

Illinois State 4-H January 2023

4-H Memorial Camp

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp [website](#) closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is "To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs." To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral [website](#). Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

HIRING

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our [website](#). Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu

Ignite by 4-H



Spark your imagination and passion! Ignite by 4-H is an inclusive teen event held in Washington, D.C., March 9-12 for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment, and creating amazing connections. Illinois 4-H is looking for fifteen youth delegates to represent Illinois at this one-of-a-kind national event! At Ignite by 4-H, you'll explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living and Emotional Well-Being. Discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to help create real change in your community. It's an experience you won't want to miss! Age range for delegates is 14-19 years old. Ready to apply? Head to go.illinois.edu/national4hyouthsummit before 1/25!

Public Speaking

The State Public Speaking Show will be held April 29th. The last day for county shows will be April 7th.

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ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES IS BACK!

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registration in the spring of 2023.

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

Alumni

4-H BY THE DECADES 1970S

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1970's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story!

Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

Register by Friday, January 20: <https://form.jotform.com/223465115999164>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, January 23

4-H BY THE DECADES 1980S

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1980's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story!

Register by Friday, February 20: <https://form.jotform.com/223474513372151>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, February 27.

Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

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

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

Food Systems

REGISTER YOUTH FOR THE LITTLE ROOTS GARDENING PROGRAM

The Little Roots program is now accepting registrations for Cloverbuds ages 5-7 who want to be inspired to learn more about how to grow their own food. Registrants will receive a weekly activity calendar along with seed packets and educational materials for a self-paced gardening experience. To learn more, and register for the program, please contact your local 4-H staff. Educational materials are available in English and Spanish upon request. Contact: Brittney Haag, Extension Horticulture Educator - bhaag@illinois.edu

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE U OF I DIGITAL AG WORKSHOP SERIES

In collaboration with the University of Illinois Center for Digital Agriculture, the Department of Animal Sciences, and the Department of Crop Sciences, Illinois 4-H will be hosting virtual learning sessions focused on Digital Ag for High School students. Applications are due Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, at this registration link: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HDigAgWorkshops>. Sessions will take place via Zoom after school from January - July 2023. See the exact dates below and will be led and facilitated by students and faculty from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. High School participants will be eligible to attend the 2023 Digital Agriculture Summer Training Course at the UIUC campus in late July - early August 2023. Topics and activities will include Introduction to Digital Agriculture Concepts; Fundamentals of Programming I & II; Introduction to Machine Learning; Fundamentals of App Development; Introduction to Design Thinking; and Guest Lectures from Crop Science, Animal Science, and Engineering Faculty. Please see the registration for exact dates and further details. Contact: Mark Becker, 4-H Food Systems Specialist - mbbecker@illinois.edu

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 FOOD ACTION SUMMIT - FEB. 10-12, 2023 CHAMPAIGN, IL

The Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit is where leaders meet to be inspired and share a vision for food security, food access, and food justice in Illinois. University of Illinois researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates, and civic leaders will be present to lead workshops designed to empower young people with the knowledge, confidence, and resources they need to strengthen their leadership as they work to create food security in their communities. Our theme for 2023 is 'Resilient Food Futures'.

Learn more and register at the event website: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodActionSummit>.

Contact: Mark Becker, 4-H Food Systems Specialist - mbbecker@illinois.edu

Animal Science

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES!



The poster features a green background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. Inside the white rectangle, the text reads: "2023 YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES" in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, the dates "January 21 | February 11" and "February 18 | March 3" are listed in orange. At the bottom of the white rectangle is a green four-leaf clover logo with the letters "H H H H" on each leaf. Below the white rectangle, there are four logos: the Illinois Farm Bureau logo (a red and white outline of Illinois with the text "ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU Farm. Family. Food."), the Illinois 4-H logo (a red and white circular logo with "4-H" and "ILLINOIS"), the Illinois Extension logo (a red and white "I" logo with "ILLINOIS Extension UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA-CHAMPAIGN"), and the Illinois Association of Veterinarians logo (a blue and white circular logo with "ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARIANS").

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.

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