



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

March & April 2023

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

## Public Speaking Contest

The Tazewell County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will take place on Monday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Tazewell County Farm Bureau auditorium. Members enrolled in this project will be contacted directly with specific details. *This is the ONLY exhibit opportunity for those in the Public Speaking project, so be sure to save the date if you wish to participate.*

The Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is Saturday, April 29.



## Program Fees Due!

Your \$20 per member annual 4-H Program Fee must be paid before I will accept your enrollment!!

You may pay via card through ZSuite, mail a check, or drop off payment at the U of I Extension office. Checks should be made out to University of Illinois.

Also, we still offer the "Family Discount". Each youth member in your family after the third is free.

Payment needs to be received ASAP. Deadline is April 1, 2023. *If paying this fee causes financial hardship, please contact Katharine to discuss a fee waiver.*

## Illinois Pork Premiere

- Farrowed **on or after February 10, 2023**. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible.
- Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 25 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, 2023.**
- To have your pigs tattooed, please contact Rich Lessen, 309-264-0592, or U of I Extension, Tazewell County.

## Countywide Service Project

Sign your club up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44aea72ea3ffce9-tazwell/18826309#/> for the supplies you will be contributing. Individual families are welcome to contribute, too!

## Happy Birthday, Tazewell County!

Tazewell County 4-H Federation is hosting a "Birthday Bags" service project. We are challenging all of Tazewell's 4-H clubs to help gather supplies for 75 bags. Supplies may be dropped off April 10-14 at the U of I Extension office.



Each Birthday Bag contains:

- Box Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Birthday Card
- Gift Bag

Small (inexpensive) gift for specific age group  
Balloons, party hats, streamers, etc.

## Free Chicks Available

Each year, 4-H offers Embryology in the Classroom to Peoria & Tazewell classrooms. Teachers hatch the chicks in their classroom, and then return the ones without homes. They will be straight run and a variety of purebred laying breeds from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Poultry Farm.



If you are interested and set up for chickens, please contact Katharine at [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) with the number of chicks and which office you will be picking up at to reserve your chicks. Pick up will be Friday, March 24 at 4 PM at the U of I Extension, Peoria and Tazewell County offices. A second hatching will be available Friday, May 19.

## Superintendents Needed!

We are in need of several Superintendents for the 2023 4-H Show! Departments include: Crops and Mechanical Sciences. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know of someone who is!



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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

## 4-H Events

### March

- 11—Clovers Around the Counties: Geology & Gardening w/ Pollinators Workshops, 10 a.m.
- 18—Clovers Around the Counties: Rabbits & Poultry Workshops, 10 a.m.
- 19—Archery Workshop, Havana, 2 p.m.
- 24—Chick Exchange, 4 p.m.
- 25—Clovers Around the Counties: Food Decorating Workshop, 9 a.m.
- 25—Agriculture and Americana Day at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, 12 p.m.

### April

- 3—Public Speaking Contest, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-14—Birthday Bag Supply Drop Off
- 15—Horse Lease/ID papers due
- 17—Federation: Birthday Bag Packing, 6 p.m.
- 22—Adventures in Nature Kick Off Day, Wildlife Prairie Park, 10 a.m.

### May

- 19—Chick Exchange, 4 p.m.

### July

- 1—4-H Show Entries due
- Early July—Clothing & Textile Judging, TBA
- 29—4-H Show set up in the morning
- 31—4-H Show

### August

- 1—4-H Show
- 2—4-H Show & clean up in evening
- 13—Tazewell's Day at Illinois State Fair

## Scholarships Available

I've had some scholarship opportunities come across my desk. As I don't have room to share all of them here, feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in learning more about any of them. I also plan to forward on any of these opportunities via email to youth eligible for them.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

# 2023

CHECK WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, FFA ADVISORS, & TCFB OFFICE FOR APPLICATIONS!

QUESTIONS?! CONTACT TAZEWELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
PHONE: 309-347-3165  
EMAIL: TAZEWELLCFB@OUTLOOK.COM  
OR VISIT WWW.TAZEWELLCFB.COM

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## Lambs & Goats for Illinois State Fair

### Premiere Lambs:

Lambs (wethers & ewes) for the 2023 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, nominated, weighed, and tattooed, between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2023 at the local county level. Please contact Rich Lessen, 309-264-0592, or U of I Extension, Tazewell County to have your lamb(s) tattooed.

### 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 2023 as follows:

- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb/goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (closeup photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). Nominations must be signed by the local U of I Extension office.
- This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023.
- Contact Katharine for the form and assistance.

## Horse/Pony Paperwork

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 U of I Extension 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 U of I Extension or a Horse Superintendent.



## 4-H Animal Project 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.

Stay tuned for upcoming dates on local YQCA trainings!

## Archery Workshop - Making a Leather Arm Guard

Sunday, March 19

U of I Extension, Mason County, lower level 2-4 p.m.  
Space is limited, so call 309-543-3308 now!

\$5.00 fee

Every youth will make and take a hand crafted leather arm guard suitable for 4-H archery events.

Register by Friday, March 17.

**SAVE THE DATE**

STEM Academy  
July 17-21, 2023

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Build your tech skills and make new friends at this amazing summer program! Get the most up-to-date details by signing up for our eblast list at [go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast](http://go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast). (Select STEM programs.)

**4-H TEEN TEACHERS**

snacks, friends, and fun!

Scan the QR code for more info!

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**BECOME A TEEN TEACHER!**

The graphic shows a group of four teenagers sitting around a table, looking at a tablet. A QR code is on the left. The 4-H logo is in the bottom right.

## BECOME A TEEN TEACHER!

Join us on an adventure to develop your leadership skills, make new friends, teach young people, and make a difference in your community! 4-H Teen Teachers lead fun, hands-on activities, while getting great experience! Join anytime throughout the Spring. Training sessions are held at U of I Extension, Peoria County Office, and upcoming dates include:

- March 27 – 6 pm
- April 24 – 6 pm
- May 22 – 6 pm
- June 7-9 – 9 am to 3 pm

Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program](http://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program) or email Judy at [schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu).

# Clovers Around the Counties!



Geology - \$5  
March 11 | 10am | Fulton County

Gardening with Pollinators - \$5  
March 11 | 1pm | Fulton County

Rabbits - \$5  
Mar 18 | 10am | Mason County

Poultry - \$5  
Mar 18 | 1pm | Mason County

Food Decorating - \$10  
Mar 25 | 9am-12pm | Mason County



Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC)

We still have lots of Clovers Around the Counties fun coming up! Don't miss the amazing workshops happening in March! Learn more or register at [go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC).



## SAVE THE DATE

### 4G STEM Camp

GIRLS + GADGETS + GAMES - GENIUS

DATE: JUNE 26-30, 2023

LOCATION: BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Registration will open March 1  
For more information: <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt>

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BRADLEY University

4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers. Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp).



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES IS BACK!

SUMMER 2023



## Illini Summer Academies

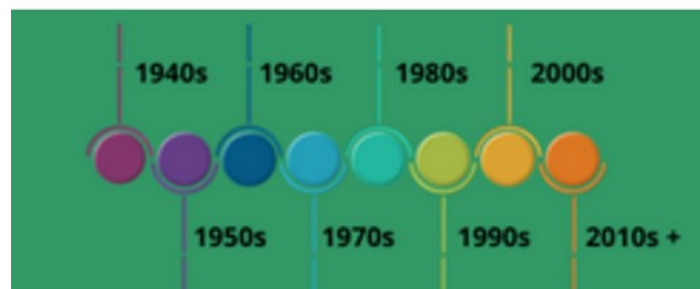
Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Stay tuned for registration this spring!

## News from Illinois 4-H



4-H members, alumni, families and their friends are invited to join us for the 20th annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, May 20. Learn more or register by March 31st at [extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023](https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023).

## 4-H By the Decades



## 4-H BY THE DECADES 1990s - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1990's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! *Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association*

Register by Friday, March 17 - <https://form.jotform.com/230454284435152>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, March 20.



Get your tackle ready! The 2023 4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming later in March!

- April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

## Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Are you ready to get outside for a fun family weekend? We are kicking off the summer with **Family Camp** at **4-H Memorial Camp** on May 19-21, 2023! Find more information and registration forms at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp).

Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt ([hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu)) or Andy Davis ([ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu)) at (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## 2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
 Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery;  
 Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour “field days” which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair, Illinois 4-H State Office at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)



## National 4-H Day of Service is Coming!

4-H members continuously demonstrate they are *True Leaders* by providing amazing service to their communities! And **April 22**, the *National 4-H Day of Service*, is another great opportunity to “pledge your hands to larger service!” Be sure to share your stories of how you and your club are supporting your community (on April 22 or anytime throughout the year) by visiting [4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service). Here, you can register your event or report your service. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the [Illinois 4-H Website](http://Illinois 4-H Website), so make sure to use the reporting link to document your positive efforts.



## 4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!



Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus! On this trip, teens will be able to experience Washington DC during an amazing week, **July 2 – 7, 2023!** The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. Estimated cost is \$2000 (dependent on number of participants). Register at [4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340](http://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340) by **March 6, 2023** to reserve your spot! Learn more at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus) or contact Patricia McGlaughlin at [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu)

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## KICK-OFF EVENT

Our 4-H Adventures in Nature Kick-Off Event will take place at Wildlife Prairie Park on Earth Day, April 22, 2023 at 10am-12pm! (Register now for discounted admission.)

-  Explore the park and do fun, 4-H activities!
-  Tour the 4-H Great Learning Garden!
-  Receive a free nature journal!
-  Participate in a service project!

## 4-H ADVENTURES in NATURE

Every month (April through August), we'll email you nature-based activity challenges that you and your family can complete together - whenever and wherever works for you!

Families can earn digital badges each month by completing at least one challenge, and earn a special prize by completing challenges in all 5 months of the program!

Use the link or QR code to register! The watch your email for more info and your monthly challenges.



## REGISTER NOW!



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