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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Happy National 4-H Week! We can't wait to celebrate 4-H across the nation during the week October 3-9, 2021. This year's theme is "Find Your Spark" and I can't think of a better description for what young people like you can do every day in 4-H. I want to challenge each of you to invite a new friend to join 4-H and help us spread the word about 4-H. During the week of October 3 -9, we will be highlighting 4-H in a number of ways. Check out our Facebook to see how you can show your support for 4-H!

In addition, if you have yet to reenroll in 4-H online, now is a great time. Call your friendly neighborhood program coordinator, Nicole Nelson, with any questions, we are here to help! Don't forget to get your risk form turned into the office.

As we move into a new 4-H year, take time to celebrate your successes this past 4-H year and identify goals for this year. Have fun during your celebration and let's work together to build a better world.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



ENROLLMENT OPEN IN 4-H ONLINE

Enrollment is officially open in 4HOnline! Go to il.4honline.com to enroll for the 2021-2022 4-H year!

Check out all of the cool projects you can learn more about by checking out our **Project Selection Guide** here go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide

Once enrolled, make sure to **order any project manuals** you might need by filling out the form here go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals

Enrollment Instructions here! New Members

go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineEnrollNewMember **Returning Members**

go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineReEnroll

KNOX COUNTY



FAMILY FUN DAY

& AWARDS NIGHT

10.24.21

**For Past,
Present, Potential
Members &
Supporters**

**All Are
Welcome!**



**KNOX COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
1392 KNOX HWY 9
GALESBURG, IL 61401**

**FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS & EXPLORING 4-H! COME
CHECK OUT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER &
CELEBRATE LAST YEARS SUCCESSES!**

4 PM TO 7 PM

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @KNOX4H

SCHEDULE & EVENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

4 - 6 PM

- **FREE Meal** sponsored by Knox County 4-H & Extension Foundation
- **Paper Rocket Launch!** - Build and launch your very own rocket
- **Projects Fair** - Explore new project areas by checking out past member exhibits
- **Club Booths** - See what clubs you have been missing out on and meet leaders
- **Enrollment Booth** - Having troubles enrolling? No problem, we will help you here
- **Alumni & Volunteer Booth** - Learn how to stay connected with us & get 4-H gear!
- **Fall 4-H Photo Booth, Door Prizes & Fun for Everyone!**

KNOX COUNTY 4-H 97TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

6 - 7 PM

Join us in celebrating our members' and volunteers' successes of the 2020-2021 year!

First Year Members | Ten Year Members | I Dare You | Club Officer Awards | Experience Awards |
Club Excel Awards | Top Club | Club Membership Award | 4-H Week Contests |
Volunteer & Leader Awards | Alumni & Meritorious Service Awards

Contests
&
PRIZES

Bring A Friend Contest

Sponsored by Knox County 4-H Federation

Current Members! Bring a friend to the event and you will both be entered to win a prize!

Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Sponsored by Knox County 4-H Federation

Carve, Paint, or Decorate!

Calling all 4-H Clubs! Join us in a fun Fall Competition. Bring your fully decorated 4-H pumpkin to our event. Attendees will vote on the winner & the committee members will win a prize!



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National 4-H Week—October 3-9—Find Your Spark!

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week! The theme this year is Find Your Spark! Federation will be hosting contests once again and hope you will all participate.

Cookie Jar (due to the Office) & Window Display Contest Deadlines are **October 4th**. Prizes will be: First Place—\$50, Second Place—\$35, Third Place—\$20. A new category “People’s Choice” will be chosen through social media votes. The prize will be a surprise from Federation to the Committee Members that created the jar or display. Make sure to tell us who is on your committees and where your display is located through the Google Form here <https://go.illinois.edu/Knox4HWeekContests>

Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9! [Flier with ideas available here](#) to get your creative juices flowing as you plan for the week!

Illinois 4-H will also have Spirit Week special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed!

More posts and info to come, but here is a preview so you can plan:

- **Service Project Sunday** – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- **Member Monday** – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- **Time Machine Tuesday** – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- **Why 4-H Wednesday** – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- **Thankful Thursday** – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- **Favorite Project Friday** – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- **Spirit Saturday** - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.

Thank You Local Coffee Shops

During National 4-H Week our friends at Nutrition on Main are showing their support of Knox County 4-H by having a National 4-H Week Sticker on their cups. If you get a sticker on your cup between October 3-9, tag us on social media! Use **@Knox4H** on Facebook or **@4H_HKMW** on Instagram. Each post is a chance to win 4-H Swag!

Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

October 6 - October 17 stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.



Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year **September 15th – October 15th**. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved! [Flier available here.](#)

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Unit-Wide Policies

It is important for you to review the **Unit-Wide policies** and to become familiar with them. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned into the drop box by Monday before 7:59 a.m.

- **December 1st** - Re-enrollment deadline & College Contract deadline. The step-by-step guide will be emailed to you once 4-H Online opens for re-enrollment.
- **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1, 2021 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.**
- The \$20 program fee is required. We will invoice your 4-H club; pay your 4-H Club or work with them on your 4-H Club's payment arrangement.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. You must be physically present at the 4-H meeting or logged in and attending via a Zoom option. Excused absences do not count as attending.
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- **January 1** – All Livestock Project enrollment deadline (Cat, Cattle, Chicken, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, and Sheep). This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Again, you may add this online.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your project enrollment when you re-enrolled in 4-H Online. However, if you need to add a general show project you may do so before this deadline. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about!
- **May 1**—Horse project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members (aside from cats, dogs, and horses). If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person. For non-food-producing animals (cats, dogs, and horses), **QAEC** will still be required by **May 1 for those that have not completed it**.
- **June 1**- Dog project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures due to the office.
- **4 Weeks Before Fair** -Entries are **due online** by 11:59 p.m in FairEntry. Please keep in mind that staff cannot help you after hours that day. It is suggested that you have the entries completed online before office closing at 4:00 p.m. that day. *Just because you enroll in a project doesn't mean you are automatically entered in the fair. Late entries will not be accepted. **Please make sure you complete your online entries. This is where you tell us what projects you plan to bring.** Watch the newsletter and the 4-H Facebook page for dates where you can stop in and get help with entries. <https://faireentry.com/>*

If at any time you have questions, please contact your local extension office and the 4-H staff will be happy to visit with you. Deadline reminders will be made via the Hilite and Social Media pages. The 4-H staff is excited for the new 4-H year and supports your adventures in the 4-H program.



I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Travel abroad update

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#)

Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/>

Instagram: @states4hinternational See your online newsletter to access links.



Travel Abroad Update!



National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and

sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how agriscience is important and how young

people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. [Full details available here](#) and **submissions are due by October 3rd**!

State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team

Be a part of a team of youth leaders dedicated to sharing the importance of livestock production and 4-H opportunities throughout the state! Applications are open for the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team now through **November 1st**. Applicants must be 16-21 years of age as of September 1, 2021. Head here to apply: <https://form.jotform.com/201406843593153>



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Let's Get Social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to carissa7@illinois.edu.

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories! Instagram: @illinois4h Facebook: @Illinois4H



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Illinois 4-H Scholarships

Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources/Environmental Science, Personal Growth, or STEM/Robotics? Apply for a scholarship honoring your experience and passion in these areas! Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-18 as of 9/1/2021. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2020-2021 4-H year and applicants can only win one scholarship per program year and once in each of the different award areas. Apply now through **November 1** when you head here: <https://form.jotform.com/211745692702154>

I PLEDGE...MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING

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 about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Let your program coordinator reach out to the 4-H Foundation
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining balance
- Please do not pay until you have been invoiced for the total remaining cost



Collegiate 4-H at WIU!

Illinois 4-H doesn't stop at the county level! We want to help prepare you for the future! Join the Collegiate 4-H chapter at Western Illinois University to build your professional development portfolio, build leadership skills and continue to give back to others through community service.

If you know any WIU students that would be interested please have them contact Beth Chatterton for meeting details at chattert@illinois.edu. They can also follow us on facebook

www.facebook.com/wiucollegiate4h

Becoming a Better Babysitter

Better Babysitting Clinic is offered to all youth in 3rd thru 12th grade. Some of the topics and activities the workshop will cover are:

- child care
- nutrition for kids
- safety around the house
- business of babysitting
- toy safety
- first aid

The clinic will be held at the McDonough County 4-H Center. Located at 3022 W. Jackson St., Macomb, IL 61455 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost of the clinic is \$5.



Officer & Leadership Training

Do you know what the job is of an officer in your 4-H club? Do you know how to write the minutes? The order of business? When can you write a check and when you cannot? Do you feel comfortable being a leader? If you are a club officer or a club member and the answer to any of these is no, you need to attend this workshop. There is no cost to attend. Open to all 4-H members and leaders in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties. Training will be **Monday, November 8** from 5-7 p.m. in the Warren County Extension Office. Online registration is open: <https://go.illinois.edu/ClubLeadership>

#GOALS

The beginning of every 4-H year is the best time to set your goal or goals for your 4-H year. Whether it project goals, community service, or roles in your club. Not sure where to start? Ask your fellow club members, 4-H leader, or the 4-H office. We are all here to help you succeed and make 2022 your best year ever!

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

COVID Guidance for the 4-H New Year

The 4-H New Year is almost here and we are so excited to introduce new tools, new projects, and launch into the next great 4-H year!

Project Spark Sheets <https://go.illinois.edu/4hsparksheets> Project Selection Guide <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide>

Also, please be looking for a special delivery in your mailbox with a small token to celebrate our 4-H community. We were excited to see so many of you at State Fair this year, and we know that 4-H youth are excited to see each other again. We are, too!

This year, we'll have a continued focus on keeping our youth, families, and volunteers safe during 4-H experiences. As such, anyone attending a 4-H indoor meeting or event **must wear face coverings** (that cover the nose and mouth) regardless of vaccination status, except for when eating and drinking. At outdoor meetings and events, face coverings will be encouraged, and attendees must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

In addition, **social distancing of at least 6 feet between attendees from different households** must be followed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures will also be in place. If anyone attending has a medical exception to face coverings, we encourage you to reach out to your local Extension staff for help in providing an accommodation. As always, we will continue to monitor and follow IDPH, CDC, and University guidelines and will keep you updated of any changes.

We continue to be humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do and we are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely, Lisa Diaz Illinois 4-H Director



4-H Family Spirit Award

Applications are now open for the 2022 4-H Family Spirit Award! This annual award recognizes an Illinois family who has substantially benefited from and who continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over multiple generations! Applications are being accepted now through May 2022 on the Illinois 4-H Foundation website at: <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/con.../family-spirit-award>

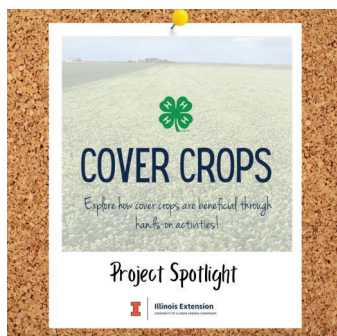
New Project: Cover Crops & Quilting

New project alert! Cover Crops & Quilting are available for the 2021-2022 4-H year!

Cover Crops—Investigate new planting processes, explore genetic modification, and develop new products to learn how cover crops can benefit agriculture and the environment

Quilting—In this project you'll learn basic quilting and piecing techniques like selecting the appropriate fabrics and quilting equipment; options for finishing quilts, tie quilts, bindings and machine quilts; and exploring the unique patterns and history associated with the art of quilting. This project is perfect for someone with sewing experience.

Ready to start exploring? Head to our Project Selection Guide <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide>



Club Reports

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 first meeting of the year for the Delong Livestock 4-h Club was held on Sunday, September 12th at the Orange Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Vice President Paige Nimrick. We discussed the success our members had at the 4-h Fair this year. We voted to do the cookie jar and window display contests for National 4-H Week. We also voted to use our donation from F.S. to pay member dues this year. Due to low member count we postponed the elections until October. Our next meeting will be held at the Abingdon Fall Festival grounds. It will be a potluck with the other Abingdon area clubs. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

4-H Robotic with FIRST

It's that time of year again, the start FIRST Robotics programs in 4-H. This year we have the three FLL teams: RoboStorm, and two start up teams in the ROWVA area.

I know that the RoboStorm Team will continue to inspire youth to be leaders and innovators in science and technology by engaging them in science, engineering, and technology skills, fostering a well-rounded life. These members excel in self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

RoboStorm (FIRST LEGO League) are working hard preparing for their regional competition on December 11TH at the University of Bradley. Every year FIRST LEGO League sets a challenge for robotics teams, this year it is "City Shaper".

During the tournament, teams are judged in four areas: project research, core values, robot design, and table runs. This team has a long tradition of capturing awards at this competition and moving on to State at the University of Illinois in Champagne -Urbana.



The Binary Bullets (FIRST Tech Challenge) team will have their first meet at Orion high school on November 20th. Their second meet will be on December 18th at Fulton high school. The team will once again showcase their 30 second autonomous, follow by their two-minute tallies-op with their alliance.

Good Luck Robotics teams !

The Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports program had a great 2021 season. We were able to have an in person shoots. A big thanks to the National Rifle Association for there support to our program!



Dates to Remember

October 2	State Rifle Shoot (In Person)
October 3	State Pistol Shoot (In Person)
October 3-9	National 4-H Week
October 4	DEADLINE: Club Cookie Jar & Window Displays
October 6-17	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Drive
October 16-17	Junior Leadership Conference
October 24	Knox County 4-H Fun Day & Salute to Excellence Awards Program
October 24	DEADLINE: Pumpkin Decorating Contest
October 24	Federation Meeting
October 30	Babysitting Clinic
November 1	DEADLINE: Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application
November 1	DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due
November 1	DEADLINE: State Livestock Ambassador Team Application
November 8	Officer & Leadership Training
December 1	DEADLINE: Re-Enrollment & College Contracts
January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project Enrollment
January 7	DEADLINE Sustaining the Future Award Due
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment

Farmer's Forecast

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!

October: Williamsfield T&C

November: Willing Workers

December: Backcountry Braves

Federation Meeting

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in Knox County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Nicole for more information; 309-342-5108 or email nenelso2@illinois.edu. ***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 24 following the Fun Day & Awards Night.***

Thank you West Central FS



Join us in saying a HUGE Thank You to West Central FS! They have so kindly donated \$20 per member to each of our 4-H Clubs. Please make sure to write a thank you card to West Central FS during your 1st 4-H Club Meeting, we want them to know how much we appreciate them. Send your thanks to 1445 Monmouth Blvd. Galesburg, IL 61401



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