

IL 4-H Newsletter for May 2022

ACES Family Academies

The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on July 14-15, 2022. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages 8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 3, 2022. [Full schedule and educational session information is available online.](#)

Natural Resources

State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

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. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Crop Scouting Competition, August 4, 2022

Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874

Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

The competition is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2022. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club).

- This will be an outdoor event.
- Meals: Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided.
- Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

Questions? Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at harbach2@illinois.edu.

Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Wanted!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

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., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

2022 4-H State Shoots – SAVE THESE DATES (but keep practicing now!)

4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois

4-H State Rifle Shoot- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois

4-H State Pistol Shoot- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

Save the Date June 4, 2022 Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club Hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports Registration opens April 25, 2022– closes May 24, 2022

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>

National 4-H Council

Shop 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our [Illinois pop-up shop](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page!

4-H at Home

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes. [Get started here.](#)

4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Apply by June 6. [Learn more here.](#)

True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/ adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. [Register Now.](#)

Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice. [Learn more here.](#)

State Events

May

- May Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- May 7 Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

June

- June Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
- June 4 Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club
- June 5-9 Memorial Camp
- June 12-16 Memorial Camp
- June 20 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

July

- July 5-9 Memorial Camp
- July 16 Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
- July 17-21 Memorial Camp
- July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August

- August 10 SYPA General Livestock
- August 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
- August 13 – 15 Illinois State Fair
- August 20 State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
- August 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- August 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

September

- September 17 4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin Archers Pekin
- September 24 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

October

- October 8 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington
- October 9 4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois