



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

May 2019



## 4-H Chicago Career Exploration Trip-April 22

4-H Members headed out on the train to downtown Chicago to explore the city and learn about careers in the tech field. Katelyn, Gabe, Braylee, Saralynn, Luke, Rachel, Allie, and Logan represented Macoupin County.



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*Christian, Jersey,  
Macoupin &  
Montgomery Counties*

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Unit 18 Leadership Team met on April 19! Macoupin County 4-H members participating were Anthony, Braylee, Gabe, and Chloe. Great job stepping up to the leadership challenge.



## BARNYARD BASH 2019

**Barnyard Animals, Barn Builders,  
Barn Hunt, Barn Snacks**

**Stations led by 4-H Federation**



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NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE-April 27



Brayley & Gabe from Crazy Clovers 4-H Club planned a County Community Service Project to help Beautify the Carlinville Square. All flowers were donated with help from Coach McClain.



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## NATURE NIGHT-APRIL 15

Snakes, White-Tailed Deer, Farm Animals in Illinois, Nature Activities in Macoupin County, Pollinators, Hunting in Illinois, Volcanoes, Environmental Pollution, Eagles, Mississippi River were the topics we heard about. Great job to all the clubs who participated! What a fun night!



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4-H Federation made Tie Blankets and donated them to provide comfort to those youth in need that are working with the Child Advocacy Center (UCAN).



Speak for Illinois 4-H— Legislative Connection Caleb, Braylee, Avery Bourne, and Anthony at the Capitol



4-H Federation Cooked a Meal at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield April 7.



Cupcake Decorating Workshop held in April! Thanks Karla Keene for working with our youth!



4-H Sewing SPIN in Staunton wrapped up in April! Thanks Lisa Coan and all the parents who helped!

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Training for summer  
2019!



## BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

Grow your leadership potential - Learn something new - Teach others - Give back

### CORE TRAINING



Saturday, May 18th - Macoupin County Office

Thursday, May 30th - Christian County Office

Topics include ages & stages, experiential learning, presentation skills, and classroom/group management.

All teen teachers must attend ONE core training during their 4-H career.

### CURRICULUM TRAINING



Tuesday, May 28th - Montgomery County Office

Wednesday, May 29th - Macoupin County Office

Friday, May 31st - Christian County Office

Friday, June 21st - Jersey County Office

### CURRICULUM Training Subjects

May Include:

- DIY Code & Build Using Makey Makey
- Pollinator & Environmental Education
- Cooking Basics
- Gardening

Teen teachers must attend both a core and curriculum training before they can teach. .

### REGISTER ONLINE

[web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)

QUESTIONS? Email [marten1@illinois.edu](mailto:marten1@illinois.edu)

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## 4-H Archery Kicked Off on April 29!



## Spring Canvas Painting



sponsored by **2019**  
*Macoupin County 4-H*

**Tuesday, May 7**

6pm-7:00pm

Deb's Ceramics

#140 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville

*HANDS-ON*

*WORKSHOP*

Deb Gotcher will be on hand to teach youth about canvas painting techniques.



**Youth 5-7 & Youth 8-18 Same Session Time-Twice the Fun**

- Learn basic painting techniques
- Youth will paint a Spring themed canvas piece to take home

**CLASS SIZE LIMITED. MUST REGISTER BY April 30**

Call 217-854-9604 or register online at [web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h)

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Cost: \$10.00

Pay by cash or check to Deb's Ceramics.

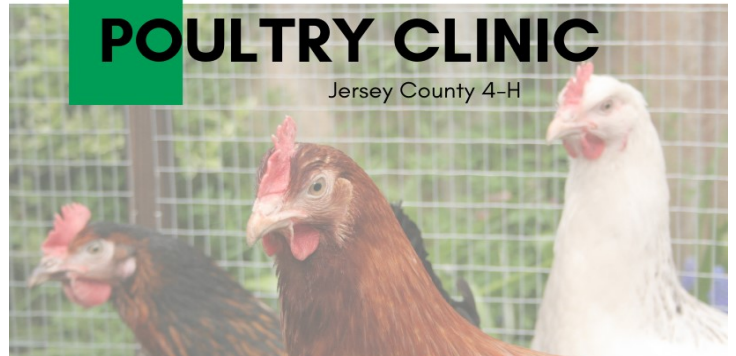
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Participation "County" - Participated in a county 4-H activity or event or Project Learning activity

## POULTRY CLINIC

Jersey County 4-H



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019**  
**10-11 a.m.**

Open to youth ages 8-18  
Bring your chicken!

**JERSEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**100 W. FAIRGROUNDS**  
**JERSEYVILLE, IL**

Register by calling the Extension Office at 618-498-2913 or online at [web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/jersey4h](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/jersey4h)

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## Tie Dye ART

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Macoupin County 4-H Day at the MAC

Join us as youth will create tie dye art!

**Tuesday, July 9**

Tie Dye Art Session

- Youth 8-18 years  
9:30am-10:30am

Youth will:

Create their very own Tie Dye Art



Location: The Macoupin County Art Collective  
214 East Main Street-Staunton

**HANDS-ON WORKSHOP**

**CLASS SIZE LIMITED; MUST REGISTER BY July 2.**

Call 217-854-9604 or register online at  
[web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h)



All payments made to the MAC.  
Take home your own artwork to enjoy!

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## 4-H Welcome Mat Workshop

Wednesday, July 10  
9:30am-10:30am

Location: 60 Carlinville Plaza,  
Carlinville

2 Age Groups 5-7 & 8-18    COST: \$5.00

REGISTER BY JULY 3 ONLINE AT:  
[WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/MACOUPIN4H/](http://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/MACOUPIN4H/)  
OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 217-854-9604

Each participant will design their very own door mat to take home. Carolyn Winningham will be on hand to lead youth through this activity.

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**4-H CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP**

## LET'S BUILD ROBOTS!

Open to youth ages 6-9

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JULY 11  
SESSION 1: 9AM-10AM  
SESSION 2: 10:15AM-11:15AM

YOUTH WILL BUILD ROBOTS WITH PROVIDED  
LEGO KITS!  
Location: 60 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville

SPACE IS LIMITED. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 3.  
TO REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[HTTPS://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/MACOUPIN4H/](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h/) OR  
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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. BE CREATIVE. THINK  
LIKE AN ENGINEER.

## DIY CODE & BUILD


Using the Makey Makey system and Scratch programming

**MONDAY, JULY 15 & TUESDAY, JULY 16**  
**9 AM - 12 PM (NOON)**  
**MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

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Or call 217-854-9604



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Open to any youth, ages  
8-13  
Cost: \$10

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Wednesday  
July 31

9:30am-11:30am

60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville

Cost: \$5.00 to Cover  
Canning Supplies

Register online at  
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Wellness Educator  
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## Can My Dill Pickles!

### Dill Pickle Canning Workshop

Ages  
9-18



This hands-on workshop will teach how to make Dill Pickles using cucumbers, making a brine, and safely preserving it through water bath canning.

Each participant will take home a jar of pickles, get to taste test, and receive additional canning recipes.

*Class size is limited, So Register Soon!*

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Tractor on Loan from Sievers  
Equipment in Carlinville

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## 4-H TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST

**3-PART CONTEST**

1. Written Exam — check out your project manual for info.
2. Safety Inspection of Tractor/Parts ID
3. Driving Course—Two-wheeled event. Includes forward and backward driving including backing an implement.

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

**Contest Begins at 9:30am**

Open to all 4-H members ages 10-18 enrolled in the 4-H Tractor Project.

Check-In at 9:15a.m. Location: Mac Co Fairgrounds  
Rules and required paperwork available by contacting Macoupin Co Extension

Jr. Division (10-13 years) Sr. Division (14 and older)

Register by May 15 at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/>  
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## FAIR REGISTRATION

Look for 4-H Fair Registration Details in Your E-mail!

We will be using online registration this year.

Hard copies available upon request.

Thanks and Best Wishes for the 2019 4-H Fair/Show Season!

Also, think about entering in the Macoupin County Fair Open Shows.

<https://macoupincountyfair.org/>

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## Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
  - ⇒ Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
  - ⇒ In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned .....
  - ⇒ 4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...
  - ⇒ 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by .....
  - ⇒ I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
  - ⇒ In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...
- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I ..... Thanks for helping me grow!"
- There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!
- Send the video file to us at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).



## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

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## 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 lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Be aware:

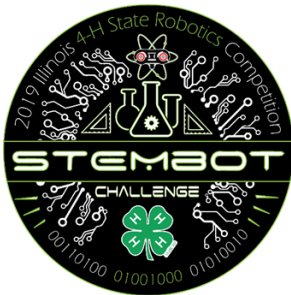
- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability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



For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives

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## 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/](https://facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact [illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu).

## 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](http://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.



## 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.

## 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](http://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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## 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](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

## 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.



## Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show).



## 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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## mark your calendar!



May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 7	4-H Canvas Painting at Deb's 6pm
May 9	County Public Speaking Contest and Food Demo 6pm at Extension
May 11	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 11	4-H Day with Cardinals-St. Louis
May 27	Extension Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
June 1	4-H Mini Fair (Tractor, Dog, Cat, Small Pet)
June 8	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
July 4	Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
July 9	4-H Tie Dye Workshop -The Mac
July 10	4-H Welcome Mat Workshop- Extension
July 11	4-H WeDo Robotics- Extension
July 15-16	DIY Code & Build Workshop
July 20-21	4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training-Monticello
July 31	4-H Canning Workshop-Extension
August 12	Macoupin County Illinois State Fair Day