



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Macoupin County** 4-H Families

April 2019



4-H Art SPIN Club wraps up. Suzi Humphreys led members in six weeks of art instruction with the focus being on water color techniques.

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H WEEK & NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 7-13

- **Show your 4-H Spirit and Wear Green or 4-H Shirt to school on Weds April 10**
 - **Promote 4-H on Marquees or Signs**
 - **Talk to a Classroom about 4-H**
 - **Thank a Volunteer or 4-H Leader**
 - **Get Creative and Have some Fun!**

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H FEDERATION

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Help prepare a meal for residents at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, IL!



SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019 AT 4PM

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CUPCAKE DECORATING



sponsored by **WORKSHOP**

Macoupin County 4-H

2019

COME LEARN DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES FOR BEGINNER CAKE DECORATORS!

Thursday, April 11

6pm-7:15pm

Macoupin County Extension Office
#60 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville

*HANDS-ON
WORKSHOP*



Karla Keene will be demonstrating decorating techniques on cupcakes!

CLASS SIZE LIMITED; MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 4

Call 217-854-9604 or register online at web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h

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Ages: 8-12

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Take home a decorated cupcake!

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MACOUPIN COUNTY
FOOD DEMONSTRATION
AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

THURSDAY, MAY 9

FOOD DEMO &

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 6PM

HELD AT #60 CARLINVILLE PLAZA
EXTENSION OFFICE

Choose from 4 different types of speeches

- *Formal Speech*
- *Illustrated Speech*
- *Original Works*
- *Oral Interpretation*
- *Food Demonstration*

Must be a current member to participate.

All 4-H members welcome!

To register go online

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h>

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H

NATURE NIGHT

April 15, 2019
6:30pm
Cross Church, Carlinville

Each Club will give a 5 minute presentation on a nature topic of their choice. Refreshments following.

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4-H BARNYARD BASH



4-H Members
Ages 5-9

APRIL 25

FREE

Thursday | 6-7:15pm

Macoupin County Fairgrounds

Route 4, Carlinville



Learn about the Fair
Participate in Fun Activities
Meet Some Barnyard Animals
Tour the Fairgrounds



Deadline to Register is April 18. Register online at
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Community Service Activity for True Leaders in Service Month of April

4-H Community Service Project Flower Barrel Planting

April 27, 2019

Location: **Carlinville Town Square**

Time: **8:30 am – 10:00 am**

This event is open to all 4-H members in Macoupin County

Online Registration is open using the following link:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20150>

Registration Deadline is April 18, 2019

Flowers will be provided; we are gathering to put our **“Hands to Larger Service”**
by planting flowers to help beautify the Carlinville Square.

Information:

- After registration closes, groups will be assigned to barrels on the square
 - We will do our best to group club members together
- Meet at the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce, we will begin promptly at 8:30am
 - Office is Located on the Northeast Side of Square
 - We will break off into assigned groups with assigned barrels for planting
- Bring work gloves (Optional)
- Counts as a National Community Service Event on your 4-H Records

(Event Planned by Braylee Gilmore and Gabe Pauline of Crazy Clovers 4-H Club)

Please contact the Extension Office with any questions: 217-854-9604



QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS TRAINING

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/>. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

April 15th Enrollment Deadline!

All 4-H enrollments and fees **MUST** be turned into the office by **April 15th** in order to show in any of the 2019 4-H County Fair Shows. Youth can enroll in 4-H anytime during the year, however April 15th is the cutoff date in order to participate in the summer 4-H shows.

All 4-H Members must have attended at least two 4-H club meetings in order to be eligible to show at the local 4-H show. The Extension office will request the attendance report from each club in May.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build life-long friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Be aware:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
- Applications are due April 1.

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu



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Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13



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 7 – 13. 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.

Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



Another opportunity to see the world



**IFYE Association
of the USA, Inc.**

Peace Through Understanding

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. An experience with IFYE can bring you this and more. The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.

The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ ifyeusa.org. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of "Peace through Understanding" continues to touch the lives of people around the world.

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Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.

So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



Entry deadlines approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

Check out the masters at this year's state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.



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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. 13 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.

Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



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Take the whole family



Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!



Share your 4-H club service projects!



We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
2. Tell us a little about your project.
3. Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



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

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 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 senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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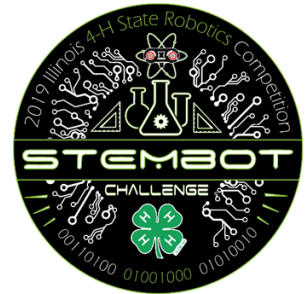
Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



Come watch robots take over the world; Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES: June 23-29, 2019

Illinois 4-H is proud to offer this hi-fidelity college exploratory experience on the University of Illinois 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 getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five 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 the University of Illinois campus and many degree programs and careers. Applications are on the registration site @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H

All academies feature project-based learning where youth are either conducting experiments, making something, or discovering some aspect of the world few people ever get to see. It wouldn't be college without lots of time for socializing, meeting new friends, and exploring campus.

Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29. The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided. Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. If you have questions, email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu. Use the following link to register as a chaperone

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=20007>.

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mark your calendar!



April 7	4-H Youth Leadership (Federation) Community Service at Ronald McDonald House-Springfield
April 9	4-H Leader's Meeting 6:30pm at Extension
April 11	4-H Cupcake Decorating Workshop 6pm at Extension
April 13	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest
April 13	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest
April 14	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
April 15	4-H County Nature Night at 6:30pm at Cross Church Carlinville
April 22	Unit 18 Leadership & Career Chicago Trip
April 27	National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
April 27	Flower Barrel Planting Community Service on Carlinville Square 8:30am-10am
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 9	County Public Speaking Contest and Food Demo 6pm at Extension
May 9	Unit 18 4-H Horse Show
May 11	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 11	4-H Day with Cardinals-St. Louis
June 1	4-H Mini Fair (Tractor, Dog, Cat, Small Pet)
June 9	Unit 18 Horse Show-Gillespie & State Public Speaking Contest-Decatur
June 14	4-H Foods Show- Cross Church Carlinville
June 17	4-H Clothing Show-Extension
June 20	4-H General Show-Fairgrounds
June 26	4-H Swine Show-8am, 4-H Sheep Show-3pm
June 27	4-H Beef Show 10am, 4-H dairy Show 12pm
June 28	4-H Poultry Show-9am, 4-H Goat Show-1pm
June 29	4-H Rabbit Show-9am
June 30	4-H Project Pick-Up Day 12-2pm
August 12	Macoupin County Illinois State Fair Day