

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

May & June 2023

## Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates! The opportunities ahead of you are endless!

I know many of you are looking ahead to the end of the school year. You are so close! With school ending, this means summer activities will soon be in full swing. Be sure to make time for your 4-H projects because before we know it the 4-H Show will be here.

We have a lot of new 4-H families this year, so please do not hesitate to contact myself or your club leader(s) if you have a question or two. There is a lot to take in, so we want to make sure everyone understands what is going on. I am looking forward to hosting a “Prepare for the 4-H Show” workshop for youth AND adults in the coming weeks, so be on the lookout for that information to be shared soon.

Enjoy the longer days and the fresh scents of spring!

*Katharine*

Katharine Girone  
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## Annual Program Fees are Due!

Don't Forget to Pay your 2022-2023 4-H Program Fees!

Invoices will soon be sent to the 4-H members that opted to pay via check and have not already paid. If you believe this maybe you (or your child(ren)), feel free to check in with Katharine. Checks should be written out to *University of Illinois*. Again, 4-H program fees are \$20 per youth annually.



## Congratulations Horse Bowl & Hippology Participants!

Tazewell County had five members compete in the regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest on Saturday, March 18 in Champaign.

These young people began studying and practicing back in January, and all their hard work and dedication paid off. The Tazewell Junior team brought home 1st Place in Horse Bowl! Hanna Koch was 2nd in High Point and Reagan Zeigler was 3rd in High Point.

Results for the Hippology contest are as follows:  
Hannah Koch—1st in Junior division  
Reagan Zeigler—3rd in Junior division  
Rose Birkey—5th in Intermediate division  
Lauryn Snider—8th in Intermediate division  
All placements advanced to the state contest!

On April 22 and 23, the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests were held in Urbana. At this time, I have not received the state results. I will share those once I have them.

## Congratulations Public Speaking Members!

On Monday, April 3, 12 Tazewell 4-H members participated in our Public Speaking Contest. All the speakers did a fantastic job, and covered a wide variety of topics. I know I learned several new things from these outstanding youth!

Participants included: Oliver B., Victoria B., Kaitlyn B., Keziah F., Frankie F., William F., Adrian L., Patrick L., Kara R., Lily R., Jillian S., and Trina S.

William F., Jillian S., and Trina S. were selected to represent Tazewell County at the Illinois State Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, April 29 in Champaign.

Keziah F. was selected as the 2023 Tazewell County Outstanding Public Speaker and will receive a trophy during the 4-H Show Award Night.



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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

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**Paula Lane**, Mason County Office Support

**Angela Sassine**, Peoria County Office Support

**Julann Schierer**, Tazewell County Office Support

## Congratulations 2023 Graduates!

**Hannah Albrecht, Morgan Baer, Nell Grove, Luke Pratt, and Lydia Rogers**

Tazewell 4-H has been lucky to have these young adults as part of its family, and I hope they always carry a bit of their 4-H knowledge with them wherever life takes them. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the opportunities ahead of you are endless!



## Food, Fun, and 4-H!

Oklahoma State University's popular summer cooking program, Food, Fun, 4-H, is back with exciting new content straight from their kitchen to yours! This free program is perfect for 4-H members of all ages. Experienced 4-H chefs can test their independence and culinary skills as they participate in Food, Fun, 4-H, while younger members can work with a parent or caring adult to create their recipes! Cook up fun all summer long - as this program runs from May through August!

Participants will receive four monthly themed recipes for one complete meal, educational information, nutritional facts, conversation starter topics, and ideas for a family activity.

Look for emails to arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month!

**Registration is free and open to all 4-Hers and closes on May 11.** After you register through ZSuite, you will need to register with Oklahoma State University. *A link will be emailed to you!* Sorry for the extra step – but we want to have a record of your participation in this activity! *This STATEWIDE activity can be reported on your year-end award applications as Food, Fun, and 4H with OSU.*

The first 75 families who register will be entered into a drawing to win one of five kitchen utensil kits!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan Sloop, Illinois 4-H Healthy Living Specialist, at

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## Help Needed at the 4-H 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 at [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu). *If teens need community service hours, this is a perfect opportunity to earn some!*

## Horse Ownership/Lease and ID Forms

All 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 Extension office by **Monday, May 15**.

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

## Lambs & Goats for Illinois State Fair

Lambs 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 the 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 2023 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 U of I Extension office.
- This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023.
- Contact the U of I Extension office for the form and assistance.

## Requesting 4-H Project Manuals

If you need any 4-H project manuals, please complete a request at [go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs](http://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.

## 2023 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates

- Saturday, July 1 – 4-H Show Entries Due
- Thursday, July 13 – Clothing & Textile Judging at the Tazewell County Extension office
- Friday, July 14 – QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due (*required for animal project exhibitors; details will be emailed directly to those enrolled in appropriate projects*)
- Saturday, July 29 – 4-H Show set up in the morning
- Monday, July 31 – 4-H Show
- Tuesday, August 1 – 4-H Show
- Wednesday, August 2 – 4-H Show and clean up in evening
- Sunday, August 13 – Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair

## Parade of Banners

All Tazewell County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in the Parade of Banners on Tuesday, August 1. 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 PM 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.



## Superintendents Wanted!

There are several departments in need of Superintendents. Crops, Sheep, and Mechanical Sciences need at least one volunteer each. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know of someone who is.

## 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.



**4G STEM Camp**  
GIRLS + GADGETS + GAMES = GENIUS

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY  
JUNE 26-30, 2023  
COST: \$175

Open to girls going into  
6th, 7th, and 8th grades



Learn more or register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/4Gstemcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Gstemcamp)

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 [go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp).



**STEM ACADEMY**

JULY 17-21, 2023  
9-NOON

[go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](http://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy)

[STEM Academy](http://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy) is an exciting opportunity that will allow young people to build their own voice assistant, explore Chat GPT, and learn about AI. Youth will get hands-on experience with machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics, all while creating their project. This year's STEM Academy will also educate students about ethics in using artificial intelligence. Youth will hear from leaders in the field of machine learning, as well as others who navigate the use of ChatGPT and other voice assistants.

Cost: \$25.

Location: Goodwill Commons, 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614

Learn More: [go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](http://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy)

## BECOME A 4-H 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:

May 22 – 6pm

June 7-9 – 9am to 3pm

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).

## 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!

[go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge)

## State Fair National Anthem Auditions!

We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link: [go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem](http://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem). Please submit by June 15, 2023 and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details: Need to be available the morning of August 11th, 2023 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. Must be a 4-H member to audition



**HEALTHCARE CAREER EXPLORATION SUMMER ACADEMY**

Register Now!  
[go.illinois.edu/HCSA](http://go.illinois.edu/HCSA)

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Join **Healthcare Career Exploration Summer Academy** to learn what it takes to get a job in healthcare! Open to any youth going into **7th thru 10th grades**. Each Spoon River College campus will host a one-day session lasting from **8:30am-4:30pm**. Thanks in part to funding from the *Illinois Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare (PATH) Workforce Program*, **cost is \$10** and lunch is provided.

Pick the date that works best for you:

Mon, Jun 12 – Havana

Tues, Jun 13 – Rushville

Wed, Jun 14 – Macomb

Thurs, Jun 15 – Canton

Learn more and register at [go.illinois.edu/HCSA](http://go.illinois.edu/HCSA).



## Teen Leader Camp

Ready for the ultimate cool summer camp? Illinois 4-H Leadership Camp is an opportunity for 9th-12th graders to participate in a variety of activities designed to help them understand the fundamentals of leadership, practice effective communication, work as a team, and become self-confident and motivated individuals. And it's all happening July 6-8!

PLUS youth will experience everything they love about camp like swimming, hiking, campfires and more at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello!

Register by June 1 at [go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp)



**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 participate are here:

[go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023](http://go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023)

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

## It's 4-H Camp Season!

Check out all of the amazing opportunities from 4-H Memorial Camp at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs). We'll have Summer Youth Camp, Spring and Fall Family Camps, Camp Corral (camp for youth with military families), and so much more!!! Plus, camp is a great summer job for youth and adults, ages 16+. Information and applications can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities).



## 4-H Shooting Sports State Events Update:

**Intermediate Level 4-H Rifle Coaching Clinic!** 9am-5pm, Sat., June 17, 2023 at River Valley Sharpshooters 4-H Rifle Club, Kankakee, IL. Advance your rifle club to the next level! Contact Tina Odle at 815-450-7162 or [200target@gmail.com](mailto:200target@gmail.com) for details!

**Fall, 2023 State Shoots dates here:**

[4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots)



Are you ready to help shape the next generation? Learn about careers in the child development field while you learn best practices for caring and working with children in our upcoming virtual webinar on **May 11 from 6 pm-7 pm**. In just an hour, you can grow your understanding of how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages. Be sure to bring a kitchen utensil that you think a young child would enjoy playing with for a “show and tell” activity that may surprise you!

Registration is open NOW for 4-Hers in grades 3 and up! Visit [4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20244](http://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20244) by **May 8<sup>th</sup> to sign up!**

## 4-H BY THE DECADES

**Tuesday, May 23, 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 2000s 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, May 19 - [www.jotform.com/build/230640732381147](http://www.jotform.com/build/230640732381147)

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, May 22.



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# FARM SAFETY DAY

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mason County Fairgrounds, Havana

Ages 6 and up

For more information or to register:

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY](https://go.illinois.edu/farmsafetyday)

