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# MADISON COUNTY 4-H Family News



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## COVID-19 4-H Meeting Guidelines

We are currently under phase 4, which indicates that we can meet in groups up to 50 people or 50% of space capacity, whichever is **lesser**. As the weather turns nicer, I would encourage clubs to try to meet outdoors. I realize some of our clubs are still too large to meet in person without making changes, such as splitting into smaller groups or hosting some of the club inside and the rest outside. Virtual meetings are still an option. Please remember that youth must attend at least 4 meetings and give a talk or demonstration in order to show their projects. We can still make meetings fun and meaningful and I am happy to help!



**Monroe County Office**

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 618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

**Office Hours:**

Monday- Friday:  
 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

**Madison-St. Clair County Office**

1 Regency Plaza, Suite 200  
 Collinsville, IL 62234  
 618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION



If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, or goats, then you will need to complete the YQCA annually. **We have an in-person training scheduled for May 6, in the Expo Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds for \$3.** Registration will begin at 5:30 and the training will begin promptly at 6pm. Registration is limited to the first 48 youth so don't delay! Please register at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

If you are unable to make the in-person training, you may take the online training for \$12. This must be completed by May 1, 2021.



If you are enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, or cats, then you will need to complete the QAEC training. You only need to take it once in your lifetime and there is no cost.

This training is required, even if you are only doing an animal science project and not showing an actual animal at the fair. Please complete the training by May 1, 2021 in order to show your projects.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>





## March Workshops

This month, we had a fun time learning how to do a small cross-stitch project and we made our very own dreamcatchers (left) during our Heritage Arts Workshop. We also learned how to make Celtic Shortbread cookies (bottom right) and a Celtic knot bracelet (bottom left) during our Cultures and Continents Workshop on the Celtic people.

Join us in April for our Floriculture workshop and another Cultures and Continents workshop on the Cahokia people.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



The Alhambra Morning Glories 4-H Club made and delivered Valentines to the Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra in February. Then in March, they purchased 20 half gallons of milk and delivered them to the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry Food Pantry.

**WAY TO GO 4-H'ERS!!  
HELPING OTHERS IS WHAT  
4-H IS ALL ABOUT.**



## FARM CREDIT

Quercus Grove 4-H Club just received word that they were one of the recipients of the \$500 Farm Credit Grants! They plan on doing a project for the St. John's Community Mission Garden. The New Douglas Cloverbuds will also receive a \$500 Farm Credit Grant that they will use to create a Hosta Garden at the Rec Plex and 2 raised beds for the Community Garden. Congratulations Jan and Amanda on your hard work! We are so proud of you and your clubs.



## Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
Korsmeyer Scholarship	Available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years and must be a permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County. Applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.	\$1,000	April 17, 2021	<a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_-_lester_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf">https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_-_lester_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf</a>



### Congratulations Mia McAfoos!

Mia is a member of the Lucky Horse Shoes 4-H Club and she will be joining the Equestrian Team at the University of Tennessee at Martin and plans to major in Nursing.

Mia has spent a lot of time learning about horses through videos and books and did the majority of the training of her horse on her own. She is a remarkable young lady and I know that she will go far in life with that kind of ambition and enthusiasm.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

It's time to acknowledge our 4-H Seniors! If you would like me to spotlight your Senior on Facebook and in our monthly newsletter, please send me 2-3 pictures along with any information about them, including their plans for after graduation, favorite 4-H memory, and any way that 4-H has helped them get where they are today.

Email the information to [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu)

# County Calendar of Events

April 8, 2021	4-H Floriculture Workshop 4-5pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23003">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23003</a>
April 8, 2021	Spring 4-H Leader's Meeting 5-6pm at the Collinsville Extension office
April 14, 2021– May 26, 2021	Dog Obedience Classes every Wednesday from 6-7pm at Triangle H Farm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23253">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23253</a>
April 28, 2021	Cultures & Continents Cahokia Workshop 4-6pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22998">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22998</a>
May 4, 2021	4-H Public Speaking Event 6-7:30pm at the Collinsville Extension office
May 5, 2021	4-H Wire Sculpture Workshop 4-5pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23442">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23442</a>
May 6, 2021	YQCA Training at the Expo Building on the Madison County Fairgrounds: <a href="https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login">https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login</a>
May 25, 2021	Cultures & Continents Zulu Workshop 4-6pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22999">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22999</a>
June 2, 2021	4-H Oil Pastels Workshop 4-5pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23444">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23444</a>
June 9, 2021	4-H Dog Show 6pm at Triangle H Farm
June 14-17, 2021	4-H Science Camp at Madison County Farm Bureau: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceCamp2021">https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceCamp2021</a>
June 19, 2021	4-H Horse Show at Triangle H Farm
June 26, 2021	4-H Food & Clothing Show at 8:30am at the Farm Bureau in Edwardsville
June 28-July 1	4-H Youth Cooking School in Belleville: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23434">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23434</a>
July 12-15	4-H Youth Cooking School in Edwardsville: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23436">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23436</a>
July 26, 2021	4-H General Project Show at 5:30pm at the Madison County Fairgrounds
July 27, 2021– August 1, 2021	Madison County Fair and 4-H Shows
August 15, 2021	Madison County day at the State Fair



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)



Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese 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!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 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.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



**4-H Memorial Camp, Family Camp Retreats!**

According to restrictions outlined in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, we will not be able to hold our traditional Summer Youth Camps during the summer of 2021. We will, however, be holding 3 day/2 night **Family Camp Retreats** with each family getting their own cabin!

**Activities:** While at camp you can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a camp fire and so much more! To meet COVID restrictions at activity areas, there will be sign-up sheets for all activities after participants arrive.

**Meals:** Meals will be served family style with each family getting their own table. Outside dining will be available and encouraged!

**Required:** At least one participant per family must be 4-H age (5-18 years old). COVID testing will be required of all participants at the gate to camp prior to entry for each session. If anyone in the family tests positive, the family will not be allowed to attend that session and a full refund will be given. We strongly encourage attendees to limit their activities with others outside their family for three days prior to their retreat. Masks and social distancing are required. Due to the nature of Family Camp, a parent or guardian must stay with their children for the duration of their camp session.

**Registration:** Registration is available online at <https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp>

We can take up to 32 families with a maximum of 160 participants per session. The camp session must have at least 25 families (100 participants) per session in order for it to be held. If a session has to be cancelled, full refunds for that session will be given.

This registration will be open to non 4-H Members April 5<sup>th</sup>. **We want to make sure 4-H Families have a timeframe to register first.** In the spirit of that, **we ask that the link not be shared with non 4-H Families until Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dates:**

Family Camp 1: June 6-8

Family Camp 2: June 18-20

Family Camp 3: July 9-11

There is the possibility that more dates could be added if these fill up and there is enough interest.

**Fees:**

Cabin Rental Fee (required):	\$200
Participant Fee (8 years old and older)	\$75/person
Participant Fee (4-7 years old)	\$50/person
3 years old or younger	\$0

If you are in need of financial assistance please contact your local Extension office to see if any scholarship funds are available.

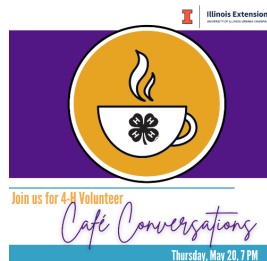
**Questions:** Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt at [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) or Andy Davis at [arda-vis1@illinois.edu](mailto:arda-vis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741.



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?>



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**, Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

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

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



## 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 for this training on April 22, 2021:

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

## ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH NETWORK

NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

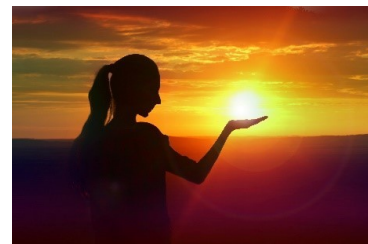
With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge.

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.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.

Free: Six **SOLAR ACTIVITY KITS** from **Recharge Labs** available on first come/first served basis.  
2 per Region.

Funded by the **Energy Education Council**, six kits are available for your club or classroom programs on renewable energy. Youth build solar a powered fountain; model solar homes; and play scavenger hunt games experimenting with solar energy. Did you struggle with the Junior Solar Sprint solar car building activity but like the subject? Start here instead. Kits are valued at \$275 each and serve up to 20 youth. Reuseable supplies!

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to request a kit.



To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to submit a request!



## 2021 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. **Nominations are due May 1.**

<https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

## 4-H Alumni Opportunities:

### INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile! Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

### SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected! [Share your 4-H News](#)

### WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>



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# State Calendar of Events

April 22, 2021	Volunteer Training on the 4-H Cloverbud Program: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352</a>
April 24, 2021	National 4-H Day of Service Event: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183</a>
April 30, 2021	Deadline to register for the Illinois 4-H Robotics Competition: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021">https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021</a>
May 1, 2021	4-H Family Spirit Award Nominations due: <a href="https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award">https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award</a>
May 15, 2021	Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
May 20, 2021	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations at 7pm: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738</a>
June 5, 2021	Shooting Sports Training at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL.
June 6-8, 2021	Family Camp Session #1 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello IL. : <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp">https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp</a>
June 18-20, 2021	Family Camp Session #2 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello IL. <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp">https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp</a>
July 9-11, 2021	Family Camp Session #3 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello IL. <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp">https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp</a>
July 24, 2021	Shooting Sports Training at Gardner Camp, Hull IL





# Connecting with Cultures & Continents

## Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 5 interactive online workshops each covering a different indigenous culture. Each workshop will incorporate an engaging presentation over each culture, a cultural art/craft, and a food/drink recipe to do together.

**January 27** → **South/Central America:** The Guna (Kuna) People  
Register by **January 20:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Guna>

**February 25** → **Artic:** The Inuit People  
Register by **February 18:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Inuit>

**March 23** → **Europe:** The Celtic People  
Register by **March 16:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>

**April 28** → **North America:** The Cahokia People  
Register by **April 21:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Cahokia>

**May 25** → **Africa:** The Zulu People  
Register by **May 18:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Zulu>



Information about picking up supplies is in the **registration links**



The activities completed in these workshops will meet the requirements for **Passport to the World** projects and several categories of **Visual Arts**



Each workshop limited to the first **24 participants**, so sign up today!



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# Dog Obedience Classes

## ATTENTION ALL 4-H DOG PROJECT PARTICIPANTS!

DEB LEWIS WILL BE OFFERING DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES TO HELP YOU GET YOUR DOG READY TO SHOW.

### CLASS INFORMATION:

WHERE: TRIANGLE H FARM, 2082 S. MORELAND ROAD, EDWARDSVILLE, IL.

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS APRIL 14-MAY 26

TIME: 6PM-7PM

### BEFORE CLASSES START:

- REGISTER AND PAY YOUR \$40 PARTICIPATION FEE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN COLLINSVILLE  
[HTTPS://60.ILLINOIS.EDU/2021DOG](https://60.illinois.edu/2021dog)
- SUBMIT OWNERSHIP OR LEASE PAPERWORK
- BRING COPY OF DOG'S CURRENT RABIES VACCINE
- SUBMIT TRIANGLE H FARM LIABILITY FORM

### DOG SHOW DATE: JUNE 9, 6PM

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE OBEDIENCE TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DOG SHOW, BUT CONDITIONING YOUR DOG TO BE AROUND OTHERS IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAINING ORDER AND SAFETY DURING THE DOG SHOW SO WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE OBEDIENCE CLASSES.

### QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: [ANGIELYN@ILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:ANGIELYN@ILLINOIS.EDU)

CALL: 618-344-4230

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**Who:**

Youth ages 13 and up

**What:**

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

**When:**

May 15th, 9-11am, 12:30-4:30pm (Registration opens March 1st)

**Where:**

This virtual summit will take place via Zoom

**Contact:**

Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto: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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# Wire Sculpture Workshop

Join me on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 4:30 pm to create a one-of-a-kind wire quilt! This will be an in-person workshop at the Collinsville Extension office, or you may join us via Zoom and pick your kit up at the office.



Deadline to register is April 26:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23442>

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# Oil Pastel Workshop

Join me on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 4:30 pm to create a Van Gogh inspired work of art using oil pastels. You can join us in person at the Collinsville Extension office, or you may join us via Zoom and pick up your kit at the office.

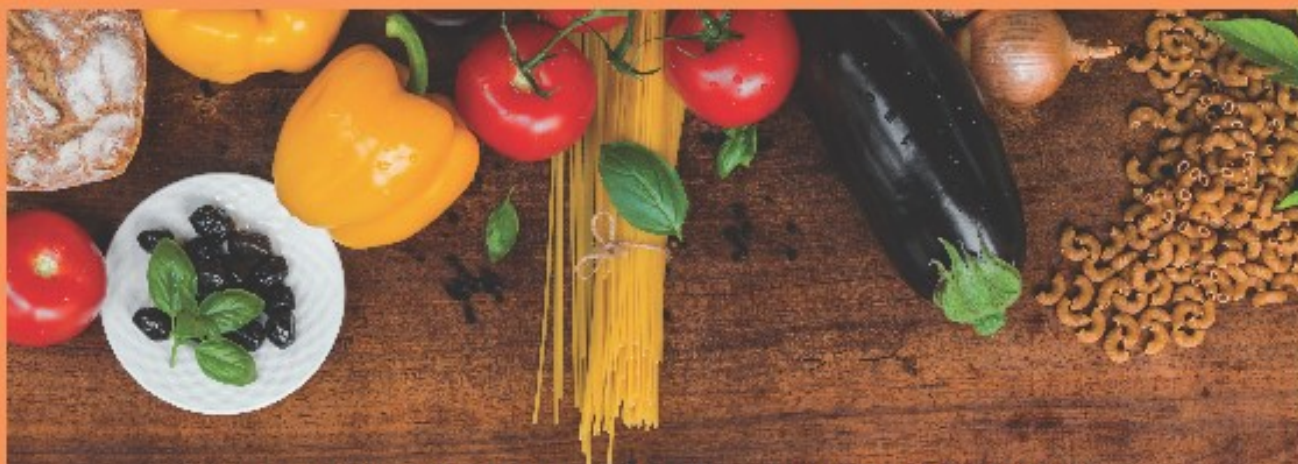


Deadline to register is May 25:  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23444>

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# Youth Cooking School



How does food get from the farm to our table?  
Youth, ages 8-14, will learn this, plus valuable nutrition tips,  
kitchen safety and basic cooking skills guaranteed to  
impress the whole family!

New in 2021 - YCS is guided by a local Dietitian!

***June 28-July 1***  
**Belleville, IL**  
**Turkey Hill Grange**  
**1375 E IL Rt. 15**  
**(next to Eckert's)**

***July 12-15***  
**Edwardsville, IL**  
**Madison County Farm Bureau**  
**900 Hillsboro Street**

Register Here:

Belleville: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23434>

Edwardsville: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23436>

***\$60 per student*** 8:30-11:30 am

Participants will be required to wear a face covering and  
follow current safety guidelines.

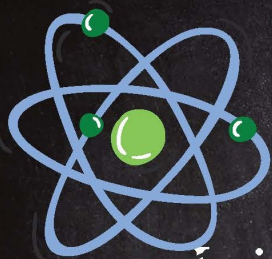


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# Science Camp

June 14th-17th, 2021

Join us for a fun and exciting  
Science Camp! We will be  
covering topics such as  
Forensics, Soil, Renewable  
Energy, and Food Science!

1st Session:  
3rd and 4th Grade  
8:30am-Noon

2nd Session: 5th  
and 6th Grade  
1:00-4:30pm

Limited to 15 kids  
per session

When:  
June 14-17, 2021

Where:  
Madison County Farm Bureau

Registration:  
[https://go.illinois.edu/](https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceCamp2021)

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Cost: \$25

(Includes a t-shirt and snacks)



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