



McDonough County 4-H Clover

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Hello 4-H Families and Friends,

What an exciting time to be in 4-H? If you have not already, you should be receiving your Fair Book shortly! Consider this book your guide to a successful 4-H fair. If any changes or updates need to be made, you will find them here.

This time of year, there are many deadlines approaching. Be sure to check out the back page to keep up with all the important dates! Several of these dates are contests that you or a fellow 4-Her will compete in. Keep an eye on your county 4-H Facebook page for the latest news about these competition results and more. If you haven't already, like the page and be sure to comment congrats to your friends!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

The 2021 4-H fair premium checks have been sent out. Please make sure to cash them as soon as possible. This helps us a great deal with our paperwork.

MCDONOUGH CO. 4-H BBQ

Tickets for the 2022 McDonough County 4-H BBQ will be available at your next 4-H meeting. We are planning on hosting a drive thru only BBQ again this year.

We are also asking families to donate a dozen cookies for the BBQ. Families can also donate store bought cookie dough in place of making cookies. Cookie details will be in the letter that does along with your tickets. If you have any questions please let Beth Chatterton know at 309/837-3939 or chattert@illinois.edu

4-H FAMILY SPIRIT AWARD

4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award. Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award: <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

Please [contact us](#) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

4-H AT HOME

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

Get started here: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/internet-basics/>

4-H EQUITY CHALLENGE

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+.

Learn more here: <https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/>

TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

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

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application/>

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP- SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping.

Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum)

Dates: Mid May-July 29

Details: This paid position includes room and board.

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Dates

May 31-June 4 Training

June 5-9 Youth Camp Session 1

June 12-16 Youth Camp Session 2

June 26-July 1 Camp Corral

July 5-9 Youth Camp Session 3

July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May thorough Mid-August

Duties: Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

SAVE THE DATE: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

When someone is struggling, you can help. Gain tools to identify signs of mental health or substance abuse issues, learn communication skills, and leave with resources to connect someone with help in a free workshop. This program is relevant for community members and leaders, business owners, teachers, religious leaders, and anyone who wants to learn more about how to help others. Workshops include two hours of self-paced study and one day of training. Register by two weeks in advance.

The next workshop will be on Thursday, April 21. For more information or to sign up visit go.illinois.edu/mentalhealth2022 or contact Tessa at 309/837-3939 or tessa@illinois.edu

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings (designed for adults who regularly interact with youth) will also be scheduled throughout the year. To be placed on a notification list, email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Camp Dates

June 5-9, June 12-16, July 5-9, July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu or Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741.



FAMILY CAMP SPRING 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find

pictures of last year's

Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Dates: May 20-22

Fees: Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp

Website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp> .

If you have any questions, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu or Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!



YQCA

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must complete their annual YQCA training either on-line at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. See your email from **Beth** for details on how to register. 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:

- **Friday, April 15, 4-5 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Macomb**

QAEC training is required for members enrolled in cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit. This training must be completed once in a member's career. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH

Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

This is a tremendous opportunity to become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long-lasting club activity!

STATE FAIR NOMINATION PROCESS

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, 2022. A clear, close-up image of the ear with the scrapie tag must be included. Forms will need to be signed by 4-H Extension Staff by the deadline.

Reminder, 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

ENTRY DEADLINES APPROACHING

Reminder that May 1 is the 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 animal 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> .

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars McDonough County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is Friday, August 12. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking pass 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.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY FAIR

We are currently finishing up the details on our 2022 McDonough County Fair Book. The plan is to have them in your hands at your April 4-H Club Meeting. 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. Please mark these dates on you calendar(s):

- Dog Show ~ Friday, June 24
- General Show ~ Tuesday, July 5
- Fair Week ~ July 5-9

BETTER BABYSITTING CLINIC

Join us for the Better Babysitting Clinic on Saturday, April 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium (1000 N Main St. Monmouth, IL). Some topics covered will include child care, nutrition, house and toy safety, the business of babysitting, and more. The cost of the clinic is \$5 . Questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu. Space is limited. Register at go.illinois.edu/Babysit

VIRTUAL BASIC VIDEO EDITING WORKSHOP

Youth ages 8-18 are invited to join us virtually for our virtual basic video editing workshop. No prior experience of special software is required although a personal computer or Chromebook is encouraged to fully take part in the workshop experience. The workshop will be held May 19 from 5-6 p.m. via Zoom. Questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

Register By May 13 at go.illinois.edu/VideoMaking

WARREN COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Are you interested in livestock judging and evaluation? The Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for May 28 at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the contest begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to request a contest flyer contact Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

STATE 4-H FISHING TOURNAMENT READY TO GO!

Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to:

<https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS WANTED!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.



Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

April 4, May 2, June 9, July –No Shoot, August 1, September 5, October 3

Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

April 11, May 9, June 13, July– No Shoot, August 8, September 12, October 10

.22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

April 2, May 7, June 4, July - No Shoot, August 6, September 3, October 1

.22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

April 2, May 7, June 4, July– No Shoot, August 6, September 3, October 1

Archery (Ages 8-18)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm

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

May 4, 11, 18, & 25, June 1, 8, & 15

Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am

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

April 16, May 21, June 18, July-No Shoot, August 20, September 17, October 15

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

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Did you know that April 17-23 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

Kelsey Slage
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

Holly Riggins
Julie Bartlow

Town & Country Clovers

Marilyn Olsen



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.



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 with be on Sunday, April 10 at 1 p.m.

April 2022

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- April 1 McDonough County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- April 1 J. Miles and Maribel McGrew Scholarship Application Due
- April 15 YQCA Training—4-H Center Macomb
- April 16 Robotics Competition
- April 23 & 24 State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
- April 23 True Leaders day of service day
- April 30 State Public Speaking
- April 30 Better Babysitting Clinic
- May 1 Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
- May 1 YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due
- May 6 McDonough County BBQ
- May 19 Virtual Video Editing Workshop
- May 28 Warren County Livestock Judging Contest
- June 7 4-H Fair Entries due
- June 24 4-H Mini Fair
- July 1 Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due
- July 5-9 McDonough County 4-H Fair
- July 17-21 Memorial Camp
- July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

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 in to the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."