



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

March & April 2022

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

## Scholarships Available for Fulton County 4-H Members

Scholarships are available for Fulton County 4-H members who are graduating this spring. Complete information was in the January/February 4-H Newsletter. If you need another copy of this, call 547-3711. For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current Fulton County 4-H member; must also be an achievement member; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals. The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals.

To receive a College Scholarship Application, contact the Fulton County Extension Office at 547-3711, or stop by. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2022.

## Public Presentations Judging

For those enrolled in the 4-H Public Speaking project, judging will be held the end of March or first week of April. More information will be available soon regarding the date and time. Judging will be held at the Extension Office in Lewistown (upstairs in the board room). If you want to participate, and are not yet enrolled in that project, you need to add it as soon as possible. Call 547-3711 or email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu) to do so.

Categories are Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, and Oral Interpretation. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 if you would like more information or a copy of the score sheet for a certain category. The State Public Speaking contest **will not** have a virtual option. The State Contest this year is April 30 and will be located at Parkland Community College, Champaign IL. All participants are expected to attend Parkland College on April 30. More information will be given to those chosen to go on to the state contest.

## 4-H Skating Party!

4-H Federation is sponsoring a 4-H Skating Party for all 4-H members and their families. Come to Skateland, 1040 West Hickory in Canton on Saturday, March 12, from 3 – 5 p.m. and have fun! We'll have the place to ourselves. Your admission and skate rental will be paid for, but you may want to bring money for the snack bar or arcade area. Please feel free to bring individually packaged snacks to share if you would like. We have selected Fulton County Humane Society as our donation recipient this year. A donation is not required to attend this event, but if you are so inclined to contribute to the Fulton County Humane Society, we will make sure all funds received are delivered to this worthy cause.



## Show Helpers Needed

Adults, please call the Extension Office (547-3711) or email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu) if you would like to help as a Superintendent on General Show Day. Also, older 4-H members are needed to help as 4-H Assistants that day. Another place that we need help is during the County Fair Livestock Shows, where we need an adult for each species to record the 4-H ratings and pass out ribbons. Please call the Extension Office if you could help in any of these areas, or send an email to [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu).



## Missed Radio Programs

If your club had to cancel its 4-H radio program recording, please call Krista at 547-3711 to reschedule for another time. 4-H clubs are asked to share in this responsibility just once a year. If your club has a lot of information to share, they are welcome to record more than one radio spot!



## Livestock Judging Club

4-H Leader Robyn Hendel invites anyone interested to join the 4-H Livestock Judging Club. They will be going to some area farms and practice contests. There is still time to join this club if you are interested! Contact the Extension Office at 547-3711 for more information.

## Fair Queen Candidate

4-H Federation has been invited to sponsor a Fulton County Fair Queen candidate. If you are at least 16 years old, and would be interested in being 4-H Federation's queen candidate this year, send a short letter to the Extension Office or by email to [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu) by April 18.



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## Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

### Krista Gray

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

### Joli Pierson

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

### Kristi Smith

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

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**Emily Schoenfelder**, 4-H Youth Educator

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**Earl Allen**, County Director

**Deb Balagna**, Fulton County Office Support

**Paula Lane**, Mason County Office Support

**Angela Sassine**, Peoria County Office Support

**Julann Schierer**, Tazewell County Office Support

## March

6 – Busy Bees 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:55 a.m. 94.1 BYS

12 - 4-H Skating Party, 3 - 5 p.m., Skateland in Canton (see article in this newsletter)

27 - Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:55 a.m., 94.1 BYS

## April

1 - Deadline to order ticket for 4-H Day with the Cardinals (see article in this newsletter)

6 - 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

10 - 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Session begins

17 – Astoria Pirates 4-H Club Radio Program 9:55 a.m., 94.1 BYS

## May

1 - 4-H enrollment deadline **to exhibit at shows this year**

1 - Horse Ownership and Horse Lease Forms due to Extension Office

1 - County 4-H college scholarship applications due to Extension Office

14 – 4-H Day with the Cardinals

**Please check the Fulton County 4-H Facebook page for additional dates as they become available.**

## Reminder of Horse Helmet Rule

Horse Members -- All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse and pony events, shows, activities, or practices. **That means even when you are warming up at the show.** Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified head gear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Helmet policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. It is recommended that all adults working with 4-H members model the desired youth behavior by also wearing protective helmets whenever mounted or driving. If cost is an issue, the 4-H Horse Committee will help you find a helmet that is affordable. Please call 309-547-3711.

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# Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports

## Spring 2022 Session



Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports is a Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Club, shorter in duration, and focusing on one subject.

Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 8 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer and Craig Hand	April 10 & 24; May 1, 15, 22 & 29  (six sessions)	1 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 10 & 24; May 1, 15, 22 & 29  (six sessions)	1 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 10 & 24; May 1, 15, 22 & 29  (six sessions)	2 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	April 10 & 24; May 1, 15, 22 & 29  (six sessions)	4 p.m.  Lasts a little over an hour

\* 4-H program fees are paid annually and cover involvement in all 4-H clubs. Shooting Sports supply fees are paid for each discipline and each spring/fall session.

**Mandatory Safety Meeting – April 6, 6:30 p.m.** at U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to attend. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this session, you must attend the Safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment packets will be available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/FultonShootingSports> or you may call to have one mailed to you (547-3711), or pick one up in person at the U of I Extension office in Lewistown. You may not enroll online for this; signed forms and payment are required.

Deadline to register – Space is limited and filled on first come, first served basis. Final deadline is April 5. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time. Payment and all signed forms must be submitted to reserve a spot. If you need assistance with the fee, contact the Extension office at 547-3711.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members who have permission from the instructors.

Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set.

*Instructor Lonnie Van Pelt is willing to visit your 4-H club to tell you more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Call the Extension office at 547-3711 for contact information.*

**Archery** – A unit-wide Archery 4-H Club is being offered during the Spring 2022 season. It is held in Pekin and the first session is Sunday, April 24. Details at [go.illinois.edu/4HArcheryInPekin](https://go.illinois.edu/4HArcheryInPekin)

# Weighing and Tattooing Sheep and Meat Goat Wethers

## **Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – Nomination format —**

Lambled on or after January 1, 2022

Ownership Date – May 15, 2022

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension staff.

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, 2022.

Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

## **Junior and Open Premiere Wether and Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:**

Starting this year ewe lambs (females) will be eligible for the Premiere show.

Lambled on or after January 1, 2022.

Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level by Extension staff, using designated tattoo. Call 547-3711 to make an appointment.

Completed nomination forms must be signed by local Extension staff, who will send to Dan Jennings for you. This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022.

## **Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – Nomination format —**

Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2021

Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2022

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, 2022. The Extension Office will mail for you to Dan Jennings.

# Barrow Tattooing and Weigh-Ins

## **Rules For Barrows —**

To be eligible for the County Rate-of-Gain Contest or the Illinois State Fair Premiere Contest, your barrow(s) must be weighed and tattooed before they are 35 days old. All pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2022. Tattooing of barrows is done at the Extension Office, **by appointment only**, and must be done by the deadlines listed. Call 547-3711 to schedule an appointment.

**You only have to do this if you are showing in the Rate of Gain class at the Fulton County Fair, or if you are showing Premiere at State Fair.**

For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2022. For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate of Gain Contest, the farrowing date is on or after February 10, 2022.

Barrows must be castrated and ear-notched prior to tattooing. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 25 barrows at the time of tattooing. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pounds per day of age when tattooed.

**Please read the rules and deadlines carefully, and check the age and weight per day of age to determine when you may need to have your barrows weighed and tattooed.**

# Leader News

## 4-H Program Fees

Again this year, there is a \$20 per member 4-H Program Fee. There is a family (household) cap of \$60, meaning that a family (household) will only pay \$60 at the most, regardless of how many children are members.

4-H key leaders will receive a statement shortly after May 1, listing their members and the amount due. The payment from the club will be due June 1.

**It is very important that the due date of June 1 is honored.** There is a fee waiver form for families to submit if they cannot afford to pay the fee. No one will be denied membership because of inability to pay. Some 4-H clubs that have larger treasuries may decide to pay the fees (or a portion) from the club treasury. Some 4-H clubs may receive a donation from a local business that could help pay the fees. Some 4-H clubs will opt to collect it from individual families. Some 4-H clubs may decide to have fundraisers to raise these funds. It is up to the individual 4-H clubs how they want to handle the collection of the fees. It is up to the clubs whether they collect the fee now or later, but it must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Secretary and Treasurer Books

**Leaders — Please** check with these officers from time to time to see if they need help in getting this done. They are due in the Extension Office each year by September 30.





# News from Illinois 4-H

## 4-H Family Spirit Award

4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award. You can find more information at [4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award](http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award). Please contact the Illinois 4-H Foundation ([illinois4hfoundation@mx.uillinois.edu](mailto:illinois4hfoundation@mx.uillinois.edu)) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!



## 4-H Day with the Cardinals!

Busch Stadium  
May 14 @ 1:15p.m.  
Tickets: \$25 each

Register by Mar 31: [go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022)

**Please note:** Groups of families or county groups that wish to sit together MUST submit one (1) order.

For ticket/t-shirt questions, contact Rhonda Shafer – 636-528-4613 or [shaferr@missouri.edu](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)  
For parade/raffle questions, contact Dave Hileman at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu)



## Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to

Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application is now open. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. The deadline to apply is March 18.  
<http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to 4-H.  
[#JOANNhearts4H](https://www.joann.com/4-H/).

Get your 4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! [joann.com/4-H/](http://joann.com/4-H/)

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

## GET YOUR TACKLE READY!

*2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!*

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Tournament details coming soon!

**April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by beginning to learn about crappie at

[www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php](http://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php)

## Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

**DATE CHANGE: March 19, 2022**

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members.

10am-5p.m. at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer or more information. Register at [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](http://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining).



## 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local 4-H office and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

**Sat., March 26, 2022** Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

**Sat., May 7, 2022** 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

**Sat., July 16, 2022** Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



Illinois RiverWatch is a tremendous opportunity for youth to become aquatic citizen scientists! Plus, it's a fabulous, ongoing service project for clubs! Consider attending one of the 15 upcoming training sessions set up for March and April - each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at [www.ngrec.org/Riverwatch](http://www.ngrec.org/Riverwatch).

## 4-H Memorial Camp-Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.



**Summer Program Staff** (18 years old minimum)  
Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director  
Lead Male/Female Counselors  
Lifeguards  
Outdoor Education Director  
Arts & Crafts Director  
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director  
Recreation Director  
Climbing Tower Director

**Cabin Counselors** (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

## 4-H Memorial Camp-Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! Join us any of the four (4) Summer Youth Camp sessions in the summer of 2022. Watch for additional information on the 4-H Memorial Camp website ([4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping)) and on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/4-H-Memorial-Camp-95026468854](https://www.facebook.com/4-H-Memorial-Camp-95026468854)).

### Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022  
June 12-16, 2022  
July 5-9, 2022  
July 17-21, 2022





## Photography Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by March 31, 2022. Find more information at [extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest](https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest).

## Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 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. Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests, so families hosting must have a child between ages 12-18.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org) or contact Illinois 4-H Coordinators Miriam Rosenbohm ([rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net)) or Elisha Hughes ([ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)).

## FMPT Unit News

### Teen Teacher Information Night:

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.**

Peoria County Extension Office, 4810 N. Sheridan,  
Peoria

**Make a difference. Make new friends. Teach others.  
Have fun.**

Being part of the 4-H Teen Teacher program is a great way to make an impact on kids in your community! Come learn about the program, meet current teen teachers and eat pizza!

Contact Judy Schmidt, 4-H Youth Development Educator at (309)685-3140 or [schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu) to register

### 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Club

A Spring 4-H Archery Session open to all youth in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties will begin April 24.

Meetings will take place at Pekin Archers, 2501 Edgewater Dr, Pekin, IL 61554.

Register for this event by April 8, 2022 here: [go.illinois.edu/4HArcheryInPekin](http://go.illinois.edu/4HArcheryInPekin)







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## 4-H Adventures in Nature

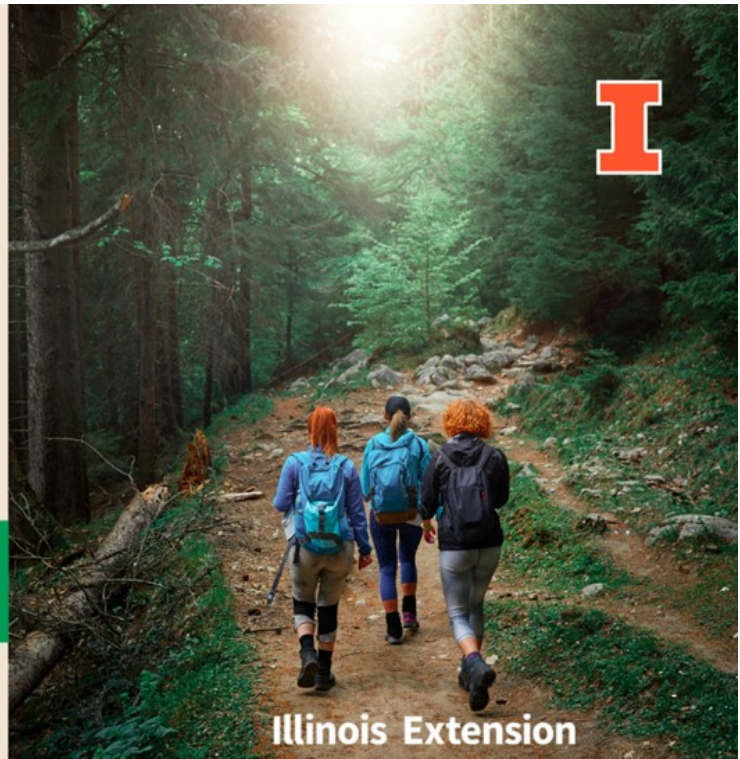
Starting in April, 4-H will offer a series of five monthly challenges! For each month in which you complete a challenge, your family will receive a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Each month will be a different prize. Plus, you'll get a digital badge to reward your progress! Visit [go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature](https://go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature) to get started on a grand adventure!



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