



# NEWSFLASH

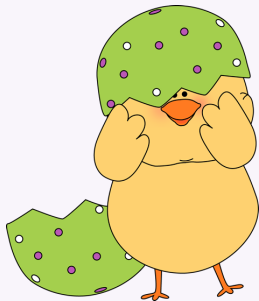


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Good afternoon 4-H Families,

This Newsflash brings you a ton of information about upcoming events and programs being offered– please be sure to read through it! Fair Entry is NOW OPEN for our Public Speaking Contest participants. Be sure to register early, as the site has been a little temperamental with the new 4-H Online system. <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15252>

We currently only have 1 participant signed up for our Cloverbud Activity Hour. You do not have to be in 4-H to register, so grab a friend and let's have some fun! I can promise there will be lots of smiling eyes and fun to be had!

Our first YQCA in-person training is coming up next Friday– please see the green box below for information.

Thank you!

Becky Gocken

## Attention 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef and Dairy Show Participants:

The YQCA annual training is required by the state 4-H office this year to show in any 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goat, Beef or Dairy livestock show. You may take the in-person training with me either on Friday, April 2 at 9 am or Saturday, May 8 at 2 pm at Prince of Peace Church, Rockton for \$3 per member, or on your own for \$12 per member.

You must pre-register using your 4-H Online Family email and password by April 1 and pay via credit card at:

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

All other livestock shows still require the QAEC training which can be found at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> .

**These trainings must be completed by June 1, 2021!**

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



### 2021 Dairy Bowl Results

#### Boone

Allyson Aves – Elected President of Illinois Junior Holstein Association  
 Member of the Champion Senior Dairy Bowl Team  
 Top 10 Senior Dairy Bowl & State Team Alternate  
 Finalist for the Illinois 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team  
 Second Place – Intermediate Speech

Hayden Aves – Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl

Mady Aves – Second Place Junior Speech

Lars Carlson – Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl & State Team Finalist  
 Third Place Written Exam  
 Second Place Intermediate Scientific Poster

Justin Irwin – Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl & State Team Finalist  
 First Place Written Exam  
 First Place Intermediate Scientific Poster

Addison Barrone – Third Place – Farm Category – Photography Contest

#### Lee

Kayleigh Lipe – First Place Junior Creative Poster  
 Second Place – Animal Category – Photography Contest

Rhayanna Cotter – First Place Junior Scientific Poster  
 Third Place – Animal Category – Photography Contest

### 2021 Dairy Bowl Results

#### McHenry

Kyle Ainger – Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl & Alternate State Team

Jake Ainger – Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl & Alternate State Team

Bria Olbrich – First Place – People Category – Photography Contest

#### Winnebago

Alaina Warkentien - Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl



# Winnebago County 4-H Cloverbud Activity Hour



Friday, April 2, 2021

2-3pm

University of Illinois Extension Office  
1040 N Second St, Rockford



Come join us for an hour of fun-filled Cloverbud-age appropriate activities! We will be making "Peep" houses, dishcloth bunnies and conducting a raincloud experiment!

Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/WNCBPeeps2021>

Cost is \$5 and open to any Winnebago County Youth ages 5-7

\*\*\*Masks must be worn at all times, participants will be socially distanced, and hand sanitizing stations will be available.\*\*\*



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

### DO'S & DON'TS of 4-H



#### DO'S:

- **DO** take time to learn about 4-H, what it stands for, and how it operates.
- **DO** advise your son or daughter in selecting 4-H projects. Help them select a project they are interested in, have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish needed materials, facilities, financing, and guidance.
- **DO** keep in mind that the most important goal of 4-H is personal growth of the individual.
- **DO** help your youth see the progress they have made and knowledge they have gained and not just focus only on the end result. Give them encouragement when they succeed and even more when they fail. Judging events are all about learning, not the awards. Whatever ratings are given or scores received, help your child to see progress made, things learned, goals that have been reached and areas to focus on in the future.
- **DO** volunteer your hobbies and talents to 4-H leaders and 4-H youth.
- **DO** keep informed of 4-H deadlines, activities, and events by taking the time to read the monthly newsletters, emails, Facebook posts, or whatever method of communication between the Extension Office is with the families.
- **DO** help youth by guiding and supporting them, not by doing their project for them so they can develop their own life skills. This may include some bumps and bruises along the way, but in the end the 4-H member will be better off if they know that the 4-H project was their own work!
- **DO** ASK QUESTIONS! 4-H has its own culture and language, so don't be afraid to ask questions.

#### DON'TS:

- **DON'T** do your child's projects for them, even though you may be able to do it faster, better, simpler, and with much less mess. Remember 4-H is Learning By Doing.
- **DON'T** discourage a child's enthusiasm by providing too much corrective influence or criticism.
- **DON'T** let the desire to win overpower your child's ability to learn. Do keep in mind that the 4-H experience should be an educational one.
- **DON'T** schedule family outings which constantly conflict with your child's 4-H schedule.
- **DON'T** view your child as an extension of yourself. Don't view his/her success or failure as a reflection of your ability or worth.
- **DON'T** assume your child is always right.
- **DON'T** be disrespectful to the judges when your child didn't get the award or color of ribbon you thought they should have received. Remember, the judge's opinion is just one person's opinion.

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

### We Want You!

**We are looking for individuals to help with the following:**

- **4-H Dog Show Superintendent**
- **Holiday Light Display Committee**
- **Leadership & Awards Committee**

**Please email Becky  
rgocken@illinois.edu**

**Manuals:** The next set of manuals have been sorted and are ready for pick up. The Extension Office is open Monday-Friday between 8 am– 4 pm. If these times do not work for you, I would be happy to leave the manuals in our drop box located outside our office. You can call 815-986-4357 or email me at [rgocken@illinois.edu](mailto:rgocken@illinois.edu). I will order the last batch of manuals on April 15. After that date-no manuals will be available.

**SUMMER SHOWS:** 4-H staff across Illinois are excited about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging this summer. WC 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:**

**Public Speaking Contest– April 21**

**Dog Show– July 23**

**Cat, Rabbit, & Small Pets Show– July 24**

**General Projects Judging and Cloverbud Show– Friday, July 30**

**Horse Show– July 31**

**Food Decorating & Demonstrations– August 4**

**Livestock Shows– Tuesday, August 17**



## 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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 University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.  
 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](https://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](mailto: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.*



Registration opens Monday, March 8, 2021– Space is limited each day.

Register early to reserve your place at camp!

Register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>

More Information at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## MARCH 2021

23 *Your Thoughts Matter Virtual SPIN Club, 5:30-6:30 pm*



## APRIL 2021

1 Final day to add/change projects in 4-H Online

1 Enrollment due date to enroll in 4-H Online for ALL new members

2 YQCA in-person training -Our Prince of Peace Church– 9-10:30 am

2 Cloverbud Activity Hour, 2-3 pm, Extension Office

10 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 9-12pm

10 YLT Meeting, 2:30pm, Extension Office

~~13 4-H Key Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm~~ This is going to be changed to May

21 Winnebago County Public Presentations Contest, Toni's of Winnebago Event Center, 6:30pm

18-24 National Volunteer Week

## MAY 2021

1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

1 Camp Counselor Training, Ogle County Office, 9-3pm

8 YQCA in-person training—Our Prince of Peace Church– 2-3:30 pm

15 Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats

15 2021 Illinois 4-H Food Summit, Zoom

31 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

## JUNE 2021

1 Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office

1 Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office

1 Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), \*ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

4 Babysitting Clinic \*Tentative\*, Location TBD

5 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Richland Community College, Decatur

15-17 \*TENTATIVE\* 9am-8pm 4-H Day Camp- no overnight, Rock River Christian Camp, Polo

25 Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline

30 Wizarding World of 4-H Day Camp\*Tentative\*, Location TBD

## JULY 2021

23 4-H Dog Show, Forrest City Dog Training Club, 9 a.m.

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



<b>Who:</b>	Youth ages 13 and up
<b>What:</b>	Come to the table at the 2021 Food Action Summit! Share your ideas, vision and passion while you network with Food Advocacy Professionals on a shared vision for future food security, food access and food justice
<b>When:</b>	May 15th, 9-11am, 12:30-4:30pm (Registration opens March 1st)
<b>Where:</b>	This virtual summit will take place via Zoom
<b>Contact:</b>	Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu



**Keynote Address** "The Future of Food Justice"- A conversation with Dr. Bobby Smith II, a sociologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Get inspired. Get empowered. Share your vision. Strengthen your leadership.



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### Illinois 4-H Special Offer: Become an Illinois RiverWatch citizen scientist!



With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrec.org/Riverwatch/>.



### Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



### Tell Your 4-H Story –

#### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6**.

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

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Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.



### 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

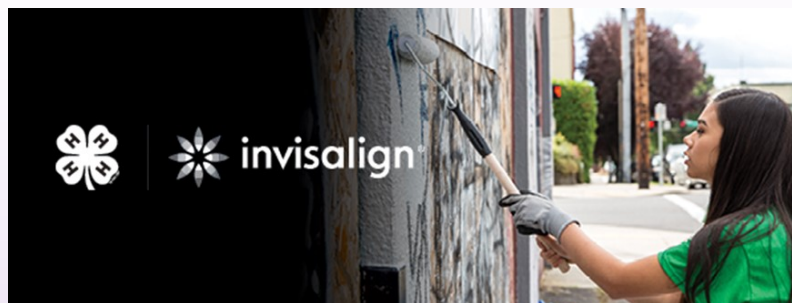
Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local UofI Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)



We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for **100** deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded **\$5,000 cash** to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

**All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.**

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

### 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

#### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>



Follow your passion. Explore a future career. Learn by doing!

Whether it's Electrical & Computer Engineering, Teaching, Business, or something else -- we have a variety of fields to explore!

Registration for this year's Virtual Illini Summer Academies is officially open! Join us June 27th-July 1st and explore your passion alongside University professors.

Head to [go.illinois.edu/illini4h](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4h) to view the full list ~ registration is open now through March 24!

### ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

#### 4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

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>

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

# Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit (Virtual Event)

*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.*

**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021

**Open to** any youth who will be at least 13 years or older and any 4-H adult volunteer or staff

**Registration Link:** [go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021](https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021)

**Registration Open:** March 1, 2021

**Registration Closes:** April 16, 2021

**Cost:** Registration is free.

**Required Forms:** Since the event is virtual, participants will view and declare agreement (or not) to the code of conduct and the photo/media release during online registration.



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## Virtual Room Monitors

Room monitors will be needed for zoom sessions. County staff interested in assisting with this event should email Carla Blue ([blue1@illinois.edu](mailto:blue1@illinois.edu)) as soon as possible.

## Schedule (Tentative)

Saturday, May 15

9:00 - 9:30AM: Opening Session

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10:00 - 10:50AM: Workshop 1

11:00 12:50PM: Lunch Break and Networking

1:00 - 1:30PM: Keynote Address

1:40 - 2:30PM: Workshop 2

BREAK

3:00 - 3:50PM: Workshop 3

4:00 - 4:30PM: Closing Session

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



# Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit (Virtual Event)

### Workshop Descriptions:

**Food Justice & 4-H** - As a result of recent social movements, more youth are using their voices to promote food justice and influence positive change. In this session, you will learn how you can act on food justice issues in your community and in your own social networks.

**How You Can Change Your Food System** - Every day we make decisions that impact our food system. In this session, you will learn about how our food system functions and the power that you have to create change through the choices you make.

**Food Choices and Personal Wellness** - The food choices can play a big role in your health and wellbeing. In this session, you will learn about how you can leverage your food choices to help you live your best life.

**Addressing Food Insecurity in Illinois** - Food insecurity rates have increased in Illinois due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session, you will learn from researchers at the University of Illinois about how people are experiencing food insecurity and hunger in Illinois, and what steps we can take to address this crisis.

**Food Advocacy and Civic Leadership** - The process of making changes in your community can be difficult but also rewarding. In this session, you will hear about the challenges and opportunities of engaging in the civic process to promote food security and food access for all.

**Food Security and Community Health** - Having reliable access to healthy food is an essential part of living a healthy life. In this session, you will learn from experts in the field of food and nutrition about how food security can impact the health of an entire community.

**Careers in Food Systems** - Whether it's food production, distribution, marketing, safety, transportation, science, and research, or service and sales, there are many career opportunities in the world of food systems. In this session, you will have the opportunity to imagine a future for yourself and hear from people who have dedicated their careers to securing our food system.

**Puerto Rico Food Security Challenge** - Puerto Rico has had many challenges to its food system as a result of natural disasters and climate change. In this session, you will learn how Puerto Rico leaders are engaging with youth on the island to creatively address issues of food security through hands-on learning.

**Sustainable Agriculture** - Producing food to equitably feed our planet's growing population is one of the great challenges facing agriculture worldwide. In this session, you will engage in an important discussion around how we can continue to produce food in a way that responsibly stewards the earth's resources while addressing the challenges of climate change.

**Food Advocacy and Youth Action in Brazil** - Young people around the world are taking on the challenge of food insecurity. In this session, you will connect with leaders from the Federal Institute of Mato Grosso do Sul who are working to support service-learning projects and youth advocacy in Brazil.

**Technology and Food Production** - We know that food production is an art as well as a science. In this session, you will learn about the important role which STEM skills play in ensuring a secure food future for everyone.

### For additional information contact:

**Programming questions:** Mark Becker, IL 4-H Food Systems Specialist, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)

*Note: Mark will soon be on parental leave through mid-April.*

**Logistic Information:** Carla Blue, IL 4-H State Events Coordinator

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



If you do gardening with kids or have them do service projects such as bring food to food pantries, you might see something on our NDSU Extension webinar list you want to attend.

<https://ndsu.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b303ec77430a20180bc6a4b92&id=502444b486>

Sign up below to register for the Field to Fork Weekly Webinars from NDSU. Depending on your state, you might see some familiar names!

The free webinars will be held each **Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Central time February 10 through April 21**. They will be archived for later viewing; however, participating in the “live” webinar allows you to interact with the presenter.

When you sign up, you'll receive two reminder emails, a link to an evaluation survey, and a message about how to access the recording for each of the 11 webinars below:

- Feb. 10: Shopping in a Garden Center: Tips for Customers and Managers - Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension agent - horticulture, Cass County
- Feb. 17: Growing Safe Produce for Distribution to Food Pantries - Barbara Ingham, professor and Extension food science specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Feb. 24: Hot Topics in Food Preservation - Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate, Kansas State University
- March 3: High Tunnel Cut Flower Production - Esther McGinnis, associate professor and Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 10: The Best Vegetable Varieties for 2021 - Tom Kalb, Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 17: Weed Control in the Home Garden - Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- March 24: The “Good” Creepy Crawlers in Your Garden - Janet Knodel, professor and Extension entomologist, NDSU
- March 31: Maple Syrup Production - Joe Zeleznik, Extension forester, NDSU
- April 7: Hot Topics in Nutrition: Why Eat Fruits and Vegetables, Anyway? - Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and food and nutrition specialist, NDSU
- April 14: Tips for Selling Food Safely at Farmers Markets - Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri
- April 21: How to Start a New Food Business - Amy Illg, program administrator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Food and Lodging

# Illinois Extension

# ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

## June

### Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>3</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>4</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>5</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show
<b>6</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>15</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>16</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>17</b> Midwest Charity show starts Non Fair Show	<b>18</b> Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show	<b>19</b> Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show
<b>20</b> Take down Midwest Charity Décor Non Fair Show	<b>21</b> Western Show Appaloosa & POA Show Move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>22</b> Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>23</b> Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>24</b> Non Fair Show	<b>25</b> Non Fair Show	<b>26</b> Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show
<b>27</b> Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show	<b>28</b> Non Fair Show	<b>29</b> Western Paint Show Move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>30</b> Western Paint Show <b>State Fair Show</b>			

**2021**

## July

### Horse Show Events at the Illinois Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> Western Paint Show AQHA move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>2</b> Western AQHA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>3</b> Western AQHA Show Barrel Racing in MPA <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>4</b> Barrel Racing in MPA <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>5</b> Palomino World Show Move in Non Fair Show	<b>6</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>7</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>8</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>9</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>10</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show
<b>11</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>12</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>13</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>14</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>15</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>16</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>17</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show
<b>18</b> Clean Stalls	<b>19</b> Western Reining Show move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>20</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>21</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>22</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>23</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>24</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>25</b> Jr Horse Show Schooling over jumps. In the After noon 4:00 to 8:00	<b>26</b> Jr Horse Show English Dressage, Jumping Hunt Seat Saddle Seat	<b>27</b> Jr Horse Show English Showmanship Conformation Equitation	<b>28</b> Jr Horse Show Tail Class, Traditional & Stock Pattern Costume Class Scholarship Class	<b>29</b> Jr Horse Show Western Ranch Riding & Pleasure & Horsemanship	<b>30</b> Jr Horse Show Western Horsemanship Gymkhana in the MPA in the afternoon	<b>31</b> Jr Horse Show Western Conformation Showmanship, Egg & spoon Versatility

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## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

<b>August</b>		<b>Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds</b>				
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Jr Horse Show Western Pleasure Reining <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Society Horses move in	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>10</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>11</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show  State Fair Starts	<b>13</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show  Draft Horse move in	<b>14</b> Draft Horses move in  Livestock show of champion
<b>15</b> Draft Horse Show	<b>16</b> Draft Horse Show	<b>17</b> Draft Horse Show  Livestock Sale	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>20</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>21</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show
<b>22</b> Draft Horse Pull in the afternoon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Western Mounted Shooting  <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>29</b> Western Mounted Shooting  <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				<b>2021</b>

### 2021 Illinois 4-H Dates

March 24	Illini Summer Academies Registration Closes
March 31	Registrations close for the Food Action Summit
Late April (TBD)	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
April-May (TBD)	YQCA
April 24 & 25	Youth Livestock Conference
April 25	True Leaders Service Day
May 15th	Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
May 20	Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
May 31	DEADLINE: State 4-H Public Speaking Contest Submissions Due
June 4	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
June 5	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 5	State Public Speaking Contest
June 27 – July 1	Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
July 11- 23, 2021	Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show
July – August	In-Bound Summer 2021

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:**



**Rural Pond  
Management Webinar**  
March 30, 7-8:30 pm

**Illinois  
Extension**

**I REINVIGORATING PASTURES AND EXPANDING GRAZING**  
**MARCH 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 2021**  
**6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.**

**2021 Northwest Illinois  
Grazing Conference**



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## Think Spring Gardening Series

6:30-8:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 23-Bulb Lasagna-Creating Layers**

**Thursday, March 25-50 Shapes of Shade**

**Tuesday, March 30-Succulent Wreaths**

**Thursday, April 1-Starting Seeds Successfully**

Think Spring Gardening Series in place of their annual in person gardening days which will not be held this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Each evening session will be held via the Zoom platform. Pre-registration is required. The series is being held free of charge, but donations are being accepted to help offset the cost of Extension programming.



## Rural Pond Management

March 30, 2021

7:00 PM

With more than 40 years of natural resources and water management experience between them, Extension Educators Duane Friend and Jay Solomon will cover how to keep ponds healthy and beautiful. Topics include outside influences, water supply and quality, maintenance, weed and algae management, control of tree and brush on dams, sediment build-up and more.

Guest presenter Blake Ruebush, a Fisheries Biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will discuss how to best manage fish populations including when and how to stock fish in new or existing ponds.



## Forestry Spring Webinar Series

2:00 - 3:00 PM

**March 24 - Crop Tree Management: Science and Application**

**March 31 - Tree Planting Basics**

**April 7 - Get Lost: How to Navigate in the Backcountry**

**April 14 - Identification and Management of Herbaceous Invasive Plants**

**April 21 - Safe Use of Herbicide in Natural Settings**

**April 28 - Providing Suitable Woodland Habitat for Secretive Animals: Bats, Snakes and Salamanders**

Just in time for spring, the Illinois Extension Forestry team will lead a six-session webinar series for woodland owners on Wednesdays starting March 24.



## Certified Food Protection Manager certification

May 10, 11 & 12, 2021

Testing on May 13, 2021

9:00 AM - Noon

Those receiving this certification have specialized training regarding the safe handling, preparation, and storage of food to help prevent foodborne related illnesses. The certificate is valid for five years from the exam date and must be retaken once a certificate expires.

## FOUR SEASONS GARDENING Webinar Series

### Growing and Using

#### Herbs

March 23, 2021

1:30 pm

Throughout history, herbs have been used as flavorings, medicines, decorations, scents and protective garden plants. Join University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Nancy Kreith to learn how to successfully grow herbs for ornamental and wildlife value, culinary use or craft projects.



## Illinois Owls

April 8, 2021

1:00 pm

Owls are not only at the top of their food chain; they are also at the top of their game. Owls have one of the most unique set of tools in their predator toolkit. From eyes that can penetrate the darkness to rotating toes and a feathered satellite dish to pick up the smallest of rodent feet hitting the ground. Owls are the masters of illusion and silence.



April 2, 2021

9:00-11:00 am

This in-person workshop is open to all youth 3rd - 12th grade. Participants will choose only one workshop to attend and spots are limited for each workshop.

Choose from:

- Interior Design
- Sign Making
- Cake Decorating



## Winnebago Cloverbud

Activity Hour

April 2, 2021

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Come join us for an in-person hour of fun-filled Cloverbud-age appropriate activities! We will be making "Peep" houses, dishcloth bunnies and conducting a raincloud experiment! This activity is open to ALL youth ages 5 - 7.

## GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Our Master Gardener Helpline is open and ready to help. Fill out our online form to help us serve you better. Or call us with your question.

