

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.

- 5/1 Horse Forms due
- 5/14 DuQuoin Jr Horse Show entries due
- 5/15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- 5/15 Stepping Stone Workshop-White County
- 5/20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- 5/22 Virtual Quilling Workshop
- 5/29-31 Junior Horse Show DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
- 6/1 ISF Horse Show entries due
- 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-Springfield

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.



May 15 we will be having a Unit 24 Stepping Stone Workshop at the White County Extension Office. Basic skills for making stepping stones and a few techniques on decorating a stepping stone will be taught. 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>



Quilling Workshop

Quilling is the art of rolling and shaping narrow strips of paper into coils or scrolls, and arranging them to form intricate layers or filigree. Quilling is a Visual Arts Paper project. This workshop will demonstrate some basic quilling techniques. The

dragonfly pattern from The Papery Craftery that will be demonstrated at the workshop will not be eligible for showing due to it NOT being an ORIGINAL piece of art. With the skills you learn you can create an ORIGINAL piece of art.

Supplies:

- Quilling strips (or cardstock cut into ¼ inch wide quilling strips)
- Tweezers to pick and move around quilled pieces
- Round coiling template (toothpick, skewer)
- Wide tooth comb
- A nickel
- Quick dry tacky glue
- Paper plate or plastic container (bottle cap) for glue
- Small paint brush and or toothpick for glue
- Scissors
- Ruler

Quilling strips will be available upon request to complete the given project the day of the workshop. They can be picked up at your local Extension office. Contact your local office for available pick up after May 18th.

Quilling workshop will be held virtually Saturday, May 22nd starting at 10:30 a.m. Registration will close at midnight on 05.17.21.



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!



I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small “study” gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4’ x 6’ in size.

A detailed training will open April 26th, and data collection won’t start until National Pollinator Week June 21st but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the UofI with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at ipollinate.illinois.edu



Get started today learning with Soccer & 4-H at Home! Participant learning is designed to take place at home and all soccer skills can be completed inside or outside,.

Here's how it works! Soccer & 4-H at Home is an at your own pace 10 session program that will have weekly activities posted, starting **May 17, 2021 through July 26, 2021**. Any youth from any part of the U.S. is welcome to participate, ages 8-18. Soccer & 4-H at Home includes various topics such as Soccer Fundamentals (skills), Learn and Earn, Home Challenges, Do and Serve Others, and Eat Well.

Instructions on how to participate in Soccer & 4-H at Home: All the information, links, and report back forms can be found at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/home-activities/soccer-4-h-home>

First, in order to have access to the active links, the document will have to be downloaded as a PDF. Follow the steps below, here's what you have to do:

Step 1: Open the PDF each week. Complete Soccer Fundamentals (skills), Learn and Earn, Home Challenges, Do and Serve Others, and Eat Well. (clicking on the icon or picture will take you to the link attached which may be a video or webpage)

Step 2: After completing each week, go to the *Soccer & 4-H at Home Report Back Form*, and select the correct answers.

For each participant, that completes the Learn & Earn Report Back for weeks 1-5 you will be eligible to receive a 4-H water bottle (limit of first 60 participants). Continue to explore information within the embedded links as additional sessions are released!

For each participant, that completes the Learn & Earn Report Back for weeks 6-10 you will be eligible to receive a 4-H T-Shirt (limit of first 60 participants).

Register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23585>



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. Entries **MUST** be postmarked by 5/14/2021

For more information visit

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/dsf/competitions/Pages/Youth-Horse-Show.aspx>



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:

White County– May 6 at 6 pm and May 15 after the stepping stone workshop

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 – White County
11. Purchase Course

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

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.

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



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, mbecker@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



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

Thursday, May 20, 7 PM

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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