



Spring 2019



Mason Clover Notes

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Dear 4-H Families,
Spring is upon us! Have you been putting off your 4-H projects all winter? Time is wasting! Get out and take advantage of the longer days and warmer weather and get started on those projects. Only 117 days until the first day of the Mason County Fair.

April 7-13 we will celebrate National Volunteer Week. Take time to recognize a volunteer you know for their service. I want to especially thank 4-H volunteers. I can't say enough about how much I appreciate all of you for your time, dedication, and generosity to the 4-H program. You have helped teach a child skills, learn responsibility, build confidence, and feel included. Many of you were 4-H members as a child and are giving back in honor of those that led you. You are carrying the torch that will one day be passed on to our future volunteers. You are all so appreciated!

This newsletter is packed with information and things for 4-H members and volunteers to do. Be sure to mark all of your calendars and use your cell phones to set reminders of important dates and deadlines of upcoming events.

Happy Spring!

Joli

Joli Pierson

Extension Program Coordinator

4-H Enrollments

Volunteers and members: Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H Online for this current 4-H year!

Members, if you haven't already done so, be sure to double check 4-H Online to make sure you are enrolled in the right projects for this current 4-H year!

May 1, 2019 is the deadline for making changes to your project selections (except for those livestock projects that had a January deadline).

If you need project manuals, be sure to request them when you enroll in 4-H Online! If they are not requested there, they will not be ordered. Our next order will be placed after the May 1st deadline.

Young persons may join 4-H at any time of year, but to exhibit at the 4-H show they must be enrolled at the county Extension office by May 1 of each year.

To be a 4-H member in the 2018-2019 year, youth must be at least 8, and not more than 18 as of September 1, 2018. To be a Cloverbud member in the 2018-19 4-H year, youth must be at least 5 and not more than 8 as of September 1, 2018.



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!



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Save the date

4G STEM Camp June 24-28, 2019

Registration opens—March 20

4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes 5 days of hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers.

For more information visit <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4gstemcamp/>

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.

Local 4-H EVENTS

March

- 28 Darn Stitch Club—3:45-5:15 pm, Havana
- 30 Mason County Jr. Master Gardener Club, 10 am, Extension office, Havana

April

- 4 Darn Stitch Club—3:45-5:15 pm, Havana
- 7 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, first mtg. 2 pm, 4-H club shooting range, Havana
- 7 Kountry Kritters 4-H meeting—6:30 pm, Midwest Central Primary School, Manito
- 10 River Valley Exploration Squad SPIN Club mtg. 5-8 pm, Mason Co. Extension, Havana
- 11 Darn Stitch Club—3:45-5:15 pm, Havana
- 13 Happy Handful 4-H Club meeting, 9am Mason County Fairgrounds, Havana
- 14 Mason County 4-H Federation meeting—7:30 am, Mason Co. Extension, Havana
- 14 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, 2 pm
- 28 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, 2 pm

May

- 5 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, 2 pm
- 8 River Valley Exploration Squad SPIN Club mtg. 5-8 pm, Mason Co. Extension, Havana
- 19 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports, 2 pm

June

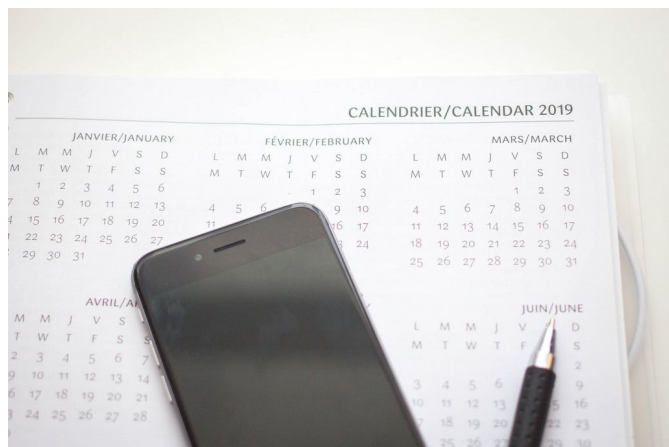
- 12 River Valley Exploration Squad SPIN Club mtg. 5-8 pm, Mason Co. Extension, Havana
- 21 Fulton-Mason Farm Safety Day Camp, Fulton Co. Fairgrounds

July

- 20-21 Shooting Sports Instructor Training, 4-H Camp, Monticello, IL
- 22-25 Mason County 4-H & Jr. Fair

August

- 11 Mason County 4-H Show Day at IL State Fair



Two ways to give to 4-H

Paper Clover Campaign returns in March



It's never been easier to support 4-H. March 27 – April 7, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised \$1 million!



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.

Running list of State 4-H events:



April

- 13—State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology
- 14—State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 27 - National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders

May

- 4-5—4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 11- State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington

June

- 8—Tentative, Illinois 4-H Communication Contest
- 8 - 15—Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
- 17—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 23-27—Illini Summer Academies

July

- 22—28—Illinois 4-H Jr. Horse Show

August

- 8—18—Illinois State Fair
- 24—Illinois 4-H Dog Show, Dixon

You be the judge...

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 a.m. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. 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 at go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

Get your poultry tested!

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day.

The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

Save the Date! Mason county poultry test date will be July 6. More information will be sent to poultry exhibitors at a later time.



Pick your favorite State 4-H Horse Contests

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m.

All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. **You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.**

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests.

The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person.

The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

4-H members in our area should compete at **CENTRAL REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY:** April 6 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield. Contact Carissa Davis, akpore@illinois.edu, 217-732-8289 and Emily Schoenfelder, eschoe@illinois.edu, 309-347-6614.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27** at Black Hawk College, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate.

Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS,



Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.



Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate: Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.

Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

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.



Begin your global travels with 4-H



Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019

Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019

Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019

Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019

South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

Eligibility:

Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18** for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ go.illinois.edu/global4H.

Legislative Connection Dates

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield.

There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9. All youth who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.



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.

SPIN CLUB NEWS

The Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club...



Offers archery, air rifle, air pistol, and hunting & wildlife disciplines to youth 8–18 years old (as of September 2018).

Shotgun, .22 pistol, and .22 rifle disciplines are offered to youth 10–18 years old (as of September 1, 2018).

Shooting sports equipment and safety gear is provided for training members. Youth are welcome to bring personal equipment to use, providing it passes an instructor inspection.

Instructors focus on the safe and responsible use of firearms, marksmanship, parts and care of the equipment, and hunting a wildlife skills.

Enroll in this club by registering
at il.4honline.com

- Select the Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club
- Select the shooting sports project disciplines you are interested in.
- A \$20 annual 4-H membership fee can be paid online or at the Mason County Extension office.
- Additional supply fees are paid directly to the club:
\$10 each—Shotgun, .22 Rifle, & .22 pistol
\$5 each—Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol,
Hunting & Wildlife

Supply fees cover the cost of ammunition and targets for each discipline.

Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports 2019 Schedule

Mason 4-H Shooting Sports will meet on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. at the Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports range near the fairgrounds in Havana, IL.

Spring Session Dates:

April 7, 14, 28

May 5, 19, 26

June—TBA

Summer Session Dates (tentative)

July 28

August 4, 18, 25

September—TBA

*Schedule adjustments may take place due to weather.

MASON COUNTY

Jr. Master Gardener 4-H Club



**All youth ages 8-18 (as of Sept 1, 2018) are
welcome to join the JMG Club!**

**Youth ages 5-8 (as of Sept. 1, 2018) can
join the JMG Cloverbud 4-H Club!**

**The first club meeting will be held
on
Saturday, March 30, 2019
beginning at 10 a.m.
at the**

**University of Illinois Extension
Mason County Office**

- ◆ Fun garden activities and hands-on education with U of I Extension Master Gardeners!
- ◆ Grow your own food, flowers, and herbs!
- ◆ Be a part of a group community service project by helping to grow and donate produce to local food pantries.
- ◆ Opportunity to exhibit at the 4-H Show and Jr. Fair.
- ◆ Everyone is welcome to join and get their hands dirty!

Meetings to be held at the Mason County

**Fairgrounds garden, where you will tend your
own plot**

-OR-

**Lower level of U of I Extension Office, Mason
County. Entrance on south side of the building.**

127 S. High St.—Havana

Enroll in this 4-H Club at: il.4honline.com



April 27, 2019
10AM to 4PM

SWE STEM Bootcamp

Dedicated to mentoring,
educating, and empowering
young women to pursue
technical education

Held at
Bradley University – Olin Hall

Featuring engineering speakers and interactive experiments.

Students will learn about:

- Engineering design process
- Local STEM careers
- Problem-solving
- Important resume components
- Interview tips

Open to girls in 8th through 12th grades

Special parent event begins at 3 p.m.

Registration—\$5 fee

go.illinois.edu/STEMbootcamp

Questions

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309-685-3140

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 arda-visi@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.



**TEACHER
TUESDAYS**

April 2, 2019
River City Labs 2.0
web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/stem

Teacher Tuesdays -A networking event to spur ideas that teachers can test in their classrooms ...

Teacher Tuesdays is a networking event designed to foster peer-to-peer support for learning. Building a learning community around **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM)** Education for our region. Go to this website for further details: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/>

The **TRUE** sign of intelligence is not knowledge but.....**Imagination.**

Albert Einstein

2019 State Fair Junior livestock requirements



The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H.

Click on Members. Then Projects. Then choose any of the animal science projects. The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.

Here are important changes about the state fair junior livestock program:

- **Steers:** will be tattooed with a Box A tattoo this year.
- **Market Heifer:** There is no market heifer class at the Illinois State Fair junior show.
- **Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2019 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1. (Local dates may require earlier ownership deadline.)
- **Premiere Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after Feb. 10, 2019 and tattooed from Feb. 10 – April 15. Box A tattoo required.
- **Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:** There are no regional sheep weigh in sites this year. Market wether and market ewe lamb exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Jr. Premiere Wether Lambs:** must be nominated, tattooed and weighed at county level with a Box A tattoo. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers:** There are no regional goat weigh in sites this year. Exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Horse and Pony:** Ownership/Lease forms, SF entries, and photos due to State Fair office by June 1.

Entry deadlines approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. Copies of the ownership and /or lease papers, State Fair entries and one set of photos will be due June 1. For the Mason County 4-H Show copies of the ownership and/or lease papers and one set of photos are due May 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.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

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. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

NOTE: The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

The **2019 Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book** was posted on January 31, and is now available for viewing on the Illinois State Fair website. The premium book may be accessed by opening the 'Competitions' tab at the top of the home page and then scrolling down to 'Entry Info/ Premium Books'. Open that page and then scroll down to 'Livestock 2019'. You may double click on that title, 'Livestock 2019', OR scroll down to the end of the paragraph and double click on the bullet point 'Livestock Premium Book'. For your information, entry forms are being reviewed and will be posted on the page at the end of March.



Positive Youth Development

#BELONGING #INDEPENDENCE #GENEROSITY

Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed



If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skill with youth.... Save the date....

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor can mark their calendar for July 20 - 21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Contact Joli Pierson at jkpierso@illinois.edu or call (309) 543-3308 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.

Club Reporters



What's happening in your club? We'd love to hear about it. Please remember to submit your monthly club meeting report to the Extension office at: jkpierso@illinois.edu so we can highlight your club activities and events.

Secretary & Treasurers Books Online Only

The 4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are only available online and are available in a writable format. If you need a printed copy please let your leader know or call the Extension office and we will print a copy for you. The link for these resources is: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>

The secretary & treasurer books are due in the Mason County Extension office each year by August 15.



Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12. **The next training is Saturday, April 27** at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h.

IL Legislative Connection Dates

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Let's Make a Difference With Service Learning

10 Gallon Challenge is coming!

We are excited to announce that we'll be doing the 10 Gallon Challenge as our unit-wide service learning project! This project was proposed by Cassandra Haage and the Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club in Peoria. It is a continuation of a national social media campaign, and provides exciting opportunities for community engagement, generosity, and education! You can learn more about it <https://www.dairyherd.com/article/dairy-friendly-social-media-challenge-10gallonchallenge>



We'd like to invite you to be a part of the Service Learning Leadership Committee that will take charge of guiding this project throughout Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties. Meetings will be held in the evenings or on weekends, and can be done either virtually or in-person, depending on the needs of the committee members. Please contact Joli Pierson by April 15th to express your interest.

We'll be providing more information about how you and your 4-H club or group can participate in the 10 Gallon Challenge as the leadership committee determines these details. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in our community!

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better"



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:

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
Tell us a little about your project.
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.



4-H FISH CAMP



Who Can Go To Fish Camp? Fish Camp is open to any adult/child "team" interested in learning more about fishing. Each adult may attend camp with up to three youth campers. An adult must attend the entire weekend event with the youth campers. It is recommended that youth campers be at least 8 years of age.

What Is Fish Camp? A weekend filled with fun and facts on fishing in Central Illinois. Help will be given by volunteers, fisheries experts, and U of I Extension staff to enhance your fishing knowledge and outdoor skills.

When Is Fish Camp? Fish Camp will be held on the weekend of **May 4-5, 2019**. The official program will begin at 10am on Saturday and end by 2pm on Sunday. The camp will be held rain or shine.

Where Is Fish Camp? 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois is the site of Fish Camp. Participants will enjoy plenty of space at this 250 acre camp, a private 16 acre lake full of hungry fish, hiking trails, rustic cabins, and a large dining hall.

Why Should I Go To Fish Camp? Learn more about how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn fishing tips, new 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.

Fees and Registration:

A fee of only \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals. Saturday lunch, supper; and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home too! 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

**Paid positions open...
Camp Counselors...
Male applicants are
encouraged to apply!**



Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello.

You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>



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.

In Mason County, there are 83 4-H volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs! They serve as club leaders, assistants, instructors, coordinators, judges, superintendents, board members, and so much more! Thank you to all of our volunteers!

ASM Materials Engineering Camp - 2019

July 22 - 25, 2019 / Bradley University, Peoria

This 4 day summer day camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school in the fall of 2019 that are highly motivated, inquisitive learners, with math and science aptitude. The camp will utilize fun hands-on learning experiences involving math, physics, and chemistry. There will be:

- Hands on metallurgical experiences through foundry and blacksmith activities.
- A unique team-based, intensive problem solving, science experience, under the direction of a distinguished "Materials Mentor" professionals.
- Combination of mini demonstrations, field trips, and laboratory activities to actively explore materials science & engineering principles.

Thirty full scholarships will be provided to selected participants. All selected students receive FREE tuition, knowledge, meals, and fun activities. Applications are due May 10. The application form is available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/EyRehcZ9CI>. Submit current high school transcript (unofficial is allowed) to Ashley Patenaude @ patenaude_ashley@cat.com.

State Fair

News

New in 2019...



Extension offices will no longer sell parking passes in advance.

Families should plan to pay for parking when they arrive. This will allow you to choose where you want to park (either at any of the private/non-profit sponsored lots to the right of the fairgrounds road or in public lots on the state fairgrounds). The change was made to make it easier for families in case flooding closes some lots.

Families can still purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at SOME Extension locations. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.

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.

4-H International

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 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





Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration is open at go.illinois.edu/illini4H Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Registration Deadline is May 1, 2019.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food
- Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – **NEW**
- Ag & Natural Resources – **NEW**
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.



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. Email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu if interested.

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.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the US Department of Agriculture by the Director, Cooperative Extension Service, and University of Illinois.