



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

Why am I receiving a Tazewell 4-H newsletter?

Wondering why you received this newsletter? Well, somewhere along the way, you requested information about Tazewell's 4-H program. If you need help getting started in 4-H; contact girone1@illinois.edu.

Or maybe, you've had a child in 4-H. Are they re-enrolled for the 2021-2022 4-H year? Even our 4-H volunteers receive a copy, and will need to re-enroll through <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.

These newsletters share upcoming events, opportunities (local, state, and national), tips and assistance, and numerous other resources to 4-H families and volunteers. I highly encourage everyone to take some time to read through them.

If you no longer wish to receive 4-H emails and/or mailings, please email girone1@illinois.edu

Important Tazewell 4-H Deadlines

March 1, 2022: 4-H General Enrollment—Anyone planning to enroll in the Tazewell 4-H program must complete their online enrollment and pay their program fee by March 1 in order to be eligible to register for the 4-H Show exhibit opportunity. ALL projects must be selected at this time! Use the 2021-2022 Project Guide to enroll.

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.

Information to Make Your New Year Sparkle!

Check out the 2021-2022 Project Guide. County offices have the publication, or you can use https://issuu.com/illinois4h/docs/6.28_project_guide_21-22_latest_version-proofed. In addition to projects, you can see events, contests, conferences, and leadership opportunities in the areas you're studying! There are a couple of new project areas, so be sure to look for all your options.

Cloverbuds should select "Cloverbud" as their project. Cloverbud leaders will be able to special order resources to assist with Cloverbud club meetings and project learning.

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.

2022 Steer Tattoo & Weigh In



Steer Tattoo and Weigh In is scheduled for Saturday, February 5 from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM at Greenhaven Animal Clinic in San Jose. All those planning to exhibit steers at the Illinois State Fair must have the animal weighed and tattooed.

Tazewell, Mason and Logan County 4-H are all weighing in on the same day. The schedule is very tight. **It is critical that anyone needing steers weighed, contact the Tazewell Extension Office to reserve a time slot.** The backup date due to weather is set for Saturday, February 12 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.



4-H Online Enrollment Is Open!

It's time to enroll and re-enroll in 4-H! The enrollment process is to be completed through 4-H Online 2.0, <https://v2.4honline.com>. Here are some tips:

Re-enrollment: If you are re-enrolling, do NOT create a new profile. You will need the email address and password you created last year. If you can't remember which email you used, Katharine will look it up for you. If you forgot your password, just use the "Reset password?" option on the login screen. If you paid the \$20 annual program fee via a credit card last year and are planning to do so again, I will need you to do one thing before you START the re-enrollment. PLEASE REMOVE LAST YEAR'S CREDIT CARD. This will eliminate the chance of creating a payment error, if you are opting to pay with a card this year. Instructions on how to do this are at <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/s6fglojjgho05159righ1ij6ig1s12c>. Once you make it to your "Member List" screen, simply select the youth or adult volunteer member you want to re-enroll by clicking on the "Enroll Now" next to their name. **ALL adult volunteers will need to re-enroll, as well.** Please edit any information that has changed. Please double check everything.

New Enrollment: If you are adding a new youth to the family or just getting started in 4-H Online for the first time, contact gironel@illinois.edu or 309-347-6614 for assistance. You may also use the Family Enrollment Guide, <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/8y4pevaqpamd7t4qmdsmuhxpbmj89fss>. Remember, you will have to add at least one project to submit your enrollment.

Please remember, you will not be activated until payment is received. *If the annual 4-H Program Fee causes financial hardship to your family, please contact Katharine.*

Katharine sent out an email on December 14 with details on enrollment and re-enrollment.

To be eligible to exhibit in the Tazewell 4-H Show, your enrollments are DUE MARCH 1!

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

You can pay via card through 4-H Online 2.0, mail a check, or drop off payment at the Extension office. Checks should be made out to *University of Illinois*.

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

Payment will need to be received by March 1.



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

- March 1, 2022 – Tazewell 4-H Enrollment Deadline for 4-H Show Eligibility (*enrolling in 4-H by this date guarantees you are eligible to exhibit in the 2022 Tazewell 4-H Show*)
- Late 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



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>.

Calling all residents of Tazewell County!

Shared on behalf of the Tazewell County Board –

Is your internet slow? Did remote learning leave you yearning? Is a Ring Camera a dream because you can't stream? Is it outrageous that your kids can't watch Camp Cretaceous? Is your Xbox second rate because it can't update?

While the examples above may seem kind of funny... These are the realities of living in rural areas with a lack of high-speed internet options. They are also a sign of the serious infrastructure upgrade that is needed for Tazewell County. Business, education, and healthcare are more reliant on connected services than ever before.

I and the Tazewell County Broadband Committee need volunteers to help up make real change for our future generations of residents.

We need your stories of the real-life struggle. Business, Agriculture, and Academia tell us what you need to get your job done in the connected world? Ultimately, we need your passion as we look to add citizen members to the Rural Telecommunications Committee.

Contact Eric Stahl (eric@planetstahl.com) or Brandon Hovey from the Tazewell County Board for more information or to share your story with the board.

Goats Available

Old Goat Hill in Mackinaw Illinois has quality Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats. Gail's grandchildren have shown them in 4-H in the past. Home of a CH wether and a CH doe. She has an 8-month-old wether and doe that she is offering to a 4-H member at a discount. Any Tazewell County member that would be interested may contact Gail Wagner at 309-712-8158. Others in her herd may also be available.



Stay tuned for your personal invite about Federation coming in January 2022!

Federation is a county wide 4-H Club open to 4-H members who are in eighth grade and up (you are required to be a member in another 4-H Club, too). The group meets throughout the year and gets involved with a variety of leadership and service opportunities.

Horsin' Around Special Interest Club

Do you know someone who is horse-crazy and wants to learn all about horses? We have the perfect Special Interest Club for them! Youth do not need a horse join our fun study group called "Horse Bowl and Hippology".

The group will meet via Zoom for practices on Wednesdays at 3 pm for about three months starting in January to learn lots of different equine science topics and study different reference materials; all to prepare for a Horse-themed quiz bowl game, "Horse Bowl". Members will have a chance to compete at the regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest.

If interested, please text/call Vera Betzelberger at 309-231-6375 or verabetzelberger@yahoo.com.

Web Development through Games Club Begins Winter Session

Register at Go.illinois.edu/WebDev

Are you interested in learning about web development? You are invited to join this club and learn more about web development through HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Club members will create three projects: a simple homepage, a quiz with ASCII animation, and a text-adventure with navigation. This club is intended to help youth interested in web development learn about and practice some fundamental skills of syntax, design, and problem solving. It will help you learn to use the correct coding language to communicate with others, and to give you the independence to make decisions on your own when developing your own work.

Web Development through Games Club

Meeting Dates: every Thursday, starting February 10 through March 17. Club will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Illinois Math Academy in Northwoods Mall. The cost is \$25 (includes 4-H membership fee.) If you are already a 4-H member, cost is \$5. Fee waivers are available.

High School age youth invited to join.

For more information contact Judy Schmidt, schmid7@illinois.edu



Connection Corner Blog

extension.illinois.edu/blogs/connection-corner

Local 4-H educators Judy Schmidt and Emily Schoenfelder write a weekly blog that provides us with timely information, activities, and resources that help us stay connected to loved ones, the world around us, and ourselves.

Recent posts include:

- [3 ways to reduce stress this holiday season](#)
- [Exploring new cultures during the holidays](#)
- [3 ideas to help reduce stress for busy families](#)
- [Youth Mental Health First Aid can help you reach out to youth in crisis](#)

Club Activity Opportunity!

Bring an engaging, hands-on activity to your next club meeting...and introduce your kids to the brand new Cover Crop Science 4-H project. Matthew Hagaman, one of the Cover Crop Science project book authors, would love to visit your club! Activities are free for clubs (thanks to a USDA grant) and last about 20 minutes—though times are flexible. Some of the activities he offers include...

- **Engineering a Cover Crop Harvester:** Conduct experiments & compare/contrast results to engineer a model plant harvester.
- **Cover Crop Life Cycles:** Work with plant materials to sequence the life cycle of a pennycress plant.
- **Making Cover Crop Ink:** Experiment with materials to discover how to make an ink, including oil, water, and an emulsifier.
- **Gene Editing with LEGOs:** Examine parts of 2 different pennycress plants, then use LEGOs to understand the process of working with DNA to improve crops.

If you'd like to learn more, contact Emily at eschoe@illinois.edu or Matthew at mthagam@ilstu.edu

Livestock Ownership Dates

Listed below are the tentative dates by which animals must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor in order to be shown at the County 4-H Shows and State Fair.

BEEF

Steers - February 1, 2022 (calved on or after 1/1/21)
Cows - January 1, 2022 (born before 9/1/20)
Heifers - June 1, 2022 (State Fair — birthdates from 9/1/20 to 3/31/22; County Fair — birthdates from 9/1/20 to 3/1/22)

DAIRY

Calves and Heifers - June 1, 2022
Cows - January 1, 2022

DAIRY GOATS

Kids and Yearlings not in milk - June 1, 2022
Milking Does - January 1, 2022

MEAT GOATS

All meat goats — May 15, 2022
Wethers—Must be registered and tattooed in the name of the exhibitor only by May 15, 2022 (must be born on or after October 1, 2021)

POULTRY AND RABBITS

June 1, 2022 (or out of stock owned prior to June 1)

HORSES — Ownership and/or lease forms must be on file with the Extension Office by your County deadline each year.

SHEEP

Breeding Sheep - June 1, 2022
(Yearling Ewes = birthdates 1/1/21-8/31/21)
(Ewe lambs = birthdates 9/1/21 and after)
(Ram lambs = birthdates after 1/1/22)
State Fair Wethers - May 15, 2022 (lambd on or after 1/1/22) (County Fair — ownership by June 1, 2022).

SWINE

May 1, 2022 (for County Fair)
June 1, 2022 (for State Fair)
State Fair and County Fair gilts must be farrowed on or after 1/1/22.
For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2022 and must be the property of the exhibitor since June 1, 2022. Premier barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2022.
For County Fair Rate of Gain, barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2022 (or on or after January 15, 2022 if not Rate of Gain).

Note that these are ownership, not enrollment deadlines. Livestock enrollment deadlines are determined by your County 4-H office.



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

Volunteer Café Conversations

Mark your calendars now to participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**.

Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, and share both ideas and challenges. The dates are:

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January! Watch for future registration details!

News from Illinois 4-H



Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19 at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM judging starts at noon)

And save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus. The regional contest is tentatively set for March 26 at Parkland College. More details coming soon!



4-H Exchange

Host a young person from Japan or South Korea this summer through States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program. Students are matched with a host sibling by age, gender, and interests, so families hosting must have a child the between 12-18. *Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.*

For more information or to apply, visit:

www.states4hexchange.org.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange)

or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp?

We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping> and on our Facebook page, <https://m.facebook.com/4-H-Memorial-Camp-95026468854>.

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022



Summer camp employees wanted! Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions:

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

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp> towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources. Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



This year's competition will revolve around the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Team, which is preparing curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories (ISS) and The Lab for Advanced Space Systems at Illinois, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, (LASSI). These collaborations will enable Illinois 4-H youth to send experiments to the ISS, and build/launch micro satellites into orbit.

The SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge will take place at the **McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Team registration will open **January 17, 2022** and will close **March 16, 2022**. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. ***This year All Health Forms are due at time of registration and will be accessible through the Challenge Download Link.***

Challenge Download/Documents Folder:

go.illinois.edu/2022CHALLENGE

Register Here on Jan 17, 2022:

go.illinois.edu/4HR2022

Challenge Announcement Video (Available Dec. 14):

go.illinois.edu/224HRVID



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet 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



Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events. Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training. Registration will close January 13.

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

February 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. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

Save the Dates: 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Registration details coming in January, but check out the locations and save these dates!

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)



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Cover Crop Scientists

4-H SPECIAL INTEREST CLUB

Do you love science?
Do you have a passion for the environment?
Are you interested in agriculture?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then this club is for you!

Peoria - Tazewell

Dates: Mondays @ 4:30

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

May 2

Special Sat. Session:

May 7

Tentative Location:

East Peoria

Join us as we dissect plants, conduct soil experiments, explore biodiesel, and take a field trip to real biology labs! Open to all young people, grades 5-8.

To learn more or register, visit:
go.illinois.edu/CoverCropScientistClub

Fulton - Mason

Dates: Thursdays @ 4:30

April 14, 21 & 28

May 5 & 12

Special Sat. Session:

May 14

Tentative Location:

Havana

