



May 12, 2020

To All 4-H Members and Families:

I hope this letter finds each of you safe and well! The 4-H staff wishes you a sunny, spring day and lots of smiles in this very uncertain and ever-changing history making time of response to COVID-19. 4-H and University of Illinois Extension in Unit 27 must follow the guidelines set forth by the University of Illinois and have our 4-H families health and safety in the forefront of those decisions.

At this time the local 4-H coordinators are ready to take the next step to planning for summer exhibitions in all five counties of Unit 27. **This is a necessary step for all members wishing to exhibit 4-H projects in the 2020 county 4-H exhibitions, also referred to as 4-H shows. 4-H project pre-registration includes public speaking, small animal, large animal, shooting sports and general project areas.** At this time, pre-registration is for ALL members, **regardless if** the format of your county show is virtual or in-person. QAEC for small animals and YQCA for large animals **MUST** be completed by May 31, 2020 to exhibit those projects, NO exceptions. **ALL Members – Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union counties MUST pre-register by May 31, 2020.** At the current date, May 11, 2020, we are planning for June shows to be a virtual format. In early June a decision will be made regarding July exhibitions/shows, then in July a decision will be made for August exhibition/shows. *Please note, these are not local decisions, they are made through the University of Illinois, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois 4-H, Illinois Public Health and Center of Disease Control.*

If a member is not pre-registered they will **NOT** be allowed to advance as a state fair delegate on state fair eligible projects or be premium eligible. If the deadline is missed, and a member would still like to exhibit a project, they **will** be allowed an exhibition opportunity, but will not be state fair or premium eligible. If a member pre-registers and decides they do not want to exhibit/show at a later time that is the member's choice. So please pre-register if you are interested in the exhibition opportunity and wait for the follow up information on your county show/exhibition that will be sent to only those who pre-register in early June. *Please note: The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year, for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premium, premium amounts may not be guaranteed.*

The 4-H Staff locally recognizes this is not the format, at least for June, which our members had hoped for, but we feel strongly that in the midst of this response to COVID-19 we can band together and highlight all that we do every day that represents an array of 4-H projects. Why not make this Unit 27's largest general project show? Why not have 100% club member participation? Why not take the time to exhibit one general project? Cooking, sewing, gardening, animal science, visual arts, crops, woodworking, photography, creative writing, pets and so much more! After all...most other extra-curricular opportunities we love so much are very limited currently, let's highlight 4-H and make it shine in Unit 27! *Those members that pre-register and exhibit at least one project in 2020 will receive a 4-H Quarantine T-shirt, as an extra incentive!*

To pre-register, email, call or text your county program coordinator the name of the projects you wish to exhibit by May 31, 2020. This is a final opportunity to take another look at the 2020 Show Book mailed to you in mid-March and choose one or more projects you plan to exhibit.

Example of a text or email:

Sallie Joann Smith – Cairo Pied Pipers 4-H Club - Cooking 101, Animal Science Beef, Visual Arts Clay, Swine, Tractor A

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Sincerely,

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