



4-H NEWSLETTER

July & August 2022



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

Notes about the 4-H Show

Entry Tags: Most 4-H exhibits have entry tags that attach to the exhibit prior to judging and display. Tags will be available in the Extension office after July 12. Anything remaining after July 29, will be available to pick up at the Show. It is important that members be responsible for their tags and remember to bring them the day of judging. The tags should be attached so they are visible to the public, but not blocking anything important on the exhibit.

4-H Office: During the 4-H Show, the 4-H office is in the Parkside Athletics building. Questions, emergencies, paperwork, etc. go there.

Exhibit check-out: Livestock exhibits are released immediately following the Youth Project Auction on Wednesday night. General exhibits are released the same night at 6:30 PM.

Help: Who can help with questions?

1. Extension Staff
2. Department Superintendents
3. 4-H Leaders and then
4. other 4-H members and parents

Poultry Show Exhibitors

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) recently extended the ban on exhibiting poultry through the rest of the summer fair season. This action is to protect poultry from the highly pathogenic avian influenza.

This means a major change for Tazewell Poultry exhibitors. Katharine is working with the Poultry Superintendents to determine the best alternative for an in person show and will email all those enrolled in Poultry the final details, as soon as they are finalized.

In the meantime, please register for ALL the poultry classes you planned to enter in.

Clothing & Textile Judging

Tuesday, July 12

5 to 7 PM

Tazewell Extension office

Email Katharine to reserve your time slot. Walk-ins will be given the next available time. If you would like to have a set judging time, be sure to call & reserve one. Slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

2022 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates:

- Friday, July 8 – 4-H Show Entries Due
- Tuesday, July 12 – Clothing & Textile Judging at the Tazewell Extension office
- Friday, July 22 – QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due
- Monday, July 25 – Creative Writing Submissions Due to Katharine via email (*this allows the judge plenty of time to read through everything before the conference interview on August 1.*)
- Saturday, July 30 – 4-H Show set up, 8 AM
- Monday, August 1 – 4-H Show
- Tuesday, August 2 – 4-H Show
- Wednesday, August 3 – 4-H Show; general exhibits released at 6:30 PM; livestock released following Youth Project Auction; and show clean up
- Saturday, August 13 – Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair

Looking for a way to help at the Tazewell 4-H Fair & Jr. Show?

We are always looking for volunteers from ages 12 to 99. From department assistants to judging assistants to building supervisors to food stand workers and photographers, we have something for everyone to do! If you are interested, please contact Katharine. *If teens need community service hours, this is a perfect opportunity to earn some!*

Parade of Banners

All Tazewell County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in the Parade of Banners on Tuesday, August 2. It will be right after the Livestock Parade in the Livestock Arena.

Each club may select one or two banner carriers (who are NOT in the Livestock Parade). The banner carriers should meet at 5:55 p.m. in the Livestock Arena to line up and receive directions.

The Parade of Banners is a great way to get 4-H members involved in the fair and leadership responsibilities. You can use it to encourage new members or members who want an easy way to be involved.

Pre-Show Superintendents' Meeting

Monday, July 25 at 7 PM
Tazewell Extension office



July

- 7 YQCA Training, 1 p.m.; Tazewell Extension office
- 8 4-H Show entries DUE, 11:59 p.m.
- 12 Clothing & Textile Judging, 5 p.m.; Tazewell Extension office
- 22 QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due
- 25 Creative Writing Submissions Due to Katharine via email
- 25 Pre Show Superintendent Meeting 7 p.m.
- 30 Tazewell 4-H Show Set Up, 8 a.m.

August

- 1-3 Tazewell 4-H Show and Jr. Fair
- 3 Exhibit Pick Up, 6:30 p.m. & livestock released at the conclusion of Youth Project Auction; 4-H Show Clean Up, 7 p.m.
- 11-21 Illinois State Fair
- 13 State Fair Exhibit Day for Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Tazewell Counties; Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame celebration for Tazewell's Hall of Fame Inductee, Wayne Deppert
- 31 End of 2021-2022 4-H Year

September

- 1 2022-2023 4-H Year begins
- 5 Labor Day, Extension office closed

State Fair Honors

All 4-H members selected to take an exhibit(s) to the State Fair must complete a State Fair Exhibit slip (one for each exhibit selected) and turn it into Katharine by Wednesday, August 3 at NOON. If planning to take an exhibit to State Fair, he/she must also attend the county State Fair Orientation on Wednesday evening in the Veterans Arena. **Read page 5 of your Show Book for details!**

2022 Show Book

Check out the digital version at <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/tazewell4hshowbook2022.pdf>. If you would like a physical copy, feel free to stop by the Extension office.



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Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

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4-H Show vs. Jr. Fair

The Tazewell 4-H Show and Jr. Fair is unique in that the youth can be judged twice – once for the 4-H Show and once for the Jr. Fair.

4-H Show Judging: During the 4-H Show, youth are interviewed. The project expert selects the grade and awards based on the interview AND overall exhibit. Exhibitors are measured against standards, *NOT* other exhibitors. This is also known as the Danish System or Group Method. The Danish System of judging examines each entry on the basis of its own merits. In this system, entries are not judged in competition with one another, but rather on the individual merits of a particular entry. All entries will be placed in one of the following groupings.

“A” Rating = Satisfactory, Exhibit meets standards

“B” Rating = Needs Improvement or does not meet requirements

“C” Rating = Poor, Exhibit needs much improvement

Project Experts also select exhibits to advance to the State Fair and trophy winners. Again, these selections should be made based on the conference/interview and done with the 4-H Show judging in mind.

Jr. Fair Judging: The Jr. Fair judging is done *after* all 4-H Show judging is complete and “Jr. Fair Only” exhibits have been added to the lineup of exhibits. The Jr. Fair is a competitive judging experience in which the exhibits are ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th place. This system of judging is known as the “American System.” While the American System uses standards and requirements, it primarily uses the idea of competition between exhibits, *pitting one competitor against another* to establish the rankings.

Livestock Reminder...

Livestock have specific proof of health requirements for the 4-H Show. Be sure to read the Livestock Health Requirements section in the 4-H Show Book on the bottom of page 7, so you can plan to have the tests completed in time.

Sawdust & Bedding

Each 4-H member will be responsible for providing their own sawdust or bedding for the show.

A Message to 4-H Members:

Interviewing with a project expert is a learning experience from which you can learn what you did well and how you could improve in the future. An exhibit does not measure all that you have learned, but it is an example of what you have done.

1. During the interview, the project expert will encourage you to talk about your exhibit.
 - How did you create your exhibit?
 - What did you learn?
 - What would you change for next time?
 - How many years have you been in this project?
 - What did you like best?
 - What was the hardest part?
 - Who helped you with your project?
 - Did you make this for anyone specific?
 - What equipment did you use?
 - What are your plans for future projects
2. Read and follow the rules and requirements for your exhibit carefully.
3. Learn good sportsmanship.
4. Listen carefully to the project expert, so you can accept constructive criticism and learn from it.
5. Remember, a project expert's comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
6. Realize people sometimes make mistakes.

Please...

If parents or youth have questions they would like to discuss with a 4-H project expert, the questions **MUST** go through an Extension staff member or Superintendent. Please do **NOT** approach a project expert directly.

Thank the Donors

Congratulations to all the award winners at the 4-H Show!

Each award is sponsored by a business, individual or family. Without these generous sponsors, no awards would be available. It is very important each award winner send a thank you to the sponsor. The name and information is included with the award. The sponsors appreciate hearing about your 4-H experience. If you are not sure of the donor name or address, please contact the Tazewell Extension office.



4-H Food Stand Sign Up

4-H clubs are invited and encouraged to work one or more shifts in one or more of the food stands: HCE Food Stand and Sweet Shop (in the Livestock Review Building). Shifts are in 2-hour blocks. Individual 4-H families are also welcomed to take a shift, if they would like. Call or email Katharine to sign up for a time slot... or two.

2022 Food Stand Schedules - as of 06/29/22

Monday, August 1		
TIME	HCE (Ice Arena)	Sweet Shop (LRB)
11 AM - 1 PM		
1 PM - 3 PM		
3 PM - 5 PM		
5 PM - 7 PM		
Tuesday, August 2		
TIME	HCE (Ice Arena)	Sweet Shop (LRB)
11 AM - 1 PM		
1 PM - 3 PM		
3 PM - 5 PM		
5 PM - 7 PM		
Wednesday, August 3		
TIME	HCE (Ice Arena)	Sweet Shop (LRB)
11 AM - 1 PM		
1 PM - 3 PM		



Horse Exhibitors & Department Assistants

Everyone should be aware and courteous about Horse members and 4-H members who are volunteering as Department Assistants going through the general exhibits judging lines.

The 4-H Show schedule does not allow the leisure of all exhibits having separate judging times. The Horse Show overlaps other events. Thus, there will be times that members showing horses will need to have their general exhibits judged as quickly as possible in order to return to their animals.

Horse members: If you are exhibiting in the Horse Show and need to have a general exhibit judged, you may go to the Superintendent of the general exhibit area and talk to them about getting through the line quickly. **DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY CUT IN LINE!!!**

4-H members who are volunteering as Department Assistants should plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to get checked in with where they are volunteering and be ready to get judged as soon as the judge is ready.

All members: Please be courteous and respectful if it becomes necessary for another member to get in line ahead of you. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

Horse Paperwork for Show

Horse exhibitors are reminded to bring the following items with them to the 4-H Show:

1. Current Horse & Pony Feed Record
2. Proof of negative Coggins test. The Coggins test must be up-to-date, and the description and markings must match the horse.

Animal Project 4-H Policy

4-H members enrolled in Animal projects were emailed details on the requirements to exhibit each specie. We are still using Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) as the two certification programs in Illinois 4-H.

An in person YQCA training with Katharine is scheduled for Thursday, July 7 at 1 p.m. in the Tazewell County Farm Bureau auditorium (1505 Valle Vista Blvd; Pekin, IL). You must **PRE-REGISTER**. See the email for details.

The Value of the 4-H Show

Dear 4-H Volunteers & Parents,

IL 4-H shows, fairs, and expositions serve as vehicles to foster important life skill development in youth. 4-H exhibitions help to: 1) enhance the project learning experiences of 4-H youth and volunteer leaders; 2) facilitate evaluation, both non-competitive and competitive; and 3) publicly showcase evidence of 4-H project mastery.

Public exhibitions help to recognize 4-H youth for their individual and group achievements. 4-H shows, fairs, and expositions give the public an opportunity to see what 4-H is about. Many 4-H exhibitions provide opportunities for Extension to partner with local community groups to offer high quality learning experiences. Thank you for being a part of this important experience for the youth in your county and the entire community.



Understanding 4-H Premiums

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 premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the Premium Book.

According to the Illinois Administrative Code, Section 260.300 (f) Procedures for Participation in the 4-H Fund, Illinois 4-H members will receive one premium per class exhibited in any premium eligible project. (APF stands for Ag Premium Fund)

Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts or Awards: Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift or award of \$100 or more to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.

Federation: September Kick Off Activity

Date & time is TBA

Tazewell Extension office

This will be the kick-off activity for new & returning Federation members, so be prepared for lots of fun! Federation is open to 4-H members in at least 8th grade. Federations exist to increase the involvement of youth in county programming efforts and developing camaraderie beyond the club level. Formal invites will be sent in August with all the details to age eligible members.

4-H End of the Year Paperwork

The annual required end of the year 4-H club paperwork will be sent directly to 4-H Leaders in mid-August. Please complete these documents in a timely manner, so we meet the State deadlines.

Requesting 4-H Project Manuals

If you need any 4-H project manuals, please complete a request at go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs. Once I have filled your request, you will be emailed, and you can pick it up in the office. This request system will automatically email you any free, downloadable project resources when you select those items through the site.

Remember what matters this summer

As we look toward a summer filled with shows, we encourage you to remember this:

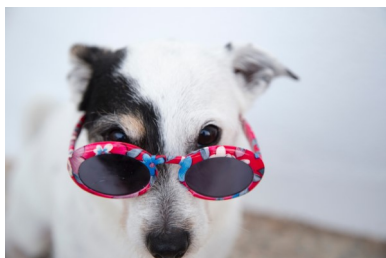
- It's never about winning; it's about being part of something more than yourself.
- It's never about being perfect; it's about being your personal best.
- It's never about beating someone else; it's about beating your last effort.
- It's never about losing; it's about learning what you can do to keep from losing the next time.
- It's never quitting, never giving in or giving up, never selling out or selling yourself short.
- It's learning to lose gracefully and win graciously in the ring of life.
- It's learning that sometimes the break goes your way and sometimes it doesn't, and there's nothing you can do about it but play the game you are there to play.
- It's about respecting your competitor and respecting the rules of the game and knowing the minute you stop either one, you've lost.

~Illinois 4-H

FMPT Unit News



There's still time to sign up for 4-H Adventures in Nature! You'll get nature-based activity challenges that you can complete in July and August. For each month your family completes a challenge, you will receive a digital badge and a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day! The Fun Day will take place at Dickson Mounds on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Visit go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature to sign up or learn more!



Participate in a Fun Dog Show!

A Fun Dog Show is planned for July 19, and will be hosted in conjunction with the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you have been in the Dog Obedience SPIN Club, or are planning on showing your dog, this would be a great opportunity to practice! It would also be a great opportunity to meet kids from other 4-H programs. For information on how to get signed up for this great time, contact John Davidson at johnfd@hotmail.com.

Livestock Judging Contest

The Peoria County Livestock Judging Team is planning on hosting a Judging contest on July 20 at the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you would like to participate, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/Cs41V15zYu4CCAAoQ7> To help out with the contest, or for questions, please contact Kristi Smith at kristis2@illinois.edu.

State 4-H Events

July

5-9	Memorial Camp
16	Shooting Sports Adult Certification
	Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona
17-21	Memorial Camp
24-30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August

10	SYPA General Livestock
11	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
12-14	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
13-15	Illinois State Fair
20	State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
20	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
27	State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

September

9-11	Fall 4-H Family Camp,
17	4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin Archers Pekin
24	4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

October

8	4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington
9	4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois
14-16	Junior Leadership Conference

January 2023

13-15	Youth Livestock Conference
25-29	National 4-H Congress

April 2023

1	State Awards Banquet
8	State Robotics Competition
22	State Public Speaking Competition



News from Illinois 4-H



New for 2022: 4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior. Registration fees have also been lowered and include a T-shirt! Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached.

Find details at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>



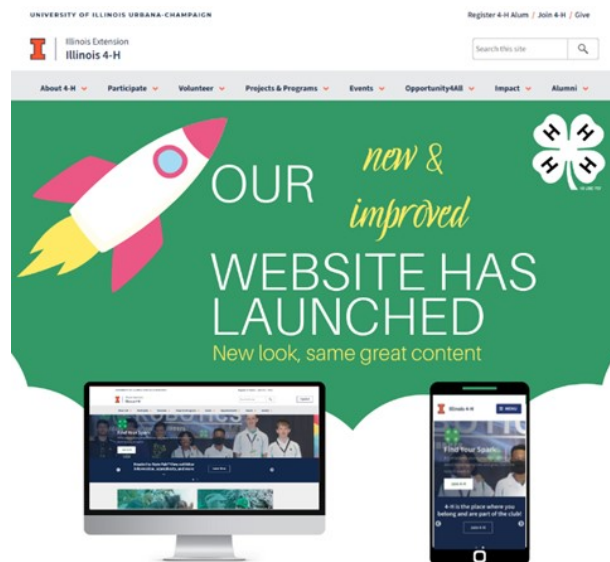
Announcing the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month Opportunity

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to give highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live.

Nominations can be made at the following link:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth>.

Please direct any inquiries to Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist: mbbecker@illinois.edu.



The new State 4-H website goes live 6/29! You'll still find all the info you need on projects, State Fair, events, and more - just with an updated look and cleaner navigation. Head to <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/> to check it out!



Volunteers in action!

We'd love for you to share photos of your volunteers in action for use in social media and the CloverSeed magazine! Please submit any photos through this JotForm:

<https://form.jotform.com/221324595403047>



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4-H SHOW!

4-H Show & Fair Dates

FULTON
General Show - 7/9
County Fair - 7/25-30

MASON
July 25-28

PEORIA
August 3-5

TAZEWELL
August 1-3