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CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H Clubs have been busy this winter engaging in community service projects in various ways:

Crusading Eagles — members put together sanitation bundles (paper towels, Lysol, disinfectant wipes, etc.) and donated to two assisted living centers.

Clover Friends, Maeystown Clovers & Golden Eagles — each club adopted a family for Christmas and provided items on children's' wish lists as well as gift cards, food and toiletries to help them through the holidays.

Moonlight Boys & Girls — bought food and gift certificates for meat for two families in need for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Backyard Bandits — members designed and built a "Blessing Box," designed for people in the community to take what they need and give what they can of non-perishable food items. The Blessing Box is located in front of the annex building.



Crusading Eagles



Clover Friends



Backyard Bandits

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Office Hours:
Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
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Connecting with Cultures & Continents

Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 5 interactive online workshops each covering a different indigenous culture. Each workshop will incorporate an engaging presentation over each culture, a cultural art/craft, and a food/drink recipe to do together.

January 27 → *South/Central America*: The Guna (Kuna) People
Register by **January 20**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Guna>

February 25 → *Arctic*: The Inuit People
Register by **February 18**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Inuit>

March 23 → *Europe*: The Celtic People
Register by **March 16**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>

April 28 → *North America*: The Cahokia People
Register by **April 21**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Cahokia>

May 25 → *Africa*: The Zulu People
Register by **May 18**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Zulu>

Only \$5 per workshop!

Each workshop scheduled from 4-6pm



Information about picking up supplies is in the **registration links**



The activities completed in these workshops will meet the requirements for **Passport to the World** projects and several categories of **Visual Arts**



Each workshop limited to the first **24 participants**, so sign up today!



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the event coordinator.

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Senior citizen pen pal DONATIONS Needed



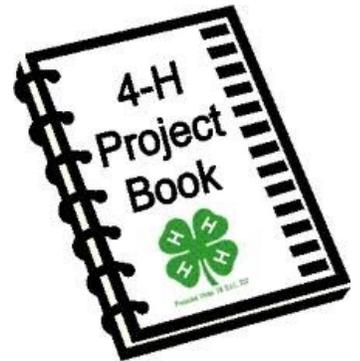
We are collecting donations of stationary, cards, pens and stamps to provide to senior citizens participating in the 4-H Pen Pal Program.

Donations can be dropped off in the Annex building lobby in a tub outside of the Extension office doors M-F, 8-4:30pm.

Project books

If you did not order a project book this year and you still need one, please email Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu by **FEB. 3** and let her know what you still need.

Some projects do not have books any longer but do have online resources. Check to see if what you need is here:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>



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 including Monroe County.



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Baebler Educational Farm

Pollinator garden clean-up Day

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

It's time for the annual clean-up day for the Pollinator Garden at Baebler Educational Farm on March 20 (rain date March 27).

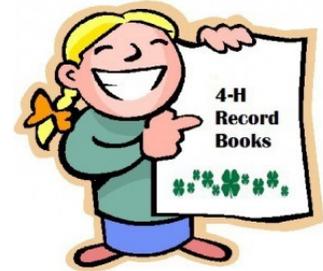
This is open to all 4-H Clubs including members, parents, etc.

Due to social distancing guidelines, participants are asked to sign up for a time to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944aba728a0fc1-pollinator>

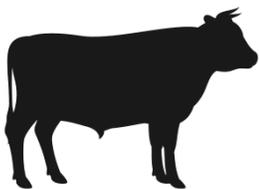


LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

It's time to start working on Record Books!



- The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- The Instruction Guide is found here: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2021** for evaluation.



Steer weigh-in

The steer weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021.

A schedule has been distributed for families to weigh at different times throughout the morning. Steers must be calved on or after January 1, 2020 and owned & personally cared for by the exhibitor since - February 1, 2021

Please contact Kelly Brandt at 939-3434 if you have questions.

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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.

IAA Foundation Scholarships



The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Watch the Deadline

Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.

High School Seniors:

Monroe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Coming Soon!

Watch your email for more details!

2021 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for

Illinois State Fair Junior Show

STEERS:

Calved on or after January 1, 2020; owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since - February 1, 2021; weighed, tattooed & tagged - February 20, 2021

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

Lambled on or after January 1, 2021; owned by: 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.

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

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers

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

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.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for all **horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals**. The website is now open: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> 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 will be forthcoming.

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=dDAvR2IxN3J3bmJqQVdmTy9raUZsZz09>

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ conversations

Meet with other volunteers 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!

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>

Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! & Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

On March 5-7, high school students can develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability at the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science.

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>

If you are interested in attending:

1. Register here: <https://shop4-h.org/products/2021-agri-science-living-summit-registration> by Feb. 19
2. Email Kelly Brandt @kmbbrandt@illinois.edu to let her know you are participating.
3. Fill out the Monroe County 4-H Event Scholarship if you would like help paying for the fee: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/4-h_event_scholarship_fillable-

Speaking for 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.



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Discovering STEM in ACES

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, **July 11- 23, 2021**, via Zoom from the University of Illinois for youth in grades 9-11.

It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. This is a FREE program.

The application **deadline is Friday-March 19, 2021.**

You can access more information at:

<https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem>

Ag Discovery Program

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program.

This program is also virtual via Zoom, **July 11-30, 2021**. The deadline to apply is **March 25**.

This is a FREE program. See the link to access the application:

<https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery>



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

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

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.

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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/>

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

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Calendar of Events

Steer Weigh-in	February 20, Monroe County Fairgrounds (timeslots assigned)
Connecting with Cultures & Continents Workshop: The Inuit People	February 25, 4-6pm, Virtual
National 2021 Agri-Science Virtual Summit Registration due: Feb. 19	March 5-7, Virtual
<i>Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training</i> Registration due: March 4	March 6, Virtual
Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests Registration due: Feb. 18	March 13, Virtual
Illini Summer Academies	June 27-July 1, Virtual
Discovering STEM in ACES Registration due: March 19	July 11- 23, Virtual
Ag Discovery Program Registration Due: March 25	July 11-30, Virtual

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