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**LEADER AND CLUB
OFFICER TRAINING**
March 12
9:00-12:00

JOIN US!



We are providing a training for our club
leaders and club officers on March 12.
Please be sure to register:

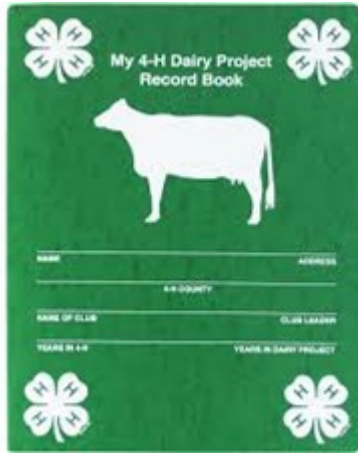
[https://go.illinois.edu/
leaderandofficertraining](https://go.illinois.edu/leaderandofficertraining)

All leaders and officers that attend will
receive a continental breakfast, a
t-shirt and lots of information that
you can take back to your clubs and
use throughout the year!

Monroe County Office
901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

Office Hours:
Monday- Friday:
8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Madison-St. Clair County Office
1606 Eastport Plaza Dr., Suite 100
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax



Livestock Record Books

Don't forget to start keeping track of your livestock in your record book and turn those in by September 15th.

<https://go.illinois.edu/stclairlivestockshowbook>

Recognition awards are given to all youth who submit these books.



If you are enrolled in Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and/or Goats:

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program.

You may complete this training online for \$12 at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

An in person training for \$3 is scheduled on April 14 at 6pm in the Ag Bldg. at Scheve Park. Please register using the link above.



If you are enrolled in Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, Dogs, and/or Cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is required for exhibitors of the above animals, even if you are only doing an animal science project. You only need to complete this training once in your lifetime!

This training is free and can be completed online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
Garden Clubs of Illinois	Available for High School Seniors that plan to study in the fields of agriculture, ag-education, agronomy, botany, forestry, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, plant pathology, and related fields	\$2,250	March 15, 2022	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
National Garden Clubs	Available for High School Seniors attending any U.S. college or university	\$4,000	March 15, 2022	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship	Available for High School Seniors actively involved in 4-H for at least 4 years and resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe.	1,000	April 15, 2022	https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/lu-cille_lester_korsmeyer_scholarship_2022_0.pdf



4-H Madison & St. Clair County Public Speaking Contest

March 15 at 6:00 PM

Good luck to all of our speakers that will be presenting projects at our first 4-H competition of the year!



IT IS TIME TO REGISTER YOUR PROJECTS IN FAIR ENTRY!

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16570>

You can find registration instructions here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/faireentryinstructions>

If you are showing any projects this year, you must complete this final step. Be sure to refer to the St. Clair County Show Book to find your project requirements as well as all livestock information, including classes:

Show Book:

<https://go.illinois.edu/stclaircountyshowbook>

Livestock Show Book:

<https://go.illinois.edu/stclairlivestockshowbook>

Fair Entry and Show Book Webinar

Join Angie Abernathy on March 9 at 6pm for a training on how to register projects in Fair Entry. We will also go through the Show Books and answer any questions that you might have regarding project requirements, shows, etc.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86044937601?pwd=QW4xK3Y5N1lROXJDeDU1RFpKbmhiUT09>

Creative Critters 4-H Club is still collecting plastic lids!

If you have been to Scheve Park lately, you might have noticed a new edition in the form of an ADA table that was built from recycled plastic lids collected from this 4-H club. They have funds to do several more tables, but still need lots of lids! You are welcome to drop lids off for them at our Collinsville office.



We have 4 St. Clair Ambassadors that attended this training on February 19. They are now ready to give a training on Ag Innovations through the use of an escape box challenge! If you would like them to visit your club meeting and lead this hour long activity, please contact Angie Abernathy and we will get you on the schedule.



Cultures & Continents Workshop on the Aboriginal people of Australia

The University of Illinois Extension hosted a workshop on the Aboriginal people of Australia. Those who registered received a copy of the Passport to the World project guide. They also learned all about the Aboriginal culture. The

Australian people are famous for dot painting, so we created a dot painting on an easel. We also made Australian Lamington Cakes which were delicious!



County Calendar of Events

March 9	Fair Entry and Show Book Training 6PM: https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86044937601?pwd=QW4xK3Y5N1IROYJDeDU1RFpKbmhiUT09
March 12	Leader and Officer Training: 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Collinsville, 9-Noon
March 15	Public Speaking Event: 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Collinsville, 6:00 PM
March 28	St. Clair Board Meeting at 7:30PM, 10 Public Square Room B564
April 14	YQCA Training in the Ag. Building at Scheve Park at 6PM: https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login
May 14	4-H Day with the Cardinals: https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022
June 12	4-H Dog Show at Got Your Six Support Dogs: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/dog_entry_form_1.pdf
June 15	Deadline to enter projects into Fair Entry: https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16570

Creative Critters

Katy Lowrance

Katy has been touring around the nation with her rabbits and winning awards all along the way! She has the national winning Blanc de Hotot, which is an endangered breed of rabbit. She was made the national youth liaison for the Hotot rabbit breeders international group HRBI. Katy has traveled to Pennsylvania, she will be headed to Texas in April, then Nevada in October. She has also received several wins at the Missouri state convention.

Keep it up Katy, you are amazing!!!



“To Make the Best Better”



4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:

[Illinois 4-H Foundation Family Spirit Award](#)

Please [contact us](#) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.**

We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!



Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#).



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson
- ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

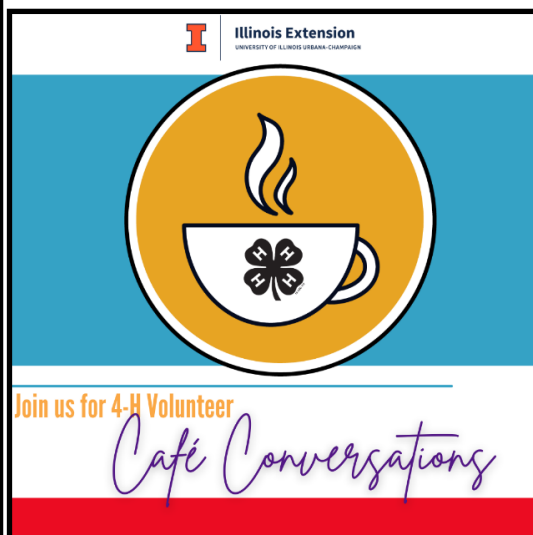
Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois

Training fee is \$50, email angielyn@illinois.edu to register.



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest and share both ideas and challenges.

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **Be Our Guest!**
2. **Under FAIR Pressure!**

Link to register for the **May 19, 2022** Volunteer Café Conversation:



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. **The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!**

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!



***This qualifies as a national event!**



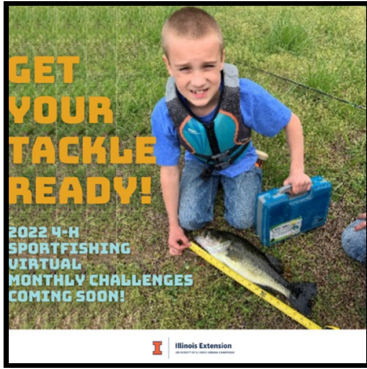
2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H

Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes

only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Link to tournament details published in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local

@JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ **#JOANNhearts4H.**

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/



Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois.

To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

This is a tremendous opportunity to become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee.

This is a great, long lasting club activity!

ILLINOIS  STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We are currently looking for Judges and Volunteers for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Registration for Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Volunteers & Judges: go.illinois.edu/4hpublicspeakingvolunteer

Types of Volunteers needed:

- Judge-Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation.
- Assistant to the Judge-assist the judge with scoresheets, time keeping, etc.
- Door Monitor-Assist with opening and closing speaking room doors at appropriate times and keep track of schedule.
- Registration Table-Assist with check-in of participants. Escort participants to the room where they will speak.



4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for.

Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

- ◆ Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
- ◆ Lead Male/Female Counselors
- ◆ Lifeguards
- ◆ Outdoor Education Director
- ◆ Arts & Crafts Director
- ◆ Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
- ◆ Recreation Director
- ◆ Climbing Tower Director



Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources. Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD!

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM, and Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18 . go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu



Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South 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! Families are needed for July 23 through

August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child between the ages of 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H

Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @

ehugh2@illinois.edu.

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State Calendar of Events

March 1	Virtual Town Hall 7:00 PM https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall
March 1	Deadline to apply for the EPA video challenge https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y
March 2	Deadline to register for 4-H State Horse Bowl and Hippology
March 18	Deadline to apply for the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award http://grants.4-h.org/index.do
March 19	Intro to 4-H Air Rifle competition shooting training
March 26	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Tombstone Range, Marion, IL.
March 28	Deadline to apply for 4-H Youth in Action Scholarship https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0
March 30	Deadline to register for all 4-H State Horse Speech contests
March 31	Deadline to submit to the 4-H Photo Contest: https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest
April	Crappie State 4-H Tournament https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day
April 23	State Hippology & Speech contests at University of Illinois campus
April 24	State Horse Bowl contest at University of Illinois campus
April 30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland College, Champaign
May	Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
May 1	Deadline to apply for the 4-H Family Spirit Award: https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-
May 7	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL.
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June	Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
June 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
June 12-16	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 16	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL.
July 17-21	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping



4-H LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LET'S TALK LEADERSHIP!

- Learn effective leadership strategies to help enhance your club experiences.
- Engage in conversations & activities you can lead with your club.
- Learn more about your responsibilities as an officer and leader.
- Network with other clubs.
- HAVE FUN!

Participants can choose to attend either our Collinsville or Waterloo Offices. Please indicate which office you plan to attend at in the registration below.

Register @ extension.illinois.edu/mms



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19th Annual



4-H DAY WITH THE *Cardinals*

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



May 14

1:15PM

\$25/ticket

*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

*Please note - groups that wish to *sit together* **MUST** submit one order.

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at hilemand@missouri.edu



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New Shooting Sports Air Rifle Club-4H Blasters

Join us on March 5th for a Meet and Greet at 1:30 PM at the O'Fallon Sportsmen Club located at 1018 Scott Troy Rd, Lebanon, IL.

All youth, ages 8-18 are invited to join us. Come on out and help us build some targets and meet Ryan Stoks, the 4-H certified shooting sports instructor. In this club, you will have an opportunity to learn the following:

- the components of rifles and equipment
- rifle safety
- how to use an air rifle
- how to get involved in shooting sports competitions

For more information please contact Ryan Stoks at ryan.stoks@us.af.mil



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