



4-H NEWSLETTER

March & April 2022

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

Public Speaking Contest

The Tazewell County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will take place during the last week of March in the Tazewell Extension office (the exact date is being finalized). Members enrolled in this project will be contacted directly with specific details. The Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Illinois Pork Premiere Requirements

- Farrowed **on or after February 10, 2022**. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible.
- Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of twenty-five barrows at the time of tattooing.
- Pigs must be castrated before they are tattooed.
- Barrows must be nominated, ear notched and tattooed **before they are 35 days old**.
- Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pound per day of age when tattooed.
- **All pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2022.**
- If premiere barrows are properly nominated, ownership can be transferred to purchaser for exhibition if ownership deadlines are adhered to.
- To have your pigs tattooed, please contact the Tazewell Extension office to schedule a date and time.

Leaders, Secretaries, & Treasurers:

4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are available online and in a writable format. If you need a printed copy, contact Katharine. The link is:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>.

Animal Project 4-H Policy

4-H members enrolled in Animal projects will be 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.

High School Seniors

If you are graduating high school during the 2021-2022 4-H year, then we want to celebrate YOU! Send Katharine your Sr. Picture to be included in the 2022 4-H Show Book. I would prefer an electronic version of your photo, but I can make a hard copy work, too.

Please include the following information:

- Name
- 4-H Club(s) – (include county clubs as well as State committees)
- If you have had a project focus or favorite project, what is it?
- In a short description describe **ONE** of the following:
- Something you learned during your years in 4-H
- A favorite 4-H memory
- Advice to younger 4-Hers
- What are your plans for next year?
- Are there any 4-H volunteers you would like to thank publicly?

Send to girone1@illinois.edu. Deadline is March 25, 2022.



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.

Superintendents Wanted!

There are several departments in need of Superintendents. Public Speaking and Clothing & Textiles need at least one volunteer each. There is also an opening for an additional Superintendent in the Communications Department. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know someone who is.



Free Baby Chicks

Each year, I offer the Embryology in the Classroom program to Peoria & Tazewell teachers. I will be needing good homes for any chicks the teachers return to the offices.

If you are interested and have proper housing for chickens, I would love to give them to you. The first round of chickens will be ready to go to their new homes on Friday, March 25. We will have a second round on Friday, May 20. The chick exchange happens at 4:30 PM each of those days.

Please contact Katharine at the Tazewell Extension Office to reserve your free chicks. The breeds being hatched for this first session are White Leghorns and New Hampshires.



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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.

Krista Gray

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

Joli Pierson

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

Kristi Smith

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

Katharine Girone

4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H Youth Educator

Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator

Earl Allen, County Director

Deb Balagna, Fulton County Office Support

Paula Lane, Mason County Office Support

Angela Sassine, Peoria County Office Support

Julann Schierer, Tazewell County Office Support

Major Tazewell County dates for the 2021-2022 4-H year:

- End of March 2022 – Public Speaking Contest at the Tazewell Extension office, specific date TBA
- Friday, July 1 – 4-H Show Entries Due
- Early July 2022 – Clothing & Textile Judging at the Tazewell Extension office, specific date TBA
- Saturday, July 30 – 4-H Show set up in the morning
- Monday, August 1 – 4-H Show
- Tuesday, August 2 – 4-H Show
- Wednesday, August 3 – 4-H Show and clean up in evening
- Saturday, August 13 – Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair

Important Tazewell 4-H Deadlines

April 15, 2022: Horse & Pony ID & Lease Forms—Tazewell County 4-H members planning to exhibit their horse/pony at the 4-H Show and Jr. Fair are required to complete an ID form and Ownership or Lease papers and turn in a copy of their current Coggins test to the Extension office by April 15. Packets will be mailed out to members after March 1.

July 1, 2022: 4-H Show Registration—ALL Tazewell County 4-H members planning on exhibiting at the 2022 Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair will need to register for their eligible exhibit opportunities by July 1.

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We need your help to get broadband to everyone!

Internet access is now vital infrastructure in providing our students with a world-class education, no matter their zip code. To get broadband into every home across Tazewell County, we need your help! ***The Tazewell Broadband Planning Committee*** is working to stimulate Tazewell County's economy through strategic broadband investments, mapping, and planning. Please give us your input by taking a 5-10 minute survey. To learn more or complete the survey, visit connecttazewell.com

Horse Ownership/Lease and ID Forms

All Tazewell 4-H members planning to exhibit in Horse projects are required to complete and return proof of ownership or lease papers, photo ID of horses and copies of most recent Coggins test results. All forms and photos are due to the Tazewell Extension office by **April 15**.

Hard copies of the forms will be mailed directly to 4-H members enrolled in Horse projects. If you have any questions, you may contact the Tazewell Extension office or a Horse Superintendent.

Lambs & Goats for Illinois State Fair

Lambs for the 2022 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, nominated, weighed, and tattooed, between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2022 at the local county level. Please contact the Tazewell Extension office to schedule a date and time

Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only)

All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2022 as follows:

- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (closeup photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022.
- Contact the Tazewell Extension office for the form and assistance.



FMPT Unit News

Teen Teacher Information Night:

Monday, March 14th, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Peoria County Extension Office, 4810 N. Sheridan,
Peoria

**Make a difference. Make new friends. Teach others.
Have fun.**

Being part of the 4-H Teen Teacher program is a great way to make an impact on kids in your community! Come learn about the program, meet current teen teachers and eat pizza!

Contact Judy Schmidt, 4-H Youth Development Educator at (309)685-3140 or schmid7@illinois.edu to register

4-H Shooting Sports Archery Club

A Spring 4-H Archery Session open to all youth in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties will begin April 24.

Meetings will take place at Pekin Archers, 2501 Edgewater Dr, Pekin, IL 61554.

Register for this event by April 8, 2022 here:
go.illinois.edu/4HArcheryInPekin



News from Illinois 4-H

4-H Family Spirit Award

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. You can find more information at 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. Please contact the Illinois 4-H Foundation (illinois4hfoundation@mx.uillinois.edu) 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!



Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to

Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application is now open. 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 deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



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.

[#JOANNhearts4H](https://www.joann.com/4-H/).

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/](https://www.joann.com/4-H/)

4-H Day with the Cardinals!

Busch Stadium
May 14 @ 1:15p.m.
Tickets: \$25 each

Register by Mar 31: go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022

Please note: Groups of families or county groups that wish to sit together MUST submit one (1) order.

For ticket/t-shirt questions, contact Rhonda Shafer – 636-528-4613 or shaferr@missouri.edu
For parade/raffle questions, contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu



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>

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. Tournament details coming soon!

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 beginning to learn about crappie at

www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

DATE CHANGE: March 19, 2022

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.

10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer or more information. Register at go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining.



2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local 4-H office and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

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

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

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



Illinois RiverWatch is a tremendous opportunity for youth to become aquatic citizen scientists! Plus, it's a fabulous, ongoing service project for clubs! Consider attending one of the 15 upcoming training sessions set up for March and April - each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at www.ngrec.org/Riverwatch.

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.

4-H Memorial Camp-Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! Join us any of the four (4) Summer Youth Camp sessions in the summer of 2022. Watch for additional information on the 4-H Memorial Camp website (4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping) and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/4-H-Memorial-Camp-95026468854).

Camp Dates:

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





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4-H Adventures in Nature

Starting in April, 4-H will offer a series of five monthly challenges! For each month in which you complete a challenge, your family will receive a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Each month will be a different prize. Plus, you'll get a digital badge to reward your progress! Visit go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature to get started on a grand adventure!



4-H Adventures in Nature

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

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