

IL State 4-H Newsletter December 2022

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

Public Speaking

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

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.

Alumni

4-H By the Decades – 1960s

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 1960'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! Registration due Friday, November 25. A link will be sent to those registered on Monday, November 28.

Find dates for more decades by heading here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades>.

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/222980512137150>

Shooting Sports

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

#1. Saturday, February 25, 2023

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator

#2. 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

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](#)