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**NEW!**  **4-H Online**  
**v2.4honline.com**

Please take a moment to register for the 2021-2022 year if you haven't already. You must be registered for your projects by January 1 in order to show them at the Madison County Fair.

Be sure to sign both consents and select the "Pay by check" option and then submit for review. All fees have been paid by the Farm Bureau and the Southwestern Electric Cooperative. Please be sure to send out Thank You cards!

Madison County Farm Bureau  
P.O. Box 10/900 Hillsboro Avenue  
Edwardsville, IL. 62025

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525 US Route 40  
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## Madison County Steer Weigh-In

If you will be showing a steer at the County Fair and would like to participate in the rate of gain contest, you must attend this weigh-in.

- ♦ **DATE:** Saturday, February 5, 2022
- ♦ **TIME:** 9-11 AM
- ♦ **PLACE:** Kusterman Farm,  
3637 Hill Road, Highland
- ♦ **RSVP BY:** Monday, January 31, 2022

Call 618-344-4230 or email [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu)



### **The Willoughby Wanderers 4-H Club Community Service**

These 4-H families worked with Faith In Action to provide yard clean up for seniors. They raked and bagged leaves, walnuts, gumballs, etc.



Great work! I know it was much appreciated by the families.



### **Marine Stars Jr. Ag 4-H Club**

These kiddos had a blast at the Rinkel Pumpkin Patch on October 23 scaring people in the haunted maze and selling hot chocolate.



## Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
IAA Foundation	Available for High School Seniors from Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau Members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study.	\$1,000-\$7,500	February 15, 2022	<a href="http://www.iaafoundation.org">www.iaafoundation.org</a>
Farm Credit Illinois	Available for High School Seniors planning to study agriculture in college	\$2,000	February 28, 2022	<a href="http://www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship">www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship</a>
Garden Clubs of Illinois	Available for High School Seniors that plan to study in the fields of agriculture, ag-education, agronomy, botany, forestry, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, plant pathology, and related fields	\$2,250	March 15, 2022	<a href="http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org">www.gardenclubsofillinois.org</a>
National Garden Clubs	Available for High School Seniors attending any college or university in the United States	\$4,000	March 15, 2022	<a href="http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org">www.gardenclubsofillinois.org</a>





## The Country Clover

### 4-H Journalism Club

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 P.M. for an informational meeting with Stephanie Malench from the Troy Times-Tribune.

The club will run from January-June and will publish 3 times with articles and photographs submitted by YOU! This club is ideal for Middle-High School students.

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86708720115?pwd=b0lVMzU0RjFBOVpJVDFiYlhBM3JrUT09>



### 4-H Award Experience Log

You can use our new experience log to help keep track of all activities and events attended throughout the year. This will make filling out the award applications at the end of the year that much easier!

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/awards\\_experience\\_log.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/awards_experience_log.pdf)



### 4-H Award Goal Worksheet

New this year, we have added a goal setting worksheet that will allow youth to set goals for Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. Setting goals helps you organize your time and resources so that you can get the most out of your time with 4-H and stay on track.

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/awards\\_goal\\_worksheet.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/awards_goal_worksheet.pdf)

**Willoughby Wanderers 4-H Club**

The club participated in the Collinsville Light up Parade on December 4 where the theme was 12 Days of Christmas. They did a great job representing "Maids a Milking" with several wearing cow costumes, including a cow (dog) mascot!

A special thanks to the Pin Oak Progressors for allowing them to use your 4-H parade items for the float!

**Cultures & Continents Workshop on the Kurds of the Middle East**

The University of Illinois Extension hosted a workshop on the Kurdish people. Those who registered received a copy of the Passport to the World project guide. They also learned all about the Kurdish culture. The Kurds are famous for carpet weaving, so they practiced weaving potholders. They also made a Kurdish recipe called Kleicha cookies that were very tasty!



Join us next month on January 6 from 4:30-6:30 for our next workshop on the Oroqen people of China.

<https://go.illinois.edu/China>

# County Calendar of Events

December 7	The Country Clover Journalism Club informational meeting at 6pm via Zoom: <a href="https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86708720115?pwd=b0lVMzU0RjFBOVpJVDFiYlhBM3JrUT09">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86708720115?pwd=b0lVMzU0RjFBOVpJVDFiYlhBM3JrUT09</a>
December 24- January 4	The office will be closed for the holidays
January 6	Cultures & Continents China's Oroqen people virtual workshop: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/china">https://go.illinois.edu/china</a>
January 17	The office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 29	Leadership training for club leaders and club officers
February 3	Cultures & Continents Australia's Aboriginal people virtual workshop: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/australia">https://go.illinois.edu/australia</a>
February 5	Steer Weigh In at Kusterman Farm: 3637 Hill Road, Highland, 9-11 AM





NOW ACCEPTING IL 4-H Food Advocacy Grant Winter Applications



### Club Community Service Idea:

The Food Advocacy Grant is a project of the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team. It is financial support in the form of \$500 or \$1,000 grants to invest in the next generation of food access leaders.

Funds are made available with the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, The Brandt Foundation, and Compeer Financial.

Applications are being accepted from Nov. 22, 2021 - Jan. 7, 2022. They can be submitted at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211384386156156>

Projects that demonstrate a central role for youth leaders will be given preference where possible. Applicants will be asked to talk about their project, their goals, and share with us a rough outline of their budget spreadsheet so we can have a sense of how they plan to utilize the funds.

After applicants are selected, they will receive coaching and guidance from the Food Advocacy Team throughout the process and until the final report. Grantees will also be invited to present at our 2022 Food Action Summit.



### Club Community Service Idea:

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

Applications for the 2022 Community Improvement Grant program are due

**Feb. 28, 2022.:** <https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967>

The following list of winning projects completed by other clubs/chapters may stimulate discussion for your group:

- Implement a tree planting program
- Provide repairs at a community church
- Develop a bicycle, horse, or hiking nature trail
- Provide improvements to a local park or cemetery
- Provide landscaping at a fairgrounds, park, or other community meeting place
- Build a resting bench for a public space
- Construct a welcome sign for your community
- Plant a community garden



### INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](https://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

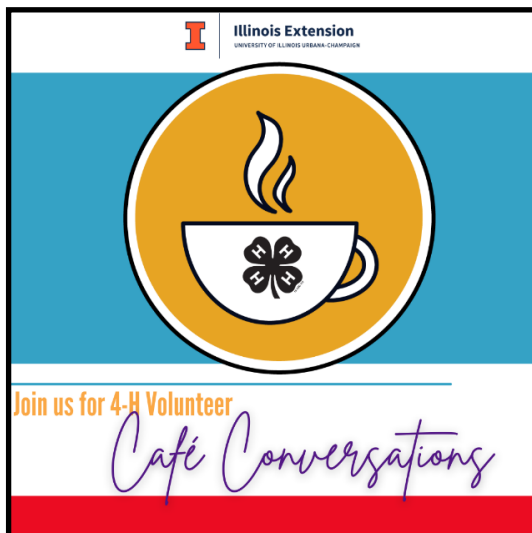
### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois



### 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

**Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM**

Watch for future registration details!





### ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



### CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!

**\*This qualifies as a national event!**

# State Calendar of Events

January 7	Deadline for the Food Advocacy Grant application: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/211384386156156">https://form.jotform.com/211384386156156</a>
February 17	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
February 19	Intro to 4-H Air Rifle competition shooting training
February 28	Deadline for the Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967">https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967</a>
March 26	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Tombstone Range, Marion
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day
May 7	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations



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# Connecting with Cultures & Continents

## Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 3 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 6** *China:* The Oroqen People

Register by December 23: <https://go.illinois.edu/China>

**February 3** *Australia:* The Aboriginal People

Register by January 27: <https://go.illinois.edu/Australia>

Only \$10  
per  
workshop!

Register for any of the above workshops and you will receive a Passport to the World project guide, 1 per family!

Recommended ages 8+

Parental supervision suggested during cooking.

Each  
workshop  
scheduled  
4:30-6:30pm



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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# THE COUNTRY CLOVER

## TROY TIMES-TRIBUNE

We are seeking aspiring writers,  
journalists, and photographers to join our  
4-H Journalism Club

**The club will run from January-June 2022  
and will publish 3 times.**

There is NO COST to join! You will learn all  
about the newspaper business and see your  
work published. Contact Angie with the  
University of Illinois Extension for more  
information:  
[angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu) or 618-344-4230







# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**4-H Leader & Officer Training**

## LET'S TALK LEADERSHIP!

- Learn effective leadership strategies to help enhance your club experiences.
- Engage in conversations & activities you can lead with your club.
- Learn more about your responsibilities as an officer and leader.
- Network with other clubs.
- HAVE FUN!



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