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# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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# 4-H SHOWBOOK

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with show dates and project quidelines: https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General

- → This Showbook contains guidelines for General Projects, Horse, Public Presentations & Food Demos ONLY.
- → Monroe County Fair classes including Horticulture, Crops and Livestock will be provided to families at a later date.

Information to register to exhibit your projects at shows will be provided to you as we draw closer to Show season. Please watch your email for updates.

# **4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

As we enter into 4-H Show season, 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 4-H year.
- → Give a talk or demonstration at a club meeting.
  - $\rightarrow$  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.

#### **Monroe County Office**

901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117 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

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

April 2, 12:00pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds, \$3.00
April 18, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex, \$3.00

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

#### **REGISTER:**

Go to: <a href="https://yqcaprogram.org/">https://yqcaprogram.org/</a>

Register for a NEW account under a PARENT name and fill out all required fields.

Confirm your account through a link sent to your email.

Click on the blue "Add Child" button on the YQCA website and enter required fields for each child participating in the YQCA training.

Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right hand corner.

Choose "Enrolled ILT Trainings" from the dropdown list.

Click on the blue "Go to Courses" button.

Click on the blue button indicating child's age next to his/her name.

Choose appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 or "Web Based Training" for \$12.

Next, choose participants name, state and training date.

Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office asap.

Repeat registration process for each family member required to take the training.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS CERTIFICATION (QAEC)**

Taking the QAEC training is mandatory for:

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

Please visit: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/</a>

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site <u>one time</u> during their 4-H showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

#### **SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH-IN**

SATURDAY, May 7, 8am

Sheep weigh first, followed by goats.

If you plan to show and sell a market lamb and/or goat at the Monroe County Fair, your lamb/goat MUST participate in the weigh-in. We hope that exhibitors can be present for the weigh-in, however, if you are unable to attend, make sure your lamb(s)/goat(s) are there to be weighed and tattooed. Watch your email for more info.



# CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WINTER STEER SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS:

8-9: Allyssa Schultheis 10-12: Wyatt Ruwald 13-15: Janella Neary 16-19: Emma Krebel



Great job to Emma
Schultheis of the
Maeystown Clovers 4-H
Club for her participation
in the junior division of
the DuQuoin Livestock/
Dairy Judging Contest on
March 12.







Congrats to Sydney Woodard & Maya Woodard on their participation in the county Public Speaking Contest on March 18. The two will also present at the State Horse Speech Contest on April 23!

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM: MONROE COUNTY REP-JANELLA NEARY!

Big congrats to Janella Neary on being selected for the 2022-23

Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team!

This is a two year commitment in which Janella will be representing her club, Monroe County 4-H and Illinois 4-H at a variety of events.

Janella is an active member of the Clover Friends 4-H Club, Federation and Teens as Teachers.

We look forward to hearing about all of the adventures in which this journey takes her!



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## **MASTER CHEF JR. SPRING BEGINNER CLUB**

Six youth participated in the Master Chef Jr.
Beginner club in February & March. Members
learned how to make exciting recipes including
home-made air fryer pop tarts, fruit smoothies,
scrambled eggs and much more!





#### **GREAT TEAMWORK AT BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM!**

Thank you to the 4-H families that helped Extension Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists with the garden clean up at Baebler Educational Farm on March 26.

Lucky 4-H: Debbie Eckart & Raegan Eckart, Clover Friends: David Fizer, Gwen & Greg Wiegand, Maeystown Clovers: Cohen Brandt









# 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 <u>four</u> 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: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship">https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship</a>

#### **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: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer">https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer</a>

#### **COUNTY & STATE HORSE SHOWS**

Monroe County 4-H Horse Show: Sunday, May 22, 1:00pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds

Open to all 4-H members enrolled in a horse project.

(Registration details coming soon!)

Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show: July 24-30, IL State Fairgrounds

Ownership and/or lease paperwork must be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office by <u>May 15</u>. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals will be mandatory for all horse and ponies, grade and registered animals. We strongly encourage members, if they own or lease more than one horse, to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the deadline. If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced ONLY by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to, and exhibited by ONE 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show. Download the forms @ https://go.illinois.edu/Horse\_Ownership\_Lease

#### **\*STILL ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS!**





### **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.

Register in the Dairy Barn prior to 9am.

# 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 kmbrandt@illinois.edu

or 618-939-3434







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# 4-H Teens as Teachers Informational Meeting

Please join us for a Teens as Teachers informational Zoom meeting on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 20th at 6:00 p.m.</u>

We will be going over what Teens as Teachers is as well as answering any questions you have!

If you are unable to attend but still want more information, the meeting will be recorded.

# What is Teens as Teachers?

University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and the Monroe County Ag in the Classroom are partnering to teach youth about agriculture.

This program is open to <u>teens</u> 14-18 years old.

Teen Teachers will be required to complete 8 hours of training and 8 hours of volunteer teaching in order to complete the program.

# As a member of the Teens as Teachers team...

- You will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- You will expand your own knowledge by preparing lessons and teaching the material to youth.
- You will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.

If you are interested, please fill out this survey





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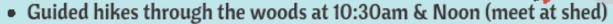
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Saturday, April 30

Join us anytime between 10am-1pm

4022 JJ Road, Waterloo



- 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

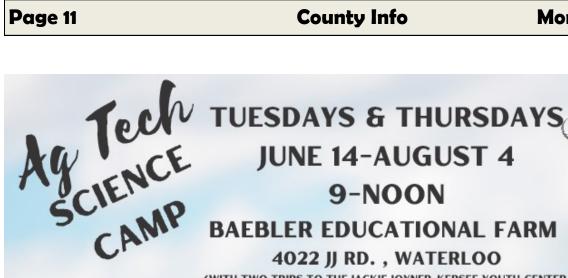
# All families welcome!

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

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(WITH TWO TRIPS TO THE JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE YOUTH CENTER AND ONE TRIP TO THE DONALD DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER)

LEARN ABOUT THE ROLE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PLAYS IN AGRICULTURE THROUGH HANDS-ON FIELD ACTIVITIES INCLUDING

PLANTING/OBSERVING DIFFERENT TYPES OF CORN. USING DRONES, COLLECTING DATA, LEARNING FROM SCIENTISTS, ENTOMOLOGISTS AND MORE!

FREE TO YOUTH AGES 12-15 SNACKS/DRINKS PROVIDED

REGISTER: HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/AGTECHSCIENCECAMP

BY MAY 13

LIMITED TO 10 YOUTH





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# **Questions?**

Contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434.

# YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL





# **REGULAR SESSIONS**

June 6–9, 2022– St. Paul's Lutheran Church–Columbia June 27–30, 2022 - Immanuel Lutheran Church-Waterloo \$60 For Regular Sessions Ages 8-14

# FOOD CHALLENGE

June 20–23, 2022– Immanuel Lutheran Church-Waterloo

Ages 11-14

\$75 For Food Challenge Morning: 8:30-11:30 A.M.

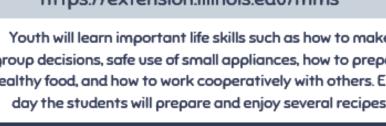
Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 P.M. Maximum of 20 participants!

Participants are NOT required to wear a face-covering but may do so if they choose. Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is asked to please stay at home.

# Register Now!

https://extension.illinois.edu/mms

Youth will learn important life skills such as how to make group decisions, safe use of small appliances, how to prepare healthy food, and how to work cooperatively with others. Each day the students will prepare and enjoy several recipes.





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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!



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 Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at <u>hilemand@missouri.edu</u>



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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 <u>prior to the fair.</u> (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

- The PDF versions of the books are found here: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord">https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord</a>
- 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: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\_Guide">https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\_Guide</a> 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

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

#### NEW

If you completed projects in <u>more than 1 project area</u>, you will only need to <u>fill out the</u>

<u>Participation</u>, <u>Community Service</u>, <u>and Leadership pages one time</u>, but you will <u>fill out a</u>

<u>separate Project Learning page for each project area</u> 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

#### \*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.)
- one small specie: Goat, Rabbit or Poultry (sold by head/pen)

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

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

- 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)

\*We need additional Archery & Pistol instructors in Monroe County.

Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu if you are interested.





# 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: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159</a>



#### SHOP 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our <u>Illinois pop-up shop</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page!



#### **4-H EQUITY CHALLENGE**

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 - 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Learn more here.

## TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6.



Register Now.

# SAVE THE DATE: 4-H VIRTUAL PYD ACADEMY ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice. <u>Learn more here</u>.



#### 4-H Memorial Camp-Summer Youth Camp



Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

#### Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022 June 12-16, 2022 July 5-9, 2022 July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website: <a href="https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp">https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp</a>

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our <u>Facebook</u> page. If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt <u>hammersc@illinois.edu</u> or Andy Davis <u>ardavis1@illinois.edu</u> (217) 762-2741

#### **FAMILY CAMP SPRING 2022**

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our <u>Facebook Page</u>.

Dates: May 20-22

Fees:

Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee —8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

\*At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741



# Page 18 Calendar of Events Monroe County

Master Chef Jr. — Advanced begins	April 5, 3:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Southern IL Sheep & Craft Festival	April 9, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Youth Sheep & Goat Judging Contest	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, 7pm, Monroe County Annex
Teens as Teachers Info Meeting	April 20, 6pm, Virtual
County Cloverbud Graduation	April 22, 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
Spring 4-H Leader Meeting	May 17, Monroe County Annex
4-H Horse Show	Mary 22, 1:00pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Food Demonstration Show	June 6, 7:00pm, Monroe County Annex
Ag Tech Science Camp begins	June 14, 9-12, Baebler Educational Farm
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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