4-H MEMBER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

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

Dear 4-H Families,

We survived the March 1 4-H Enrollment deadline to be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Show later this year!! Congrats! Now, the fun really begins. I will be catching up on all your requested project manuals, so please watch your emails carefully for pick up information. **If you realize you need a manual, please contact me directly, as you will not be able to request it through 4-H Online at this time.** Fair registration will again be online, but more information on that in April.

As the days are longer and the weather warmer, I encourage you all to spend some time outside. These early weeks of spring are so refreshing after a chilly winter. It is also a wonderful time to go on an adventure! I know for those us that are calving, lambing, kidding, etc., every trip out to the pasture/barn lot/barn can be an adventure. Invite a friend out to see the new life in the barn or share a photo on social media. Enjoy this time however you decide to spend it!!

This edition is PACKED with information from the county level up to the state level. There are lots of opportunities for new adventures, so be sure to read everything.

Katharine Girone Extension Program Coordinator 4-H Youth Development

A BIG thank you to ALL the Tazewell participants, teen & adult volunteers, and parents who made Clover Clinic a success!! I saw a lot of smiling faces throughout the day!

TRIBUNE

TAZEWELL

Leader & Superintendent Meeting Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Tazewell Extension office 4-H Show Book Pick Up

Spring 2019 Shooting Sports

For those interested in Shooting Sports, please watch your emails. I will be working with the instructors to set the dates for the spring sessions for all three disciplines (Air Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun).

Remember, if you were in Archery last fall (or pre-paid for Shotgun), you will NOT need to pay the supply fee a second time.

Service Learning: 10 Gallon Challenge is coming!

We are excited to announce that we'll be doing the 10 Gallon Challenge as our unit-wide service learning project! This project was proposed by Kassandra Haage and the Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club in Peoria. It is a continuation of a national social media campaign, and provides exciting opportunities for community engagement, generosity, and education! You can learn more about it <u>here</u>.

We'd like to invite you to be a part of the Service Learning Leadership Committee that will take charge of guiding this project throughout Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties. Meetings will be held in the evenings or on weekends, and can be done either virtually or in-person, depending on the needs of the committee members. Please contact Katharine, <u>girone1@illinois.edu</u>, by April 15 to express your interest.

We'll be providing more information about how you and your 4-H club or group can participate in the 10 Gallon Challenge as the leadership committee determines these details. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in our community!

EVENTS

March

- 16 Video /Filmmaking SPIN Club begins, 10 am-2:30 pm, Extension office, Peoria (Additional dates: March 23, 30 & April 6)
- 20 4G STEM Camp registration opens
- 22 Chick Exchange, 4 pm, Extension office, Pekin
- 23 4-H Journalism workshop, 10 am– 12 pm, Extension office, Peoria

April

- 2 Teacher Tuesdays, River City Labs 2.0
- 6 Central Region Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land College, Springfield
- 9 Leader & Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension office, Pekin
- 11 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension office, Pekin
- 15 Required Horse Paperwork Due
- 27 STEM Bootcamp, Bradley, 10 am-4 pm
- 29 Tazewell's Public Speaking Contest, 5 pm, Extension office, Pekin

May

- 7 Teacher Tuesdays, 5 pm, Pekin High School Media Center
- 9 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension office, Pekin
- 17 Chick Exchange, 4 pm, Extension office, Pekin
- 25 Entries for Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show Due
- 27 Memorial Day, Extension Office closed

Two ways to give to 4-H

Paper Clover Campaign returns in March

It's never been easier to support 4-H. March 27 – April 7, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised \$1 million!

Get your Clover at JOANN stores

Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

Tazewell County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



The Spotlight Is On You

The Tazewell County Public Presentation Contest will be held Monday, April 29, 5 p.m. at the Tazewell Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another exhibit area at the Illinois State Fair. Check out the new guidelines under the WHAT'S NEW IN 2019 on page 15.

Running list of State 4-H events: April 13—State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology

14—State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

- 27—State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Galva
- 27—Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Lincoln **May**

4-5—4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello 11—State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington **June**

8—Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur

17—Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest, Champaign

23-27—Illini Summer Academies, Champaign July

- 20-21—4-H Shooting Sports Training, 4-H Memorial Camp
- 22-28—Illinois 4-H Jr. Horse Show

August

7—Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, 4:30 pm, Springfield

- 8-18—Illinois State Fair
- 9—State Master Showmanship Contest, 7:30 pm, Springfield
- 13—Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
- 24—Illinois 4-H Dog Show, Dixon

September

13-15—Family Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp

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Save the date

4G STEM Camp June 24-28, 2019 Registration opens–March 20

4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes 5 days of hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers.

For more information visit https:// web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4gstemcamp/



TEACHER_____TUESDAYS

April 2, 2019 River City Labs 2.0 web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/stem



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Club News

Morton Helping Hands

Each year, the Morton Helping Hands 4–H Club members brainstorm and vote on a community service project for the holidays. They recently (mid –December) made fleece tie blankets to donate to the Guardian Angel Home in Morton. The members worked together to cut and tie 17 blankets in all.

Ethan Boecker, Historian

Club Reporters

What's happening in your club? We'd love to hear about it. Please remember to



submit your monthly club meeting report to the Extension office at: <u>girone1@illinois.edu</u>, so we can highlight your club activities and events.



April Meeting Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Tazewell Extension office

IMPORTANT 4-H REMINDER

A youth who enrolls in a 4-H club must maintain an active status with their club by attending meetings, tours, workshops, or other activities of that club to be called a 4-H member. Youth that do not comply are not eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions that are available to 4-H members.

Tazewell County Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Tazewell County Farm Bureau Agricultural Educational Grant Program is to provide scholarships to college students who major in agriculture, agribusinesses, or an ag-related course of study. The purpose of this scholarship is to enhance interest in and development of quality education of young people in agricultural and related fields.

Eligibility

•Applicant must be a member, or a dependent, of a Tazewell County Farm Bureau member family

•An incoming freshman or current college/ university student enrolled in an agriculture related field in an accredited college or university

•Recipients of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau Agricultural Scholarship are eligible to only win once during their college career

Applications are available at the Tazewell Extension office or can be requested at: <u>tcfberogier@outlook.com</u>. Deadline is April 15, 2019. Please call 309-347-3165 with any questions you may have.

Free Baby Chicks

Each year, the Embryology in the Classroom program is offered to Tazewell County teachers. This year, I am hatching some in the Tazewell Extension Office. I will be looking for good homes for these chicks plus any chicks that the teachers return to us.



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 22. I will have a second round on Friday, May 17. The chick exchange happens at 4 p.m. each of those days.

Please contact Katharine at the Tazewell Extension office to "order" some of the free chicks.

The breed we are hatching are White Leghorn. This breed is very athletic, hardy, non-sitters and lay very nice large white eggs. They produce more eggs on less feed than most chickens.

SPIN CLUB NEWS

The Great 4-H Learning Garden at Wildlife Prairie Park

Create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals.

Starting in January 2019, the club members will plan and design our various garden elements with interested persons of all ages. We will meet the last Saturday each month until spring. Once the weather gets warmer additional meeting opportunities will be added to the calendar.

- Youth ages 8 to 18
- Meeting Dates: March 30 & April 27
- Time: 10 am Noon
- Location: Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City
- Register by calling 309-685-3140

SHOOTING SPORTS Volunteers Needed

If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skill with youth...

Save the date...

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor can mark their calendar for July 20-21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Contact Katharine Girone @ girone1@illinois.edu or call 309-347-6614 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.

4-H Video/Filmmaking SPIN Club

In this fun and exciting "hands on" 4-H SPIN Club youth will have the opportunity to work as a team writing, filming, and editing a short 3-5 minute film.

Dates: Saturday's, March 16, 23, 30 & April 6 Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm

Location: U of I Extension office, Peoria Cost: \$10.00 to help cover the cost of lunch Register Online: <u>Web.extension.edu/fmpt</u> or

call the call the Peoria Extension office, 309-685-3140.

4-H Journalism Workshop

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How

Do you have a nose for news? In this interactive workshop youth will uncover the basic principals of writing stories for radio, TV, newsprint and other media outlets. What makes a good story and the different types of stories are just a few of the topics youth will investigate.

This is a great workshop for 4-H club reporters and anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H Journalism project.

Age: 8-18

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 10 am – Noon

Location: U of I Extension office, Peoria

Register Online: <u>Web.extension.edu/fmpt</u> or call the call the Peoria Extension office at 309-685 -3140.



April 27, 2019

10AM †0 4PM Open to girls in 8th through 12th grades go.illinois.edu/STEMbootcamp

SWE STEM Bootcamp

Dedicated to mentoring, educating, and empowering young women to pursue technical education

Held at Bradley University – Olin Hall

Looking for a summer job?

Do you have your license, love being outdoors, don't mind being out in the heat, and have a great work ethic? Then, you should give Jarrad Kull a call! Jarrad is looking to hire some summer help for his landscaping and mowing business. His number is 309-361-9703.



River Valley Exploration Squad 4-H Club

A 4-H special interest club focused on nature.



Enjoy hands-on class work, field activities, and fair exhibit preparation, as we partner with local natural resources agencies to learn more about:

- IL River Watch
- Birds
- Forestry
- Fish & Wildlife
- Entomology
- Geology
- Water and Air Quality
- Land Conservation



• Open to youth ages 10-18 years

- Meeting Dates: Wednesday, March 13, 2019– 5– 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2019–5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2019– 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019–5-8 p.m.
 - Plus field trip and fall dates to be announced
- Meeting Location: University of Illinois Extension office, 127 S. High St. Havana, IL 62644
- Cost: \$20 Annual 4-H membership fee
- Club Leader: Roberta Clifton, U of I Extension Master Naturalist

Limited class space! Register for this club by enrolling at <u>il.4honline.com</u> For more information, contact Joli Pierson, 4-H program coordinator, at University of Illinois Extension Email: <u>ikpierso@illinois.edu</u> Phone: (309)-543-3308

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MASON COUNTY Jr. Master Gardener 4-H Club



All youth ages 8-18 (as of Sept 1, 2018) are welcome to join the JMG Club! Youth ages 5-8 (as of Sept. 1, 2018) can join the JMG Cloverbud 4-H Club!

The first club meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 beginning at 10 a.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, Mason County Office

- Fun garden activities and hands-on education with U of I Extension Master Gardeners!
- Grow your own food, flowers, and herbs!
- Be a part of a group community service project by helping to grow and donate produce to local food pantries.
- Opportunity to exhibit at the 4-H Show and Jr. Fair.
- Everyone is welcome to join and get their hands dirty!

Meetings to be held at the Mason County Fairgrounds garden, where you will tend your own plot -OR-Lower level of U of I Extension Office, Mason County.

Entrance on south side of the building. 127 S. High St.—Havana Enroll in this 4-H Club at: <u>il.4honline.com</u>

Contact: Joli Pierson, Mason County 4-H Program Coordinator Phone: 309-543-3308 Email: jkpierso@illinois.edu http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/













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You be the judge... Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m.

All participants must be checked in by 9:30 a.m. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams.

Find all the rules and details @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, August 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the State 4-H website,

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4h-poultry-judging-contest, for all the details.

Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day.

The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4–H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

In the past, Hoerr Veterinary Service has hosted a free testing day in mid-July for Tazewell 4-Hers. Be sure to watch future newsletters and emails for a date and time.

Pick your favorite State 4-H Horse Contests

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m.

All 4-H members may participate. No prequalifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by March 15. Cost is \$3 per entry.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27 at Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate.

Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Topplacing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.



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. They will also be available online at <u>http://</u> <u>web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/tazewell4h/</u> under the 4-H Show and Jr. Fair tab.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Tazewell Extension office or the Horse Superintendents.

Livestock Judging Opportunities

If anyone is interested in upcoming livestock judging events all across Illinois, please contact Katharine at the Extension office.



Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration is open at <u>go.illinois.edu/illini4H</u>. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food
- Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering NEW
- Ag & Natural Resources NEW
- Food Science and Human Nutrition **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.

Foundation Hall of Fame

Ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

A-H Raise Your Hand... Yes, GROWS HERE again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.

Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29.

The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided.

Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. Email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu if interested.

STEMbot Challenge announced

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington.

Team registration will close March 31. There is a \$20/team entry fee at the time of registration.

All the details of the challenge are online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics. This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world... STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!

ASM Materials Engineering Camp - 2019

July 22 - 25, 2019 / Bradley University, Peoria

This 4 day summer day camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school in the fall of 2019 that are highly motivated, inquisitive learners, with math and science aptitude. The camp will utilize fun hands-on learning experiences involving math, physics, and chemistry. There will be:

- Hands on metallurgical experiences through foundry and blacksmith activities.
- A unique team-based, intensive problem solving, science experience, under the direction of a distinguished "Materials Mentor" professionals.
- Combination of mini demonstrations, field trips, and laboratory activities to actively explore materials science & engineering principles.

Thirty full scholarships will be provided to selected participants. All selected students receive FREE tuition, knowledge, meals, and fun activities. Applications are due May 10. The application form is available online at <u>https://</u> <u>goo.gl/forms/AxaYaP3Dh2EJ8l4G3</u>. Submit current high school transcript (unofficial is allowed) to Ashley Patenaude @ <u>patenaude_ashley@cat.com</u>.



Plant your own Pollinator Garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees

and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:

Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.

Complete the online application by April 1 @ www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator

If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, <u>kjones@growmark.com</u> or 309-557-6184.

You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.

State Fair News

New in 2019

Extension office will no longer sell parking passes in advance.

Families should plan to pay for parking when they arrive. This will allow you to choose where you want to park (either at any of the private/nonprofit sponsored lots to the right of the fairgrounds road or in public lots on the state fairgrounds). The change was made to make it easier for families in case flooding closes some lots.

Families can still purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at SOME Extension locations. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.

4-H International

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International!

Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong



friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Be aware:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
- Applications are due April 1. For more information, visit: <u>http://</u> <u>www.states4hexchange.org</u>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @

<u>rosenbohm07@comcast.net</u> or Elisha Hughes @ <u>ehugh2@illinois.edu</u>

2019 State Fair Junior

livestock requirements

The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H.

Click on Members. Then Projects. Then choose any of the animal science projects. The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.

Here are important changes about the state fair junior livestock program:

- **Steers**: will be tattooed with a Box A tattoo this year.
- **Market Heifer:** There is no market heifer class at the Illinois State Fair junior show.
- **Barrows**: must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2019 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1. (Local dates may require earlier ownership deadline.)
- Premiere Barrows: must be farrowed on or after February 10, 2019 and tattooed from February 10 – April 15. Box A tattoo required.
- Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: There are no regional sheep weigh in sites this year. Market wether and market ewe lamb exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- Jr. Premiere Wether Lambs: must be nominated, tattooed and weighed at county level with a Box A tattoo. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers:** There are no regional goat weigh in sites this year. Exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- Horse and Pony: Ownership/Lease forms, SF entries, and photos due to State Fair office by June 1.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals <u>AND</u> poster exhibits.

NOTE: The State 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to September 1, 2019.

Illinois Pork Premiere

Requirements

Farrowed **on or after February 10, 2019.** 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, 2019. If premiere barrows are properly nominated, ownership can be transferred to purchaser for exhibition as long as ownership deadlines are adhered to.

To have your pigs tattooed, please contact the Tazewell Extension office to schedule a date and time.

The *2019 Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book* was posted on January 31, and is now available for viewing on the Illinois State Fair website. The premium book may be accessed at https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx. Scroll down to 'Livestock 2019'. You may double click on that title, 'Livestock 2019', OR scroll down to the end of the paragraph and double click on the bullet point 'Livestock Premium Book'. Entry forms are being reviewed and will be posted on the page at the end of March.



Speaking for Illinois

4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program.

Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. It's an all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact.

On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12.

LOGAN COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ <u>go.illinois.edu/sfi4h</u> after March 28.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7–13

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7–13.

4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities.

Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

Work for the Illinois 4-H Foundation

Applications are being accepted for an intern to work at the Illinois 4-H Foundation office from May through August on the U of I campus.

Applicants will assist with event planning, database use, communicating with alumni and friends, marketing, stewardship, and other office administrative duties.

Apply by March 29 by submitting a cover letter, resume, and three references to illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu.

Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

Go to <u>https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-</u>

<u>leaders-in-service/</u> and register your event.

Go to <u>go.illinois.edu/4Hservice</u> and find helpful resources.

Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.

Go to <u>go.illinois.edu/4Hservice</u> after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

Legislative Connection Dates

Illinois 4-H members who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in Legislative Connection at the State Capitol in Springfield.

There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or are completing one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

Reel In a Great Time at: **4-H FISH CAMP**



Who Can Go To Fish Camp? Fish Camp is open to any adult/ child "team" interested in learning more about fishing. Each adult may attend camp

with up to three youth campers. An adult must attend the entire weekend event with the youth campers. It is recommended that youth campers be at least 8 years of age.

What Is Fish Camp?

A weekend filled with fun and facts on fishing in Central Illinois. Help will be given by volunteers, fisheries experts, and U of I Extension staff to enhance your fishing knowledge and outdoor skills.

When Is Fish Camp?

Fish Camp will be held on the weekend of **May 4-5, 2019.** The official program will begin at 10 am on Saturday and end by 2 pm on Sunday. The camp will be held rain or shine.

Where Is Fish Camp?



4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois is the site of Fish Camp. Participants will enjoy plenty of space at this 250 acre camp, a private 16 acre lake full of hungry fish, hiking trails, rustic cabins, and a large dining hall.



Why Should I Go To Fish Camp?

Learn more about how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn fishing tips, new lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

Fees and Registration:

A fee of only \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals (Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch). You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home, too! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at 217-762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at <u>sinclair@illinois.edu</u>



Paid camp counselor positions open, male applicants encouraged to apply

Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello.

You will live onsite at 4-H Memorial Camp the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30-July 4, July 7–12, and July 28–August 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <u>https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp</u>.



2019 4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS Saturday, May 11, 2019



Ticket Orders Must be Postmarked by April 1, 2019!

4-H members, alumni, families and their friends are invited to join us for 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, May 11. The Cardinals will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates in a 1:15 p.m. game in Busch Stadium. Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents/leaders can take part in a parade around the ball field—that's right, participants will actually get to go down on the field and march one time around the stadium behind their state or county 4-H banner. Also, everyone who orders a ticket on this form will receive a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H and Cardinals logos to commemorate the day. Note: Groups of families or county groups that wish to sit together must send their orders in one package. Tickets usually sell out, so order early. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed on April 29.

You could throw out the first pitch of the game, get an autographed baseball, or win other great prizes! 4-H members who participate in the 4-H raffle will have a chance to be selected to throw out the first pitch, and other family members, alumni, and guests can win other great prizes. Each person who completes Section B of the order form will receive one chance to be selected for every \$1 they donate to the 4-H Day with the Cardinals Raffle Fund. You must order tickets on the form below to participate in the raffle. See the back of the form for details and a list of prizes.

Rhonda Shafer, University of Missouri Extension, 880 W. College, Troy, MO 63379

Return this form to:

For more information: (636) 528-7038, <u>http://www.4h.missouri.edu/4h-day-with/4h-day-with-cardinals</u>		
TICKET ORDER FORM		must be postmarked by April 1, 2019.
Complete both parts of this form to be eligible for all 4-H Day with the Cardinals opportunities.		
Name:	Pł	ione: ()
Address:	Co	ounty:
Street City	y State Zip	Section A
Section A: Complete this part to order tickets and t-shirts for 4-H Day with the Cardinals. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed on April 29. Tickets are for Pavilion seating. All tickets are \$25.00. All sales are final, no refunds.		Please indicate how many of each size t-shirt you will need:
		Youth Large
Payment must be received with order.		Adult Medium
Section B—4-H Raffle: Complete this part to have an opportunity to throw out the first pitch or win other great prizes! Each \$1 donation to the 4-H Day with the Cardinals Raffle		Adult X-Large
		Tickets @\$25 each.\$
Fund provides one chance to win. Be sure to indicate the number of chances for each family member. All proceeds will be used to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs.		Section B Total number of 4-H raffle chances:
Name:	Age #Chances:	chances @\$1 \$
Name:	Age #Chances:	Total Enclosed: \$
Name:	Age #Chances:	Make checks payable to:
Name:	Age #Chances:	Lincoln County 4-H Council
Name:	Age #Chances:	

What's New In 2019



This months feature is Public Presentation

We've updated the Public Presentation category. Be sure to read the new rules below! Each county can send three entries to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest which will be held June 8 in Decatur. The Tazewell County Public Presentation Contest will be held Monday, April 29, 5 p.m. at the Tazewell Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another exhibit area at the Illinois State Fair. Here are the new guidelines for your moment in the spotlight:

Formal Speech |Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2–Person Team |

Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

For more information or a copy of the score sheets go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ <u>go.illinois.edu/IL4H</u>. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Public Speaking Contest.



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