

A message from your Gallatin County Extension Program Coordinator,



Wow- what a ride this has been! Yes, there is still a lot of uncertainty, but we are keeping on keeping on!

As we navigate this time, there are always changes. Our regional positivity rates determine if we can have face-to-face meetings. We are following guidelines passed down by the state, and it changes week to week.

To fill the void, we are trying a virtual club. The new 4-H Online format is now active. If you have previously registered online you should be able to re-enroll using your previous email and password. If you have not enrolled digitally before, I can walk you through the process- you may have an account already using a provided email address. Once enrolled we will arrange pick up of your 4-H club activity box.

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 5 free enrollments available now! Contact me for details. Again, youth will receive a box of supplies for various activities. We WILL meet via Zoom, but links to websites and videos will also be provided in order to give direction to those that may not be able to join at the scheduled times.

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!

Miss y'all,
Kassy

Gallatin County

4-H Newsletter

Calendar of Events

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

1/4 Registration for the Beginners 3D Printing Workshop

1/5 2021 AG INNOVATORS EXPERIENCE

1/8 Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team applications due

1/15 Registration for IL State E-Sports Club Closes

1/22 ISA Trail Blazers Scholarship applications due

1/23 Beginners 3D Workshop

3/5-7 2021 Virtual Agri-Science Summit

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.



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.

While I know many of our families are dealing with "screen fatigue" from virtual learning, we are offering hands on activities. 4-H is providing many of the materials needed. We can't provide everything, but we can try to get the basics to our members. Those members signed up for the ornament workshop will need access to adult supervision and a glue gun. The Wonderful World of 4-H is a box FULL of activities.

We have science activities such as Balloon Racers and crafts such as ornaments 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.



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.



Registration for the **Beginners 3D Printing Workshop** scheduled for January 23 will open on Monday January 4th. Two sessions are available for 8 per session ages 12 and up.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/...>

An Intermediate/Step 2 workshop will be available in the Spring for those who have already participated in a workshop.

Any questions please do not hesitate in reaching out and asking! Contact Amy McCarty, White County Extension Program Coordinator at amccarty@illinois.edu



Unit Purse Drive Success

A Facebook post inspired the Grayville Go-Getters 4-H Club to collect items for women's shelters in Southern Illinois. A primary component of the 4-H experience is service, encouraging youth to come up with ways to give back and improve their communities. The four H's in 4-H are Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, and during the 4-H Pledge, youth pledge "My hands to larger service."

Understanding the need was greater than Grayville, the club asked all Unit 24 4-H Clubs (Gallatin-Hamilton-Hardin-Pope-Saline-White Counties) to assist with this community service. Over one hundred purses along with various personal care products were collected. Gallatin County 4-H collected 50 purses and supplies to fill 9 of those with personal care items.

White County Extension Program Coordinator Amy McCarty and her daughter Grace, member of the Grayville Go-Getters 4-H Club, sorted purses, and filled personal care bags with donated items. In the end, they presented 138 purses, 61 of them filled with feminine products, to Stephanie and Ava Kreiter of Fairfield this past Wednesday. Often, those escaping domestic abuse arrive at shelters with little more than the clothes on their back. A purse of personal items can be a small step toward normalcy.

Stephanie stated, "This originally started with my Mom's Morning Group at our church when we lived in Iowa. When we moved here, my mom Gayla Cox and I started it. Now Ava, a Wayne County 4-H member, has taken it over in this area and mom still does it in the Ridgway area". The Kreiters will be taking the purses to The Women's Center in Carbondale after the first of the year.



FARM CREDIT
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Get cash to help improve your community Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!

2021 AG INNOVATORS EXPERIENCE

This next year's theme will be **Curbing Our Carbon Appetite**. The 2021 4-H Ag Innovators Experience, Curbing Our Carbon Appetite Challenge, is a series of interactive, hands-on activities that help youth understand why everyone has a role to play in addressing climate change. Participants will learn how human activity including burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, soil mismanagement, and unwise food systems are increasing atmospheric carbon and contributing to climate change. The activity leads them through an exploration of actions that three carbon influencer groups—agriculture, business and industry, and individuals and families—can take to reduce atmospheric carbon.

If you are interested to learn more and to participate in the AIE 2021 activities, please join us for an informational meeting **Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 from 10-11:00 AM (CST)**.

Register here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/CurbingOurCarbonAppetite>

In our meeting we will discuss:

1. Details about the challenge
2. The salary reimbursement process for participating Units
3. Questions you have about engaging youth

Please join us! We are looking to recruit a team of about 10-15 folks to meet our deliverables.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRISCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4->

h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?



With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you!

As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu



School Enrichment resources

Illinois Extension is well positioned to help parents and teachers dive more deeply into relevant and interesting curriculum areas. Regardless of the age of the learner, our educators have crafted a set of educational

resources that will help students understanding important information about topics that touch their everyday lives. These educational units are free and available to use in any classroom or home school environment.

Elementary

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/elementary-school-educational-units>

- [Livestock E-Quiz:](#)
- [All-Star River Explorers:](#)
- [Riding the Winds with Kalani:](#)
- [Trees are Terrific:](#)
- [Best of Friends: Kids and Dogs:](#)
- [Adventures of Herman:](#)
- [Great Plant Escape:](#)
- [Let's Talk about Insects:](#)
- [Secret Life of Trees:](#)
- [Trees Are Terrific:](#)
- [Food Fun from Apples to Zucchini:](#)
- [Fresh From the World...Where Your Food Comes From:](#)

Junior High

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/middle-school-educational-units>

- [Livestock E-Quiz:](#)
- [I Think Green:](#)
- [Shake, Rattle, and Slide:](#)
- [Tree House Weather Kids:](#)
- [Let's Party:](#)
- [Walk in My Shoes:](#)
- [Dr. Arbor Talks Trees:](#)
- [HOT Project:](#)

High School

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/high-school-educational-units>

- [Livestock E-Quiz:](#)
- [Business of Babysitting:](#)

- [Financial Planning for Young Adults:](#)

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.

ISA TEEN PRODUCTION TEAM

Join us and be a part of the Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team! Help us plan and lead this summer, state-wide, virtual event! For more information on what the Teen Production Team does and, how to apply, please click on this [here](#).

Application Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: Friday, January 8, 2021

Interviews will be a part of the application process!

Contact information:

Roxana Cejeda

illini-4h@illinois.edu | 217-333-0910

ISA TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge. For more information on requirements and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: Friday, January 22, 2021

Contact information:

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BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE



It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give

momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

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 ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021



Save the date for a fun evening of networking with Illinois 4-H alumni for a virtual trivia night. Trivia night will be hosted by Hambone Entertainment, and trivia questions will

cover a wide range of knowledge, including history, sports, pop culture, and of course, 4-H! Teams will be randomly assigned at the event to encourage new connections and networking.

Registration will launch in early January 2021.

Time: 7:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

Cost: \$10/per person



RETURN TO: Kassy Scates
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 Ridgway, IL 62979

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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