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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 contests 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 Jill 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 go.illinois.edu/Newsletters or use the QR code below and let us know!** Requests may also be made by calling the office at 309-734-5161 or 309-924-1163.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP DEADLINES

The 2022 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted on our website under "Fairs and Shows" at:

extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-henderson-county

extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-warren-county

ANIMAL SCIENCE

We are excited to share this closed-captioned webinar from our partners at Michigan State University Extension: www.canr.msu.edu/videos/protecting-animals-and-people-a-joint-project-to-improve-zoonotic-disease-awareness-and-prevention-among-michigan-youth-involved-in-agriculture.

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, www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/index 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 at: 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 AND 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

It is important for you to either review the Unit-Wide policies or become familiar with them. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned into the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m.

- **October 15th** – New members must turn in the Lifetime Risk Form and emergency medical form into the office or to your 4-H leader. Returning members, please turn your emergency medical form in to your leader.
- **December 1st**- Re-enrollment deadline. The step by step guide will be emailed to you once 4-H Online opens for re-enrollment. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1, 2021 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.**
- The \$20 program fee is required. We will invoice your 4-H clubs; work with them on your 4-H Club's payment arrangement.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. You have to be physically present at the 4-H meeting or logged in and attending via a Zoom option. Excused absences do not count as attending.
- At minimum members must complete a **talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets monthly** after their meeting to the Extension Office. This can be by email, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary book; you can either save it electronically or print it from your computer. We ask 4-H Leaders to review your secretary attendance sheet monthly prior to the office receiving them monthly.
- 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 form. For the new 2021-2022 4-H year, Treasurers need to start with the ending balance of the prior 4-H year fiscal report.
- **January 1** – All Livestock Project enrollment deadline (Cat, Cattle, Chicken, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, and Sheep). 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. Again, you may add this in 4-H online. We will know when you add past the January 1st date.
- **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 project enrollment when you re-enrolled in 4-H Online. However, if you need to add a general show project you may do so before this deadline. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about!
- **May 1**- Horse project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures papers due to the office.
- **May 1 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members exhibiting cattle, sheep, swine, and goats. For cats, dogs, rabbits, poultry and horses, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **4 Weeks Before Fair** -Entries are **due online** by 11:59 p.m in FairEntry at fairentry.com. Please keep in mind that staff cannot help you after hours that day. It is suggested that you have the entries completed online prior to office closing at 4:00 p.m. that day. *Just because you enroll in a project doesn't mean you are automatically entered in the fair. Late entries will not be accepted. Please make sure you complete your online entries. This is where you tell us what projects you plan to bring to the fair. Watch the newsletter and the 4-H Facebook page for dates where you can stop in and get help with entries.*



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging Contest 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 at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping 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 at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*. Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



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

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

HERE IS HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

• COMPEER FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 period is January 1 – March 15, 2022 (application must be received by). The application will be available on this page beginning January 1, 2022. Applications can be downloaded at 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 @ 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 @ www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

• TRI-COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Tri-County Cattlemen's Association will award six scholarships of \$1,000 to eligible students in Henderson, McDonough and Warren Counties. Please visit their website at www.tricountycattlemen.com for the application and additional requirements.

HENDERSON AND WARREN COUNTY FAIRS

We are currently working on the details on our 2022 Warren and Henderson County Fair Books. 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):

- Warren | July 19-21
- Warren General Show | TBA
- Henderson | July 24-30

4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

Any 4-H member (age 8-18 only) interested in creating an original design for the 2022 Warren or Henderson County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 1 at 4:00 pm**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a 4-H Swag Bag and will have their art on display.

To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:

Title: Warren or Henderson 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 FOLLOWED BY A YQCA TRAINING

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 the Knox County 4-H Federation on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. 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 go.illinois.edu/CookieBaking by March 4.

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 at 7 p.m.** Both can be accessed through Zoom at the link below: illinois.zoom.us/j/2085014254?pwd=SXVGMGJJaU2tEbStBUkdpWVFsY3F4dz09
Meeting ID: 208 501 4254 Password: 739596

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

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

Challenge Announcement Video (Available Dec. 14): 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 v2.4honline.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 7.
- Fair entries will be completed online starting in April. A deadline will be announced closer to time. 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 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, Jill Cook, and the rest of the Extension Office are here to help you with fair entries. We are more than happy to make arrangements for one on one, 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!**

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 Jill 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:

Henderson | February 7, 5:30 p.m. | Stronghurst United Methodist Church, Stronghurst
McDonough | February 19, Noon | 4-H Center, Macomb
Warren | February 21, 3:30 p.m. | Warren Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, Monmouth

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 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 one of the following weigh-in locations. An email from Jill will follow with details for registering. At that time, please call the Extension office to specify where you plan to weigh-in, how many you plan to weigh-in, and with a number to call in case of bad weather. We would like to remind members that weigh-in should be done in the county of your enrollment.

Henderson County , Barry Dowell’s Farm | February 5
Abingdon Fall Festival Grounds | February 12
Warren County| TBA

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonah Aldrich
Kayne Bayless
Addyson Bradshaw
Claire Day
Aiden Ferguson
Emerson Forbes
Nolan Forbes
Kendyl Kane
Aubrey Killey
Forrest Lefler
Liza Mahoney

Gwendolyn McGinity
Isaac Mohr
Lexi Payne
Dexter Ricketts
Kenna Tatman
Lily Todd
Ross Vancil
Marshal Voorhees

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."

Dates to Remember

*** All dates and times are tentative and subject to change. ***

December 24 – January 4

January 1

January 30

February 1

February 7

February 19

February 21

March 1

March 26

May 1

Office closed for Holidays

DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment

Federation Meeting 5 p.m. at Warren Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, contact Jill if interested in attending

Fair Book Cover Entries due

YQCA Training, Henderson County

Poultry Workshop & YQCA Training, McDonough County

YQCA Training, Warren County

DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment

Public Speaking Contest, McDonough County

YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due



HENDERSON-KNOX-MCDONOUGH-WARREN

HORSE TEAM MEETING

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY

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