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4-H Families and Friends:

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are as excited as I am to get back into all things 4-H! In this newsletter there are many scholarships, conferences and contest 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. All members qualify for these scholarships! Make sure you talk to the office before you register online.

Please read all the deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact us. The deadline to add any general show projects you want to take to the 2022 4-H Fair is March 1. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about. You will tell us what you plan to bring to the fair at a later date. Email your Beth to get your projects added.

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 309-342-5108.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



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.

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

ANIMAL SCIENCE

We are excited to share this closed-captioned webinar from our partners at Michigan State University Extension: [Zoonotic Disease Resource Webinar, Protecting People and Animals](#).

Additionally, Michigan State University Extension has partnered with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create multiple other resources designed to help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases. These resources are highlighted on the [informational webinar hosted by MSU Extension](#) and also include educational resources available to promote healthy interaction between animals and people, strategies to bring awareness to the issue of the spread of zoonotic diseases and planning materials to keep animals and the public safe and healthy.

Additional resources can also be found highlighted on MSU Extension's [Fair and Animal Health webpage](#), and the [zoonotic disease webpage](#).

The webinar opportunity and development of these resources has been supported by a Cooperative Agreement from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).

TELL YOUR 4-H STORY – Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

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, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.**

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. Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close January 13.**

JOIN THE U of I GLOBAL CLUB TO HAVE FUN & CHANGE THE WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.



Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems,. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, January through March and there are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM. *No language or previous experience required. Please have the registration submitted by Friday, January 7th 2022. go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

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 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**.

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

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) and 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



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.



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.

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>

- **TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student.

Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

- **JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

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.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY FAIR

We are currently working on 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 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 your calendar(s):

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

4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

Any 4-H member (age 8-18 only) interested in creating an original design for the 2022 McDonough County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 1 at 4:30 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.

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!

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges

Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Tournament details coming soon!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

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.

STATE ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

This year's competition will revolve around the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Team, which is preparing curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories (ISS) and The Lab for Advanced Space Systems at Illinois, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, (LASSI). These collaborations will enable Illinois 4-H youth to send experiments to the ISS, and build/launch micro satellites into orbit.

The SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge will take place at the **McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Team registration will open **January 17, 2022** and will close **March 16, 2022**. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. ***This year All Health Forms are due at time of registration and will be accessible through the Challenge Download Link on or by December 14.***

This year we will be hosting a set of Webinars for all participating youth, coaches and volunteers centered around the challenge and how to think through it. We will premiere the Challenge Video and answer any questions folks may have around the challenge. In addition, we will be openly brainstorming the future of the State 4-H Robotics Challenge as the EV3 platform has been phased out. Please bring your questions and ideas as we work towards providing the best robotics experience for our youth.

These Webinars will be held on **Friday, December 17, 7 pm**. Both can be accessed through Zoom at the link below:

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/2085014254?pwd=SVXVGMGJaU2tEbStBUkdpWVFs3F4dz09>

Meeting ID: 208 501 4254 Password: 739596

Challenge Download/Documents Folder: <https://go.illinois.edu/2022CHALLENGE>

Register Here on Jan 17, 2022: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2022>

Challenge Announcement Video (Available Dec. 14): <https://go.illinois.edu/224HRVID>

HELPFUL TIPS FOR 1ST YEAR 4-H FAMILIES

Is it possible to be both excited and confused at the same time? Yes, just ask any 1st year 4-H parent. That is why we have put together a few helpful tips to get your thru your 1st year.

- Make sure to review the projects your kiddos are signed up for on y2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in
- There is still time to enroll for General show projects (basically anything non livestock). You have until March 1 to add General Show projects.
- Once you get your 4-H Fair Book, hold it in your hands and say out loud “this is my fair book, there are many like it, but this one is mine.” Sounds a bit silly but by saying it, you are allowing yourself to highlight, star, mark up the pages within. We encourage families to do this so that they can remember what projects their youth are signed up for and this is a great way to make looking up project details and fair dates quicker.
- Is your kiddo signed up for a livestock project? If yes, make sure they have completed their QAEC and or YQCA. Details are on page 3.
- Fair entries will be completed online starting in April. You will have until June 11 to complete them.
 - This is when you choose exactly what projects you want to take to the 4-H Fair. Please know that you by no means need to take everything that you signed up for. Choose projects that the 4-H member is most excited about and that you know you have time to complete.
- Know that your friendly neighborhood 4-H Program Coordinator, Beth Chatterton, and the rest of the Extension Office are here to help you with fair entries. We are more than happy to make arrangements for 1 on 1, to help you complete the entries or help answer questions about project details.
- Remember that everyone in your club or Extension office has had a 1st year in 4-H and are more than happy to help you with your questions. Feel free to ask your 4-H Club leader, officer team, fellow members and other 4-H families.
- Lastly take a deep breath you are doing great! You are more than half way thru your 1st year. The second year will be a walk in the park. **Here is to a great 4-H year!**



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, January 9th at 1 p.m.

January 2022

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December 24– January 4 Office closed for Holidays

January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment
January 6	Horse Team Meeting
January 9	Federation Meeting
February 1	Fair Book Cover Entries due
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
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

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

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