

The 4-H Times



Marshall-Putnam

April-May
2021

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April is Volunteer
Appreciation
Thank a volunteer

If you have not heard, Marshall-Putnam 4-H will be having an in person show this summer. How the show will look is still being worked on. What we do know is:

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside)
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

Association Meeting

May 3, 2021

7pm

All Leaders and
Superintendents are
encouraged to attend.

FairEntry opens May 18

<https://faireentry.com/>

Clothing Judging is Sunday June 20 beginning at 4pm. Please make sure you are enrolled in FairEntry prior to calling office to schedule appointment.

FairEntry Closes June 18

Superintendent needed for Home and Family Department.

Judging for this department is on Wednesday at 1:00. Please contact Anne at 309-364-2356 for more information.

Do not forget to order your project books. Link is in your enrollment confirmation email. Project Selection Guide is available at the Extension office or view online; <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties>

**Marshall-Putnam
2021
4-H Show
July 19 - 22
State Fair
Friday August 13**

Federation News

Federation held its first in person meeting of the year on March 18. They voted to change the meetings to the 3 Sunday of the month at 3pm. After the business meeting the Federation members helped Henry Community Characters Counts to fill Easter eggs for the Henry Easter Event.

Federation is open to all youth in 8th grade and above. Enrollment in 4-H is required, however members do not have to be in a community club. SPIN club members are welcome to be a part of federation. Contact a current Federation member or Anne for more information, 309 364-2356 or amscheel@illinois.edu

**Clubs meeting in
person MUST
follow all safety
guidelines.**

Wear Mask– Sanitize–Social distance



There are still openings for Air Pistol and Hunting and Outdoor Skills. Contact Anne if interested in joining these clubs.

Shooting Sports Enrollment deadline is one week prior to the start date of each discipline. You must complete the registration paperwork and make payment to be a member of Shooting Sports. Forms can be found at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties>

Interested in joining our team of Shooting Sports instructors?

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

SPARK SHEETS

Illinois 4-H Spark Sheets are available for all statewide 4-H projects. These sheets are designed as a tool for parents, mentors or club leaders who are helping a 4-H member explore a project of interest. Spark Sheets, and related project resources, are continuously updated and available on the Illinois 4-H website. Each sheet contains information to help plan project exploration, spark ideas, and ignite possibilities. Get more information including an overview of how to use spark sheets here:

[Spark Sheets Information Page](#)

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets> Projects help 4-H members find and nurture their *spark*. When you try something for the first time, you may be inspired to keep learning as much as possible about it. You might even want a career related to that new interest. 4-H projects often spark young people to follow their passions, interests, and talents on a new path to career development, enjoyment, and belonging. Ready for your spark? Learn more about 4-H projects you can explore. We have more than 75 sparks just waiting for you to light!

Scholarships Available

Federation

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/mpfederation_education_award_21.pdf

Illinois Livestock Leadership Institute

<https://www.illinoisbeef.com/ijba/programs-events/illinois-livestock-leadership-institute-application/?clearcache=1>

Dog Training



Training is required if you are planning to show your dog in Obedience,

Pre-novice, Novice, Graduate novice, Pre-open, Open and Graduate open, at this year's 4-H show. We are still finalizing the dates for this training. All members enrolled in Dog project will be notified of dates.

Horse Clinic



Our Horse Committee is planning a Horse Clinic this spring at the M-P Fairgrounds

Members enrolled in Horse project will be notified when the dates are set.

Community Service opportunity

April 26, 3-6pm Marshall County Court House Hosta bed clean up. Contact Anne for more details. 309-364-2356

Marshall-Putnam 4-H Ambassador Application

The 4-H Ambassadors are a team of high school or college age young men and women who work together to complete the basic responsibilities listed below. Ambassadors will serve a 2 year term with the possibility of a second 2 year term.

The Application process includes a 4-H resume that is due by May 31, 2021 and an interview with a panel of judges on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. The interviews will take place in the evening and times will be assigned the week before.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the M-P Extension office.

Basic Responsibilities

1. Be a good role model to other 4-H'ers
2. Hand out trophies and ribbons during the 4-H Show
3. To make the public aware of 4-H and what it represents (example attend local Rotary or Chamber meetings to share your 4-H experience)
4. To welcome 4-H Ambassadors the following year at the 4-H Show
5. Promote 4-H during National 4-H Week
6. Attend major 4-H events, such as **Achievement Night, Project Day, Conservation Day**, as well as town events, such as summer parades, pancake breakfasts, Rotary meetings, etc.
7. Ambassadors work together on a 4-H topic and make presentations related to that topic (for example: recruitment, enrollment, public speaking, teambuilding, judging contests, activities at State & National levels)
8. Attend a club meeting outside of their own club to promote Ambassador
9. Have a positive attitude.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by May 31, 2021.

1. Submit a 4-H Resume that includes the following:
 - Contact information, including your age
 - 4-H Club(s) information
 - 4-H Project information
 - 4-H Awards and Recognition
 - 4-H Leadership roles
 - Other activity information (outside of 4-H)
 - Include dates of above information
2. Include the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, your answers are expected to be 5 or more sentences.
 - Share a story or event that gives an example of how 4-H has made an impact on or change in your life.
 - Describe one of your long-term goals.
 - Describe one of the best opportunities you have had because of your involvement in 4-H.
 - Write a description of one of your volunteer opportunities.
 - What would you like to achieve as an Marshall-Putnam Ambassador?
 - What are some of your ideas to promote Marshall-Putnam 4-H?
 - What are your ideas to educate the public about 4-H?

Your 4-H Resume should be the same format as a professional job resume. For sample resumes, see websites such as monster.com, careerbuilder.com, and hotjobs.com. If you do not have internet access, contact the Extension Office for printed samples or help writing your 4-H resume.

Resumes are limited to three pages plus a cover letter.

University of Illinois Extension Marshall-Putnam 4-H Presents:

STEM Discovery Days '21



Cost:
\$10 for 4-H Members
\$15 for non 4-H Members

Natural Resources

Join us for FOUR fun filled sessions of STEM learning and experiments!

Ages 10-18

June 14-17, 5:00-6:30pm

University of Illinois Extension

Marshall-Putnam 4-H Office

509 Front Street, Henry, IL 61537



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Aerospace!

Space is limited for these activity days, and commitment to all four sessions is expected.

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IT'S ROBOTICS TIME!!

Expand your robotics knowledge with Marshall-Putnam 4-H STEM!

**Where: Marshall-Putnam
Extension Office**

**When: April 28, May 5,
May 12, 2021**

4:30-6:00pm

Ages 8-18



Registration is free for this Special Interest SPIN club, however general 4-H enrollment is required. Space is limited. Please call the M-P Extension office with questions and to register.

(309)364-2356



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Create new family fun memories this summer at 4-H Family Camp!



Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions here: go.illinois.edu/4HFamilyCamp21

Accommodation and COVID safety information are available in the registration process. Due to the nature of Family

Camp, a parent or guardian must stay with their campers for the duration of their camp session. The planned activities

are geared for campers 8 and older, although younger family members will be welcome!



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

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4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration open:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

Use the link below to register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration open:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



In person training

June 12, 2021

10am-11am

IVCC—Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Center

Required for all 4-H member who plan to show at this years

4-H Show in the following species;

Dairy cattle, Beef cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats.

Register at YQCA.org

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org> The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.



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2021 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2020
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2021
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –
 - On or between the last Saturday in January (January 30, 2021) and February 28, 2021.
 - In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2021
- 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 – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2021
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2021
- 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, 2021. 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, 2021.
- ⌘ Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- **Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2020**
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2021
- 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, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

2021 Breeding Animals Birth & Ownership Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

SWINE – GILTS:

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2021
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2021

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, 2021
- 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, 2021.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

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.

Changes/Notices Regarding the 2021 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2021 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website:

<http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. 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 completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program are available at your county Extension Office.

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.



Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am-4:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday

Subject to staff availability

Closed noon to 1pm daily

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