

# ILLINOIS

## Extension



### 4-H Newsletter

December 2020/ January 2021

**ILLINOIS**

Extension



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### Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

#### December

Nov 30 - Dec 11 4-H in a Bag Registration

24 - Jan 1 Office Closed - Happy Holidays!

#### January

1 Re - Enrollment/ Livestock Deadline!

4- 8 4-H in a Bag Pick- up

11 4-H in a Bag Facebook Live Lesson

18 Martin Luther King - Office Closed!

18- 29 4-H in a Bag: Fresh Chef Registration

30 Beef Weigh - Fairgrounds @ 8:00 am

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### **Enrollment Date Deadlines**

- **January 1st - Re—Enrollment & Livestock Deadline**
- **March 1st - To be able to show at fair**



**Richland County  
Illinois 4-H**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER  
& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**



## New Member Workshop

We will be having a New Member workshop this year but what it will be determined by what the beginning of the year brings with COVID. Please be on the look out of updates that are to come after Christmas Break!



## Beef Weigh - In



Beef Weigh - In will be on January 30th. Please be on the look out in January on what the weigh - in will look like moving forward! If you have any questions or concerns please let Jessica know!

## ENROLL NOW!

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 4-H year at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Use your email address and password you used to enroll last year. If you can't remember your password, just click the forgot password and a new one will be assigned to you. If you can't remember what email you used please contact the Extension office and we can look it up for you. There are a few reminders to re-enrolling this year please see the list below:

1. Your projects you had last year are still listed. If you want to continue to take that project leave them there. If not, please delete them. Some projects are no longer being offered, and there are new projects.
2. After you have selected your project, please make sure to fill out the Illinois 4-H Project Selection & Publication Order Form that was in your Re - Enrollment packet. If this is not filled out and returned to Jessica or Sheri either by mail, email, or by dropping off at the office you will NOT receive any books!
3. There is not a \$20 program fee, again, this year. Please continue through the invoicing process and check the box that says 4-H Check.
4. You will have receive a Risk Form from your leader. We need these forms filled out and sent back as soon as you get them. (**FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY**)
5. Deadline for Re-enrollment is **January 1, 2021 for current member and new members have until March 1, 2021.**

Registration can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww/events>

# 4-H IN A BAG

**Looking for a fun educational activity that you can do from home?**

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

## January

- Explosion in a bag  
(cloverbuds only)
- What's in that bottle?!

## February

-Fresh Chef

## March

-Origami

## April

-DIY Birdfeeder



# Illinois 4-H



## ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERS HIGHLIGHTED IN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VIDEO COMPETITION



### VIRTUAL SHOOT

On November 15th, Dr. Megan Dailey, Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems Director at the University of Illinois, announced the winners of their Food Systems Video Challenge.

The first-place prize went to Julia Heller, a 4-Her from Ogle County currently serving as the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team President and studying Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Second place was awarded to Elaan Bader, a 4-Her from Montgomery County and a Food Advocacy Team member. Both video submissions focused on the role which

each of us plays in shaping our food system. Future video challenge competitions will be made available to 4-H members around the state who want to play a role in a healthier, more sustainable future. See the winning video submission on the Metropolitan Food and Environmental System Facebook feed here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/MFSTIllinois/>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).

## NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).

## NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students 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. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).

# Illinois 4-H

## ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21st for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).

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## 2020 VIRTUAL 4-H SHOOT UPDATE

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports leaders have submitted 267 scores from 124 registered 4-H shooters in the on-going 2020 4-H Virtual State Shoot! This statewide competition runs through December 31, 2020 and awards will be given to the top five finishers in shotgun, archery, and air rifle in January, 2021.

For a list of local 4-H participants or any other questions, please contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

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## BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

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## ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

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).



## 4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL STEM CURRICULUM TRAINING!

We would like to invite you, your volunteers and teen teachers to the **Illinois 4-H STEM Curriculum Training!** This remote-access training is your opportunity to receive hands-on experience in using **Quads Away (Drones)**, **DIY Make and Build (Maker)** and our new **eSports Pilot Curriculum**. Many things have been updated or added to these materials since their introduction to better align with your programming needs in a virtual space. Updated versions of each will be sent out to all participants (and posted immediately following the training). This training is not meant to produce content experts, but rather process experts with the skills needed to incorporate these materials into your programming.



This training will be broken into 3 separate, 2 hour trainings focused on each curriculum topic. Attendees can feel free to attend one or all of them. During the training, participants will be briefly guided through each curriculum and will have the opportunity to do some of the included activities from each. In addition, participants will have the chance to explore SPIN and community club options with the 4-H STEM Team, and other PYD professionals and volunteers. For those that choose to enroll in the Maker training Before December 6th, they will receive a set of materials to complete Activity 1: Popsicle Flashlight from the DIY Make and Build Curriculum.

**Who:** 4-H Educators, Program Coordinators, Volunteers, Club Leaders, Teen Leaders, the University of Illinois Extension IT department, and invited partner-organization members.

**Date and Time:** Friday, December 11th, 2020

- **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM- Quads Away (Drones)**
  - **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM- DIY Make & Build (Maker)**
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM- eSports Pilot Curriculum**

Where: **Zoom call.** A link will be provided with the day's agenda and other details before the training. Please share this opportunity with your local volunteers, club leaders and teen leaders and note that you can register for this training. **Please note that registration closes on Thursday, December 10th, 2020, but to receive Maker materials, you must be registered by December 6th.**

Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to myself or The Illinois 4-H STEM Team at [illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu).

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22105>

## WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

**Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January.** Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).



Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at [Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu](mailto:Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu)

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