



E-NEWS



March 15, 2021

"To Make the Best Better"



CELEBRATE SERVICE

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 18-24, 2021

THANK YOU EXTENSION VOLUNTEERS!

University of IL Extension would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities. Your support of local events, volunteer projects, and 4-H work demonstrate that every individual has the power to create change, taking action to tackle issues and build stronger communities.

We will be celebrating National Volunteer Week all through April. I wanted to take the opportunity to give each of our 4-H leaders, the adults in our communities, and our parent volunteers a HUGE shout out for all you do. THANK YOU! You each play a very important roll in our program.

This year has been full of ups and downs, frustrations, and uncertainty. I want to thank each of you for your patience and understanding. I am grateful to our parents, volunteers, and members that you continue to strive each day "To Make the Best Better."

Parents— I appreciate the time you set aside for 4-H and the support you give your 4-Hers. Being a chauffeur for all your family activities takes a lot of time and effort. Please know that you are noticed and appreciated!

Leaders— thank you for your commitment. Taking on the role of leader is a big job and I know that we do not make it easy on you! You have all been rock stars this year. I appreciate you and all you do to keep our clubs running smoothly and actively making a difference. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you all!

- Angela Miller

FEDERATION MEETING: There will be no May meeting.

CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY: Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a “Non-Eligible for Show” Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office. Please do your best to attend!

4-H UNIVERSITY APP- The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for all androids and iPhones called “4-H University.” Currently, this app will feature “Cooking 101” material, project manual for the “Technology: Drone” project and material for the new “Maker” project. You may find this app on the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

LEADERS MEETING: We will have a leaders meeting Monday, May 3 beginning at 6:30 pm. This meeting will take place at the Elizabeth Community Building. If you CANNOT attend, please let Angela know by emailing her at amillr11@illinois.edu or by calling 815-858-2273.

SUMMER SHOWS: 4-H staff across Illinois are excited about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging this summer. JDC 4-H is planning for in-person Summer Shows. Although I do not have all the answers at this time, I can say with certainty that things will look different. The decisions that will be made in the upcoming months will be based on local conditions and will reflect the requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may also be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department (based on local conditions at the time of the event).

This is an evolving situation. Please keep in mind that Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines. I will be sending more information in the upcoming months. You will be responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with all guidelines. Here are some dates for you to begin thinking about (keep in mind these may change).

TENTATIVE:

Dog Show, Cat Show, Small Pet Show– Saturday, July 10

Horse Show, Poultry Show, Rabbit Show– Monday, July 12

General Projects Judging and Cloverbud Show– Tuesday, July 13

Livestock and Dairy Shows– Wednesday, July 14

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)- The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is mandatory for youth in the following species: **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats**. In order to exhibit in IL livestock shows. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <https://yqca.learngrow.io/>.

The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-18 years old. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, and senior 15-18. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

4-Hers must complete the correct training in order to exhibit at the JDC 4-H Fair. **THIS IS MANDATORY.** Failure to complete the training will result in the member NOT being able to exhibit their livestock project. **The deadline to complete each training is June 1, 2021.**

Members may register and attend one of the following trainings in Jo Daviess County. Because of COVID, we are asking members to participate in a face to face training offered in our county **ONLY**.

Jo Daviess County: May 2, 2021, Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL. This will begin at 3 pm.

If you are currently enrolled in one of the species listed above, you should have received a letter that included a step-by-step instruction sheet to help you. Please remember, if you plan to take the instructor-led course you must **PRE-REGISTER**. Payment is due at the time of registration. **Registration is OPEN now.** I have the limit set at 25 for each in person training, so spots are limited! You may register at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/>. Don't forget to sign in using your 4-H Online username and password. **DO NOT USE THE INDEPENDENT/ FFA SIGN IN.**

Members that choose to take the in-person instructor led training will not have to take a test.

You will be required to print your certificate of completion and turn a copy into the Extension Office. Please look over the directions BEFORE jumping in. If you register and sign up wrong—you will not get credit for your completion.

[YOU MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!](#)

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training– The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time 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/>.

The deadline to complete this training is June 1, 2021.

HORSE LEASE/OWNERSHIP PAPERWORK– All horse paperwork is due on May 1 in the Extension Office. This means you must have own a horse or have one leased by this date. All horse show exhibitors must have completed the QAEC at least once in their career. I will email these forms to you.

You must turn in the ownership/lease form, must have a lifetime liability waiver on file, medical release, and your guidelines and policies forms. **You must take NEW pictures. Pictures from previous years have been discarded.**

Please keep in mind that you are NOT required to turn in your Coggins at this time. You will be required to have it "in hand" for the 4-H fair or any show/clinic that you participate in, however.

Animal Ownership Deadlines– All 4-Hers who intend to exhibit at the 2021 Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair must abide by the following ownership deadlines.

January 1

Performance Cows (Beef)
Dairy Cows
Milking Does (Goat)

February 1

Steers
Ewes

May 15

Market Wethers & Ewes (sheep)
Jr. & Open Premiere Sheep
All Meat Goats (wethers and all breeding animals)
Beef Bucket Calves

June 1

Gilts (Swine)
Dairy Calves & Heifers
Barrows (Swine)
All Rabbits
All Poultry
Beef Heifers
Horse/Pony
Dogs
Dairy Goat -Kids/Yearlings (not in milk)
All Pygmy Goats

June 25

Sheep Ewes & Rams



BASS FISHING SPIN CLUB: Would any adult in JDC be willing to help me start and lead a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club? This would be a short term commitment.

What is a SPIN Club? A spin club is a short term club that meets six times a year. This is a special interest club where youth come together with a common interest. This is open to 4-Hers and non-4-Hers.

This club will work through six lessons (which are already put together) and supplies will be provided to do the activities.

Contact me for more information or to take a look at the curriculum at 815-858-2273 or by emailing me at amillr11@illinois.edu. **I AM STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP ME. YOU WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF IT. I AM LOOKING FOR HELP.**

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021; 7 PM

ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

LIFETIME LIABILITY WAIVER— Each 4-Her must have a lifetime liability waiver on file in the Extension Office to be considered active. If you have done this at least once in your 4-H career... you are good! If you still need to complete this form... email me and I can send you the form. I must have the NEW form on file. We have used lifetime liability waiver for 2 years (this is the third). As you know 2020 was a little crazy with COVID and some didn't get collected last year. You may get an email from me.

I am still missing these from a few members. Please get those completed and turned in. You cannot participate without having this form on file at the Extension Office.



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I MADE THAT! MEDITERRANEAN MEALS

Send your taste buds on a trip to the Mediterranean in celebration of Mediterranean Diet Month!

University of Illinois Extension & 4-H has a fun opportunity to enhance your cooking skills! We are putting together educational cooking kits - designed to inspire the inner chef and help youth gain confidence while working in the kitchen.



Register for your kit at:
go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

Sign up early, supplies are limited

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MAY 3, 2021

The cost is \$5 per kit. It includes the May "I Made That!" booklet, Mediterranean-based recipes, a sensory evaluation, plus olive oil to get you started. Each kit also comes with a salad bowl to showcase your masterpiece!

Kits will be available for pick-up the second week in May at one of our Extension offices in Jo Daviess, Stephenson & Winnebago Counties.



Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H
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JO DAVIESS COUNTY

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Let us know you plan to compete by registering for this contest
using Fair Entry.

If chosen as a SF delegate, 4-Hers may compete at the State
4-H Public Speaking Contest on June 5 AND the State 4-H
General Projects Contest on August 13.

MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT.

Contact Angela at the Extension Office to add this project!

You can access Fair Entry by visiting:

<http://jodaviness4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Fair registration will begin on April 19- May 5, 2021

Monday, May 10
Elizabeth Community Building

Check-In at 6 pm



Contest at 6:30 pm

IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM,
PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 815-858-2273.
EARLY REQUESTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MEETING
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**4-H CAMP IS OUT OF THIS WORLD
2021**

Life at 4-H Camp

We are very thrilled to announce that we will be hosting 4-H Camp - day camps this year! While we are unable to host an overnight due to COVID policies, we are excited to host three days of 4-H Day camp. These three days will give campers a similar experience to past 4-H camp without the overnight. We will again be attending Rock River Christian Camp, in Polo, Illinois. 4-H Day Camp will offer a variety of safely-led activities such as: archery, crate stacking, arts and crafts, hiking, zip-line, team building and large group games, as well as end each day with a camp evening program.

4-H Camp is open to a total of 75 youth each day that are between the ages 8-14 by June 15, 2021. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth may choose to attend, one, two or all three days for 4-H day camp. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with check-in and check-out procedures.

Camp Location

4-H Camp is at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. Rock River Christian Camp has 94 acres that have been transformed over the years into a beautiful facility for youth and adults.

Staff at RRCC are certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. There is a qualified first aid person at camp at all times. Campers select their own activities, and are supervised at all times. 4-H Youth Development staff extensively train all camp counselors. We strive to maintain an environment that both encourages personal growth and creates an unforgettable summer experience.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend contact the registration office at 815-732-2191



Northern Illinois 4-H Summer Camp

(4-H Camp without the overnight)

**Rock River Christian Camp | Polo
June 15-16-17 | 9AM-8PM**



Cost: \$60 per day

Options to choose 1, 2 or all 3 days
Includes boxed lunch, dinner and snack
Must pay in full by credit card



Registration Information:

Register by May 3, 2021

Limited space so sign up today!

go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp



Contact Information:

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Angela Miller, (Jo Daviess, Winnebago, Stephenson)
4-H Program Coordinator
(815) 858-2273, amillr11@illinois.edu

Covid restrictions and safety guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe camp experience. Campers will need to be dropped off/picked up each day. Adults/guardians will NOT be allowed to stay.





SAVE THE DATE

June 2:

- JDC 4-H Babysitting Clinic
- Elizabeth Community Building
- pre-registration will be required
- offered at no cost

3rd Week of June:

- Food Scrap Gardening
- Educational Kits
- pre-registration will be required
- offered at no cost



SAVE THE DATE



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"WHAT A HOOT" OWL CLUB MEETINGS



MONDAY, MAY 17 @ 5 PM
STREAM ECOLOGY
DRESS ACCORDINGLY
*RAIN DATE- MAY 18

PLEASE PENCIL IN THE LOCATION AS
CASPER BLUFF LAND AND NATURE PRESERVE
870 S. PILOT KNOB RD
GALENA, IL

MORE DETAILS COMING LATER



Call 815-858-2273 or email amillr11@illinois.edu for questions.
Meetings will last approximately 1.5 hrs.
Social distancing and safety protocols will be observed.
Please bring a mask.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Here are some dates you need to know: Highlighted items have recently been added.

March, 2021

1	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person @ Eliz. Comm. Bldg.
15		DEADLINE: Program Book Cover Deadline due- Extension
18	7:30 pm	Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goat Super. Mtg.
22	5 pm	Owl Club Meeting- Schurmeier Teaching Forest- Bat Houses
24	4:30 pm	Food Stand Committee Meeting- Eliz. Comm. Bldg.
25		DEADLINE: Fun Day

April, 2021

2	9- 11:30 am	4-H Fun Day @ Elizabeth Community Building
2		Federation Meeting- immediately following Fun Day
10	9-noon	Camp Counselor Training- Zoom
18-24		National Volunteer Week
TBA	6:30 pm	Leaders Meeting- <i>tentative</i>
24		National 4-H Day of Service

May, 2021

1	9 am-3 pm	Camp Counselor Training- Ogle Couty Ext. Office
1		DEADLINE: HORE PAPERWORK DUE @ EXT. OFFICE
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP BREEDING BEEF FEMALES
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP ALL SWINE
3	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person, Elizabeth Comm. Bldg
10	6 pm	JDC 4-H Public Speaking Contest- tentative
15		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP SHEEP WETHERS AND ALL MEAT GOATS
17	5 pm	Owl Club meeting- detail TBA
18		Owl Club rain date
21		DEADLINE: SHOW INELIGIBILITY FORMS DUE
24		JDC 4-H FAIR REGISTRATION OPENS
31		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED- MEMORIAL DAY

June, 2021

1		DEADLINE: QAEC TRAINING, SWINE NOTCH FORMS, YQCA TRAINING
1		DEADLINE: STATE FAIR HORSE ENTRIES
1		DEADLINE: DAIRY GOAT KIDS, YEARLINGS (NOT IN MILK) & ALL PYGMY
1		DEADLINE: DAIRY CALVES & HEIFERS
1		DEADLINE: BEEF BUCKET CALVES & BEEF HEIFERS
1		DEADLINE: ALL POULTRY, ALL RABBIT, ALL CAVYS

1	DEADLINE: DOG PAPERWORK
2	JDC Babysitting Clinic- Elizabeth Community Building
15-17	4-H Camp @ Rock River Christian Camp- Polo, IL
20	DEADLINE: OVERNIGHT & MEDICAL RELEASES-LIVESTOCK & HORSE DUE
25	DEADLINE: BREEDING SHEEP
27- July 1	Summer Illini Academies- Virtual Format
29	Wizarding World of 4-H Program- Eliz. Comm. Building
TBA	4-H Pool Party- location TBA- <i>questionable</i>

July, 2021

9	FAIR SET UP
10-15	JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIRGROUNDS
16-18	Elizabeth Community Fair
19 9 am	4-H Food Stand Clean Up- Federation
TBA	Stephenson County Fair
TBA	IL State Fair Jr. Horse Show @ Springfield, IL

August, 2021

1	DEADLINE: STATE FAIR DOG SHOW ENTRIES DUE
3	JDC 4-H Nature Awaits-TBA
TBA	Jo Daviess County Fair- Warren, IL
TBA	ILLINOIS STATE FAIR @ SPRINGFIELD, IL
TBA	Master Showmanship Contest- IL State Fair
13	JO DAVIESS JUDGING DAY @ IL STATE FAIR – on a Friday
TBA	Winnebago County Fair
TBA	STATE 4-H DOG SHOW @ Granny Rose K-9 Center- Dixon
TBA	Federation Meeting- TBA



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