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# McDonough County 4-H Clover

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## To Make the Best BETTER



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### Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

The 4-H year is now in full swing and before you know it, warmer weather will bring fair season right along with it. General Show projects must be signed up for by March 1<sup>st</sup>. These projects don't roll over in 4-H Online this year so be sure to double check that you are signed up for everything you want to learn more about. To add a project, email Beth! I also want to remind you that to show at the fair, you must give a talk or demonstration and attend at least 4 meetings. Check with your club leader for additional club requirements and to see how many meetings you have attended.

February is a busy month for those of you in livestock projects! Don't forget to weigh in your steers, take the YQCA training, and make sure you know the ownership deadlines for livestock! A great way to keep up with the news about workshops being hosted is by liking your local 4-H Facebook page. Don't worry, we will still write about them in your monthly newsletter!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

### 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, February 16th at 5:30 p.m.**

**Email Shelby at [srcarls2@illinois.edu](mailto:srcarls2@illinois.edu) to for more information or to get the meeting link.**



## 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



### Shooting Sports

Results of the first annual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Shoot are now posted on the Illinois 4-H events website, or click here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HVirtualShootResults2020>

Over 420 scores were posted and ribbons have been mailed to the top ten winners in shotgun; air rifle; compound archery; and recurve archery. Please join us in congratulating our very own Logan Grant and Reid Carson! Logan received 2nd place in the Compound Bow Jr. Division and Reid received 7th place. Way to go, gentlemen!

Congratulations to all the participants and especially the 4-H leaders that went to the extra effort to offer this contest to their local shooting sports 4-H clubs! Thank you, volunteers!

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.



### GET READY FOR ... Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

Remind your local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge to prepare to monitor their nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! Stay the course – good science takes effort.

## IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support. Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

## Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

The Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Annual Scholarship Application is available for download at <https://www.tricountycattlemen.com/scholarships>. Applications are to be postmarked by April 1.

## States 4-H International Exchange

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



## Travel Abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

\*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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## Speaking for Illinois 4-H

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

**Registration will close March 4.**

## 4-H Steer Weigh-In Scheduled

If you are showing steer at the County 4-H Show or going to the State Fair, please plan to weigh-in at Bushnell Veterinary Service on *Monday, February 15 at 8 am –9 am*. Please call the Extension office to specify how many you plan to weigh-in and with a number to call in case of bad weather. New this year we ask that all members and families attending wear a mask. We would like to remind members that weigh-in should be done in the county of your enrollment.

## McDonough County Fair

We are currently working on the details on our 2021 McDonough County Fair Book. The plan is to have them in your hands at your March 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 & Food Demonstrations ~ Friday, June 25
- Fair Week ~ July 5-9

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>*. They also need to register for the contest using their county's [FairEntry](#) system between *April 1<sup>st</sup>* and *April 16<sup>th</sup>*. 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](mailto:chattert@illinois.edu)

## 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](http://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 and COVID status. Details will be confirmed a week before the training.

In-person trainings will be held at:

**Saturday, February 6, 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Macomb**

**Friday, March 19, 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Macomb**

**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**.

## 2019 Premium Checks

A friendly reminder that if you haven't cashed your **2019** 4-H Fair Premium check you need to do so this month!

## 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)

## Illini Summer Academies

### Deadline Extended!

**We are still looking for 10 teens who have attended ISA at least once before to be a part of the Production Team.** As a Production Team member, you can expect to have all your registration expenses paid and will participate in monthly Zoom calls as we plan the fun, engaging activities for this year's 2021 4-H *Virtual* Illini Summer Academies.

If you are interested in being on the team this year, we have extended the deadline to apply by **11:59 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021.**

**Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)**

**Reference for Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)**

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at: [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu)

## Dairy Judging Workshop

Participants can register until January 29<sup>th</sup> using the following link:

[https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22954)

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## 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week!

Register now for this upcoming

### Volunteer Training – *Leading in a Virtual World!*

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>



## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**

**Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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

TOPICS will include:

**One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!  
Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

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

Don't forget - all 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! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!

## 4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Join 4-H Alumni for some fun and networking on February 4, 2021 for our first 4-H Alumni event! We will host a trivia night and Lisa Diaz, IL 4-H Assistant Dean & Director, will provide an update on Illinois 4-H! Registration is now open! <https://buff.ly/2LL4tIC> Cost is \$10/per person.

Register by February 1! Time: 7:00 pm Platform: Zoom Cost: \$10/per person

## INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

## SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News](#)



## WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

**Linked In:** <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

## Project Highlight: MAKER

Have you heard about the new project? Maker! Over the last decade, Do-it-yourselfers have shown the world that you do not need to be an engineer or computer scientist to create useful, innovative devices, gadgets, and gizmos through what is known as the Maker Movement. In fact, with very little background, and a can-do attitude, almost anyone can enter the Maker world and create anything their imagination guides them to.

This year, Illinois 4-H has brought the Maker Movement to your doorstep through a Multi Media curriculum experience called DIY Make & Build! DIY Make and Build is an opportunity for youth to learn about design, engineering, manufacturing, electricity and computer programming while being innovative and imaginative. You can still add the Maker project until March 1!

## 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Any 4-H member (age 8-18 only) interested in creating an original design for the 2020 McDonough County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 8 at 4 pm**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a \$15.00 voucher for the concession Stand to use during the fair and will have their art on display. All other entries will receive \$5.00 for the concession stand. **To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:**

**Title:** McDonough County 4-H Fair Book

**Paper:** 8.5x11 piece of paper with at least 1/2 inch border on all sides.

**Ink:** Black ink or Black Marker

\*Do not use pencil. It is not dark enough to copy. Also, the finished copy is in black and white. Do not make a multi-colored copy.

**Originality:** Everything must be freehand. You may not use a computer or copyright graphics.

**Fair Date:** Leave a 1x3 inch space for the Extension Office to insert the dates and locations of the 4-H Show and Project Show.

**4-H Clover:** The 4-H Clover may not be distorted or rotated. Do not place text or pictures over the 4-H Clover. For a list of guidelines regarding the 4-H Clover, please contact your local Extension office.

## 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 what event you are interested in attending.

## 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](mailto:chattert@illinois.edu).

***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 14th at 1 p.m.***



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

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

# February 2021

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## Dates to Remember

- February 6                    YQCA Training in McDonough
- February 8                    Fair Book Covers Due
- February 15                   Steer Weigh In Bushnell
- March 1                        General Project Deadline
- March 19                      YQCA Training in McDonough
- April 1                         McDonough County Federation Scholarship Application Due
- April 1                         J. Miles and Maribel McGrew Scholarship Application Due
- April 2                         YQCA Training in McDonough
- April 16                        Public Presentation Virtual Contest
- May 1                          Horse Paperwork Due
- May 1                          YQCA/QAEC Due
- June 1                         Dog Paperwork Due
- June 25                        McDonough County Mini Fair
- July 5-9                        McDonough County 4-H Fair