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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 by March 1. Be sure to double check that you are signed up for everything you want to learn more about. To add a project, log in to 4-H Online or 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 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



Due to the paper shortage and in an effort to go green, **starting in March**, our 4-H newsletter will switch to a virtual format. If you wish to keep receiving your newsletter in a hard copy via mail, please go to <https://go.illinois.edu/Newsletters> or use the QR code below and let us know! Requests may also be made by calling the office at 309/837-3939.

2022 STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young.

The 2022 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county>

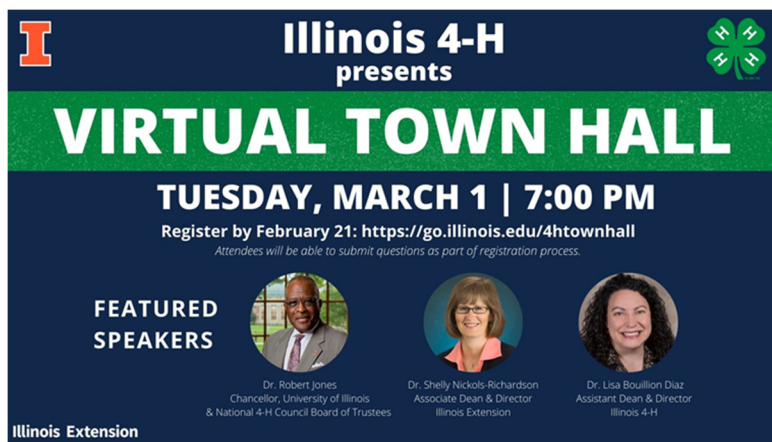
Click on "Fairs and Shows" at the bottom of the page. Then choose "2022 livestock Ownership Deadline".

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 1, 2022

ILLINOIS 4-H TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>. Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month:

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



NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:



earn a \$5K scholarship



serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



2022 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application opened on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Salute to Excellence application went live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: CLOVERBUDS

Did you know there are 4-H Clubs just for younger children age 5 to 7? During club meetings, youth work as a group on projects perfect for their age and these 4-H experiences promote creativity, learning, and fun. Over 77% of Cloverbuds transitioned to first-year 4-H members last year!

Simply select “Cloverbud” as your project. Ready to start exploring? Head to go.illinois.edu/cloverbuds4-h

PROJECT MANUALS

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals If you have any questions, please contact the office at 309/837-3939 or by emailing Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu.

YQCA

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must complete 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 training is scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person training will be held on:

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**.

4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

If you see your county shaded and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>



COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules.

<https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19th at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM, judging starts at noon). Save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus!



CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

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



4-H MEMORIAL CAMP-SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer camp employees wanted! 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. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director; Lead Male/Female Counselors; Lifeguards; Outdoor Education Director; Arts & Crafts Director; Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director; Recreation Director; Climbing Tower Director



Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

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.

2022 STATE 4-H MEAT JUDGING & IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Time, Place, and Entry – Sunday March 6, 8:30 am. University of Illinois Meat Science Lab (1503 S Maryland Dr. Urbana, IL 61801). Contact Beth Chatterton for details and how to sign up.

Eligibility – This contest is open to three or four 4-H members currently enrolled in Illinois 4-H. The three (3) high scoring members of a team shall constitute the official team for the contest, the fourth ranking participant automatically becomes the alternate. The winning team will represent Illinois at the 2022 National 4-H Meat Contest. After competing nationally, those team members will not be eligible to participate in future National 4-H Meat Identification and Judging Contests.

All members, including alternates, shall meet the eligibility requirements;

- Must be 14-18 years of age as of January 1 in the year they compete.
- Must be a 4-H member during the year they compete.
- Must not have participated in official post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive events of similar nature in the same subject matter area, nor be a member of a post-secondary team undergoing training in preparation for such event.

HERE'S HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

• COMPEER SCHOLARSHIPS

Compeer Financial believes in a strong future for agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's High School Senior Scholarship Program awards \$1,500 scholarships to students based on a combination of academic achievement, agricultural and community youth organization involvement and essay. Application and information can be found at:

<https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/scholarships/high-school-senior-scholarships>

• MCDONOUGH COUNTY 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Open to current 4-H members who are in their Senior Year of High School. Application and details available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county> listed under resources. Deadline April 1st.

• TRI COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application and scholarship details are available at <https://www.tricountycattlemen.com/scholarships>

• J. MILES & MARIBEL MCGREW SCHOLARSHIP

McDonough County 4-H members who are currently seniors and plan on attending a university, community college or vocational training after graduation have a scholarship available to them. Additional information and application forms are available at the McDonough County Extension office or downloadable via the county website <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county>

Applications are due in the county office by April 1.

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 March 4-H Club Meeting. We want to help you plan ahead incase 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

CHANGES IN FAIR PROJECTS

The following changes are coming to the General Show . There will be more details in your 2022 Fair Book.

Animal Science ~ Animal science will be broken into two classes based on number of years in project. Animal Science 1 will be for youth enrolled in this project 1-2 years. Animal Science 2 will be for youth enrolled in this project for 3 or more years.

Food & Nutrition ~ Cooking 101, 201, 301 and 401 will now have additional classes. You will be able to enter in each class under the project level you enrolled in.

Legos (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR) Must be enrolled in Visual Art Glass/Plastic.

- **Legos Original – Ages 8 to 12**—Original Item not from kit up to 20"x20" table space.
- **Legos Non-Original – Ages 8 to 12**—Item made with kit up to 20"x20" table space. Bring instruction manual to judging.
- **Legos Original – Ages 13+** - Original Item not from kit up to 20"x20" table space.
- **Legos Non-Original – Ages 13+** - Item made with kit up to 20"x20" table space. Bring instruction manual to judging.

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

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. A YQCA training will immediately follow for those who need it!

QUILTING WORKSHOP

Join us for an afternoon learning about a new 4-H project, quilting. Piece by piece, you'll learn basic quilting techniques, patterns, selecting appropriate fabrics, quilting equipment, options for finishing quilts, and binding. This free workshop is open to beginner quilters, ages 8-18. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 N Main, Monmouth, IL. Register online at go.illinois.edu/quiltingworkshop.

COOKIE BAKING & FOOD DECORATING WORKSHOP

Join Knox County 4-H Federation on March 12 at 9:30 am as we learn how to bake cookies and learn food decorating basics. This workshop is open to members of all ages. Those that attend will learn to make a batch of jackpot drop cookies and the basics of decorating. Some of what we make is yours to keep! Registration is free. The workshop will be held at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd in Galesburg. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Nelson at 309-342-5108 or nenelso2@illinois.edu. Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/CookieBaking> by 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 21 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. 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.

NEW SPIN CLUB: INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

Join us for this brand new SPIN Club as we explore what it means to be an inclusive leader. Open to High Schoolers who want to become better, more aware, & inclusive leaders. You do not need to be a 4-H member to join this club and it is entirely free to those interested. During this SPIN Club we will have conversations on how each of us can be better more inclusive leaders by acknowledging our own bias, hearing from different perspectives, and understanding how diversity, equity, and inclusion play a role in our communities and the world.

Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub>. Contact Nicole Nelson at nenelso2@illinois.edu or 309-342-5108 with any questions.

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO WANT TO BECOME BETTER, MORE AWARE, & INCLUSIVE LEADERS

NEW SPIN CLUB MEETING FEB & MARCH

Free! Do not need to be a 4-H member already
Register at go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub



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SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The shooting sports program provides a supportive environment in which young people can experience hands-on, fun learning experiences. It instills a love of outdoor sportsmanship while also teaching safe and responsible handling and use of archery equipment and air rifles.



This activity is open to kids ages 8-18. An informational meeting will be held February 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Macomb. This is a great opportunity to get to know the instructors and have all your questions answered. For more information or how to join, contact Julian Inniss at 309/342-5108.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP - INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITIONS

NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

New Date: March 19, 2022 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. 10am-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

2022 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

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

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H SPORTS FISHING VIRTUAL MONTHLY CHALLENGES COMING SOON!

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.

Link to tournament details published in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



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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, February 13th at 1 p.m.

February 2022

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February 1	Fair Book Cover Entries Due
February 17	Shooting Sports Informational meeting
February 19	Quilting Workshop
February 19	Poultry Workshop
February 19	YQCA Training, McDonough County
February 21	Steer Weigh In
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 26	Public Speaking Contest, McDonough County
April 1	McDonough County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
April 1	J. Miles and Maribel McGrew Scholarship Application Due
May 1	Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
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 1	Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due
July 5-9	McDonough County 4-H Fair

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."