

Knox County 4-H Hilite

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Are you feeling lucky? I am! I love the month of March because it gives us another reason to proudly wear our green attire and promote 4-H. As of March 1, you are no longer be able to make changes to the general show project selection online. As a reminder, you had to have your livestock project selected by January 1. Don't forget that you will need to have attended four meetings, give a talk/demonstration, and completed YQCA or QAEC (livestock only) to be able to enter into the 4-H fair.

If you are planning on showing sheep or goats at State Fair, you need to remember that the nomination procedure changed two year ago. Call your local extension office and ask your program coordinator about the new "self-nomination" process.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

Come Paint With Us! ART NIGHT 3.17.21@5-7PM ONLINE OR AT ART DEFINED IN GALESBURG REGISTER BY MARCH 1 GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ARTNIGHT

2019 Livestock Judging Team

Livestock Judging will be starting back up again soon! If you are interested in joining, contact Bill Hennenfent at bhen@winco.net or 309-368-3634. Also make sure to add the SPIN Club on your 4HOnline account. If you have issues with adding the club, contact Nicole. Meetings will be at the Knox Agri Center at 6 PM on Mondays in March.

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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Free Pre-College Summer Programs

Check out these FREE pre-college summer programs provided by the University of Illinois College of ACES and the USDA. Open to students grades 9-11 these programs will be held virtually. Don't delay in applying!

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, July 11-23, 2021, via Zoom from the University of Illinois. 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. The application deadline is Friday-March 19,2021.

https://aces.illinois.edu/acad.../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 Thursday- March 25, 2021. See the link to access the application: <u>https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/</u> <u>diversity/ag-discovery</u>





4-H Memorial Camp

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SHARE YOUR 4-H

STORY!

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021. Different programming options are being developed 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 as decisions are made. <u>https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp</u>

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 <u>share your 4-H Story</u> today!

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.** Register at: <u>http://go.illinois.edu/illini4h</u> We provide partial funding for Knox members! Contact Nicole for the coupon code.



Trailblazer Scholarship

Do you feel like a *Trailblazer*? Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois. This is a full scholarship! Apply by **February 28, 2021**

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our website <u>https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/</u> events/illini-summer-academies or contact us at <u>illini-4h@illinois.edu</u>



Extension

Speaking for Illinois 4-H

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.**

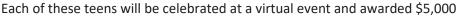
This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 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 @: <u>https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training</u>. **Registration will close March 4.**

CELEBRATE TEENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WITH \$5K

We're proud to join the Invisalign[®] brand in their search for 100 deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign[®] ChangeMakers!



cash to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/

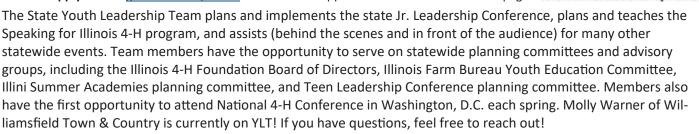
I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 **Length of service**: Two years Deadline: March 15, 2021 Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page. Youth Leadership Team



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, 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

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 you Café Conversations mug!



Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to nenelso2@illinois.edu. Articles are due no later than the 26th of the month at 11:59 PM. Need Ideas about what to write? Just ask!

January: Henderson Aggies **April:** Rising Clovers July: Victoria Cloverleaf **October:** Williamsfield T&C February: Knox County Power Clovers March: Rio Livestock May: Rusty Spurs August: Walnut Grove Progressors **November:** Willing Workers

June: Union September: Wataga Trailblazers **December:** Backcountry Braves

Illinois State 4-H

Registering for Events:

4-H has so many opportunities for its members to take part in. Did you know the local extension office will help cover the cost of state conferences and events? It's true! Make sure you follow the correct procedure so you don't miss out on any opportunities. The Extension office will cover half of the fee up to a total of \$300 per year per member. The local 4-H Foundation may choose to cover more of the cost. *Contact your local program coordinator and let them know what event you are interested in attending.

Virtual 4-H Meeting Options

Some of you may not be comfortable meeting in person. Some clubs may not be able to offer a virtual option. That's okay! Our office will be offering a virtual meeting option if you are unable to meet with your club virtually or in person.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.



I PLEDGE...MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING

Knox County 4-H Fair

We are currently working on the details for our Shows and Showbook. We want to help you plan ahead in case our 4-H families need to request time off of work or want to invite family and friends to the fair. Locations and method of shows will be determined using the most up to date COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. Please mark these **tentative** dates on your calendar(s):

- Public Presentations & Food Demonstrations—March 25
- Dog Show—June 12
- General Show & Clothing Show NEW THIS YEAR—Saturday, July 10
- Fair Week—July 11—14; tentative additional dates July 15 & 16 if show needs to be spread out
- Horse Show—Sunday, July 17

Public Presentation Contest

As we finalize a date and location for our Public Speaking Contest we want to give you a friendly reminder that there is still time (**March 1**) to add this project if the contest is something that interests you. Below is the list of categories that you can choose from. Please note that 4-H members are able to attend the State Contest in one category.

- Formal Speech |Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes
- Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes
- Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |
- Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes
- Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

We offer a "4-H Pledge" class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/20.

Our Contest will be held on March 25. Members must be enrolled for the project by March 1. Entry selections are due by March 22. More details will be sent out to members registered for eligible projects in the coming weeks.

Dog Show & Obedience Orientation

If you are registered for a 4-H dog project and would like to participate in the 2021 Knox County Dog Show, then you must attend the Dog Obedience Orientation event on Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 pm at the Knox County Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg. You just need to bring yourself and your parent, no dogs. Masks and social distancing are required.



Our Day at the State Fair

Mark your calendars Knox County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday**, **August 15**. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking passes for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must completed their annual YQCA training either on-line at **yqca.org** (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1.** Find registration instructions here <u>https://go.illinois.edu/YQCA-register-instructions</u>. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather and COVID status. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held at Knox Agri Center Meeting Room: **April 12**

QAEC training is required for members enrolled in cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit. This training must be completed once in a members career. Training must be completed by **May 1.** https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/

FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY AND MY WORLD

SCHOLARSHIPS

Here's help to pay for college

DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full time student in a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study. An applicant may only be awarded this scholarship once. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 1**. Submit completed applications to: Knox County Farm Bureau, 180 S. Soangetaha Road Galesburg, IL 61401, (309) 342-2036. Application can be found at https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county under "Resources"

KNOX COUNTY SWCD - MAX AND FRANCES SANFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be Knox County residents enrolled or planning to enroll in an Agricultural or Environmental related program. Applications are due **April 1** and can be found at <u>https://knoxcountyilswcd.wixsite.com/knox/about</u>

KCAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$500 scholarship** is designed to be awarded to Knox County 4-H Members, relatives of KCAHCE members (past and present), or KCAHCE members who are attending college. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **April 15** each year. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county under "Resources"

GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide 15 \$1500 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, or technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada. Applications are due by midnight (Central Time) on **April 15**, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 1, 2021. Please direct questions to Karen Jones, 309-557-6184 or kjones@growmark.com. Application can be found at <u>https://form.jotform.com/210104555232138</u>

KNOX COUNTY 4-H AND EXTENSION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation offers scholarships each year to incoming freshman and sophomores attending a university, college, junior college, or technical school Criteria for selection will be achievements and leadership in 4-H, community service, academic record and usage of scholarship. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **May 14** each year. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <u>https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county</u> under "Resources"

Project Manuals

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Request any project manuals you may need at <u>go.illinois.edu/</u><u>pubsrequest</u>.

Project Highlight: Video

Who doesn't love kicking back with a bowl of popcorn to watch their favorite movie? Have you ever wanted to learn more about how that movie was made? You can learn about this and more in the 4-H video project! The video project exposes youth to filmmaking, digital storytelling, and videography through workshop modules that assist youth with making their own films. Explore filmmaking techniques, learn about video production, create a video or film, and upload a video to share with others.

Science Saturdays

If it is Science and STEM that interest you or if you ever wonder how things happen., check out this YouTube video series created by 4- H Robotic Volunteer and WIU Physic department Chair, Dr. Kapale. This STEM series is created for youth to explore the awesome world of science. All the Science Saturday episodes are on the YouTube channel under Playlists, "Virtual Science Saturday." http://bit.ly/WIUPhysicsYoutube





Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, nenelso2@illinois.edu Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 200 words to ensure space for all club reports.

Delong Livestock *Report by Dylan Nimrick* The February meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H club was held at 6pm via Zoom on Sunday, February 14th. 17 members were present. The only old business was a federation report. President Jack Link shared new business from the highlight with us. Our club has a goal to collect 350 diapers for the diaper drive. We had talks and demonstrations given by Drake Nimrick, Wayne Beardsley, Aubrey Beardsley and Ciara Shreeves. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Rio Livestock *Report by Clara Asplund* Rio Livestock's monthly 4-H meeting was held on the 14th of February at 3 pm. Our meeting ended up being held by our treasurer due to both our President and Vice President being absent. This meeting was one of our shorter ones ending at 3:30. Our service projects were discussed as well as the Diaper Drive. After the meeting was over we played a few rounds of hangman.



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February 28	DEADLINE: Fair Book Cover Contest
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 1	DEADLINE: Art Night Registration
March 4	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Registration
March 6	Speaking for Illinois 4-H
March 19	DEADLINE: Discovering STEM in ACES event registration
March 24	DEADLINE: Illini Summer Academies Registration Closes
March 25	Public Presentations Contest
March 31	Dog Obedience Orientation Meeting
April 1	DEADLINE: Don Teel Scholarship
April 1	DEADLINE: Knox County SWCD Scholarship
April 12	YQCA In-Person Training
April 15	DEADLINE: KCAHCE Scholarship
April 15	DEADLINE: GROWMARK Foundation Scholarship
April 24 & 25	Youth Livestock Conference
April 25	True Leaders In Service Day
May 1	DEADLINE: Horse Paperwork
May 1	DEADLINE: YQCA/QAEC
May 14	DEADLINE: Extension Foundation Scholarship
June 1	DEADLINE: Dog Paperwork
June 4	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
June 5	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 5	State Public Speaking Contest
June 12	Tentative—Dog Show
June 27 – July 1	Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
July 10	Tentative-General & Clothing Show
July 11-16	Tentative-Knox County 4-H Fair (15 & 16 tentative)
July 11- 23, 2021	Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
July 17	Tentative-Horse Show
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show



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4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Any 4-H members interested in creating an original design for the 2021 Knox County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 28**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a prize and will have their art on display. <u>To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:</u> Title: Knox County 4-H Fair Book Paper: 8.5x11 piece of paper with at least 1/2 inch border on all sides. Ink: Black ink or Black Marker (pencil isn't dark enough and the book is printed in black and white) Originality: Everything must be freehand. You may not use a computer or copyright graphics. Fair Date: Leave a 1x3 inch space for the Extension Office to insert the dates and locations of the 4-H Show and Project Show.

4-H Clover: The 4-H Clover may not be distorted or rotated. Do not place text or pictures over the 4-H Clover. For a list of guidelines regarding the 4-H Clover, please contact your local Extension office.

Deadline: Friday, February 28

Art Night—With Art Defined

Knox County 4-H Federation is planning an Art Night in partnership with Art Defined in Galesburg on **March 17th from 5-7 pm!** Art Defined will instruct and give helpful tips and tricks on how to harness your creativity to make your perfect candy bowl. Members will have the option of two different candy bowls (standard bowl \$10, scalloped bowl \$15) and plenty of paint options. This event is open for both in-person and virtual formats. In-person attendance is limited due to COVID restrictions. Once you have selected your option of in-person or virtual and completed your registration, you will be asked to select your candy bowl and colors and pay for the event through the Art Defined link. We are excited to host this fun event to kick off more in-person activities this spring! **Registration closes on March 1**

https://go.illinois.edu/ArtNight









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