 200,000 youth enrolled in Illinois 4-H today!

Find a local extension office near you!  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/locations>




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