



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

March & April 2023

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

## 4-H General Show Day, June 17

Please mark your calendars! The 4-H General Show will be held on **Saturday, June 17**, at Cuba Junior-Senior High School, 20325 N IL Route 97, Cuba (south of Cuba). Clothing exhibits will also be judged this day. More information will be available in April when the 2023 Fulton County 4-H Show Book is available.

## College Scholarship Deadline

The college scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching! Several scholarships in various amounts will be awarded to county 4-H members at his or her graduation or awards program. For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current 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. Family financial information is not required. **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is April 1, 2023.**

The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals. To receive a 4-H Scholarship Application, contact the Fulton County Extension Office at 547-3711, or email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu).

## Project Manuals

If you need project manuals this year, please order them at: [go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs](https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs). Once your request has been filled, you will receive an email that they are ready for pick up.

## Volunteers needed!

Calling all volunteers for the 4-H General Show! The General Show will be held at Cuba Jr./Sr. High School on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**. We are always in need of judges, superintendents, and assistants for each project area. Please consider volunteering your time to help at this event. 4-H needs you!

## Public Speaking Contest/ Performing Arts Show

The Public Speaking/Performing Arts Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Checkrow Community Church, located at 3564 E Checkrow Rd., Avon, IL. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. The Public Speaking Contest will start promptly at 10 a.m. with the Performing Arts Show to follow afterwards. Members enrolled in Theater Arts project may exhibit at the Performing Arts Show by presenting a vocal or instrumental number, dance, dramatic skit, or other type of entertainment. Each performance should be no more than seven minutes long. A piano will be provided. If other equipment is needed, the member must provide it. If the performance requires an accompanist, the member must provide the person, who can be any age. No State Fair Delegates will be selected from those who choose this exhibit option. State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be selected from Theater Arts exhibits at the 4-H General Show on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please invite your family and friends to attend both contests!

## National Day of Service

National 4-H Day of Service is April 22. We hope you will join 4-H as we pledge our hands to larger service! We ask that all 4-H members, families, and clubs register all service outreach efforts they have conducted or plan to conduct during these six months, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, May 2023, and June 2023, that demonstrate their support of their communities. This registration form provides a spot to identify if planned service experiences were or will be conducted as a 4-H club, a 4-H family, or an individual 4-H member service project.

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

# Federation to sponsor County Wide 4-H Club Community Service Day

4-H Federation voted at their February meeting to host a county-wide day of service at City Kids Camp, located at 14253 E. Epworth Springs Road, Lewistown. Federation is inviting **all** Fulton County 4-H Clubs (multi-project and SPIN) to attend on May 6 and help the staff at City Kids Camp get ready for their camping season. 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and leaders are all invited to help. Some of the projects include cleaning cabins, cutting brush, clearing paths, and possibly some painting, depending on the weather. More information will be shared with club leaders and on the Fulton County 4-H Facebook page. Projected start time is 10 a.m. and lunch will be provided for all helpers. PLEASE mark your calendars and volunteer a few hours of your time.



## March

- 11 – Clovers around the Counties – Fulton Extension Office  
Rock/Mineral ID and give-away 10 a.m. to noon  
Gardening with Pollinators 1 – 3 p.m.
- 13 – Horse Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – Extension Office
- 18 – Clovers around the Counties – Rabbits and Poultry- Mason County Extension Office
- 25 – Clovers around the Counties – Food Decorating - Mason County Extension Office

## April

- 1 – Fulton County 4-H Scholarship applications due to Extension office
- 1 – Public Speaking Contest/Performing Arts Show at 10 a.m. – Checkrow Community Church
- April 7 – YQCA in-person training 10:00 a.m. – Fulton Extension Office
- 12- 4-H Shooting Sports mandatory safety meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 16, 23, 30 – 4-H Shooting Sports Spring session
- 22- Adventures in Nature Kickoff – Location TBA
- 22 – National 4-H Day of Service

## May

- 1 – 4-H enrollment deadline to exhibit at shows this year
- 1 - Project add/drop deadline
- 1 – Horse/Pony ownership and Horse/Pony lease forms due to Extension office
- 6 – Federation All County 4-H Club – clean-up/ paint day at Camp City Kids 10 a.m. - ??
- 7, 21, 28 – 4-H Shooting Sports Spring session

## June

- 5, 12, 19, 26 – Dog Obedience with Danette Phelps – 6 p.m. at the Fulton County Fair Grounds
- 6 – Farm Safety Day – Mason County Fairgrounds
- 17 – 4-H General Show/Clothing Judging – Cuba Jr./Sr. High

## July

- 24 – 29 Fulton County Fair

## August

- 5 – Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show
- 10 – 20 Illinois State Fair (Our non-livestock exhibit day is August 13)

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



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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.

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## Barrow Weigh-In and Tattooing

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, 2023. 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 must do this if you are showing in the Rate of Gain class at the Fulton County Fair, or if you are showing Premiere (carcass) at State Fair. For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2023 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate of Gain Contest, the farrowing date is on or after February 10, 2023, and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. 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.

## Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs

Rules for live show Wethers –

Must be lambled on or after January 1, 2023 and owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by May 15, 2023. 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, 2023.

Rules for Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs – Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level. Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed and witnessed by the Extension office representative, who will sign the form and send it to the Illinois 4-H Office. Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2023. Must be lambled on or after January 1, 2023.

## Meat Goat Wethers – Live show Wethers

Wethers born on or after October 1, 2022. Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk is May 15, 2023. Self-nominations must be signed by the Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with a photo goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This

## Wethers, continued

must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Extension office will mail completed forms and photos to Illinois 4-H office.

*Exhibitors and their families should read complete rules and regulations included in the 2023 Illinois State Fair Junior Department Premium book once it is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>*

## YQCA

**Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (if showing live animals)**

Statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete **YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**. Must be done every year they are in the project, to be able to show and be 4-H premium-eligible. Also, State Fair entries will not be approved without this. There are options for youth to attend a one hour, in-person training presented by Extension staff, or youth may take online training individually.

**Fulton County will host an in-person training on Friday, April 7, 2023, (Good Friday) at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office in Lewistown.**

- Pre-registration online is **required**. You may not just show up.

- \$3 per person online payment ahead of time is required. **You cannot pay by check or cash, must be done online.**

- Youth may take training online individually. Cost for this is \$12 per person. <https://yqcaprogram.org/>  
**Please email me a copy of your certification once you complete this training (online, another location, or in Lewistown).** [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu)



## Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

4-H members are required to take this online training when they sign up for horse, dog, cats, rabbits, and poultry projects. 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. This requirement **MUST** be completed prior to exhibiting the project at county 4-H shows and fairs. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** The website for this training is – <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

# Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports

## Spring 2023 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 9/1/22	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer, Craig Hand, & Ellie Nolan	April 16, 23 & 30; May 7, 21, & 28  (six sessions)	1 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol  Limit of 5 participants	12-18 as of 9/1/22	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 16, 23 & 30; May 7, 21 & 28  (six sessions)	1 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle  Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/22	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 16, 23, & 30; May 7, 21, & 28  (six sessions)	2 p.m.  Lasts about one hour
Shotgun  Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/22	\$20 4-H program fee* Supply fee – paid by Lascelles Memorial	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	April 16, 23, & 30; May 7, 21, & 28  (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. 4-H Program Fees paid to University of Illinois. Supply Fees paid to Fulton 4-H Shooting Sports club.

**Mandatory Safety Meeting – April 12, 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 on our website, 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. Signed forms and payment are required. Additionally, youth will need to be enrolled in ZSuite at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org).

Deadline to register – Space is limited and filled on first come, first served basis. Final deadline is April 10. 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.*

## 4-H Shooting Sports

Registration is open for Fulton County 4-H Spring Shooting Sports Spring session! The disciplines offered in Fulton County include Air Rifle for ages 8-18, .22 Caliber Pistol for ages 12-18, Smallbore (.22) Rifle and Shotgun for ages 10-18. All age requirements are as of 9-1-2022. Each discipline requires paperwork to be completed and a supply fee payable prior to the safety meeting on April 12, 2023. **Thanks to the generous memorial donation from the family of Dale Lascelles, shotgun supply fees are paid.** Please sign up and pay any applicable fees soon as there are limited spots available in each discipline. You may request an application from the office by stopping in, calling 309-547-3711, or you may find one on our unit website at [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/spring\\_2023\\_registration\\_packet.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/spring_2023_registration_packet.pdf)

## 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 snugly 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.

## 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 26.

## Archery Workshop - Making a Leather Arm Guard

Sunday, March 19

Mason County Extension office, lower level 2-4 p.m.  
Space is limited, so call 309-543-3308 now!

\$5.00 fee

Every youth will make and take a hand crafted leather arm guard suitable for 4-H archery events.

Register by Friday, March 17.



SAVE THE DATE

STEM Academy  
July 17-21, 2023

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Build your tech skills and make new friends at this amazing summer program! Get the most up-to-date details by signing up for our eblast list at [go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast](http://go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast). (Select STEM programs.)



4-H TEEN TEACHERS

snacks, friends, and fun!

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Scan the QR code for more info!

## BECOME A TEEN TEACHER!

Join us on an adventure to develop your leadership skills, make new friends, teach young people, and make a difference in your community! 4-H Teen Teachers lead fun, hands-on activities, while getting great experience! Join anytime throughout the Spring. Training sessions are held at U of I Extension, Peoria County Office, and upcoming dates include:

- March 27 – 6 p.m.
- April 24 – 6 p.m.
- May 22 – 6 p.m.
- June 7-9 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program](http://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program) or email Judy at [schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu).

# Clovers Around the Counties!



Geology - \$5  
March 11 | 10am | Fulton County

Gardening with Pollinators - \$5  
March 11 | 1pm | Fulton County

Rabbits - \$5  
Mar 18 | 10am | Mason County

Poultry - \$5  
Mar 18 | 1pm | Mason County

Food Decorating - \$10  
Mar 25 | 9am-12pm | Mason County



Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC)

We still have lots of Clovers Around the Counties fun coming up! Don't miss the amazing workshops happening in March! Learn more or register at [go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC).



## SAVE THE DATE

### 4G STEM Camp

GIRLS + GADGETS + GAMES - GENIUS

DATE: JUNE 26-30, 2023

LOCATION: BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Registration will open March 1  
For more information: <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt>

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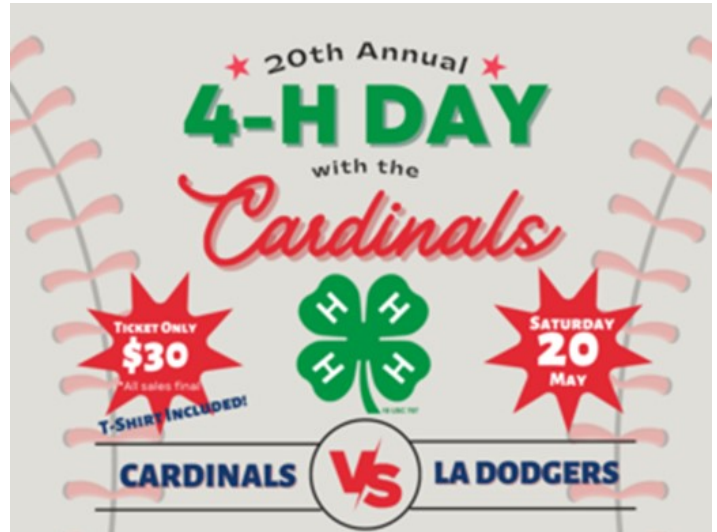
4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers. Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp).



Illini Summer Academies

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Stay tuned for registration this spring!

## News from Illinois 4-H



20th Annual  
**4-H DAY**  
with the  
*Cardinals*

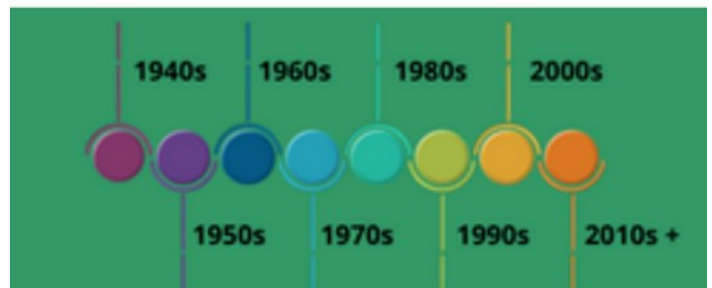
TICKET ONLY \$30  
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!

SATURDAY 20 MAY

CARDINALS VS LA DODGERS

4-H members, alumni, families and their friends are invited to join us for the 20th annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, May 20. Learn more or register by March 31st at [extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023](https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023).

## 4-H By the Decades



## 4-H BY THE DECADES 1990s - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1990's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! *Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association*

Register by Friday, March 17 - <https://form.jotform.com/230454284435152>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, March 20.



Get your tackle ready! The 2023 4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming later in March!

**April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament  
**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament  
**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

## Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Are you ready to get outside for a fun family weekend? We are kicking off the summer with **Family Camp** at **4-H Memorial Camp** on May 19-21, 2023! Find more information and registration forms at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp).

Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt ([hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu)) or Andy Davis ([ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu)) at (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## 2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
 Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery;  
 Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour “field days” which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair, Illinois 4-H State Office at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)



## National 4-H Day of Service is Coming!

4-H members continuously demonstrate they are *True Leaders* by providing amazing service to their communities! And **April 22**, the *National 4-H Day of Service*, is another great opportunity to “pledge your hands to larger service!” Be sure to share your stories of how you and your club are supporting your community (on April 22 or anytime throughout the year) by visiting [4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service). Here, you can register your event or report your service. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the [Illinois 4-H Website](http://Illinois 4-H Website), so make sure to use the reporting link to document your positive efforts.



## 4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!



Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus! On this trip, teens will be able to experience Washington DC during an amazing week, **July 2 – 7, 2023!** The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. Estimated cost is \$2000 (dependent on number of participants). Register at [4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340](http://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340) by **March 6, 2023** to reserve your spot! Learn more at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus) or contact Patricia McGlaughlin at [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu)



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## KICK-OFF EVENT

Our 4-H Adventures in Nature Kick-Off Event will take place at Wildlife Prairie Park on Earth Day, April 22, 2023 at 10am-12pm!  
(Register now for discounted admission.)

-  Explore the park and do fun, 4-H activities!
-  Tour the 4-H Great Learning Garden!
-  Receive a free nature journal!
-  Participate in a service project!



## 4-H ADVENTURES in NATURE



Every month (April through August), we'll email you nature-based activity challenges that you and your family can complete together - whenever and wherever works for you!



Families can earn digital badges each month by completing at least one challenge, and earn a special prize by completing challenges in all 5 months of the program!



Use the link or QR code to register! The watch your email for more info and your monthly challenges.



## REGISTER NOW!



[go.illinois.edu/4-HAdventuresinNature](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HAdventuresinNature)