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# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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 REQUIREMENTS FOR  
 HORSE, RABBIT,  
 POULTRY, DOG, CAT  
 & SMALL PET  
 PROJECTS.**

## 4-H LIVESTOCK CLINIC & YQCA TRAINING

*Begin in Fine Arts Building*  
**8:30AM:** Livestock 101-Meet your  
 superintendents, learn how to fill  
 out fair livestock entries, review  
 health requirements, show &  
 auction rules

**9:45-11:30:** Livestock  
 Showmanship & Grooming  
 breakout sessions by specie

**11:30:** Lunch

**12:00:** YQCA Training

**APRIL 2, 2022**  
 MONROE COUNTY  
 FAIRGROUNDS



**REGISTER BY MARCH 31**  
 Livestock Clinic Registration

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HLivestockClinic>

**YQCA Registration**

- Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>
- Choose "Sign in with 4-H Online", Illinois 4-H Youth Development.
- Log into your 4-H Online account.
- Select member.
- Choose age & "Instructor-Led Training." \$3.00
- Choose Illinois and then the training date, then click on the red "Purchase Course" button.
- Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible.
- Repeat registration process with each family member required to take the training.



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**Monroe County Office**  
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 Waterloo, IL 62298  
 618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

**Office Hours:**  
 Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
 Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

**Madison-St. Clair County Branch Office**  
 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100  
 Collinsville, IL 62234  
 618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

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## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

In addition to the April 2 YQCA Training, an alternative option will be offered on:

**April 18, 6:30pm at the Monroe County Annex a \$3.00 fee.**

Youth may also opt to take the **training online** for \$12.00.

- Go to <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
- Choose "Sign in with 4-H Online" and Illinois 4-H Youth Development.
- Sign into your 4-H Online account.
- Select member that is enrolled in one of the above listed livestock projects.
- Choose the appropriate age and choose "Instructor-Led Training." \$3.00.
- Choose Illinois and then the training you wish to attend, then click on the red "Purchase Course" button.
- Training must be paid for via credit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible.

## Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

Taking QAEC training is mandatory for:

**horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cat & small pet** projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

The website is now open: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have com-

## Blessing box donations Needed!

Please consider donating non-perishable food items to Backyard Bandit's "Blessing Box" in the Annex



"Blessing parking lot.



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**Thank you to Paige Brown** for her service to University of Illinois Extension-Madison/Monroe/St. Clair offices for the past seven years. Paige was housed in the Waterloo office and oversaw all of our fiscal operations including issuing your 4-H premium checks! We will miss Paige's skills in keeping us all organized and on track and wish her the best of luck in her new role at Washington University.

"Dear Monroe County 4-H families,

It's been a great (almost) 5 years. I've enjoyed working with many of you, educating many Monroe County 4-Hers and youth, and building relationships with those throughout our community. Leaving my dream job was a hard decision to make, but one that I felt was necessary to help me better focus on my personal well-being as well as my family. Change can be scary, but with change, there's a possibility for great growth, which I am looking forward to. I encourage everyone to try and step outside of their comfort zone this year. I encourage all of our 4-Hers to learn a new skill, take a project that you have no background in, help exhibit an animal you've never shown before, but ultimately grow yourself with new knowledge, experiences, and skills each and every day, no matter how big or how small. I'm looking forward to continuing my leader role with Federation, and am excited to see where our teen leaders take this group. Though I never had the privilege of being in 4-H growing up, I know the value this program holds and I will continue to support in any way I can. I bleed green, and hope to help continue the legacy that Monroe County 4-H members have established now and in the future! 4-H Grows Here!"

-Rachel Hazen,  
4-H Youth Development Educator

**Thank you Rachel!**  
**We will miss your fun spirit and**  
**Corgi stories!**







# 4-H LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## 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!

Participants can choose to attend either our Collinsville or Waterloo Offices. Please indicate which office you plan to attend at in the registration below.

**Register @ [extension.illinois.edu/mms](https://extension.illinois.edu/mms)**



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## Hunting/Outdoor Skills Club & NEW Fishing Club!

An Informational Meeting for the Hunting/Outdoor Skills Club and potential New Fishing Club in Monday, March 26, 6:00pm at the Monroe County Annex.  
Contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbandt@illinois.edu) or



## Shooting Sports-Air Rifle

The Air Rifle Club will begin meeting on Saturday, **April 9** at 9:00am at the Baebler Educational Farm pavilion. There are still openings for club members! This is a great opportunity for beginners!  
Contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbandt@illinois.edu) or 618-939-3434 for more info.



# JUNIOR NATURALIST

## 4-H SPIN CLUB

*Explore Nature through 4-H*

**FIRST MEETING: APRIL 9, 2022**  
**9AM**  
**BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM**  
4028 JJ RD., WATERLOO

**Educational Activities will include:**

- Stream Monitoring
- Tree Identification
- Native/Invasive Plants
- Butterflies & Pollinators
- Wild Birds

Open to youth ages 8-14  
Space is limited to 10 participants  
\$20 program fee  
Contact Kelly at [kmbandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbandt@illinois.edu)  
or 618-939-3434



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# GROW WITH US!

## 4-H JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS



### Meeting Schedules:

→ **Time: 3:30-5:00 PM**

March 16---March 30

April 13---April 27---May 11

→ **Time: 9:00-11:30 AM**

May 25

June 1st---June 8---June 15---June 22---June 29

**\*Youth may join at anytime.**

### → Meeting Location:

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

Contact Sarah Ruth for more information at

[ruth1@illinois.edu](mailto:ruth1@illinois.edu) or 939-3434.

Gardening activities are for youth ages 8 to 13. There is a \$25 fee for enrolled 4-H members and \$30 fee for all others.

The fee covers snacks, supplies and a t-shirt.



## Baebler Educational Farm Pollinator garden clean-up Day

### OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

It's time for the annual clean-up day for the Pollinator Garden at Baebler Educational Farm (4022 JJ Rd) on March 26 at 1:00pm  
This is open to all 4-H Clubs including members, parents, siblings & leaders.  
*Please bring gloves, pruners and rakes.*



**BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM**  
**NATURE ADVENTURES DAY**  
Saturday, April 30  
Join us anytime between 10am-1pm  
4022 JJ Road, Waterloo

- Guided hikes through the woods at 10:30am & Noon (meet at shed)
- Herpetology presentation by Bob Weck at 11:00am (pavilion)
- Kite flying (limited kites available or bring your own)
- Fish and learn how to make your own spinner bait lure (limited fishing poles available)
- Educational nature activities for youth
- Marshmallows available to roast on an open fire
- Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the outdoors

**All families welcome!**  
Event will be held unless severe weather threat. For more information, contact University of Illinois Extension at 618-939-3434

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Limited  
to 20  
Chefs

# Master Chef Jr. 'ADVANCED'

Join us for some after-school fun and show off your cooking skills! Learn new culinary techniques, nutrition know-how and engage in exciting food challenges!

- 6th-8th grade  
(cooking experience recommended)
- Monroe County Annex Building
- 3:30-5:30 pm
- Every Tuesday from April 5-May 10

Cost: \$75  
includes  
food,  
supplies  
and apron

Register @ [extension.illinois.edu/mms](http://extension.illinois.edu/mms)

Questions - contact Emily Reece, 4-H Youth  
Development Educator  
[ereece@illinois.edu](mailto:ereece@illinois.edu) or 939-3434



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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



# 36th Annual Southern Illinois SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

@ Monroe County  
Fairgrounds  
Waterloo, IL

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 9  
2022**



## Schedule for the day:

- » **Kids Corner / Games & Activities**  
Sponsored by: *M.C. Farm Bureau;  
M.C. 4-H Federation  
Waterloo Animal Hospital*
- » **Balloon Artist** - 11am-1pm  
Sponsored by: *Renewal By Anderson*
- » **Judging Contest begins** - 9:00am  
open to all youth ages 8-19  
please sign-up prior to contest  
Sponsored by: *Gateway FS*
- » **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**  
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10am  
Pull starts @ 11am under the large pavilion  
{Contestant weight limit-35-120lbs.}
- » **Shearing Demos** - 9:30 - 1:30 - hourly
- » **Working Sheep Dogs** - 11am & 1pm  
Exhibition by *Robin Reasoner*  
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 2pm}
- » **LUNCH** - 11am - 1:30pm  
**CARRYOUT with Dine-In areas available**  
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -  
*1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger with 2 sides*

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**Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos - All Day**

**Sheep Breeds** - Displayed All Day

**Antique Tractor Display:**

- Open to all makes & models
- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: [info@mcsheepproducers.com](mailto:info@mcsheepproducers.com)

**Local Lamb Cuts Available to Purchase:**

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event
- Samples to taste

**Advanced Orders of Lamb Cuts:**

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: [info@mcsheepproducers.com](mailto:info@mcsheepproducers.com)

**For more information, please contact:**

Richard Woodcock: 618-939-8536	Matt Wiegand: 618-340-8151
Craig Hick: 618-779-3213	Amy Halleran: 618-530-5373
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## Youth Sheep & Goat Judging Contest

The contest is open to all youth. Contestants will be divided into two age groups, under 13 and 13 and over. There will be cash prizes awarded to the high scoring individuals in each age group.

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4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



**May 14**  
**1:15PM**  
**\$25/ticket**  
 \*All sales final

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM**

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

**Register here:** <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

\*Please note - groups that wish to *sit together* **MUST** submit one order.

**TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!**

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at [shaferr@missouri.edu](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu)



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## Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation Scholarship

**Deadline: April 15, 2022**

Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2021 and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least **four** consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and/or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud School districts.

4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship>

## Lucille & Lester Korsmeyer Scholarship

**Deadline: April 15, 2022**

The scholarship is 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. The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities.

The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>



## 4-H State Horse Judging Contest

Members of the Hoofbeats Competition Team participated in the 4-H State Horse Judging Contest at Blackhawk College on February 19. There were 57 competitors overall with 20 in the reasons class and 37 in the questions class. The Team had 3 seniors and 4 juniors that participated including Sydney Woodard, Maya Woodard, Madelynn Mohr, Hadassah Hobson, Macie Dill, Kelley Adams and Julia Muertz.

The 6 classes we judged were Ranch Riding, Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Halter Mares, and Halter Geldings.

Sydney, Maya and Madelynn all placed in the top 10 in the Reasons Division. Great job!

“This was the Team’s first in-person competition in three years, and it was good to be back in front of live horses. Though it did take us a little over three hours to get there, it was totally worth the drive and it was an overall awesome experience for everyone that participated.”

*-Macie Dill, Team Member*

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## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

**\*In progress books must be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)**

- The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).
- The Instruction Guide is found here: [https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\\_Guide](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide) to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2022** for evaluation.

## 2022 Award Applications

The 2022 4-H Award Application form has been posted. The purpose of this application is to highlight all of your hard work and accomplishments in 4-H throughout the year.

[https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe\\_AwardApp](https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp)

Applications are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2022** for evaluation.

### NEW

If you completed projects in more than 1 project area, you will only need to fill out the Participation, Community Service, and Leadership pages one time, but you will fill out a separate Project Learning page for each project area and mark which project area that page is for at the top.

### NEW! “My 4-H Experience” Log Sheet

Keep track of your 4-H activities all year long to help prepare for filling out your Award Application. List all of the activities you participate in, keep track of meetings, community service and more!

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

### NEW! Goal Worksheet

Keep track of your 4-H goals for participation, community service, leadership and project mastery to aid you as you fill out your Award Application.

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

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2022– Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for  
**Illinois State Fair Junior Show**

**STEERS:**

- Calved on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since - February 1, 2022
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged - February 20, 2022

**BARROWS: Regular Barrows**

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

**BARROWS: Premiere Barrows (carcass class)**

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022
- Must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2022
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

**SHEEP:****Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers**

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2022
- Ownership Date - May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

**Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs:**

Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1. This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.
- Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2022.
- Lambled on or after January 1, 2022.

**Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers**

- Wethers - Born on or after October 1, 2021
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk - May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings.

2022 Breeding Animals Birth & Ownership Dates for  
**Illinois State Fair Junior Show**

**BEEF - HEIFERS AND COWS:**

## Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

## Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2020 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2022

**SWINE - GILTS:**

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

**SHEEP - EWES & RAMS:**

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2021
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2022
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2022

**DAIRY - COWS AND HEIFERS:**

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers - Owned since June 1, 2022
- Cows - Owned since January 1, 2022

**HORSE & PONY:**

- On or before June 1 - Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

**DOGS:**

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2022
- At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

**DAIRY GOATS:**

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2022.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2022.

**MEAT GOATS**

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2022.

**RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:**

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.



## HORSES

- Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1 for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

\*All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries - **June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock**. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

\*\*Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Please read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2022 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

## \*4-H Livestock Auction guidelines\*

UPDATED guidelines for the 2022 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction as determined by the Monroe County 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Committee are:

Exhibitors may sell:

- one large specie: Beef, Sheep or Swine (sold by lb.)  
and
- one small specie: Goat, Rabbit or Poultry (sold by head/pen)

## 4-H Show Requirements

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in 4-H online by January 1, 2022.
- All livestock project members must show an *in-progress* Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July club meeting prior to the county fair.

## Friend of Baebler Educational Farm Award



Don Schrader was awarded the "Friend of Baebler" Award at the annual Harvest Night Dinner Auction in November.

Don played an active role during the acquisition of the farm from Vera Baebler in 2014 as a member of the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation Board.

Since that time, Don has continued his dedication to the farm by volunteering many hours of his time, and his equipment planting and harvesting the corn, soybean and wheat crops.

We appreciate Don's commitment to making sure the farm stays viable for future generations to enjoy.



## 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **Be Our Guest!**
2. **Under FAIR Pressure!**

Link to register for the **May 19, 2022** Volunteer Café Conversation:

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR?

**SAVE THE DATES: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS**

- Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (Southern Illinois)
- Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (Central Illinois)
- Sat. July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (Northwest Illinois)



## Photography Contest



**Photos due  
11:59 p.m. on  
March 31, 2022**

**"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"  
4-H Photo Contest**

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest>  
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>  
Questions? Email [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu)

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Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules [here](#).



## 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while pro-



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## 4-H Youth In Action Awards

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

-  earn a \$5K scholarship
-  serve as a national youth spokesperson ...and much more!

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## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

### Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022

4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full

4-H Members and non-members

### Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping.

We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

### Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## 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!

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Leader/Officer Training	March 12, 9am, Monroe County Annex
Junior Master Gardener Club meetings begin	March 16, 3:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Baebler Educational Farm Garden Clean-Up Day	March 26, 1pm, 4022 JJ Rd., Waterloo
Southern Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contests	March 26, SIUC
Shooting Sports Instructor Training	March 26, Tombstone Range, Marion, IL
Public Presentations Show	March 28, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Livestock Clinic & YQCA Training	April 2, 8:30am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Master Chef Jr.— Advanced begins	April 5, 3:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Southern IL Sheep & Craft Festival Youth Sheep & Goat Judging Contest	April 9, Monroe County Fairgrounds Judging @ 9am
Air Rifle Club Meetings begin	April 9, 9am, Baebler Educational Farm-Pavilion
Junior Naturalist Club Meetings begin	April 9, 9am, Baebler Educational Farm-Shed
YQCA Training	April 18, Monroe County Annex
State Hippology & Speech Contests	April 23, University of Illinois Campus
State Horse Bowl Contests	April 24, University of Illinois Campus
5th Grade Conservation Day	April 29, Waterloo Sportsman's Club
Nature Adventures Day	April 30, Baebler Educational Farm
Sheep & Goat Weigh-in	May 7, Monroe County Fairgrounds
4-H Day with the Cardinals	May 14, Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO
4-H Horse Show	May 22, 1:00pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Food Demonstration Show	June 6, 7:00pm, Monroe County Annex
Show-A-Rama (general projects show)	June 25, 8:30am, Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall-Waterloo
Monroe County Fair	July 24-31, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Monroe County Day @ State Fair	August 12, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield


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