

# IL 4-H State Newsletter for February 2023

## 4-H Memorial Camp

### **4-H MEMORIAL CAMP- SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2023**

Summer camp employees wanted! We have openings for Camp Counselors and Program Staff. If leading fun programs, working outdoors, and making lots of new friends 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!

We are accepting applications now for the following positions:

#### **Summer Program Staff** (18 years old minimum)

Lead Counselors (Previous Camp Counselor Experience Preferred)

Assistant to the Nurse

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education

Arts & Crafts

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.)

Recreation

Climbing Tower

Most summer staff positions start mid-May and go through the end of July. Salary, housing, and meals provided.

#### **Cabin Counselors** (16 years old minimum)

Counselors work the following dates:

May 30-June 3 Training

June 4-8 Youth Camp Session 1

June 11-15 Youth Camp Session 2

June 25-29 Youth Camp Session 3

July 1-4 Youth Camp Session 4

July 16-21 Camp Corral (Youth Camp for Children of Military Families)

Counselors live on site during the above dates. Salary, housing, and meals provided.

#### **Kitchen Workers** (Hourly positions)

Duties: Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

#### **Grounds Workers** (Hourly positions)

Duties: Mowing, cleaning bath houses, picking up tree limbs, emptying trash barrels, and other duties as assigned.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#).

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

# Illinois Summer Academies

**Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!**

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

## **NEW ILLINOIS 4-H ALUMNI AWARDS TO LAUNCH IN 2023**

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association will launch a new [Illinois 4-H Alumni Awards](#) program on January 9, 2023. The [Illinois 4-H Alumni Awards](#) program will recognize alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industry or profession, service to the community, and loyalty to the Illinois 4-H program.

### **Illinois 4-H Alumni Award**

*Established in 1981*

The highest honor bestowed upon a 4-H alumnus by the Illinois 4-H Association and Illinois 4-H program on behalf of the University of Illinois. This award recognizes an elite group of Illinois 4-H alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.

### **4-H Young Alumni Award**

*Established in 2023*

The Young Alumni award is bestowed upon alumni by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association and Illinois 4-H program on behalf of the University of Illinois. This award recognizes a young alumnus that has demonstrated significant accomplishments and is an emerging leader in their professional or civic contributions to their community. They have proven to be ambassadors for the Illinois 4-H program and the 4-H young alumni community.

### **IL 4-H Family Spirit Award**

*Established in 2002*

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit award recognizes an Illinois 4-H family who has substantially benefited from and continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over at least three generations. This award is presented to the family on behalf of the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association and Illinois 4-H program on behalf of the University of Illinois.

Previously, the Illinois 4-H Alumni award and the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit awards were established and presented by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The Illinois 4-H Alumni award was discontinued in 2015. The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association will work with the Illinois State 4-H Office to continue these awards.

Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

## Shooting Sports



### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

#### 2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour “field days” which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair, Illinois 4-H State Office at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

## Environment

### TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!



Get your bird feeders ready; download free awesome bird I.D. and species reporting apps; and decide if you want to report as an individual or a group! [Do this as a 4-H Club activity!](#)

When? The official count is **February 17-20, 2023**

Learn more at: [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

# Animal Science

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES!

The Illinois Association of Meat Processors and the University of Illinois Meats Judging are collaborating to continue a youth meat judging series in spring 2023 that is open to all 4-H and FFA youth.

Each invitational is a clinic with more information to come. Mark your calendars for:

- January 21 at Raber Packing Company in West Peoria
- February 11 at Eickman's Processing in Seward
- February 18 at Wenneman meat Company in St. Libory
- March 3 is the State 4-H Contest at the University of Illinois

For questions, please contact Jesse Faber at [jfaber@pontiac90.org](mailto:jfaber@pontiac90.org).

## IAA Scholarship

The 2023 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 100 scholarships totaling \$201,501 in tuition support. Students can apply between now and February 15, 2023. Many of our scholarships prefer or require the student to be a former or active 4-H member.

### Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility details 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.

## State Events

### January 2023

- January 21-22 Youth Livestock Conference

### February 2023

- February 10-12 4-H Food Action Summit

### March 2023

- March 4-5 4-H Changemakers
- March 9-12 Ignite by 4-H

**April 2023**

- April 1 State Awards Banquet
- April 14-19 National 4-H Conference
- April 29 State Public Speaking Competition

**May 2023**

- May 13 State Robotics Competition

**June 2023**

- June 4 on – 4-H Camp
- June 25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies
- June, exact date TBD Citizenship Washington Focus

**July 2023**

- July 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
- July 10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
- July 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course

**August 2023**

- August 11-13 General Projects days at State Fair