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Jasper County 4-H



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Jasper County Illinois 4-H

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

April

30 Tagging /Ownership Forms & Pictures Due

May

31 Fair Entries Due

June

TBA Camp Cloverbud

TBA Fair Clean-Up Day

19,20-25...Jasper Co. 4-H Shows

Public Speaking Contest

The Jasper County 4-H Public Speaking contest scheduled for May 4 has been postponed until a later date in June. Notification of the new date, time, and location will be e-mailed to all 4-H families by May 1.

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4-H Clubs are encouraged to meet with their members using a web-based format, such as Skype or Zoom.

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Do you have photographs collecting dust? Try creating something new so you have the chance to enjoy them!

Custom Journal

If you have photos that you don't mind cutting up, use them to create a lovely dot journal cover! This doubles as the perfect DIY gift as well!

1. Cut different shapes out of your pictures.
2. Attach to a smooth surface binder, folder, or journal with glue or tape.
3. Add other decorations using scrapbooking
paper, construction paper, magazine
cut-outs, or pictures you draw yourself.
4. Give as a gift or keep for yourself!
5. Share what you've created on our 4-H
Facebook page Jasper County Illinois 4-H



Photo via [A Beautiful Mess](#)

Source: shutterfly.com

Share what you are working on at home!

Have you been completing lessons in your 4-H project book?

Have you been baking or cooking with your family?

Have you helped a younger sibling with their homework?

Have you been feeding and watering your animals (everyone with animals should answer YES!)?

Have you tagged your market livestock?

Have you done *anything* related to your 4-H project?

Send a picture of you working on your project, helping younger siblings, or other family members.

Remember, 4-H is about leadership, community service, belonging, teamwork, family, and so much more! (Along with getting to expand your knowledge in your favorite project area, or checking out a new project area.)

Send pictures or a video to turkal@illinois.edu or post them to the Jasper County Illinois 4-H Facebook page.

Stay safe & healthy!



Crime Spy: Hidden Messages

Discover the secrets behind writing invisible messages!

Supplies:

White paper

Pencils

Cotton Swabs

Lemon Juice

Milk (whole milk works best)

Sandpaper (or something similar)



Activity 1: Invisible Ink

1. Write a message on a piece of paper with lemon juice using a cotton swab.
2. Allow the lemon juice to dry so there is no visible message on the paper.
3. Use a hair dryer on the paper and watch the message slowly appear.
4. Now you can write messages to your friends using invisible ink!

Activity 2: Milky Messages

1. Put a small amount of milk into a bowl
2. Dip a cotton swab into the milk and write a message on the paper.
3. Allow the message to dry completely. Do not blot the message. You should not be able to see the message after it has dried.
4. When the message has dried, hold a pencil over the paper. Use the sandpaper to scrape the lead so that black powder covers the message.
5. Gently rub the powder on the message area on the paper.



Source: University of Utah Extension

Jasper County 4-H



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Clay County 4-H



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Clay County Illinois 4-H

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April

- 1Enrollment & Project deadline
- 1Clay County 4-H Memorial Scholarship deadline
- 6Leader, Foundation, & Livestock Meetings, Hord

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Clay County 4-H

Public Speaking is back at the State Fair!

Are you interested in taking public speaking this year? Sign up today!

The county contest will be held on

June 1, at the Clay County Extension Office, 6 PM.

Participants may advance to the state contest, at the Illinois State Fair. Participants will show on the county general project day.

Please let Sarah or the office know if you plan to participate!

Clay County Fair

July 24-31, 2020

Chicken Noodle Tickets

**Hold on to your
Chicken Noodle Tickets!**

They will be honored at the 4-H BBQ on
Friday, July 24.

Please share this with the people you sold tickets



Illinois State Fair:

August 13-23, 2020

General Project Show Day:

Saturday, August 15

**Picture on the front cover: Clay County
Odds N Ends trip to a dairy farm!**

**Submit your club pictures for a chance
to be featured!**

Liability Forms

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The ***Agreement to Assume Risks and Fully Release All Claims*** form can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/events/documents/4-h-illini-summer-academies/extension-participant-volunteer-agreement-assume-risks-and-fully-relase-all-claims-form-2018.pdf>

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been put on hold, but social distancing doesn't

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Online Activities & Resources

4-H Project Requirements:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

Joann Facemask Pattern: <https://www.joann.com/make-to-give-response/>

Activities & more:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/schools-online>

<https://4-h.org/about/inspire-kids-to-do/>

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The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

New rule for 4-H Fairs in Clay, Effingham, Fayette, & Jasper Counties

Exhibitors wishing to show beef, goats, sheep, or swine market/auction animals will be required to submit an ownership form along with photos of the animal. Required photos will include full view of left side and full view of right side. The deadline will correspond with the county ownership date.

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Swine, Dog, and Horse

Ownership forms can be picked up in the office or printed online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-clay-county>

Swine tags will be available soon in the office and must be in place by May 1!

Taggers are available to check out.

State Fair Lamb & Goat changes

All non-premier lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2020 as follows:

- ★ Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read)
 - ★ Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Premier lambs must be weighed and tattooed.

If you plan to nominate any for premier, let the Extension office know by April 1!

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May

1..... Project Enrollment Deadline

June

1..... Boer & Dairy Goat Scrapie Photos & Tag/Tattoo Due

6..... Boer & Dairy Goat Weigh In

July

24..... 4-H Foods Show Day

25..... 4-H General Projects Show

August

2-8..... Effingham County Fair

15..... Effingham County Exhibits at State Fair

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While our office maybe closed you are still able to drop off any information or forms to our office. The Effingham County Extension office has a white lock box on the front porch. You can drop any forms due to our office in the white lock box or mail them to:

**University of Illinois Extension
1209 N. Wenthe Drive
Effingham, IL 62401**



Project Enrollment Deadlines

In order to be eligible to show at the Effingham County 4-H Shows members must be enrolled in their projects May 1, 2020. The 4-H program year is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. 4-H enrollment is open all year long, however members must follow deadlines to show. To register visit <https://www.4honline.com>

Please turn the \$20 enrollment fee and "Code of Conduct, and Liability" form into our office! If you signed a liability form last year, you do not need to sign another one. Be sure to write your 4-H members name on the memo line.

Mail to:

University of Illinois Extension
Effingham County
1209 N. Wenthe Drive
Effingham, IL 62401

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required one time for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

Horse & Dog Ownership/ Lease Forms

4-H members who plan to exhibit dogs or horses at the Effingham County Dog & Horse exhibitions must complete the ownership/ lease forms and provide them to the Extension office by May 1.

Forms are available at the Extension office or by visiting <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/projects/documents/Animal%20Science/horse-lease-ownership-form-2017.pdf>

Attention all 4-H members interested in showing dogs

Top Dog Club weekly practice meetings will be starting later than normal this summer. At this time there is not a confirmed start date for the weekly practice sessions, but as of this time they will not start prior to June 1. There will be more information sent out at a later date, as a start date is finalized and draws closer.

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NEW for 2020 County Fairs in Unit 21

With the 2020 4-H Fair season quickly approaching there will be a few policies and procedures put into effect for our exhibitors this show year. First, as a reminder the only two species that are allowed to be leased are horses and canine. All other livestock are exempt from the lease provision.

Second, exhibitors wishing to show beef, goats, and sheep will be required to submit photos of their project. Required photos will include full view of left side, full view of right side, and any and all other identifiable distinguishing marks or scars.

PHOTOS OF MARKET LIVESTOCK – Species that are required to submit photos of their animals are: beef, sheep, swine, and goat.

- a. Beef will receive tattoos in each ear. All beef steers are required to come to weigh in. Beef weigh in is February 1, 2020 from 9-11 a.m. (Baby Beef are not required to weigh in)
- b. Swine exhibitors will need to produce ear notches and tag numbers by July 1.
- c. Sheep & Goats take a picture of scrapie tags. All photos must be turned into the Effingham Extension office by June 1.

♦ **Sheep will weigh-in TBA**

♦ **Boer/Dairy Goats - June 6 from 9 to 10 a.m., ALL wethers must be weighed in at Effingham County Fairgrounds.**

Congratulations



Anthony Kreke was recently recognized by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Anthony received the Emerald Level Leadership Award.

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas that interest them, and explore opportunities around the state and country. The 4-H Experience Award recognizes youth who excel in that challenge. The award is sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

“We celebrate youth whose 4-H experiences have expanded outside their home county to the state, national, or international level,” said Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and Illinois 4-H director.

Youth earning the two highest levels, diamond and emerald, are recognized at the state level.

Effingham County 4-H

Birthday Corner

Those celebrating birthdays in the month of April are:

Leah Brummer	Apr 01
Mason Lidy	Apr 01
Hunter Ring	Apr 01
Luke Vonderheide	Apr 01
Violett Runge	Apr 01
Landon Savage	Apr 02
Emily Murray	Apr 02
Brooklyn Flinn	Apr 03
Karen Grupe	Apr 04
Ty Ohnesorge	Apr 05
Andrew Esker	Apr 06
Caleb Klingler	Apr 07
Elijah Wendling	Apr 07
Isabelle Watkins	Apr 09
Pamela Apke	Apr 10
Amelia Wendling	Apr 10
Grace Schumacher	Apr 11
Jackson Kinkelaar	Apr 11
Scarlette Sorling	Apr 12
Michael Alsbury	Apr 12
Hunter Myers	Apr 13

Roscoe Davies	Apr 15
Justin Neu	Apr 15
Jolene Habing	Apr 15
Joseph Habing	Apr 15
Andrew Lotz	Apr 17
Avery Bohnhoff	Apr 17
Tayten Walker	Apr 18
Sophie Niebrugge	Apr 18
Eli Bowman	Apr 18
Oliver Feldhake	Apr 21
Jason Huber	Apr 22
Gabbie Shelton	Apr 22
Brayden Schnarre	Apr 23
Evie Macklin	Apr 23
Michele Kreke	Apr 24
Adia Jennings	Apr 25
Olivia Katt	Apr 25
Maggie Shepard	Apr 25
Kinley Will	Apr 28
Emma Bowman	Apr 29

The University of Illinois Extension staff would like to wish you a very happy birthday and may all your birthday wishes come true! Have a terrific day!



Fayette County 4-H



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Fayette County Fair

July 11-17, 2020



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Swine, Dog, and Horse

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Swine tags will not be used this year!

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YQCA Web Based Certification – Flash Sale!

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web based certification. Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9.
 - a. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms are attached to this message or may be obtained by emailing sales@yqca.org. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.**
 - b. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
 - c. Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.
2. Youth who have already paid for a YQCA instructor-led training (on a date that has not yet passed), may log into their account and cancel their registration.
 - a. If payment was received via credit card, their payment will be refunded.
 - b. If payment was received via coupon code, that coupon code will be active again. This coupon code does not expire and would be able to be used in future years.
 - c. To cancel a registered training
 1. Go to <https://yqca.learngrow.io> and login to the account.
 2. Select the course - you will have an option to "Cancel Registration". This will cancel the training and refund the payment/re-activate the coupon code.

We recognize those who have typically utilized the instructor-led training option may be unfamiliar with what users receive with their registration fee. We have identified those items below and ask that they be shared with instructors who are pointing their youth towards the web-based training.

- Each session purchased includes three modules – a knowledge builder, a skills lab, and a quiz.
 - o The knowledge builder is where content is delivered, the skills lab provides an opportunity to apply the content, and the quiz tests knowledge. To receive a certification, an 80% must be achieved on the 10-question quiz.
 - o These modules, completed in their entirety, will provide 2-3 hours of an experience for users.
- Features of the online modules include:
 - o Characters at each age level to guide youth through the course
 - o Free navigation within the course so youth can spend as much or as little time on a particular topic based upon their personal needs
 - o Variety of learning opportunities to accommodate various learning styles and modalities
 - o Audio button on each slide so youth can listen to audio rather than read the on-screen text
- Users may revisit modules anytime during their year of certification to repeat the modules purchased for additional learning opportunities.

If you have any questions about the items above or requests for YQCA, please do not hesitate to reach out to info@yqca.org.

Let's Explore: Aerospace!

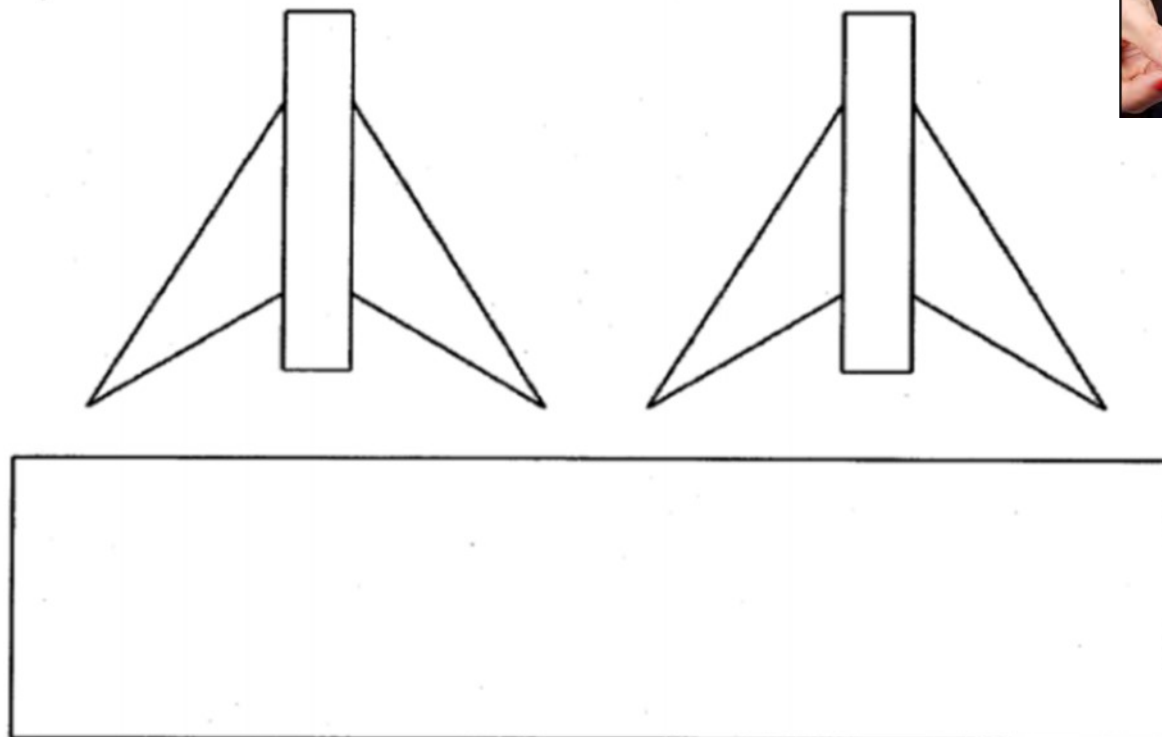
Materials:

- ★ Pencil
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Tape
- ★ Straw

Instructions:

1. Carefully cut out the large rectangle on the rocket template. This will be the body of your rocket. Wrap it around your pencil, length-wise, and tape it closed to form a tube.
2. Next, cut out the two fins. Tape these to the end of the rocket body. Bend the wings of each fin at a 90 degree angle.
3. Now, twist the top of the rocket around the point of the pencil. This is the nose cone. Tape the nose cone to prevent air from escaping.
4. Remove the pencil and replace it with a straw.
5. Set up your launch area and blow into the straw to launch the rocket! Measure the distance and make any needed design changes to the rocket before trying again.

Source: <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/teach/activity/straw-rocket/>





Illinois 4-H

Two ways to give to 4-H

Paper Clover Campaign returns in April: It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

New Statewide Leadership Opportunity: Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team

The Illinois 4-H State Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new statewide leadership opportunity for Illinois youth seeking to improve food security and food access in their community. The Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy team is a group of teens and young adults from across the state of Illinois who are recognized for their dynamic leadership and who want to increase their impact on the future of food in Illinois. Team members will influence the annual Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit event and provide support for Food Systems programming in Illinois. You will also be eligible for state and nationwide opportunities.

If you're looking for a way to serve your community while strengthening your leadership, communication and advocacy skills, this is the next step for you. Applications, along with one professional reference, are due to the Illinois State 4-H Office by Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. For more information please contact Mark Becker (mbbecker@illinois.edu), Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist.

Application Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamApplication>

Professional Reference Link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Illinois4-HFoodAdvocacyTeamReference>

State Robotics Challenge

Date: TBD

Virtual Competition

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to continue working on their robots until we determine the new date and logistics of a potential online virtual competition. Details including date, format, and registration are expected to be finalized and announced the week of April 6.

- For up to date information, please visit our Facebook Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics>
- Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.
- Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.



Stand up and be heard: Compete in Public Presentation Contest

Three youth from each county will advance to the State 4-H Public Presentation Contest in August at the Illinois State Fair. The contest will be held August 14th-16th. All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions: Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, Oral Interpretation. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 6 minutes in length. See the rules and scoresheets online at 4-H.illinois.edu. Click Member > Projects > Communications. Each county will select who advances to state competition at that contest.

NEW:

4-H State Scholarship Opportunities

The Illinois 4-H Awards program will be expanding for the 2019-2020 program year! We will be offering five \$1,000 scholarships in each of our program areas. More information, applications and training video will be released prior to May 1st. The applications will be due November 1st. We thank our generous donors and the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing this opportunity for our members!

NEW: Illinois 4-H Virtual Fishing Fun-Fest

4-H members currently enrolled in Fishing 1, 2, or 3 are eligible to win big this spring! Between April 17 – May 15 these 4-H members can enter a statewide fishing contest (Fun-Fest) via smartphone. New spinning rod and reel combos will be given away weekly to the longest largemouth bass and channel catfish entered. The simple contest details can be found on the Illinois 4-H Events Page and Illinois 4-H Facebook page. Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu with questions. Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine on the lake!

NEW: 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Field-Day Training Dates:

Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL. Register between April 1 – June 3.

Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL. Register between July 1 - September 2.

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. Most Extension offices cover training fees with 2 year commitment from volunteers. Your local Extension staff will complete your registration.

Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.

Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.

\$85 fee covers two meals; all equipment and ammunition; on-line curriculum fee; instructors manual; complete full-day individual instruction; and Level I instructor cap.

4-H Virtual Spirit Week – March 30 – April 3 #IL4Hspiritweek

Show us your spirit! Each day post a photo on social media and use #IL4Hspiritweek

Monday Madness:	A Family night of fun! Gather your family members for a night of fun playing your favorite game.
4-H Spirit Day:	Show off your love for 4-H! Wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt or green to show off your 4-H Pride.
Wellness Wednesday:	Remember self care! Get outdoors and get active! Play your favorite sport, go for a family walk, or get that workout in! Follow the rules of social distancing.
Thankful Thursday:	Show appreciation! Do you have someone who has impacted your 4-H career? Thank them by tagging them on social media and write a thank you note.
Friendship Friday:	Check in on a friend! Check in with your 4-H friends on social media, virtual hangout or give them a call.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair



August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In Clay, Effingham Fayette and Jasper Counties, there are 145 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. In the current COVID-19 situation, it is important that we all follow CDC and safety guidelines, but there are still ways to serve safely and practice social distancing – write and mail cards to those who are socially isolated, organize a group online to teach and share something from your 4-H project, sew PPE masks to donate locally. If you have ideas for a statewide, COVID-safe service project, this is a great opportunity to plan and promote something for others to participate in. Send your ideas to Illinois4H@illinois.edu.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

Illinois 4-H Message from 4-H Director

See new blog post from IL 4-H Director at <https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/our-illinois-4-h-story/2020-03-30-message-illinois-4-h>

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

****Registration for this event is postponed and will be rescheduled pending updated COVID-19 information****



The 4-H Illini Summer Academies event scheduled for June 21-26 falls outside of the university sponsored event suspension dates so we are hopeful that there will be more information and an update in the coming weeks. Until then we will continue to plan for the summer.

The office is doing the best it can to respond to questions that come in via phone and email. Please help them out by visiting the event website and the FAQ document **BEFORE** phoning or emailing the office. It is likely that your question has been answered already in one of those places.

Look for specific information about other cancellations and postponements on our website at go.illinois.edu/illini4h. If you have any questions about this or other 4-H events, please contact our office at (217) 333-0910.

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4h. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
 - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
 - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
 - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
 - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
 - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
 - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
 - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
 - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
 - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
 - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
 - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

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Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

****Registration for this event is postponed and will be rescheduled pending updated COVID-19 information****

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**

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Upcoming Events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 3	DEADLINE: Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 13	Shooting Sports Training
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 12	Superior Young Producer Contest for Beef/Sheep/Swine
August 12	ISF Beef Showmanship Contest
August 13	ISF Beef Cow, Heifer Show for these breeds: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer
August 13	ISF Swine Showmanship Contest
August 14	ISF Beef Heifer Show for these breeds: Angus, Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, % Simmental
August 14	ISF Meat Goat Show
August 14	ISF Swine Gilt Show
August 14	ISF Master Showmanship Contest
August 15	ISF Steer Show
August 15	ISF Market Lamb Sheep Show
August 15	ISF Swine Barrow Show
August 14-16	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Illinois State Fair
August 16	Dairy Goat Show
August 17	ISF Meat Pen Rabbit Show
August 17	ISF Poultry Show, State Fair
August 17	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, State Fair
August 17	ISF Breeding Sheep Show
August 18	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event at the State Fair
August 19	ISF Brown Swiss and Holstein Show
August 20	ISF Guernsey and Ayrshire Show
August 21	ISF Milking Shorthorn and Jersey Show
August 22	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, State Fairgrounds
August 22	ISF Pygmy Goat Show
August 22	ISF All other rabbit classes Show
August 29	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
September 1	New 4-H Year Begins
September 2	DEADLINE: Shooting Sports Training registration
September 12	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day Training, Winnebago County
September 19	State Archery Shoot, Pekin
September 26	State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park
October 10, 11	State Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington

August 15—4-H General Project Show Day at the Illinois State Fair for the following counties:

Christian, Clark, **Clay**, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, **Effingham**, **Fayette**, Franklin, Jackson, **Jasper**, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford





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