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McDonough County 4-H Clover

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing to return to in-person events, as long as local conditions, IDPH guidelines, and University of Illinois policy allow.

If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for McDonough County will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside)
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 309/837-3939. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!

Yours in 4-H,
Beth, Julian, Shelby, and Lisa

STEM

Robotics: Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>



4-H International

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 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/>



Environmental Education

Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois River Watch citizen scientist!

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at:

<http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

Your local 4-H program is looking for volunteers to lead a Bass Fishing SPIN club! If you know someone you think would be a good fit, share their name with Beth or have them contact us at the office. This SPIN club focuses on the new Illinois Bass Fishing Curriculum and is geared toward youth in Jr. High. Volunteers must be secured before a club can be formed.

Know someone who wants to volunteer in a different area? We want to talk to them too! Share their contact information with Beth or have them contact us at the office.



Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact Julian Inniss, 4-H SPIN Program Coordinator, for registration information, 309/342-5108 or email jjniss@illinois.edu

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



McDonough County Shooting Sports Schedule

Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

April 5, May 3, June 7, July –No Shoot, August 2, September 6, October 4

Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

April 12, May 10, June 14, July– No Shoot, August 9, September 13, October 11

.22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

April 3, May 1, June 5, July - No Shoot, August 7, September 11, October 2

.22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

April 3, May 1, June 5, July– No Shoot, August 7, September 11, October 2

Archery (Ages 8-18)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm

Crooked Creek Outdoors, 1025 W Grant St, Macomb, IL

May 20 & 27, June 3, 10, 17 & 24

Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am

Argyle State Park Shooting Range, 700 Rd, Colchester, IL

April 17, May 15, June 19, July-No Shoot, August 21, September 25, October 16

If you have any questions about McDonough County 4-H Shooting, please feel free to contact the shooting sports coordinators:

Julian Inniss ~ jjniss@illinois.edu, 309-342-5108

Mary Phippen ~ mecp21@yahoo.com, 309-255-1761



Volunteer Opportunity

Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register: Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 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!

National Day of Service

Join 4-Hers across the country in the 2021 National 4-H Day of Service on April 24th. Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

Are you Fair Ready?

Your 4-H team is busy working to plan the 2021 4-H Fair in a way that is safe for all participants and volunteers. We need you to do your part to make sure you are ready for fair. Remember that all members should have attended 4 meetings to be eligible to show at the 4-H show. If you are short on meetings, check out the virtual meeting option on page 5. You must also have given a talk or demonstration, although some clubs might have additional requirements. Think you are going to struggle to meet these requirements? Reach out to Beth to form a plan!

Fair Entry Deadline

Members can make their fair entries by visiting <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15209> starting April 15. Once you are in the fair entry program, you will see a welcome message. Each 4-H member will make their entry as an individual. You should see a list of family members eligible to exhibit. You will make entries one youth at a time.

- Cloverbuds do NOT need to use the 4-H Entry System. They will just bring their project the day of the Mini Fair.
- Families with multiple children, once you are done selecting projects for the first kid you will need to select "register another Exhibitor" to enter your second kid's projects and so on. Once the family is completed you can then submit everyone at once. Otherwise once you submit you will need to wait until the office approves before you can enter your second youth's projects.

We ask that you are very patient and you give yourself plenty of time to complete the entries before June 15. The fair entry system will close at 11:59 p.m. on June 15. We will not have a scheduled Fair Entry Night. If you need one on one help we encourage you to make special arrangements with the office. We are happy to help but ask that you don't wait until the last minute to register.

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VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Federation Meeting

Any 4-H member in 8th grade or older interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Beth for more information; 309/837-3939 or email chattert@illinois.edu.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 11th at 1 p.m.

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Virtual 4-H Meeting Options

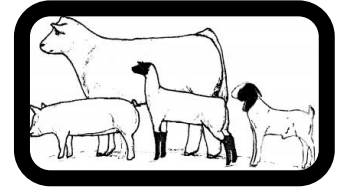
Some of you may not be comfortable meeting in person. Some clubs may not be able to offer a virtual option. That's okay! Our office will be offering a virtual meeting option if you are unable to meet with your club virtually or in person.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m.** Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.

Livestock Judging

The 2021 WIU & 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday, April 24 at the 4-H Center in Macomb. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the contest starting promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, check out go.illinois.edu/wiu

Mask wearing and social distancing guidelines will be followed during the event. Questions? Please contact Beth Chatterton at (309) 837-3939 or via email at chattert@illinois.edu.



Dog Obedience

Dog Training by Danette will be offering free Dog Obedience classes to McDonough County 4-H members again this year. Classes start April 29th. Contact Danette for more details 309/255-2572 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/DogTrainingbyDanette/>

What Do I Need For the Dog Show?

Besides your amazing self and your fabulous dog, you will need to make sure that all of your dog's vaccines are up to date and have a copy of the record at check in time. You will also need to turn in your Dog Ownership/Lease Papers into the office by June 1st. If you have any questions call the office at 309/837-3939.

State Fair Nomination Processes

Sheep and Goat Nomination forms have been emailed and mailed to our families for this year. Please look over them carefully as some details have changed. Forms must be completed between March 15- May 15, 2021. A clear, close up image of the ear with the scrapie tag must be included. Forms will need to be signed up 4-H Extension Staff by the deadline.

Starting this year Ewe lambs (Females) are eligible for the Premiere Carcass Show. If you have any questions please contact Beth Chatterton at 309/837-3939 or email at chattert@illinois.edu

4 -H Market

New this year we will be moving the 4-H Market to Labor Day weekend Saturday, September 4th at the 4-H Center. 4-H members will have the opportunity to showcase the items that they make and would like to sell. Start your planning now.



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

Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program

This is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants.

McDonough County Superior Young Producer Award

Locally McDonough County has a SYP Award in the area of Beef – Horses-Sheep-Swine. On **June 25, between 8:00 am-3:30pm** at the McDonough Extension office participants can take the test. However, you will need to contact the office by June 23th if you are interested in participating.

Purpose: To create an educational activity at the McDonough County 4-H Fair which promotes youth development & personal growth through knowledge of the livestock industry & career development. Also, to provide a local contest for those who are interested in pursuing the Superior Young Producer contest at the Illinois State Fair.

How old do you have to be:

There will be 3 age divisions for the McDonough County Superior Young Producer (SYP): *Junior* 8-12 y/o, *Intermediate* 13-14 y/o, and *Senior* 15-18 y/o as of September 1st, 2020.

Entry Deadlines Approaching

Reminder that May 1 is horse ownership/lease papers due date

May 1 is the deadline to file horse ownership/lease papers with the local Extension office. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, a photo of each side of the animals is required. We strongly encourage members who own or lease more than one horse to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the deadline. If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced ONLY by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to and exhibited by ONE 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show. Download the form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/horse> .

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**. Our last in person trainings will be held on **Friday, April 2, 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., & 4 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Macomb**

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**.

Public Presentation Contest

McDonough County 4-H will be hosting their Public Presentations Contest virtually this year. As in the past, to participate in this contest, youth must be 4-H members, and be registered in the Public Presentations project by *March 1st*. They also need to register for the contest using their county's FairEntry system between *April 1st* and *April 16th*. Videos will need to be submitted by April 16th.

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.

If you have any questions, please let Beth Chatterton know. 309/837-3939 or email chattert@illinois.edu

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Did you know that April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week? In 4-H, volunteers are central to what we do. Join us in thanking our volunteers for all they do by reaching out and sharing what they mean to you. McDonough County 4-H is lucky to have volunteers serve as club leaders, superintendents, fair judges and assistants, workshop leaders, advisory council members, and more! Thank you for all you do.

In McDonough County, there 12 volunteers are who are inspiring youth involved in county and local 4-H club programs. 4-H Clubs and their leaders include:

Active Good Hoppers

Jean Ann Nelson

Blandinsville Blue Ribbons

Renee Welsh

Bushnell Busy B's

Dave & Holly Brint

Cheerful Chesters

Louisa Matthew

Kim Hall

4-H Helping Hands

Valerie Butler

4-H Goal Diggers

Michelle Sargeant

Scotland Clever Clovers

Monica Torrance

Holly Riggins

Julie Bartlow

Town & Country Clovers

Marilyn Olsen



Leaders Meeting

A HUGE thank you to all of our leaders that attended the February Leaders meeting. Our leaders received your BBQ tickets and information about upcoming events. They have a lot of information to share with you at your next meeting.

It Takes a Village

We know that it takes a village to make McDonough County 4-H a success. Thank you to all of our volunteers who help make our Best Better at the Fair, during workshops, at the BBQ, and livestock weigh ins. We couldn't do it without you.





Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in April! We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."

April 2021

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Dates to Remember

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| April 10 | 4-H Digs Dinosaurs Workshop |
| April 24 | State Horse Judging (virtual) |
| April 24 & 25 | Youth Livestock Conference |
| April 25 | True Leaders Service Day |
| May 7 | McDonough County 4-H BBQ |
| May 15 | Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit |
| May 20 | Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations |
| 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 25 | Mini Fair |
| June 27 – July 1 | Illini Summer Academies (Virtual) |
| July 5-9 | McDonough County 4-H Fair |
| July 11- 23, 2021 | Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience |
| July 24 | 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull |
| July 25 – August 1 | ISF Junior Horse Show |
| July – August | In-Bound Summer 2021 |
| August 15 | McDonough County day at the Illinois State Fair |