

# The 4-H Times



## Marshall-Putnam

February -March  
2021

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### 4-H Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment in 4-H can take place any time during the year. However in order to be eligible for premiums, trophies, awards and State Fair Honors, you must be enrolled by **March 1, 2021**. If you need project books, follow link in confirmation email. Please note if you want to take part in SPIN Clubs you will need to be registered in 4honline.com prior to the start of the SPIN Club. Email Anne with any enrollment questions. [amscheel@illinois.edu](mailto:amscheel@illinois.edu)

**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>

## Association Meeting

March 1, 2021

7:00pm

All Leaders and

Superintendents are  
encouraged to attend.

If we have to do this meeting via  
Zoom, a link will be emailed.

## Senior Profiles Needed

Seniors please complete the online Senior Profile form. It can be found on our unit web page under online forms and surveys: <https://go.illinois.edu/mp4hseniormap>

A senior picture is also needed. Please email a jpeg photo to Anne at:

[amscheel@illinois.edu](mailto:amscheel@illinois.edu)

Needed by March 1, 2021

Thank you to those who have already completed.

### Beef Weigh in

**February 13, 2021**

**Call the office to schedule  
your time slot.**

**309-364-2356**

### 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.

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



.22 Rifle begins February 4, 2021. It is not too late to sign up.

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**

**9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021**

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL  
Registration Details Coming Soon.  
Please contact Anne if interested  
[amscheel@illinois.edu](mailto:amscheel@illinois.edu)

**Clubs can meet in person  
again. All safety guidelines  
must be followed.**

**Follow us on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/MarshallPutnam4H>

**There's a place for you at 4-H House**



Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.



## 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**
2. **Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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

TOPICS will include:

1. **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!**
2. **Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

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

Don't forget - all 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! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!

## 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.

## Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

\*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram [@states4hinternatinal](#)



## States 4-H International Exchange

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

**Apply Today** <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



## GET READY FOR .... Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

Remind your local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge to prepare to monitor their nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! Stay the course – good science takes effort.



## Tell Your 4-H Story –

### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.  
**Registration will close March 4.**

## 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)



If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu).

## INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!



# Volunteers Needed

Marshall-Putnam 4-H is partnering with  
Marshall County Health Department  
to help place signs in local business across  
Marshall county.

Please contact Anne if you are willing to help.  
[amscheel@illinois.edu](mailto:amscheel@illinois.edu)

## 4-H At Home

Science Provided by 4-h.org

Kits available at:

Henry-Magnolia-McNabb and Toluca Libraries



**February kit: Build your  
own Mars Space Rover**

**March activity: Space food.**

**Will food grow in space?**



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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.

- 3 Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- 3 Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- 3 Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2021.
- 3 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**

### Staff

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