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4-H Families and Friends:

Happy Holidays from your 4-H Extension Team! Thank you for re-enrolling in 4-H by December 1st. In the newsletter there are many opportunities that you can take part in. Think about taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. There are several local, state, and national 4-H workshops or conferences that you can attend for a reduced fee due to the local 4-H Scholarships. Make sure you talk to the office before you register online. In addition, please read all the deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact us. You must be enrolled in all livestock and companion animal projects by **January 1st**!. Again, Happy Holidays and enjoy your time with your families!

Please remember that the Extension Office will be closed December 24th through January 4th and will resume normal business hours January 5th. This means if you have questions about registering for your livestock project, we won't be available. Please don't delay. Registration is open now!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

JOIN THE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

We will be hosting a parent & youth informational meeting for our new 4-H Livestock Judging Team on Wednesday, December 8 at the 4-H center in Macomb. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. This is open to youth enrolled in McDonough County 4-H. If you have any questions please contact Beth at 309/837-3939.



I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022. The State contest will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign. Our local contest will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the 4-H Center at 10 a. m.

There are 4 division in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique. Beginner: 8-13 years of age. Advanced: 14 years of age and older.

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 | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**
- **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**

We offer a "4-H Pledge" class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/21.

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

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!

ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a deadline lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned in the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **October 15** - RISK forms need to be turned into the office by all new members and those who do not have one on file. Medical forms need to be turned into your leader.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK form need to be completed. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. **This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance.**
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- 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 Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs and cats) Project Enrollment deadline. 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.
- **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 enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers 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, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **4 weeks before show** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

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**. An email from Beth will follow with details for registering. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held at:

Saturday, February 19 , Noon 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 members career. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Workshops

SEWING WORKSHOP

Join us to learn the basics of sewing, "One Stitch at a Time." Beginning sewing skills will be taught in this workshop so you can create your own masterpiece for the 4-H fair! Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/sewing

GIFT WRAPPING WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun afternoon of learning how to wrap like a pro and even make a bow! The workshop will be held Monday, December 20 from 4– 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Topics covered include; how to wrap a boxed gift, how to problem solve when it's an odd-shaped gift, when to use a gift bag, how to make a bow, and how to add a special twist to your gift wrap. Your friends and family will be amazed at your wrapping skills this season. Youth will need to bring 1 item to wrap. Wrapping Supplies will be included at the workshop.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/GiftWrap

DIY CODE & BUILD

Have you ever wanted to know just what makes your video game controller work? Wished you could design a way to make your drawings speak to you? Explore the technology behind these ideas at the DIY Code and Build Workshop. Using Scratch and Makey Makey technology, members will be able to experience the magic of computer science at the tips of their fingers. Workshop will be held on December 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warren– Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium. Lunch will be provided.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/DIYCodeAndBuild

POULTRY WORKSHOP

Join us as we learn about poultry showmanship and evaluation along with the basics of embryology at our 4-H Poultry Workshop. Western Illinois University student, Luke Jesgarz, will be sharing his knowledge of all things poultry on February 19 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the 4-H Center Auditorium in Macomb. This workshop is open for young people ages 8-18 and is free of charge. You don't even have to be a 4-H member to attend so grab your friends and poultry questions and we will see you there!

Register online at go.illinois.edu/Poultry.



REGISTRY 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

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: CLOTHING & FASHION

Calling all future fashion designers! Have you ever thought about designing and making your own clothing? Learn the basics of sewing construction and how to make simple clothing and accessories. In this project you will develop skills in design and fashion illustration, business and marketing, technology in sewing, and learn about careers in the textile industry.

Ready to explore? Head to <https://go.illinois.edu/clothing4-H>



WHAT IS FEDERATION?

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 McDonough 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. The bounce obstacle course at the fair in 2019 was thanks to them and the BBQ tickets our members sold. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Beth for more information; 309/837-3939 or email chattert@illinois.edu.

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

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Watch for future registration details!

INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

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

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois



McDonough County Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports members keep an eye on your email, we are currently working out details for shoots this winter.

4-H CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our clubs do an amazing job helping others in the community! This is a very busy time for community service and every extra helping hand counts. COVID has presented some unique challenges to our 4-H clubs but everyone is rising to the occasion. Please keep us in the loop of any projects you have planned this season so we can help get the word out. You can do so by emailing Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu or calling the office at 309/837-3939.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

McDonough County 4-H has a tree on display at the Festival of Trees during Dickens on the Square in Macomb. This years theme is "4-H Through the Decades". Our tree is covered with pictures and awards from McDonough County 4-H members from the 1940's to today. We are sure you will find some familiar faces. The 15th Annual Festival of Trees will be held at the Macomb Arts Center, 25 East Side Square, Macomb, IL.

Dates:

Friday, December 3, 4-8 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, Noon—4 p.m.

Monday, December 6, 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

\$3 Admission (Children 10 & under free)

BUSHNELL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join Bushnell's annual Festival of Lights parade while cheering on our Bushnell Busy B's 4-H club as they enter their annual 4-H float in the parade. This is a great family friendly event with lots of holiday cheer. The parade is Saturday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

4-H MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NICE

Our 4-H members, volunteers, and families know that importance of community. They don't just say the words "I pledge my Hands to larger service" they live it, everyday. Over this Holiday season our 4-H Clubs have been busy collected canned food for local food pantries and weekend backpack programs, collecting wrapping paper for Project Santa, creating door decorations for local nursing homes, bell ringing for Salvation Army, and shopping for Angel Tree families, just to name a few.

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

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in December! 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."

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December 1	DEADLINE: Re-enrollment on 4-H Online
December 8	Livestock Judging Team Info Meeting
December 11	Sewing Workshop
December 20	Gift Wrapping Workshop
December 21	DIY Code & Build Workshop
December 24– January 4	Office closed for Holidays
January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment
February 1	Fair Book Cover Entries due
February 19	Poultry Workshop
February 19	YQCA Training, McDonough County
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 26	Public Speaking Contest
May 1	YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due
May 6	McDonough County BBQ
June 7	4-H Fair Entries due
June 24	4-H Mini Fair
July 5-9	McDonough County 4-H Fair