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# McDonough County 4-H Clover

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## To Make the Best BETTER



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**Monday Through Friday**

**8:00-Noon**

**1:00-4:30**

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4-H Families and Friends:

Happy National 4-H Week! We can't wait to celebrate 4-H across the nation during the week October 3-9, 2021. This year's theme is "Find Your Spark" and I can't think of a better description for what young people like you can do every day in 4-H. I want to challenge each of you to invite a new friend to join 4-H and help us spread the word about 4-H. During the week of October 3-9, we will be highlighting 4-H in a number of ways. Check out our Facebook to see how you can show your support for 4-H!

In addition, if you have yet to reenroll in 4-H online, now is a great time. Call your friendly neighborhood program coordinator, Beth Chatterton, with any questions, we are here to help! Don't forget to get your risk form turned into the office.

As we move into a new 4-H year, take time to celebrate your successes this past 4-H year and identify goals for this year. Have fun during your celebration and let's work together to build a better world.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

## Family Fun Day at Ball Fore

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a 4-H Family Fun Night at Ball Fore in Macomb on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 p.m. We will be kicking off National 4-H Week by covering the cost of mini golf and providing pizza and drinks for our McDonough County 4-H Families. We will also have 4-H awards and prizes for our 4-H members.

**I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**

## National 4-H Week

Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9! [Flier with ideas available here](#) to get your creative juices flowing as you plan for the week!

Illinois 4-H will also have Spirit Week special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed! More posts and info to come, but here is a preview so you can plan:

- **Service Project Sunday** – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- **Member Monday** – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- **Time Machine Tuesday** – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- **Why 4-H Wednesday** – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- **Thankful Thursday** – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- **Favorite Project Friday** – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- **Spirit Saturday** - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.

## Thank You Local Coffee Shops

During National 4-H Week our friends at Bold Brew House, The Study, Sullivan Taylor, and The Old Dairy are showing their support of McDonough County 4-H by having a National 4-H Week Sticker on their cups. If you get a sticker on your cup between October 3-9, tag us on social media! Use **@McDonough County 4-H** on Facebook or **@4H\_HKMW** on Instagram. Each post is a chance to win 4-H Swag!

## Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

October 6 - October 17 stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.



## 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!

## Ordering your 4-H Project Manuals

Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - [go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals](https://go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals)  
Manuals order by November 1st will be able at our December meeting.

## 4-H Online is Now Open

The 4-H enrollment system is now open! Please go to the link below to complete your family's enrollment for the 2021-2022 4-H year: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

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## Travel Abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#)

Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/>

| Instagram: @states4hinternational

See your online newsletter to access links.



**Travel Abroad Update!**



## National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how agriscience is important and

how young people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. [Full details available here](#) and submissions are due by October 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year September 15th – October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved! [Flier available here](#).



## Let's Get Social!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to [carissa7@illinois.edu](mailto:carissa7@illinois.edu).

What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

**Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!**

Instagram: @illinois4h

## Collegiate 4-H at WIU!

Illinois 4-H doesn't stop at the county level! We want to help prepare you for the future! Join the Collegiate 4-H chapter at Western Illinois University to build your professional development portfolio, build leadership skills and continue to give back to others through community service.

If you know any WIU students that would be interested please have them contact Beth Chatterton for meeting details at [chattert@illinois.edu](mailto:chattert@illinois.edu). They can also follow us on facebook [www.facebook.com/wiuilcollegiate4h](https://www.facebook.com/wiuilcollegiate4h)



## 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 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

## New Project: Cover Crops

New project alert! Cover crops is available for the 2021-2022 4-H year!

Investigate new planting processes, explore genetic modification, and develop new products to learn how cover crops can benefit agriculture and the environment

Ready to start exploring? Head to page 16 at <https://go.illinois.edu/ProjSel21-22>



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

***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 10 at 1 p.m.***

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





## Becoming a Better Babysitter Clinic

Better Babysitting Clinic is offered to all youth in 3rd thru 12th grade. Some of the topics and activities the workshop will cover are:

- child care
- nutrition for kids
- safety around the house
- business of babysitting
- toy safety
- first aid

The clinic will be held at the McDonough County 4-H Center. Located at 3022 W. Jackson St., Macomb, IL 61455 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost of the clinic is \$5.

## Officer & Leadership Training

Do you know what the job is of an officer in your 4-H club? Do you know how to write the minutes? The order of business? When can you write a check and when you cannot? Do you feel comfortable being a leader? If you are a club officer or a club member and the answer to any of these is no, you need to attend this workshop. There is no cost to attend. Open to all 4-H members and leaders in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties.

Training will be Monday, November 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the Warren County Extension Office.

Online registration is open: <https://go.illinois.edu/ClubLeadership>



## Upcoming Workshops

Be on the look out for upcoming 4-H workshops across our unit!

- Beginner Sewing workshop
- Gift Wrapping workshop ~ December 20th, details TBA
- CPR/First Aid Training with MDH
- Welding Workshop
- Cookie Decorating Workshop
- Woodworking Workshop
- Maker workshop

## McDonough County Shooting Sports Schedule

### Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

October 4

### Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

Dates TBA. Please check your email for upcoming dates.

### .22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

October 2

### .22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

October 2

### Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am

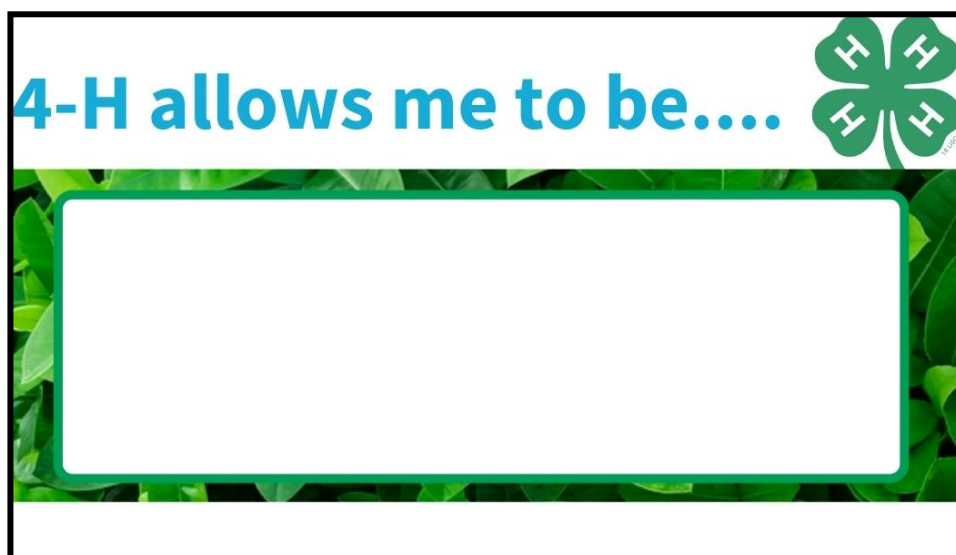
Argyle State Park Shooting Range, 700 Rd, Colchester, IL

October 16

**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

Mary Phippen ~ mec21@yahoo.com, 309-255-1761













What does 4-H allow you to be? A cowgirl or cowboy? Brave? An entrepreneur? We are asking members and their families for their answers at our Ball Fore outing. Check out our McDonough Co. 4-H Facebook page for the answers during National 4-H Week!

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

# October 2021

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October 2	State Rifle Shoot (In Person)
October 3	Ball Fore Family Fun Day
October 3	State Pistol Shoot (In Person)
October 3-9	National 4-H Week
October 16-17	Junior Leadership Conference
October 30	Baby Sitting Clinic
November 1	DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due
November 8	Officer & Leadership Training
December 1	DEADLINE: Re-enrollment on 4-H Online
December 20	Gift Wrapping Workshop
January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
May 1	YQCA yearly certification due

## #GOALS

The beginning of every 4-H year is the best time to set your goal or goals for your 4-H year. Whether it project goals, community service, or roles in your club. Not sure where to start? Ask your fellow club members, 4-H leader, or the 4-H office. We are all here to help you succeed and make 2022 your best year ever!