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# ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H Family News



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**4-H Online is open for enrollment at  
[v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com).**

- Select your 4-H club and projects (see page 2).
- Select a shooting sports club (optional). We have Grant Prairie Shooting Sports that will offer rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery. The Staunton Road Rangers offers rifle, shotgun, and pistol. The Winchester Shotgun club offers trap and skeet.
- Select a SPIN club that interests you (optional). We have The Country Clover Journalism club that will run January-June. We also have the Galactic Quest STEM club that will meet Wednesdays Oct. 6-Nov. 17.
- *Thanks to the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, half of the enrollment fees will be covered so each youth will only need to pay \$10 to your club leader.*
- Enrollment instructions: [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/4-h\\_online\\_2.0\\_family\\_enrollment\\_guide.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/4-h_online_2.0_family_enrollment_guide.pdf)

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## 4-H Clubs and 4-H SPIN Clubs

**New to 4-H or just curious about the new SPIN clubs?  
Here's what you need to know:**

1. First, you will want to select your 4-H club. This is a community club that meets once a month and we have several to choose from:

- ♦ Creative Critters-Mascoutah
- ♦ Farmers & Friends-Lebanon
- ♦ New Ideal-Mascoutah
- ♦ Trailblazers-Marissa
- ♦ Turkey Hill Busy Bees-Belleville
- ♦ Happy Herd-Homeschool Group



2. Next, you can decide if you would like to join a Shooting Sports SPIN club:

- ♦ St. Clair Shotgun
- ♦ St. Clair Pistol
- ♦ St. Clair Rifle

3. Finally, you can decide if you would like to join any other SPIN clubs:

- ♦ Galactic Quest STEM SPIN club-Collinsville, meets every Wednesday, Oct 6-Nov. 17 except for Oct. 20.
- ♦ The Country Clover Journalism club-Troy, meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, January 2022-June 2022
- ♦ St. Clair 4-H Ambassadors-Belleville, meets once a month at the Turkey Hill Grange



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

### Club Contest

We are asking the 4-H clubs to create a 4-H promotional display and send in a picture. You might try the library, local bank, community center, etc.

Anywhere to get the word out. The winning club will receive an award and some 4-H schwag.

Send pictures by Oct. 11 to [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu)

### Proclamation

On September 27, the St. Clair County Board issued a Proclamation declaring October 3-9, 2021 as National 4-H Week.

Thank you to the St. Clair Ambassadors and the 4-H Club leaders that were able to attend and say a few words about what 4-H means to you!

## 4-H STEM CHALLENGE: GALACTIC QUEST



**Join Extension and Thomas Foster, a Physics Professor from SIUE on a space exploration!**

This is a 6 week STEM SPIN club where 4-H youth will have an opportunity to complete the 2021 4-H STEM challenge:

- ♦ Make a simple refracting telescope
- ♦ Create and use a Caesar cipher wheel
- ♦ Play "Astro Adventure"
- ♦ Use the Engineering Design Process to design, build and operate a robotic arm with a claw
- ♦ Explore the night sky using telescopes with the Riverbend Astronomy Club
- ♦ Youth will leave with a 4-H Level 2 Aerospace book and model rocket to show at the county show!!
- ♦ Space is limited to 15 so register now!!  
See flyer for more information

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### 4-H Show Requirements

As we begin the new 4-H year, please keep the following in mind. In order to show projects at the county show you must:

- Attend at least 4 club meetings. The more meetings you attend, the more you get to know other 4-H'ers and the more fun you will have!
- Give a talk or demonstration to your club, it's not that scary, you can do it!
- Be enrolled in 4-H Online, and I can help with that!
- Check with your club because they may have additional requirements, such as meeting conduct, community service, etc.



### Stay Safe this 4-H Year by Practicing Safety Guidelines

1. Please wear your face masks if you are meeting indoors.
2. If you are meeting outside and can socially distance, then masks are not required as long as you are vaccinated.
3. Please practice social distancing.



Now that the County and State Fairs are over, what do you do with your project? Did you know you might be able to keep it and submit it in the Madison County Show next year? They have several categories:

- Floriculture
- Horticulture
- Textiles & Fine Arts
  - Cooking
  - Collections
  - Crafts, etc.

Keep those projects safe and watch for Madison County Fair registration information in 2022!

Stay Tuned...





**St. Clair 4-H  
Ambassadors  
end of year  
party at The  
Edge.**

**We work hard  
so we can play  
harder!**



4-H Ambassadors work to promote 4-H in our clubs and in our communities. If you would like to become a 4-H Ambassador we invite you to attend our next meeting on October 14 at 6:30 PM at the Turkey Hill Grange, located right next to Eckert's in Belleville. We are planning on doing a community service project in December for a Parent's Night Out event at Extension. If you have any questions, please reach out to Angie Abernathy at [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu).



# County Calendar of Events

October 3-9	National 4-H Week/See Club contest and Proclamation information on page 3
October 5	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
October 6	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #1, 6-7 PM, see flyer
October 11	Explore with Extension Event, 8:30-4 PM, <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/explorewithextension">https://go.illinois.edu/explorewithextension</a>
October 13	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #2, 6-7 PM, see flyer
October 19	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
October 20	Madison County Board meeting to receive Proclamation, see page 3
October 25	Halloween Pumpkin Workshop, 6 PM, <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/halloweenpumpkin">https://go.illinois.edu/halloweenpumpkin</a>
October 27	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #3, see flyer
November 2	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
November 3	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #4, see flyer
November 10	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #5, see flyer
November 16	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
November 17	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #6 at Willoughby Farm
December 1	Parent's Night Out/Polar Express, 5-8:30 PM, <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress">https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress</a>



### Travel Abroad Update!

## Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline is Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

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

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Instagram: @states4hinternational



Share your expertise in and passion for Agri-Science with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. High school-aged youth are immersed in an agenda focused on agricultural science, food security and sustainability. Sessions will demonstrate why and how Agri-Science is important and how young people can become changemakers. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. [Full details available here](#) and submissions are due by October 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

**OCTOBER 6-17<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



## Paper Clover at Tractor Supply Company

October 6 - October 17 stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events!

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.





## National 4-H Week

Mark your calendars, National 4-H Week is October 3-9! [Flier with ideas available here](#) to get your creative juices flowing as you plan for the week!

Illinois 4-H will also have Spirit Week special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed! More posts and info to come, but here is a preview so you can plan:

- ♦ **Service Project Sunday** – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- ♦ **Member Monday** – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- ♦ **Time Machine Tuesday** – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- ♦ **Why 4-H Wednesday** – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- ♦ **Thankful Thursday** – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- ♦ **Favorite Project Friday** – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- ♦ **Spirit Saturday** – Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.



¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year September 15th – October 15th. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Here are some ideas of how you and your club can get involved!

[Flier available here.](#)



We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in

the photo to [carissa7@illinois.edu](mailto:carissa7@illinois.edu).

### What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- ♦ Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- ♦ Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- ♦ Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- ♦ Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

Instagram: @illinois4h

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/illinois4h](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4h)

Twitter: @illinois4h



# State Calendar of Events

October 2	Rifle State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. <a href="mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu">sinclair@illinois.edu</a>
October 3	Pistol State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. <a href="mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu">sinclair@illinois.edu</a>
October 3	Deadline to register a proposal for the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, see page 7
October 5	Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM
October 6-17	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign, see page 7
October 16-17	Junior Leadership Conference
October 19	Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM
November 1	DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due
November 2	Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM
November 23	Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM
November 30	Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM
December 1	Deadline to apply for travel abroad with 4-H, see page 7

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Space is limited to 15 cadets!  
Registration deadline is Sept. 30  
<https://go.illinois.edu/galacticquest>

## Explore the Universe with Extension

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS OCT. 6–NOV. 17, 6–7PM

WHERE: 1606 EASTPORT PLAZA DR. COLLINSVILLE

COST: \$30

You will have the opportunity to:

- Make a simple refracting telescope
- Create and use a Caesar cipher wheel
- Play "Astro Adventure" to sustain and further space exploration
- Use the Engineering Design Process to design, build, and operate a robotic arm and claw
- Explore the sky with the Riverbend Astronomy Club
- Learn from the SIUE physics department
- Leave with your own model rocket to build and a 4-H aerospace book



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## EXPLORE WITH EXTENSION

NO SCHOOL? NO PROBLEM!  
YOUTH AGES 8-12 CAN  
JOIN US ON COLUMBUS DAY,  
OCTOBER 11, FROM 8:30-4:00

REGISTER BY  
OCT. 6

[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/  
EXPLOREWITHEXTENSION](https://go.illinois.edu/explorewithextension)

SPACE  
LIMITED TO  
20 YOUTH!

- BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND LUNCH
- ROCKETS TO THE RESCUE
- NATURE WALK, NATURE  
SCAVENGER HUNT, AND TREE  
IDENTIFICATION
- VISUAL ARTS NATURE CRAFT
- EXPLORING CULTURES STATIONS

\$30 INCLUDES  
ALL FOOD,  
DRINKS, AND  
ACTIVITIES



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# Halloween Pumpkin Workshop

Join us on Monday, October 25 to create a one-of-a-kind Halloween pumpkin centerpiece with Amy James from the Petaled Pail.

Cost is \$35 and space is limited. You can select an orange or white pumpkin.

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



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# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**Time: 5:00PM - 8:30PM**

**Cost: \$20.00**

Youth ages 5 and up are invited to join us for a ride on the *Polar Express* with Extension, complete with activities, dinner, movie and hot cocoa. All youth will go home with several gifts ready for enjoying or giving.

**Please register by Friday, November 26, 2021.**

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