

A message from your Gallatin County Extension Program Coordinator,



Great News! We are able to resume in-person meetings! Of course there are parameters that we must follow. There are limitations to the number of people allowed per room indoors as well as an outdoor maximum. We will have to fill out a Safety Plan as well.

Please take the survey on our Gallatin County Illinois 4-H Facebook Page

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98K8WKP>. We are trying to determine the best days and times as well as areas of interest for meetings as they start back in person! I look forward to seeing everyone again!

We will be charging the \$20 Enrollment fee this year. This fee helps cover the costs of supplies. We also understand that fee may be challenging for some and we have waivers available- please use these!

Thanks to a generous donor, we have 2 free enrollments available now! Contact me for details. Again, youth will receive a box of supplies for various activities. We WILL meet live with a Zoom option as well.

If you have any questions about 4-H, particular projects, or ideas we can try virtually please contact me at kscates@illinois.edu or through Facebook Messenger. I'll answer any questions to the best of my ability and I'm happy to work with all of you to try something new to keep our youth engaged and learning!

See y'all soon,
Kassy

Enroll Now! We have shifted to a new version of 4-H Online, which is now ready to use. You may log in with your existing account at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> or look up 4-H Online and select Illinois as your state. If you aren't sure if you have an account please email kscates@illinois.edu and I will provide you with login information. There is a \$20 enrollment fee. This fee helps cover supplies for youth and the activities provided.

Gallatin County

4-H Newsletter

Calendar of Events

Ongoing: Join 4-H and participate in both hands on and virtual activities.

- 4/24 State Horse Judging (Virtual)
- 4/24 YQCA Training- Saline Co.
- 4/24 – 25 Youth Livestock Conference
- 4/25 True Leaders Service Day
- 5/1 YQCA Training- White Co.
- 5/15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- 5/20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- 5/29-31 Junior Horse Show DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
- 6/4 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 6/ 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- 6/5 State Public Speaking Contest
- 6/27 – 7/1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- 7/11- 23, 2021 Discovering STEM in ACES Virtual
- 7/24 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
- 7/25 – 8/1 ISF Junior Horse Show

If you will need disability-related accommodations in order to participate, please email the contact person for the event. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.



Have you ever wanted to make a Fairy Garden?

Members have an opportunity to take part in a unit wide dish garden workshop! The workshop

will take place at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Space is limited as this is an in-person activity. Participants may sign up for either the Dixon Springs Ag Center location or White County Extension Office. For more detailed information and to register please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/dishgarden>



May 15 we will be having a Unit 24 Stepping Stone Workshop at the White County Extension Office. Basic skills for making stepping stones will be taught, as well as a few techniques on decorating a stepping stone. This workshop will demonstrate a skill set that can be used for completing other 4-H projects. The cost for the workshop will range from \$10 to \$15 depending on the stepping stone mold you choose.

All stepping stones will be left at the White County Extension office to set up and dry. You can pick them up the following week during normal business hours at the office. If you need to make other arrangements for pick up please contact the White County Extension office.

Please register at <https://go.illinois.edu/steppingstone>



The Wizarding World of 4-H is a box FULL of activities. Participants will get sorted, learn about the pillars of 4-H and have FUN! We have science activities, crafts, and much much more in a box! There are links and instructions provided, but we will be working on these activities together via Zoom meetings. Email kscates@illinois.edu for more information!



The 2021 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held in a virtual format on April 24, 2021 from 10AM to 2PM. Registration for the event is now open in 4HOnline. County staff must register interested participants by March 31. The judging classes will be housed in Compass Blackboard, the same LMS that is being used for the horse bowl & hippology contests. Reasons will be given through either Zoom or FlipGrid, to be determined in part by the number of participants that register for the reasons division. Contact kscates@illinois.edu for complete rules.

Junior Horse Show Opportunity

There will be a Junior Horse Show held at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds May 29-31 for youth ages 8-21. For more information visit https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/dsf/competitions/Pages/Open-Fair-Horse-Show.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3fpTmDx_IPyd_JktfUVmPsBTm8SDOwVo15dviZ2kuoYN-Wp7WQfzNuG5s



CERTIFICATION

YQCA Training

All youth who plan on showing cattle, goats, sheep, and swine must complete YQCA training. Training can be completed online at any time, or at in-person opportunities in our area. We currently have two in person opportunities scheduled:

Saline County Fairgrounds – April 24

White County Fairgrounds – May 1

You must register and pay online for in-person and online training.

To Complete the Certification

1. Visit <http://yqca.org/> and Click on Sign In/Register
2. Under 4-H Online Sign In, click on sign in with 4-H Online
3. Select Illinois 4-H Youth Development
4. Put in your e-mail address and password
5. Select Courses
6. Select Course List - Make sure the member tab is selected
7. Choose a Course by member age.
8. Two Certification Options:
Online – Completed at home by the member - \$12
Instructor Led Training - \$3
9. Search by State
10. Select Training - example: University of Illinois Extension - Saline County
11. Purchase Course



5 Free Enrollments!

Thanks to the generosity of a donor who would like to remain

anonymous, Gallatin County 4-H can cover 5 the first 5 enrollments this new year. Please contact Kassy at kscates@illinois.edu before enrolling online to make sure there are funds left and enrollment instructions.

BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE



GET READY FOR Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge

t prepare to monitor nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Stay the course – good science takes effort.



Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and

the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. We know everyone is anxious to find out when we can get back to holding our traditional Summer Youth Camps. Typically, we would open registration the first Monday in February.

At this time, we do not have a firm idea what phase of the Restore Illinois Plan (developed by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity) we will be in. This has a direct impact on what we are

able to offer. Our hope is to be able to make decisions about summer 2021 by the end of March if not sooner. Decisions concerning summer programming at 4-H Memorial Camp (including registration information) will be shared on our website, via email newsletters from your local Extension Offices to 4-H members, and on Facebook.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Davis at ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt at hammersc@illinois.edu. Email is currently the best way to contact us



Are you ready to tell your story?

2020 brought many unexpected challenges and changes to each of our lives. From attending school from home to keeping each other safe during a global pandemic, each

of us has a unique story to tell about the past year, and this year you and your team will be able to tell your stories at the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge.

This year's challenge will be virtual and will require your team to use the challenges of the last 4 years (2017-2020) to tell your unique story. Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>

Follow along with everything robotics:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics>



Who:	Youth ages 13 and up
What:	Come to the table at the 2021 Food Action Summit! Share your ideas, vision and passion while you network with Food Advocacy Professionals on a shared vision for future food security, food access and food justice
When:	May 15th, 9-11am, 12:30-4:30pm (Registration opens March 1st)
Where:	This virtual summit will take place via Zoom
Contact:	Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu

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JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

- Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H
- Click on the **Clubs** tab.
- Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:
 - **Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
 - **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
 - **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage

members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

- **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

4-H Alumni News

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

<https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/8251680>

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile

<https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/2162799>

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

- **LinkedIn:** <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

4-H VOLUNTEERS!



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July.

Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local UofI Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

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VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

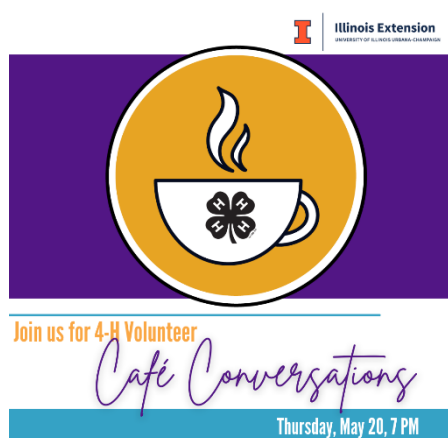
4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth

in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>



4-H Volunteer Café Conversation – Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!**

2. Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!



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4-H Program Fee Waiver Form

(one form per 4-H family per year- multiple family members may have their enrollment paid)

Please submit to the County Extension Office after completing the enrollment forms through 4-H Online or along with paper enrollment

4-H member(s) Name: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Partial and full scholarships are available to cover the 4-H Program Fee. If you feel that your family can make some contribution to the fee, please indicate the amount.

We are able to provide \$ _____ of the \$20 Member 4-H Program Fee.
(cash or check made payable to University of Illinois)

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Extension Director Date

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