



## To Make the Best BETTER



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### Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We are getting ready to kick-off the 2021-2022 4-H year. It is hard to believe our 4-H Fair and the Illinois State Fair have concluded. Our 4-H members have worked so hard this summer. Throughout the pages of this newsletter we celebrate all of their accomplishments at the State Fair.

Again, this year you will be enrolling or re-enrolling on the 4HOnline system. Your 4-H leader will be handing out booklets for returning member families and folders for new members which have step by step instructions on how to complete your online enrollment. Make sure you follow these directions, so you are re-enrolled and get your project manuals ordered. As always, we are available to assist you with completing your registration. Let's work together to inspire others in "Making the Best Better"!

We are trying something new this year! Check out our map of workshops to be held this year. With each workshop, you will learn a new skill that relates to a 4-H project you can take. If you have been wanting to try out a new project, go ahead and sign up now! We will teach you what you need to know later.

As you prepare for the new successful 4-H year, it is important to remember a few things. To show at the fair, you must have attended at least 4 meetings and given a talk or demonstration. Be sure to talk to your leader, some clubs have additional rules! Also note that all deadlines will be enforced. See your new year booklet and the newsletter for reminders of deadlines. We do our best to remind our members via social media as well!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



## 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.

## 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



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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**- 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.
- **Secretaries** are required to **send attendance sheets monthly** after their meeting to the Extension Office. This can be shared by Google Docs, email, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary book; you can either save it electronically or print it from your computer. We ask 4-H Leaders to review your secretary attendance sheet monthly before the office receiving them.
- **Treasurers** need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online form. For the new 2021-2022 4-H year, Treasurers need to start with the ending balance of the prior 4-H year fiscal report. (Please ask questions if needed)
- **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.



### Western Illinois Horse Show

I am sharing a great 4-H horse show opportunity with you. The Western Illinois 4-H Horse Show will be held on **Saturday, September 25** at the Warren County Saddle Club in Monmouth, IL. Attached is the show bill for more information. You may register online at [go.illinois.edu/WI4HS](http://go.illinois.edu/WI4HS) or on the day of the event. There is also a Facebook event on the Warren County 4-H Page.

## Year-End Reports Due September 15

Year-end reports include the **Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, Historian, and Reporter Books**

- **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement:** All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement** form at the end of each 4-H year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to the Extension office by **September 15**. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.
- **Secretary's Book:** Are club meeting minutes up-to-date, and have they been signed/approved by the club President (or whoever was presiding over the meeting when the club approved them)? The Secretary's Record Book is the permanent record of your club's activities and decisions this year, so it is more important than you may think. Your minutes are the official record of your club's financial decisions too—documentation of approval of spending money is required to back up your club's account activities. This needs to be completed **BEFORE** they are due and **BEFORE** club officers leave for college or get busy with school activities.



### Planning ahead.....2021-2022

Illinois 4-H is joining forces with the Illinois Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Forestry Committee to organize a statewide tree appreciation program entitled: 4-H Green Communities Tree Program. Several educational forestry topics will be emphasized along with a culminating event of planting trees throughout the state on community based properties in the spring of 2022. Be thinking of where a tree could go in your community as a survey of interested counties will be done this fall! No cost to you! Let Nicole know if you are interested!

**Illinois 4-H Contact:** Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

### Travel abroad update

Registration for the Travel abroad 2022 program will open early September.

**Timeline:** Registration must be complete by **November 1**

First payment of \$1500 due December 1

Second payment \$1500 Due February 1 after Final Approval.

Third and final payment Due April 15, when tickets are purchased.



Travel Abroad Update!

### 2021 State Shoots:

State competitions for 4-H Archery; Shotgun; Rifle; and Pistol are conducted in the fall each year. Rules for the shoots and registration information will be posted on the Illinois 4-H website by August 1, 2021. Look at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>

Participants must be ages 13 – 18 years on Sept. 1, 2021 and be enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Club to be eligible for these competitions. On-line registration for all shoots will be open Aug. 1 – mid-September.



Archery: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL Register at:

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

Shotgun: Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL Register at:

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

Rifle and Pistol: Sat., Oct. 2 and 3, 2021 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington,

IL Register for rifle at: [go.illinois.edu/4hrifle](https://go.illinois.edu/4hrifle) Register for pistol at:

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

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# Illinois 4-H State General & Dog Show Results

All members received Award of Excellence for their projects. Additional Awards are as noted.



Abigail Cain  
DJ Cain  
Addalyn Cain  
Ali Cain—Grand Champion  
Alexandria Clark  
Emily Conlee  
Miles Gibb  
Harrison Gibb—Reserve Champion  
Clay Gohlinghorst  
Payton Hart  
Luke Hawkins  
Seth Hawkinson  
Julian Henry  
Rylan Holman  
Allison Hopkins—Grand Champion  
Zach Hopkins

Reese Inniss  
Ethan Inniss—Inspire Award  
Gage Jurgensen  
Garrett Lake—Inspire Award  
Joseph Landon—Reserve Champion  
Annalyn Lovell  
Matthew Maher  
Hannah Maher—Grand Champion  
Ethan Main—Grand Champion  
Lily McCormick—Grand Champion  
Jack Pickrel  
Hunter Poyzer  
Adam Robertson  
Julia Robinson  
Adrienne Rogers  
Noah Seiboldt—Inspire Award

Emma Seiboldt  
Katie Shepherd—Inspire Award  
Adalynn Snyder  
Ella Soper  
Sidney Stiers  
Shelby Taylor  
Phoebe Ulm  
Molly Warner—Grand Champion  
Amelia Webel  
Eli West  
Graham Wight—Grand Champion  
Zoey Yeutson  
Logan Yeutson—Grand Champion  
Aiden Yeutson—Grand Champion  
Grant Alexander - 1st Dog Preferred Novice  
Grant Alexander - 4th Dog Novice



## Check out State Fair Results Here

You can find all the competition results from the Illinois State Fair online at

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/Pages/CompetitionResults.aspx>

**Congratulations to all of our members that showed at the State Fair livestock shows this year!**

Pictured: Thalia Jimenez (awarded Judith Kruse Memorial Sportsmanship Award) and Hannah Maher (awarded High Point- Western Division for 13-16)

## 4-H Hall of Fame—Jeanne Gardner

Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Longtime volunteers and former staff members were recently honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program. In 2021, 71 individuals received the Foundation Hall of Fame Award, presented during a virtual ceremony Aug. 17.

The 2021 Hall of Fame winner from Knox County is Jeanne Gardner. Jeanne Gardner is a 28-year leader in Knox County. She has led her club, Bracken Busy Bees, with a dedication and passion that is second to none. Although she did not start her journey with 4-H as a member, she saw the value in 4-H and committed her service to giving an incredible experience to our youth. Jeanne is a role model in Knox County because of her commitment to serving others. She has a quote from President Bill Clinton on her fridge. It says, "If every kid in America were in 4-H, we'd have about half the problems we've got." It is evident that she has a passion to make the best better.



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



# 4-H New Year Guide 2021-2022

## The 4-H Pledge

*I PLEDGE...*

*MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING,  
MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY,  
MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND  
MY HEALTHY TO BETTER LIVING,  
FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY,  
MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD*

## The 4-H Logo



**The 4-H Slogan**  
*LEARNING BY DOING*

**The 4-H Motto**  
*TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER*

## "Make the Best Better" and check out these links and helpful hints to have an awesome 4-H year

- Read the **Welcome Email/Letter**. It's full of valuable information about the 4-H year. [go.illinois.edu/KnoxWelcomeLetter](http://go.illinois.edu/KnoxWelcomeLetter)
- **Enroll in 4-H Online** - New Members [go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineEnrollNewMember](http://go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineEnrollNewMember)  
Returning Members [go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineReEnroll](http://go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineReEnroll)
- New members, sign the lifetime **risk form** and turn it into the Extension Office. This should be done ASAP. We are happy to mail you a hard copy if you give us a call. [go.illinois.edu/RiskForm](http://go.illinois.edu/RiskForm)
- Start thinking about keeping records for **awards**  
[4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/enrollment-resources](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/enrollment-resources)
- In college? Consider signing a **College Contract** with us!  
[go.illinois.edu/CollegeContract](http://go.illinois.edu/CollegeContract)
- Take a look at these planning guides
  - **4-H Project Guide** - [go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide)
  - **Club Contact Info** - [go.illinois.edu/MemberPlanner](http://go.illinois.edu/MemberPlanner)
  - **My 4-H Activities** - [go.illinois.edu/My4HActivities](http://go.illinois.edu/My4HActivities)
  - Many other resources on the **Illinois 4-H Website**

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# 2021 4-H AWARDS CHEAT SHEET

For Knox County & State Level Awards

## OFFICER REPORTS - DUE SEPTEMBER 15

### Secretary & Treasurer

- Submit to County Office
- Use most current forms - [extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources](https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources)
- Required to keep club status
- Compete for top report
- [go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics](https://go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics)

### Reporter & Historian

- Submit to County Office
- No specified form
- Shows past year of officer and club work
- Not Required
- Compete for top report
- [go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics](https://go.illinois.edu/ClubReportRubrics)

## MEMBER AWARDS - DUE SEPTEMBER 28

### 4-H Experience Award Applications

- Submit to County Office
- All Members Ages 8-18 (as of Sep. 1, 2020)
- Application - [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards)
- Tip Sheet - [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards)

### I Dare You Award

- Submit to County Office
- Ages 14-18 (as of Sep. 1, 2020)
- Application - [go.illinois.edu/IDareYou](https://go.illinois.edu/IDareYou)

## CLUB AWARDS - DUE SEPTEMBER 28

### 4-H Club Award Applications

- Submit to County Office
- Application - [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards)
- Tutorial Video - [go.illinois.edu/ClubTutorialVideo](https://go.illinois.edu/ClubTutorialVideo)

### Top Club Award

- Submit to County Office
- \$50 Award
- Application - [go.illinois.edu/TopClub](https://go.illinois.edu/TopClub)

## STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER AWARDS

### Illinois 4-H Scholarship

- Due November 1, 2021
- Submit to State Office Electronically
- Ages 15-18 (as of Sep. 1, 2021)
- Signed transcript required to verify GPA
- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Application - [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/scholarships](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/scholarships)
- Tutorial Video - [go.illinois.edu/ScholarshipTutorial](https://go.illinois.edu/ScholarshipTutorial)

### Sustaining the Future Award

- Due January 7, 2022
- Electronic Submission
- Ages 17-19 (as of Sep. 1, 2021)
- 2-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference
- Application - [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards)



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2021 Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference presents ...

# The Game of Leadership

October 16-17, 2021

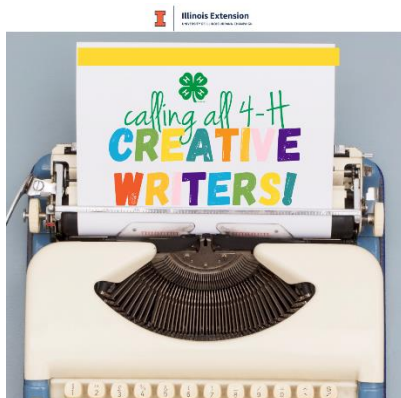


## 2021 Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference

Are you ready to play? Registration is now open for the 2021 Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, The Game of Leadership! Register for **October 16 or October 17** for this fun-filled conference held at the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center. The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference is an exciting event which provides 7th and 8th grade 4-H members a look at the opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities. Information on registration, workshop descriptions, COVID mitigation, and scholarship opportunities is available here: [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc) **Registration is open now through October 1!** If you need reasonable accommodation to attend, please email Carla Blue at [blue1@illinois.edu](mailto:blue1@illinois.edu).

## Standing Together Taking Action

Are you ready to deliberate, reflect, and learn how to act on social issues facing the world today? Take Standing Together Taking Action for a SPIN! This virtual SPIN (special interest) club is designed for youth ages 13 and older who want to navigate tough topics in a respectful and non-judgmental environment. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays (bi-weekly) from 5:30 - 7:00 pm CST beginning in October and lasting for 7 sessions. Youth participants will be selected to participate from each region of the state. Head here <https://go.illinois.edu/STTA> to apply by **September 15, 2021**.



## Calling all 4-H writers!

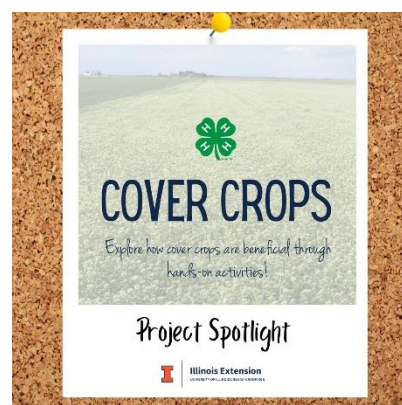
Show off your creative writing skills and share what 4-H allows you to be! Use the prompt "4-H Allows me to be ..." to inspire any type of creative written piece. This could include, but isn't necessarily limited to: essays, song lyrics, poetic forms, word art, short stories or speeches.

Your finished project should be:

- Your original work
- Less than 500 words in length
- Something that tells your story and inspires others!

**All submissions are due by Friday, September 24th at 5pm** with winners notified the following week. This contest is only open to Illinois 4-H members. Submit your work here: <https://form.jotform.com/212454747041149>

**New Project Alert!** – Check out and enroll for these new projects to explore the world of quilting (Visual Arts) and learn more about cover crops!





## Dates to Remember

<b>September 1</b>	<b>New 4-H Year Begins</b>
September 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Officer Reports Due
September 18	State Archery Shoot (In Person)
September 19	Federation Meeting
<b>September 20</b>	<b>4HOnline Open for Enrollment</b>
September 25	State Shotgun Shoot (In Person)
September 28	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Member Awards Due (I Dare You & Experience)
September 28	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Club Awards Due (Top Club & State Awards)
October 2	State Rifle Shoot (In Person)
October 3	State Pistol Shoot (In Person)
October 3-9	National 4-H Week
October 4	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Club Cookie Jar & Window Displays
October 16-17	Junior Leadership Conference
October 24	Knox County Salute to Excellence Awards Program
November 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application
November 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due
December 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Re-Enrollment & College Contracts
January 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Livestock Project Enrollment
January 7	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Sustaining the Future Award Due

## Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto: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!

**September:** Wataga Trailblazers **October:** Williamsfield T&C **November:** Willing Workers **December:** Backcountry Braves

## Club Reports

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



### 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

### TSC Paper Clover Drive

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council, are October 6-17. Money donated during the campaign STAYS in that local county. The campaign runs twice a year.



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