



4-H NEWSLETTER

July & August 2022



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

Note from Joli...

4-H Show exhibition time is upon us! Over the past 4-H year, members should have attended at least one or more club meetings, where they have participated in the 4-H Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development... Belonging, Independence, and Generosity. Practicing these elements helps 4-H youth be prepared for the final element of Mastery.

The 4-H Show exhibition, or any opportunity to exhibit mastery of a 4-H project or skill, is the last piece to the 4-H Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development. By now, 4-H Show entries and any required trainings for show eligibility should be completed. The next steps for members are to complete and perfect their 4-H projects to their own ability and satisfaction, and to practice their communication skills for conference judging. The 4-H Show exhibition is an engagement in learning opportunity for youth to further develop their skills. Youth can take away tips and knowledge from the project expert who will be interviewing them and evaluating their project. As always, we want all 4-H involvement to be positive for youth. The summer 4-H shows are just a small piece of the overall 4-H experience. 4-H Show week is also about including everyone and giving them the sense of belonging. It is about adults actively supporting our youth by allowing them to become independent and giving them the ability to see themselves as active participants in the future. It is an opportunity for everyone to learn and continue the custom of generosity, by valuing and practicing service to others. Remember, those who exhibit kindness, respect, and fairness will always get the "A" rating and the Best of Show for mastery!

Have fun at the 4-H Shows this summer!



Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club News

Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club member Owen Dye will be competing at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska June 26-30, 2022. Owen, along with Jacob Yaste, and Carson Stukel from Fulton County, will be competing in the shotgun discipline where they will compete with 4-H youth from across the nation on trap, skeet, and sporting clay ranges. More news to come in the next newsletter on Owen Dye's experience, as well as the others from the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Extension Unit. Please check the Mason County IL 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages for photos from the event. Join us in sending Owen messages of congratulations for his accomplishments!

4-H General Projects Show

General Projects will be exhibited on Monday, July 25. As always, buildings will be closed to spectators during judging times.

Families should plan to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on while waiting outside of buildings during conference judging.

Please see your 4-H Show book for livestock showmanship judging dates and times.

If you have questions regarding the 4-H Shows, please contact the Extension office.

4-H Events

July

- 1 Deadline for 4-H show entries online
- 4 Independence Day– office closed
- 14 Mason County 4-H Superintendent meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension office
- 21 Mason County Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day, 8 a.m.
- 25 Mason County 4-H General Project Show
- 25-28 Mason County 4-H Show & Jr Fair

August

- 13 Mason County General project exhibit day at Illinois State Fair
- 31 Club records and member award recognition forms due.



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Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

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Poultry Exhibitions

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) recently extended the ban on exhibiting poultry through the rest of the summer fair season. This announcement is to protect poultry from the highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The following are Poultry Exhibition changes for Mason County 4-H members. **Youth may enter one or both options. Please check exhibition dates and times closely in the 4-H Show Book for both options.**

Animal Science project - Members enrolled in the Poultry project may enter an Animal Science project to exhibit on Monday, July 25 during the 4-H General Projects Show. Please follow the guidelines on page 12-13 in the Animal Science category for the exhibit. Youth will need to be present for conference judging which begins at 9 a.m. The display/poster exhibit should focus on any activity related to the Poultry project. These projects will have the opportunity to be selected for State Fair and State Fair Alternate delegates, as well as the Best of Show in Animal Science projects. No spectators are allowed during 4-H conference judging.

Poultry Showmanship - Members enrolled in the Poultry project can ALSO enter the Poultry Showmanship class under the Poultry division. 4-H Poultry Showmanship will be judged on Tuesday, July 26 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Poultry Building. 4-H Jr. & Sr. Showmanship judging will be an activity based on knowledge of the poultry project. Spectators are welcome for this event.

Member Award Recognition Due

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application.

Illinois 4-H Experience Award for Individuals will be due to the Extension office no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 31, 2022. Use this link for the application and further information:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

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Horticulture Members Planning to Show an Herb Display

Updates were made by the State 4-H office to the Herb display class after our show book was printed and distributed. If you are planning to create an Herb Display, please see the following information. In order to be promoted to State Fair, these guidelines must be followed. Highlighted is the updated portion.

Herb Display (SF 50313)

Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, and Vegetable Gardening D

Herbs should be grown in pots (8" maximum diameter). Categories: Mint, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, and all other herbs. Herbs should be labeled with common and Latin names. Herbs should be in your care for a minimum of three months for state fair exhibits. Remove dead leaves from plants and check that the soil is clear of debris such as dead leaves. In addition to class Champions, Herb Category Grand and Reserve Grand Champions may be selected. When exhibiting herb plants, be sure to grow the plants in the container to be displayed to avoid transplant shock. Exhibits will be evaluated based on cleanliness, uniformity, condition, quality, and trueness to variety. Additional herb resources are located on the project resources section of the Illinois 4-H website.

- Display must include 4 or more different kinds of herbs. There may not be more than 2 different varieties of any herb. For example, peppermint and chocolate mint would be classified as two different herb varieties.
- In instances where containers display more than one variety of herb, special care should be taken that each distinct variety is accessible and clearly visible to the judges to ensure full points for cleanliness.

Conference Judging

Conference judging is designed to increase the value of the 4-H exhibit experience for 4-H members. The judge may ask you questions about your project, such as:

1. Tell me how you made this exhibit.
2. What was the most difficult part of making this exhibit?
3. Did you learn anything new? What?
4. What would you do differently next time?
5. Did you enjoy working on this project?
6. What interested you in this project?

Feel free to call us at the Extension Office and let us know how we can help you!

4-H Club Leaders & Officers— End of the Year Records Due!

The 2021-22 year end club records are due to the Mason Extension office no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

Required documents are:

-Club Secretary Book, complete with minutes and attendance to each club meeting, notations of motions for expenditures, and approval of motions.

-Club Treasurer's Book, including club bank statements from September 1, 2021—August 31, 2022, club expenditure receipts, and deposit slips.

-Club Annual Financial Statement (page 2 of Treasurer's Book), signed by fiscal review committee, club leader, and club treasurer.

The Treasurer's Book with the Annual Financial Statement, and Secretary book can be found online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>

Clubs failing to return this documentation will not be allowed to be active for the 2022-23 new 4-H year.

Photography 2 Members

Level 2 *Next Level Photography* project book will replace the *Controlling the Image* project book since it is no longer available on Shop 4-H. The new project book and pages have changed, but the skills learned and requirements will go unchanged.

Exhibit one of the options listed below:

- Exhibit one framed 8" x 10" close-up photograph using the skills learned on pages 58-61 (section: Bits and Pieces) of the project manual titled *Level 2 Next Level Photography*. No photo editing is allowed in this class except cropping and red eye removal; **OR**
- Exhibit one framed 8" x 10" photo which demonstrates your understanding of a technique you learned from your Photography 2 project manual. No photo editing is allowed in this class except cropping and red eye removal. Be prepared to show the page in the manual of the technique you are demonstrating.

4-H Superintendent Meeting

For those volunteers who serve as 4-H Superintendents, a meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. It is strongly encouraged that 4-H Show superintendents attend this meeting to receive important information concerning your areas.

FMPT Unit News



There's still time to sign up for 4-H Adventures in Nature! You'll get nature-based activity challenges that you can complete in July and August. For each month your family completes a challenge, you will receive a digital badge and a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day! The Fun Day will take place at Dickson Mounds on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Visit go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature to sign up or learn more!



Participate in a Fun Dog Show!

A Fun Dog Show is planned for July 19, and will be hosted in conjunction with the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you have been in the Dog Obedience SPIN Club, or are planning on showing your dog, this would be a great opportunity to practice! It would also be a great opportunity to meet kids from other 4-H programs. For information on how to get signed up for this great time, contact John Davidson at johnfd@hotmail.com.

Livestock Judging Contest

The Peoria County Livestock Judging Team is also planning on hosting a Judging contest on July 20 at the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you would like to participate, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/Cs41V15zYu4CCAoQ7> To help out with the contest, or for questions, please contact Kristi Smith at kristis2@illinois.edu.

State 4-H Events

July

- 5-9 Memorial Camp
- 16 Shooting Sports Adult Certification
Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona
- 17-21 Memorial Camp
- 24-30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August

- 10 SYPA General Livestock
- 11 State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
- 12-14 State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
- 13-15 Illinois State Fair
- 20 State Superior Young Producer
Contest Dairy
- 20 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- 27 State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose
K-9 Enrichment Center

September

- 9-11 Fall 4-H Family Camp,
- 17 4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin
Archers Pekin
- 24 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany
Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

October

- 8 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois
Precision Shooters, Bloomington
- 9 4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS,
Bloomington, Illinois
- 14-16 Junior Leadership Conference

January 2023

- 13-15 Youth Livestock Conference
- 25-29 National 4-H Congress

April 2023

- 1 State Awards Banquet
- 8 State Robotics Competition
- 22 State Public Speaking Competition



News from Illinois 4-H



New for 2022: 4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior. Registration fees have also been lowered and include a T-shirt! Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached.

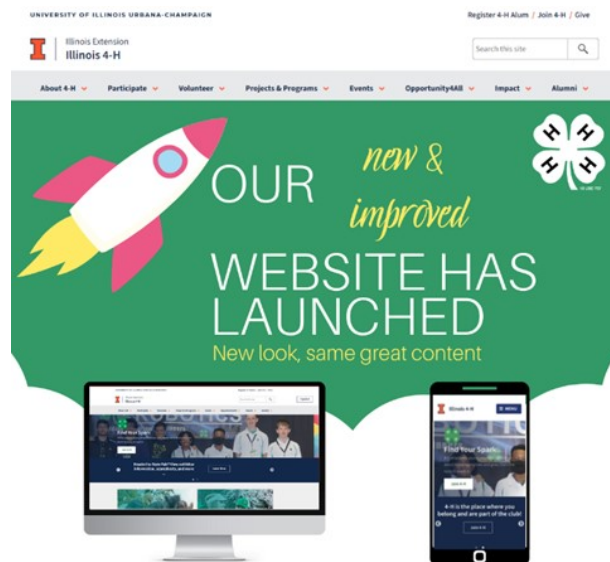
Find details at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>



Announcing the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month Opportunity

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to give highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live.

Nominations can be made at the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth>. Please direct any inquiries to Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist: mbbecker@illinois.edu.



The new State 4-H website goes live 6/29! You'll still find all the info you need on projects, State Fair, events, and more - just with an updated look and cleaner navigation. Head to <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/> to check it out!



Volunteers in action!

We'd love for you to share photos of your volunteers in action for use in social media and the CloverSeed magazine! Please submit any photos through this JotForm:

<https://form.jotform.com/221324595403047>



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4-H SHOW!

4-H Show & Fair Dates

FULTON
General Show - 7/9
County Fair - 7/25-30

MASON
July 25-28

PEORIA
August 3-5

TAZEWELL
August 1-3