



Extension

4-H Newsletter

December 2020/January 2021

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Extension



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WABASH COUNTY

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**Wabash County
Illinois 4-H**

Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

December

- ➔ Nov 30-Dec 11 Registration for January 4-H in a bag
- ➔ 2 Holiday Kit Drop off day (by 4:30)
- ➔ 5 Mt. Carmel Christmas parade
- ➔ 5 Allendale Twisters ringing bells for
Community Service Activity
- ➔ 19 Hi-Flyers Club meeting @ Farm
Bureau Building @9am
- ➔ 24 - Jan 1 Office Closed - Happy Holidays!

January

- ➔ 1 Re-Enrollment Deadline
- ➔ 4 Project Manual Deadline
- ➔ 4-8 January 4-H in a Bag pickup week
- ➔ 16 Hi-Flyers Club meeting @ Farm Bureau
Building @ 9am
- ➔ 18 Office Closed in observation of Martin
Luther King Day
- ➔ 18-29 February 4-H in Bag Registration

Important Deadlines Dates

January 1st - Re-enrollment Deadline

**January 4th – Last day to submit project
manual order forms**

February 1st —Beef Ownership Deadline

ENROLL NOW!

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 4-H year at <http://v2.4honline.com>. Use your email address and password you used to enroll last year. If you can't remember your password, just click the forgot password and a new one will be assigned to you. If you can't remember what email you used please contact the Extension office and we can look it up for you. There are a few reminders to re-enrolling this year please see the list below:

1. If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List. Click "Enroll Now" under the Program in which you would like to enroll.
2. There is not a \$20 program fee, again, this year. Please continue through the invoicing process and check the box that says 4-H Check.
3. Deadline for Re-enrollment is **JANUARY 1ST 2021**

Re-enrollment papers have been sent out in the mail. If you have not received them or have any questions about how to get re-registered please contact Megan at mpierson@illinois.edu and she will assist you in getting logged-in



You must re-enroll before you can participate in ANY 4-H event!

REMINDER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1ST

*****It is best to enroll now and if you find you are not going to participate in that project this year you can drop it later*****

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Important Dates:

2021 Wabash County Fair dates have been set for July 24th-30th!

Market Animal DEADLINES

Animal	Ownership Deadline	Birth Dates
Steers	February 1, 2021	Calved on or before January 1, 2020
Regular Barrows	June 1, 2021	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021
Premiere Barrows	June 1, 2021	Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021
Market Wethers & Ewes	May 15, 2021	Lambled on or after January 1, 2021
Meat Goat Wethers	May 15, 2021	Born on or after October 1, 2020

2021 Breeding Animals-State Birth & Ownership DEADLINES

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows

Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

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DEADLINES Continued:

SWINE – GILTS:

Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021

Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020

Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

No age requirements

Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2021

Cows – Owned since January 1, 2021

HORSE & PONY:

On or before June 1 – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

DOGS:

Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2021

At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2021.

Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

MEAT GOATS

All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:

Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.



Youth Exhibiting Livestock:

Quality Assurance & Ethics

This is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

YQCA

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. More details on when you can take this class will be coming after the first of the year so stay tuned!



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4-H IN A BAG

**Looking for a fun educational activity that you
can do from home?**

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

January

- Explosion in a bag
(cloverbuds only)
- What's in that bottle?!

February

-Fresh Chef

March

-Origami

April

-DIY Birdfeeder



Federation

We are still looking to add some members to our Federation Team!

➔ **If you are 8th grader—Freshman in college you are eligible!**

This is a way for you to bring your ideas to life! We will have monthly meetings were we want you to help plan and execute some activities in the county!

For more information or to join the team please reach out to Megan at mpierson@illinois.edu

We will be having our first meeting in January so if you have already responded to me that you would like to join be watching your email as I will be sending out more information soon!

Junior Federation

We are still looking to add some members to our Junior Federation Team!

➔ **If you are 6th or 7th grader you are eligible!**

This is a way for you to bring your ideas to life! The majority of the work will be done during our monthly meetings that will be held at the Extension office. I want this to be a way for the younger youth in our county to be able work on some projects that interest them as well!

For more information or to join the team please reach out to Megan at mpierson@illinois.edu

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ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERS HIGHLIGHTED IN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VIDEO COMPETITION

On November 15th, Dr. Megan Dailey, Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems Director at the University of Illinois, announced the winners of their Food Systems Video Challenge. The first-place prize went to Julia Heller, a 4-Her from Ogle County currently serving as the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team President and studying Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Second place was awarded to Elaan Bader, a 4-Her from Montgomery County and a Food Advocacy Team member. Both video submissions focused on the role which each of us plays in shaping our food system. Future video challenge competitions will be made available to 4-H members around the state who want to play a role in a healthier, more sustainable future. See the winning video submission on the Metropolitan Food and Environmental System Facebook feed here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/MFSTIllinois/>

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

NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

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

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE 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.

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ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21st for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

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

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

Some of our Wabash County 4-H'ers participated in this last year and have their boxes on display at Lake Froman Lions County Park!

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.

If you are worried about the cost of this event please reach out to Megan and she can assist you with that!



4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ILLINOIS 4-H **VIRTUAL STEM CURRICULUM TRAINING!**

We would like to invite you, your volunteers and teen teachers to the **Illinois 4-H STEM Curriculum Training!** This remote-access training is your opportunity to receive hands-on experience in using **Quads Away (Drones)**, **DIY Make and Build (Maker)** and our new **eSports Pilot Curriculum**. Many things have been updated or added to these materials since their introduction to better align with your programming needs in a virtual space. Updated versions of each will be sent out to all participants (and posted immediately following the training). This training is not meant to produce content experts, but rather process experts with the skills needed to incorporate these materials into your programming.

This training will be broken into 3 separate, 2 hour trainings focused on each curriculum topic. Attendees can feel free to attend one or all of them. During the training, participants will be briefly guided through each curriculum and will have the opportunity to do some of the included activities from each. In addition, participants will have the chance to explore SPIN and community club options with the 4-H STEM Team, and other PYD professionals and volunteers. For those that choose to enroll in the Maker training Before December 6th, they will receive a set of materials to complete Activity 1: Popsicle Flashlight from the DIY Make and Build Curriculum.

Who: 4-H Educators, Program Coordinators, Volunteers, Club Leaders, Teen Leaders, the University of Illinois Extension IT department, and invited partner-organization members.

Date and Time: Friday, December 11th, 2020

- ➡ **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM- Quads Away (Drones)**
- ➡ **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM- DIY Make & Build (Maker)**
- ➡ **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM- eSports Pilot Curriculum**

Where: Zoom call. A link will be provided with the day's agenda and other details before the training.

Please share this opportunity with your local volunteers, club leaders and teen leaders and note that you can register for this training. **Please note that registration closes on Thursday, December 10th, 2020, but to receive Maker materials, you must be registered by December 6th.**

Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to myself or The Illinois 4-H STEM Team at illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu.

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22105>

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



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