



April 2019

Peoria Clover News

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Dear 4-H Families,

April is National Volunteer Month! National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service and we are so lucky in the 4-H program to have so many wonderful extraordinary volunteers. The Peoria County 4-H Program would not survive without its volunteers – it's just that simple. Your hard work shows and we can't thank you enough for all you do. Although National Volunteer Week comes just once a year, we appreciate you every day of the year.

We have **a lot of 4-H happenings coming up** so be sure to check out the information in the rest of the newsletter for more information. 4-H has so much to offer and I encourage you to participate as much as possible.

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development



See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact> . You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!

Peoria County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

April 23, 2019

The Spotlight Is On You

It's not too late to register! If you have already given or plan to give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting then you should consider participating in the Peoria County 4-H Public Presentation Contest. The Peoria County Public Presentation Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office. Three participants will be chosen to advance to the State Contest to be held on Saturday, June 8. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair. Check out the new guidelines in last months Clover Newsletter. For more information or to register for the Peoria County contest please call the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140.

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.

Running list of state 4-H events:

April

- 13—State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology
- 14—State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 27 - National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders

May

- 4-5—4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 11- State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington

June

- June 1—**DEADLINE:** Entries for Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

- 8—Illinois 4-H Communication Contest
- 8 - 15—Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
- 17—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 23-27—Illini Summer Academies

July

- July 1 -**DEADLINE:** Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show

- 20-21 -4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp

- 22—28—Illinois 4-H Jr. Horse Show

August

- 8—18—Illinois State Fair
- 24—Illinois 4-H Dog Show, Dixon



Save the date

4G STEM Camp June 24-28, 2019

Registration opens—March 20

4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes 5 days of hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers.

For more information visit <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4gstemcamp/>

Paid camp counselor positions open

male applicants encouraged to apply

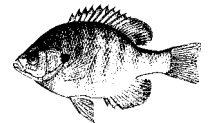
Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live on-site at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 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>.

Non-Livestock Superintendent Meeting

Monday, April 29, 6:00 pm

Peoria Extension office

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.

TAKE TIME TO THANK THE 4-H VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR LIFE



Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Federation Meeting

All 4-H members age 13 – 18 are invited to attend the next Federation Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall.



Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

- Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.
- Here's how to participate:
- Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
- Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
- Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
- Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.



Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

- Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
- Tell us a little about your project.
- Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

Local 4-H EVENTS

April

- 2 Teacher Tuesdays, River City Labs 2.0
- 9 Federation meeting, 6:30—8 at Kickapoo
- 23 Peoria County Public Speaking Contest, 6 pm at U of I Extension office
- 24 Leaders meeting, 6:00 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 27 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club meeting at Wildlife Prairie Park 10am - noon
- 27 STEM Bootcamp, Bradley, 10—4
- 29 Non-Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office

June

- 15 Cat workshop / Fun Show, 10 am - 12 noon at the Peoria Extension office, (note: date change from last month)
- 17—21 STEM Academy
- 24-28 4G STEM Camp

July

- 9 Clothing Judging @ Princeville Museum
- 13 Peoria 4-H Horse Show (HOI Arena, Galena Rd)
- 30 thru Aug. 2 - Peoria 4-H Show, Expo. Gardens

August

- 11 General project exhibit day at Illinois State Fair



Are you and your furry friend ready for the Cat Show at the 4-H Fair? In this “hands on” workshop you’ll get tips for showing your cat. Bring your cat in a carrier for a practice FUN show.

- Date: Saturday, June 15
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Location: Peoria Extension office
- To register call the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140



4-H Memorial Camp for Families

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial

Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

JOANN 



Get your Clover at
JOANN stores

Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

**4-H Leaders Meeting:
Wednesday, April 24,
6:00 - 7:30 pm at the
Peoria Extension office.**



Another opportunity to see the world

An experience with IFYE can bring you many opportunities.

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. **The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.**

The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ ifyeusa.org. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of “Peace through Understanding” continues to touch the lives of people around the world.

4-H International

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.
- For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu



Begin your global travels with 4-H

Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019

Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019

Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019

Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019

South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

Eligibility:

Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18** for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ go.illinois.edu/global4H.



SPIN CLUB NEWS



Create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals.

Starting in January 2019, the club members will plan and design our various garden elements with interested persons of all ages. We will meet the last Saturday each month until spring. Once the weather gets warmer additional meeting opportunities will be added to the calendar.

- Youth ages 8 to 18
- Meeting Dates April 27
- Time: 1– 3:00 pm
- Location: Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City
- Register by calling 309-685-3140



Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skill with youth....

Save the date....

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor can mark their calendar for July 20 - 21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Contact Cathy Ludolph @ ludolph@illinois.edu or call (309) 685-3140 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.



Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



SHOTGUN SPIN CLUB



- For Youth ages: 10 to 18
- Meeting Dates: Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 1 & 8
- Time: 6:00 -8:00 pm
- Location: Chillicothe Sportsman Club, North of Chillicothe along the IL River
- Cost: \$40 shooting Sports fee to help cover the cost of ammunition
- Register at: Web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt or call the U of I Extension office at 685-3140



4-H Dairy SPIN Club

In this fun and exciting special interest club youth age 8 - 18 will have the opportunity to experience all facets of dairy farming with several “hands on” activities. Participants will explore topics such as: milking, calving, feed & nutrition, health & vaccinations and much, much more. Youth will also have the opportunity to lease a dairy cow to exhibit at the 2019 Peoria County 4-H Show.

Youth do not need to live on a farm or own a dairy cow to participate.

- **Dates: Friday April 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24**
- Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Location: Linden Hill Dairy Farm
8412 W. Middle Road, Bartonville, IL
- To sign up or for more information contact the University of Illinois Extension Peoria office at (309) 685-3140
- or contact club leader Fred Rosenbohm at (309) 697-4041



Congratulations to Bethany Stahl,
Edelstein Eager Beavers 4-H Club

Designer of the 2019 4-H Show Book

4-H Spirit Display Contest



All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a 4-H Spirit Display at the fair. The goals of the display are to:

- Beautify the 4-H show grounds
- Promote 4-H
- Opportunity for club members to work together on a creative project.
- Display Specifics about your club
- Include club name as part of display, meeting dates, times, location and leader contact info.
- Display can be either a table display or a stall display in one of the livestock barns or something different. Please let the Extension office know in advance what type of display your club will have.
- Set up can be done on early set up day, Monday, July 29 or early Wednesday morning, July 31
- Judging - will take place on Wednesday, and the winner will be announced Friday night at the beginning of the Clothing Review in the Youth Building
- 2019 Theme – “What I LOVE About 4-H the Most Is.....”
- Clubs that have a lot of livestock exhibitors can set up their display in the livestock barn
- Clubs are responsible for bringing all supplies.
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Neatness, Eye Appeal, Use of Theme, Club Name and 4-H used in display.
- Be creative and have fun with your display!
- **NEW IN 2019** - In addition to the “4-H Spirit” Award Stick Federation is giving a \$50 cash award to the 1st place club display and a \$25 cash award to the 2nd place club display.



Paper Clover Campaign returns

It's never been easier to support 4-H. March 27 – April 7, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised \$1 million!

Doris Schoenbein Memorial Scholarship Award (\$500)

All high school seniors or 4-H alumni enrolled in a junior or four year college or a trade school are eligible to apply for the Doris Schoenbein Scholarship Award regardless of future career plans.

The purpose of the award is to recognize youth for exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship & community service participation during their 4-H involvement. One winner will be chosen each year to receive the \$500 Doris Schoenbein Scholarship Award. This award is sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Auction Committee to honor Doris Schoenbein for her many years of dedication as a 4-H Volunteer Leader and support of the 4-H Program.

Applications are available on the Peoria County 4-H website or by calling the Extension office at (309) 685-3140. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced during the Barnyard Games at the 4-H Show.

Peoria County 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award (\$100 x 2)

The 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award is for older 4-H members and 4-H Alumni (ages 17 - 21). The purpose of the award is to recognize youth for exhibiting outstanding leadership during their 4-H involvement. Two winners will be chosen each year to each receive the \$100 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award. This award is sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Federation youth through the Peoria County 4-H Auction Committee.

Applicants must be either current 4-H members who are High School Seniors or Peoria County 4-H Alumni that are currently enrolled in an approved post High School educational program (Junior College, 4-year University, trade School, etc.)

Applications are available on the Peoria County 4-H website or by calling the Extension office at (309) 685-3140. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced during the Barnyard Games at the 4-H Show.



April 27, 2019
10AM to 4PM

SWE STEM Bootcamp

Dedicated to mentoring,
educating, and empowering
young women to pursue
technical education

Held at
Bradley University – Olin Hall

Featuring engineering speakers and interactive experiments.

Students will learn about:

- Engineering design process
- Local STEM careers
- Problem-solving
- Important resume components
- Interview tips

Open to girls in 8th through 12th grades

Special parent event begins at 3 p.m.

Registration— \$5 fee

go.illinois.edu/STEMbootcamp

Questions

Judy Schmidt, schmid7@illinois.edu

309-685-3140



Come watch robots take over
the world;

Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.

We wish the best of luck to the Peoria County Girls STEM Success Robotics Team!

**Get the latest news on the Peoria
County 4-H facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacounty4h>

Visit the Peoria County 4-H website!

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/peoria4h/>

“YOUR LEVEL OF **SUCCESS** IS ONLY DETERMINED BY YOUR LEVEL OF **EFFORT**”

Club News

**HOT OFF
THE PRESS**

So HAPPY we have newsletter articles this month!



EDELSTEIN EAGER BEAVERS

JANUARY 2019: For our January meeting, we had our annual Chili Supper. 4-H kids were supposed to bring their family and some guests. We ate dinner and all the 4-H kids had a job having to do with supper. We then had our meeting where our leaders handed out awards to some 4-H kids. Then our club presented each of our two leaders with a gift. After that our guest speakers, Keith and Ruth Herrmann gave a presentation on a school in Kenya. Then when the guest left they got a gift of hot cocoa dry mix. It was a fun time.

MARCH 2019: We did not have a meeting in February due to bad weather. We are going to make up that meeting at other meetings. Our March meeting was doing our public presentations. We had six judges come in and judge three different groups. The three groups are sorted by age number. The presentations were interesting, and the kids did a great job getting their projects together. In total, we had a couple of reds, several blues, and a few pinks. After the presentations, we talked about the county presentations and a few other things. We thank the judges for coming in and the kids for doing the presentations. Our next meeting is floriculture. Lisa Knobloch is coming from Garden of Grace. "The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!"

Submitted by, Serenity Martin

HORSE HUSTLERS

This month the Horse Hustlers were able to participate in the Can-a-thon in Hanna City. Three groups helped collect about 500 non-perishables for the Hanna City Food Pantry, located in the United Methodist Church. The pantry serves a five-mile radius around Hanna City and is open the last

Saturday of every month from 10-11:30. Clients of the pantry can shop and choose items they will use, just like in a store. They also can get perishable items, like meat, milk, or eggs. They are happy to have volunteers and donations. We volunteered for the Farmer's Share Breakfast at Expo which benefits the Peoria County Farm Bureau and 100% of our group members helped. We also participated in donating Birthday Bags which benefits Midwest Food Bank. Members are involved in SPIN clubs including the Garden SPIN and the Archery SPIN. Annemarie and Seattle participated in the Clover Clinic. For upcoming events: we will participate in the paper clover fundraiser at Tractor Supply, have a horse clinic, a leather workshop, and learn embroidery.

Submitted by, Grace Kookan

JUBILEE PATRIOTS

MARCH: The March meeting was called to order by President Catherine Mattern. The pledges were said and roll called was called. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. After the meeting we had a family game night and played bingo. Thank you to Mr. Bob Forney for being our bingo caller.

APRIL: The April meeting was called to order by President Catherine Mattern. Pledges were said by Quinn Maue. Secretary Silas Mattern called roll call. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Ashlyn Slayton read the treasurer's report. Breanna Hayes reported that the archery spin club had met and practiced shooting targets. Silas and Catherine Mattern reported on the service learning meetings and explained how our club could use service learning. Jenessa Unicker reported on the federation meeting. She reported the federation had a quick meeting and put together birthday bags. Ashlyn Slayton reported that the Peoria County 4-H Livestock Judging Team had a competition this past weekend at Blackhawk East College and all members placed well. Our club was able to donate 20 birthday bags to the local food pantry. Orrin, Anna, and Quinn Maue gave talks and demos. After the meeting was adjourned the members played a game and had snacks.

Submitted by Ashlyn Slayton, Reporter



DUNLAP DYNAMITE

FEBRUARY: The February 2019, Dunlap Dynamite meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge led by Caroline. New business included online enrollment status, project books that were in, and highlights from the Clover News. We talked about the 4-H Fair cover design contest and planned shifts to help at the Peoria Farmer's Breakfast on March 9th. The next club meeting was scheduled for March 10th. For our activity after the meeting, we put together 10 birthday bags for local food pantries.

MARCH: The Dunlap Dynamite 4-H club held our March meeting on the 10th, with Caroline leading the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge. Roll call was answered with favorite vacation spots! We started with a report out on the Farmer's Breakfast that was held at the Expo Gardens. During the meeting new business covered upcoming project enrollment deadline of May 1, and highlights from the Clover News. The members confirmed that we will be participating in the National 4-H Day of Service at the end of April, and we will confirm date and location during our April club meeting.

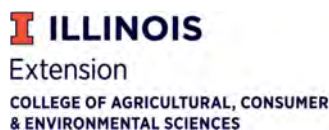
At the end of our meeting we did a salt painting art activity with Karen. The next club meeting will be held on April 14th at 6 pm at Prospect United Methodist Church in Dunlap.

Submitted by Caroline Tautkus, Reporter

Club Reporters

What's happening in your club? We'd love to hear about it so we can highlight your club activities and events. Please remember to submit your monthly club meeting report to the Extension office at: ludolph@illinois.edu

Invite a friend to join 4-H



I am Carrie Gill, a member of the Laura Winners 4-H Club. Back in December, I attended a training to join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H team. During the training, I learned how to tell my 4-H story to the legislators. On March 25, I went to Springfield with the group to talk with the legislators. It was so fun and I got to hear other 4-Her's stories and how 4-H has made a difference in their lives.

I met with Rep. Ryan Spain and discussed with him what is happening in Peoria County and I told him my 4-H story and how it is so important to me. I enjoyed seeing how our elected officials work and how busy the Capitol building is. The best part of the day was being able to explain how passionate I am about 4-H.

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Midnight Riders

Arianna Barry

Neighbor Kids

Tyler Hedge

Jubilee Patriots

Sydney Purtle

Video SPIN

Kirsten Polk

Kayana Polk

Phillip Gestrine

Nick Johnson

Joshua Gay



Longer, bigger, better.

See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-

Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration is open at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29.

The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided.

Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. Email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu if

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food
- Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – **NEW**
- Ag & Natural Resources – **NEW**
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.

4-H Enrollments

Check with your 4-H Leader to make sure you are enrolled in the right projects.

May 1, 2019 is the deadline for making changes (except for those livestock projects that had a January deadline). Young persons may join 4-H at any time of year, but to exhibit at the 4-H show they must be enrolled at the county Extension office by May 1 of each year.

Show book Changes

OOPS! The following changes did not make it into the 2019 4-H Show Book: Rabbit Show will start at 9:00 am instead of 10 am and the Swine Show will start at 9:00 am instead of 8:00 am.

2019 Peoria County 4-H Show Books are ready!

The 2019 Show books are printed and available. If you do not already have one please check with your leader. There will be one per family. Be sure to read your show book for rules, deadlines and new project exhibit descriptions. Many projects will have requirement changes so be sure to look up all of your projects and read the requirements carefully. Each department has Superintendents listed and they are available to answer questions about classes in that department. It is also available online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/peoria4h>



SCHOLARSHIPS

So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

State Fair News

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.

Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest—

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Entry deadlines approaching

Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show—June 1

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is June 1. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

4-H Poultry Judging Contest

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.

You be the judge...

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 a.m. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. 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 at go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day.

The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

Horse and Pony entry dates

For the Peoria County 4-H Show copies of the ownership and/or lease papers and one set of photos are due May 1.

State Fair entries for Horse and Pony are due on or before June 1, 2019. Copies of the ownership and /or lease papers, State Fair entries and one set of photos will be due June 1.



Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H

members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

NOTE: The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

The *2019 Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book*

The State Fair Premium Book was posted on January 31, and is now available for viewing on the Illinois State Fair website. The premium book may be accessed by opening the 'Competitions' tab at the top of the home page and then scrolling down to 'Entry Info/Premium Books'. Open that page and then scroll down to 'Livestock 2019'. You may double click on that title, 'Livestock 2019', OR scroll down to the end of the paragraph and double click on the bullet point 'Livestock Premium Book'. For your information, entry forms are being reviewed and will be posted on the page at the end of March.



Let's Make a Difference With Service Learning

April 30, 2019

10 Gallon Challenge is coming!

We are excited to announce that we'll be doing the 10 Gallon Challenge as our unit-wide service learning project! This project was proposed by Kassandra Haage and the Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club in Peoria. It is a continuation of a national social media campaign, and provides exciting opportunities for community engagement, generosity, and education! You can learn more about it [here](#).

We'd like to invite you to be a part of the Service Learning Leadership Committee that will take charge of guiding this project throughout Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties. [The first Leadership committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office](#). This is a great opportunity for older youth to gain leadership experience and work with teens from other clubs. All teens are encouraged to participate. Future meetings will be held in the evenings or on weekends, and can be done either virtually or in-person, depending on the needs of the committee members. Please contact Cathy, ludolph@illinois.edu by April 15th to express your interest.

We'll be providing more information about how you and your 4-H club or group can participate in the 10 Gallon Challenge as the leadership committee determines these details. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in our community!

ASM Materials Engineering Camp - 2019

July 22 - 25, 2019 / Bradley University, Peoria

This 4 day summer day camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school in the fall of 2019 that are highly motivated, inquisitive learners, with math and science aptitude. The camp will utilize fun hands-on learning experiences involving math, physics, and chemistry. There will be:

- Hands on metallurgical experiences through foundry and blacksmith activities.
- A unique team-based, intensive problem solving, science experience, under the direction of a distinguished "Materials Mentor" professionals.
- Combination of mini demonstrations, field trips, and laboratory activities to actively explore materials science & engineering principles.

Thirty full scholarships will be provided to selected participants. All selected students receive FREE tuition, knowledge, meals, and fun activities. Applications are due May 10. The application form is available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/EyRehcz9CI>. Submit current high school transcript (unofficial is allowed) to Ashley Patenaude @ patenaude_ashley@cat.com.

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