

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

May & June 2022

## 2022 Show Books and Registration Forms are Ready!

The 2022 4-H Show Books and Registration forms are finished and have been distributed to 4-H leaders. The winner of this year's cover design contest is Ali Janssen from the Avondale 4-H Club! If you do not have one of these new 4-H Show Books yet, please contact your 4-H leader or the Extension office. **PLEASE discard old 4-H Show Books** so there is no confusion in knowing what to exhibit for your projects; there are several changes this year. Along with the show book, there is a Fulton 4-H Show Registration form for you to register all 4-H projects you are showing this year. **4-H Show Registration entries are due to the Extension office by July 1.** The new 4-H Show Book and Registration form can also be found at this link [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county)

## 4-H General Show Day, July 9

The 4-H General Show will be held on **Saturday, July 9**, at Cuba Junior-Senior High School, 20325 North IL Route 97, Cuba (south of Cuba). We will be using the gym and lobby. All entry tags will be at the check-in table; no entry tags will be mailed to you this year. If you cannot be with your project at General Show Day, you may have someone else bring it. If so, it is encouraged that you write a paragraph and attach it to your project. Tell how you did your project, and what you learned from completing it.

If you are a person who needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in any listed events, contact the Extension office.

## Dog Obedience School Offered

University of Illinois Extension in Fulton County and Dog Training by Danette will offer a Dog Obedience School for both youth and adult owners and their dogs.

The sessions will begin on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. The four sessions will be instructed by Danette Phelps of Plymouth, and will be held on Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22.

A registration fee (\$30 for youth 8-18, \$55 for adults) payable to the instructor, will cover the four weeks of training. To participate, registration and payment are due to the Extension office by May 31. Please make checks payable to Danette Phelps. Call the Extension office to receive a registration form or stop by their office in the Farm Bureau Building. The form and information can also be found online at [go.illinois.edu/FultonDogTraining](https://go.illinois.edu/FultonDogTraining). The Dog Obedience School will be canceled if not enough registrations are received.

Participating dogs must be at least six months of age, and have up to date shots, including an immunization for Parvo Virus. You must submit a copy of the rabies slip with the registration form. Participants must bring a choke chain collar and a six-foot leather lead strap. The trainer must be able to control his or her own dog, and only one handler per dog can participate in this four-week session. Any dogs that are a danger to others are not allowed, regardless of the breed.



# Master Showmanship Contest

Fulton County 4-H has the privilege of sending a representative to the Master Showmanship Contest held at the Illinois State Fair. The County Competition will be held on Tuesday of the Fulton County Fair, July 26, time to be announced later. Only those entered by July 1 on the official form will be allowed to participate. Entrants must be Fulton County 4-H members who are at least 14 years old by July 26, 2022. Entrants must provide his or her own livestock for the competition. Entrants must own OR borrow each: a steer or heifer; a market or breeding lamb; and a market hog or breeding gilt. We will award prizes for first and second places in the County Competition, plus participation awards. The winner of the County Competition will go on to participate in the State Fair Event.



## May

- 21 YQCA Training, 11 a.m., Extension office - pre-registration required
- 26 YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., Extension office- pre-registration required

## June

- 3 Farm Safety Day, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown
- 4 -5 Art on Main, downtown Canton — kids' art activities led by Fulton County 4-H
- 13 State Junior Horse Show entries due
- 29 State Fair Junior Show livestock entries due (non horse)

## July

- 1 Fulton 4-H Show Registration **and** Fulton County Fair entries due
- 9 4-H General Show, Cuba High School -details in Show book
- 25-30 Fulton County Fair
- 25 4-H Dog Show 9 a.m.
- 26 Master Showmanship Contest
- 29 4-H Fun Horse Show 10 a.m. See Fairbook
- 24-30 State Junior Horse Show - Entry deadline is June 13th

## August

- 6 Official 4-H Horse Show, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown - 9 a.m.
- 11-21 Illinois State Fair (Our non-livestock exhibit day is August 13.)
- 27 4-H Outdoor Adventure Fun Day
- 29 4-H award applications due

## Fulton Open Horse Shows

A committee raising funds to maintain the wonderful facilities at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Horse Arena has planned several shows for the coming months, open to both youth and adults. Dates are May 21 and June 25 (fun shows), and July 30 (open show). For more information, call Cindy Chaffin at 309-333-6284, or look for them on Facebook as Fulton County Illinois—Horse Shows.



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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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# YQCA and Quality Assurance Important Animal Project Information

**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.*

Youth may attend a one hour, in-person training presented by Extension staff. YQCA Training Dates are as follows — **Sign up at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)**  
May 21 11 a.m. Extension Office in Lewistown  
May 26 6:30 p.m. 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, it must be done online.**

Youth may also take training online individually. Cost for this is \$12 per person at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

## Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbits

If a 4-H member is enrolled in Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits – They are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics training, **one time during their 4-H years.** <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

## Animal Science Posters or Displays at 4-H General Show

If a 4-H member is showing a poster or other display (not a live animal) at 4-H General Show, they do NOT have to do any type of ethics training. They can do it if they want to, it is still a good learning experience!

## Free Baby Chicks

Each year, Embryology in the Classroom is offered to Peoria & Tazewell classrooms, but we need homes for these chicks. They will be straight run and a variety of purebreds and barnyard mixes; all great laying breeds.

If you are interested and set up for chickens, please contact Katharine at [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) to reserve your free chicks. Pick up will be Friday, May 20 at 4 PM in the Peoria AND Tazewell Extension offices.



## 4-H Livestock Judging Club Update

The Fulton County 4-H Livestock Judging Team has been very busy this spring traveling to various contests and doing extremely well! Some of the contests include, ICC in Henry, LLCC at Christian County Fairgrounds, Joliet Junior College, WIU/ Bushnell, and the Illinois Beef Expo to name a few. The Livestock Judging team is made up of 12 members and one leader. For more information about the 4-H Livestock Judging Club, please contact Robyn Hendel at [cole2e2001@yahoo.com](mailto:cole2e2001@yahoo.com). Way to go team!

## Art on Main

Calling all artists! Fulton County 4-H oversees helping with the kid's activities on June 4 and 5 at Jones Park in Canton.

We are responsible for providing people to assist kids as needed at the art table from 10 am – 3 pm. Please contact Krista to volunteer a few hours of your time to help. If you have never attended this event, you are in for a treat! There are many artists showcasing their trade and talent. If you are enrolled in a visual arts project this year, you may want to check this event out for inspiration!



## 4-H Shooting Sports Update

The 4-H Shooting Sports club is midway through the Spring session. There are five members in Air Rifle, four in Pistol, three in Rifle, and eighteen enrolled in Shotgun. New volunteer instructors will be attending certification training in May and July. The 4-H Shooting Sports club was awarded two grants this year; one from the NRA Foundation who awarded the club ammunition supplies, and one from the NWTF/Spoon River Gobblers who awarded a monetary donation to help offset cost of targets, extra insurance, eye and ear protection, and other supplies. THANK YOU to both these organizations!



## Premium Check Reminder!

**PLEASE cash your 2020-2021 premium checks by June 19 as they will be void after that date. Checks will not be reissued!**

## 4-H Federation

4-H Federation will meet on Saturday, May 14 at 3 p.m. at the Fairview Ball Park picnic pavilion. We will have a business meeting to discuss Farm Safety Day, Art on Main, 4-H General Show, and 4-H Food Stand. After our meeting, we complete a community service activity in the park, (please wear old clothes and bring work gloves) followed by a pizza party! All 4-H members in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to participate in 4-H Federation! ***This is a very important meeting where we will discuss summer shows and help, so please attend.*** Please RSVP to Krista.

## Summer 4-H Show News

In the front of your 4-H Show Book is a copy of our 4-H Show Schedule for this year. **Please review the Important Updates (blue sheet) included with your copy of the 2022 Fulton County Show Book.** Following are some changes that are listed on the update sheet:

- Performing Arts Show – no separate show this year. Members who were planning to participate in the Performing Arts show are encouraged to exhibit a Theater Arts project at the General Show. This exhibit class allows for members to use their creativity to incorporate their performing arts into the portfolio exhibit.
- Clothing and Textiles Judging – combined with General Show, 10 a.m. judging start time.
- Pet Show – exhibit opportunity moved to Animal Sciences classes at the General Show (no live animals).

**As a reminder, the 4-H Show Registration Form is due at the Extension office by July 1.** Please list all your projects with the selected exhibit classes on the green 4-H Show Registration Form. These forms can be obtained from your club leader, the Extension office, or found on our website

[extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county)

Please contact your 4-H Leader or call our office if you need assistance with this registration form.

## Fulton County Fair Books Available in June

The 4-H Livestock Shows are held in conjunction with the Fulton County Fair. County Fair Books will be available at the Extension Office sometime in June. To enter livestock in the County Fair, you must complete the entry blank found in the back of the fair book and turn it and the appropriate fees into **the Extension Office by July 1.**

Do NOT send them to the Fair Office. We process the 4-H entries here first, then we take them to the Fair Office.

If you are going to complete a non-livestock project for the 4-H Show, you are encouraged to also enter it in the County Fair Junior Show. Just pick up a Fair Book, and check all rules, procedures, and entry deadline. Showing your non-livestock 4-H project in the County Fair does not qualify you for a 4-H premium. You must show in the 4-H Show to receive a 4-H premium.

### ***Important Notice for Livestock Exhibitors***

If you are showing livestock at the Fulton County Fair, you are required to show health papers in the exhibitor's name (not just a family farm name) as you arrive at the fair with your animals, and the animals will also be physically inspected. You will not be allowed to unload until you do so. If you have forgotten your papers at home, you will not be allowed to unload. For those animals that are not required to have health papers, a physical inspection of the animals will be done by the superintendent and/or fair personnel before you unload your animals. Any animal showing signs of sickness will not be allowed to unload.

You will need to refer to the Fulton County Fair Book to see the specific times for each species' arrival.

## 4-H Poultry Exhibitors

IDOA has filed for emergency rule prohibiting the sale or exhibition of poultry and poultry products at Illinois events, including fair exhibitions, to prevent the spread of avian influenza. These rules will be assessed in 45-day increments and will stay in effect for up to 150 days. This would apply to 4-H shows, live animal workshops and exhibit opportunities. If live exhibitions cannot happen, your local Extension office will provide more details regarding optional exhibition opportunities.

# FMPT Unit News



**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!

## **Teen Teacher Information Nights:**

- Monday, May 9, 6 -7p.m.
- Peoria County Extension office
- OR
- Wednesday, May 18, 6-7p.m.
- Fulton County Extension office

## **Contact 4-H Youth Development Educators to register:**

Judy Schmidt – 309.685.3140 or

[schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu)

Emily Schoenfelder – 217.300.5557 or

[eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu)



## **Learn about cybersecurity through a Capture the Flag cyber competition.**

Youth entering 6th to 8th grades

[go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](https://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy)

Registration fee \$25. Fee waivers available

Held at Goodwill Commons, Peoria



## **4G STEM Camp | Girls + Games + Gadgets = Genius**

Have you wondered what it would be like to work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields in the Greater Peoria area? 4G STEM Camp is a weeklong day camp for girls interested in learning more about STEM careers. Join us to tour local businesses, do fun STEM activities, and make new friends! Plus, educators can register for our Teacher Track by May 5!

- June 20-24, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Bradley University, Peoria
- \$175 (Fee waivers available)
- For girls entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Learn more: [go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp](https://go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp)

Teacher Track: [go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMteachers](https://go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMteachers)



Are you ready to have 4-H Adventures in Nature? Every month, we'll send you nature-based activity challenges you and your family can complete together. 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! Register at [go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature](https://go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature).

# News from Illinois 4-H



The U of I College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on July 14-15, 2022. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages

8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 3, 2022. Full Schedule found here:

[acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies](https://acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies)



## Crop Scouting Competition

Aug 4, 2022 - Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874

Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

This outdoor competition event is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 this year. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club). Meals will be provided.

Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

**Questions?** Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at [harbach2@illinois.edu](mailto:harbach2@illinois.edu).



## State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

[4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament)

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.

Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: [go.illinois.edu/fish4H](https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H)

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

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

## State 4-H Events

**May**  
7

Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

**June**  
4

Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club

5-9  
12-16  
20

Memorial Camp  
Memorial Camp  
State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

**July**

5-9  
16  
  
17-21  
24 – 30

Memorial Camp  
Shooting Sports Adult Certification  
Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona  
Memorial Camp  
Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

**August**

10  
12-14  
  
13 – 15  
27

SYPA General Livestock  
State Fair Junior Livestock Shows  
Illinois State Fair  
State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose  
K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon



## 2022 4-H State Shoots

**SAVE THESE DATES (but keep practicing now!)**

- Archery: Sat, Sep 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois
- Shotgun: Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois
- Rifle: Sat, Oct 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois
- Pistol: Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois



## Summer Sizzle Shoot

Join the Summer Sizzle Shoot at Chillicothe Sportsman's Club on June 4, 2022. This event is hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports, and registration will be open until May 24, 2022. Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties](https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties). Our target is fun and we aim for a bullseye!



## 4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Apply by June 6. [4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application](https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application)



## True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. [4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application](https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application)

**IT'S PAPER  
CLOVER TIME!**  
**April 27th-May 8th**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.





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# FARM SAFETY DAY



**Friday, June 3, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown**

**Ages 6 and up**

For more information or to register:

**[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY](https://go.illinois.edu/farmsafetyday)**