



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Montgomery County** 4-H Families

March 2019



Pictured left to right: Jon Schmidt , Clovers, Alden Knodle; Starr Shooters; Kohen Stolte, Starr Shooters; Nathan Brown, Starr Shooters; Emma Hughes, Clovers.

5 Montgomery County Youth attend Junior Leadership Conference

At the JLC Conference, youth get the chance to explore new 4-H project areas, learn activities and games they can take home to their own 4-H clubs, learn and practice new leadership skills, and meet other kids from across the state. While there they participated in group activities that helped develop crucial leadership skills to help them be better leaders in their club, community and world.



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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Montgomery4h>



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University of Illinois College of ACES 4-H Tour

Monday, April 22, 2019

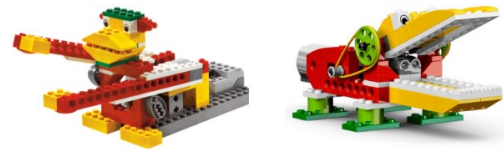
Leave Montgomery County 6:45 a.m. and returning in the evening.
A parent/guardian must attend with the youth. You will also be responsible for
transportation to Champaign. Must be a 4-H member ages 15-18.

Tour consists of:

- Conversations with faculty advisors and students in a variety of areas (Natural Resources and Crop Sciences; Ag Business and Economics; Family Development and Food Science & Hospitality; Ag Communications and Leadership; and Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet. Have been requested.
- Real information on scholarships, work and internship opportunities and tuition
 - Visiting labs and classrooms
 - Touring campus housing options
- Firsthand view of amenities like gyms and pools and performing arts

Register online at [http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/
Montgomery County Extension Office](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/MontgomeryCountyExtensionOffice) at 217-532-3941

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4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB

LET'S BUILD ROBOTS!

Open to youth K-2

MARCH 22, 5-5:45 P.M.

TO REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/MONTGOMERY4H/](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/)

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Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941. Early requests are strongly recom-
mended to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

4-H Day with the Cardinals

May 11, 2019

4-H members, alumni, families and their friends are invited to join us for 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, May 11. The Cardinals will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates in a 1:15 p.m. game in Busch Stadium. Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents/leaders can take part in a parade around the ball field—that's right, participants will actually get to go down on the field and march one time around the stadium behind their state or county 4-H banner. Also, everyone who orders a ticket on this form will receive a specially designed t-shirt. Tickets usually sell out, so order early. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed on April 29.

Order form online :

[https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/
montgomery4h/3294.html](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/3294.html)

SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

Learn about care, quality and showmanship for rabbits and poultry projects.



April 13

Rabbits 9-10:30 am
Poultry 10:30-12 pm

Bring 1-2 of your animals to practice with
and get feedback before the show.

Free Event
Must pre-register

Held at the 4-H Park in Butler IL
Located on the East side of rt 127 just south of
Butler.

If you have questions you can contact our office
at ehugh2@illinois.edu or 217-532-3941



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

A program to help students in need from other schools

April 1 - 30 2019
Drop off at the Extension office in Hillsboro

Our Youth Leadership Team is working to collect school supplies for the Midwest Distribution Center to help provide for students in need. The Center will send the resources we collect to schools and students all over the world.

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April 15

LAST DAY TO ADD OR CHANGE PROJECTS IN ORDER TO EXHIBIT AT THE 4-H FAIR.



APRIL 18, 1-3:00PM

SEWING SERVICE PROJECT

SEW SCHOOL SUPPLY TOTES FOR OUR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
There are a limited number of spots, so please register online to let us know you are coming.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/3294.html>

Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

June 23-29 | Urbana - Champaign Campus
Illinois youth entering HS grades 9-12 in the fall

EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Register @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H

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Be a true leader in service



Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. **The link to register your event is now OPEN. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.**

The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference. **Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.**

1. **Register your event beforehand** at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice through the National 4-H Council website.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and **find helpful resources** – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.
3. **Promote your event on social media** using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!
4. **Complete your event** then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.
5. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and **submit a report on what you did.**

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! **FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than **ANY OTHER STATE in 2018!** Let's see if we can go even bigger in 2019! *If you have questions, please contact Pat McGlaughlin, patm@illinois.edu.*

Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, 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.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! 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 camp counselor positions open, male applicants 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>.



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You be the judge at 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. The contest will begin at 10. 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 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). 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 returns to state fair

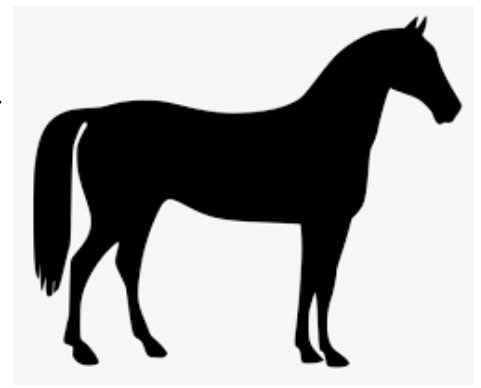
The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four 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.

Pick your winners at 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, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

Your path to state Horse Bowl and Hippology contests

Regional horse contests will be held across the state to determine who goes to the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests. 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. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology for contest details.



Speak up for the horse industry

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.



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Host an international youth this summer

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

Never too early to think about corn dogs!

Nearly 4,000 4-H members will return to exhibit livestock and general projects at the Illinois State Fair in August. Check out the days our county will be exhibiting at the General Project Show.

NEW IN 2019: Extension office 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.

August 12 **State Fair Exhibit day for** Adams, Boone, Brown-Schuyler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, **Christian**, Cook, Ford, Franklin, Greene, Hancock, Iroquois, Jackson, **Jersey**, Lee, **Macoupin**, **Montgomery**, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Scott, Vermilion, Whiteside, and Williamson counties.

Plant your own pollinator garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species.

Here's how:

- Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.
- Complete the online application by April 1 @ www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator
- If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, kjones@growmark.com or 309-557-6184.
- You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.



Work for the Illinois 4-H Foundation



Applications are being accepted for an intern to work at the Illinois 4-H Foundation office from May through August on the U of I campus. Applicants will assist with event planning, database use, communicating with alumni and friends, marketing, stewardship, and other office administrative duties. Apply by March 29 by submitting a cover letter, resume, and three references to illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu.

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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.

Speaking for IL Training Opportunity

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.

LOGAN COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h after March 28.

OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH



Monthly **Cloverbud activities** at the Extension office in Hillsboro. March 22, April 19, May 24.

Litchfield Afterschool Program Fridays 3:30-4:15pm 1+ Teen Teachers needed

Summer Garden Program. Tuesdays- June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, 10:00am-11:30am. Weekly garden or food lesson at Make it held at Madison Park Elementary School in Litchfield. Curriculum training for this program will be held on June 7. 4+ Teen Teachers needed

Cooking from the Garden- held at the Extension office in Hillsboro. June 6, June 27 and Aug. 1. 9-12pm. Cooking classes and garden lessons. 4+ Teen Teachers needed. Curriculum training for this program is June 5.

Contact Elisha Hughes if you are interested in being part of one of these programs.



Upcoming Dates

April 19- if you are wanting to be part of the Unit 18 YLT (UYLT) group, the first meeting will be April 19. See flyer for details <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/3294.html>

April 22—Chicago Trip

May 17— YLT meeting to plan for summer and committees meet.

May 28— Final Core Teen Teacher Training before summer.

More dates to come as the group finishes planning their events.

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mark your calendar!



April 7 – 13	National Volunteer Week
April 13	Small Animal Workshop
April 18	Community Service—sewing school supply bags
April 22	YLT Chicago Trip/U of I College Tour
April 23	Music Competition
April 25	Public Speaking and Food Demonstration
April 27	National True Leaders in Service Day
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 8-9	Legislative Connection, Springfield, invitation only
May 11	Day with the Cardinals
May 11	State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington
June 8	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
June 15	FAIR: Visual Arts Show
June 17	FAIR: Cat and Dog Shows
June 18	FAIR: Poultry, Rabbit, Beef and Dairy Shows
June 19	FAIR: Sheep and Goat Shows
June 21	FAIR: Swine Show
June 23 – 29	Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
July 1	County deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
July 9	FAIR: Food and Clothing Shows
July 18	FAIR: General Show 6PM
July 20 – 21	4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
July 22 – 28	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield
August 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield (Montgomery County)