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## Wayne County Fair Dates:

### July 10-17, 2021



### Beef Weigh-in

Saturday, February 27, 8-9 a.m.

- ★ Weigh-in for all steers will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 27 at the fairgrounds.
- ★ All steers to be shown in the 2021 Wayne County 4-H Fair must be weighed and tagged. All steers going to 2021 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged and tattooed during weigh-in.
- ★ **All animals are to be haltered at the time of weigh-in.**
- ★ Ownership deadline for steers is February 27, 2021.
- ★ For questions about weigh-in, call the extension office.



**Wayne County  
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Check out page 5 of this newsletter for information on the farm bureau project grant application. You can also find the application on our county website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-wayne-county>

# Wayne County 4-H



## **March 1**

March 1 is the deadline to enroll and pay the enrollment fee in order to participate in the 2021 Fair.

### **Publications (books):**

Once the fee is paid you will be considered enrolled and will receive an email to order your publications, if you need any.

We have not received very many requests,

**PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!**

### **Adding a Project:**

Also for those of you who have enrolled and want to add more projects, you need to email Jessica at [jasimpso@illinois.edu](mailto:jasimpso@illinois.edu) and let her know what projects you want to add by the March 1 deadline. At this time the member cannot add projects into the system, only Jessica or Yvette can do this at this time. If you have any questions please let us know.



Wayne County 4-H Foundation is offering a \$500 scholarship to three high school seniors who wish to continue their education.

Scholarship applications are available with the guidance counselors at Cisne, Fairfield, and Wayne City High Schools, as well as the extension office. The completed application, with supporting documentation, is due to the extension office by Thursday, April 1, 2021.



**FARM CREDIT**  
ILLINOIS

## **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS**

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

## **FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship)

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**Wayne County  
4-H Foundation**



## **Drive-Thru FISH FRY**



**Friday,  
February 19, 2020**



**4:30—6:30 pm  
Wayne Co Fairgrounds**

2 FISH FILLETS  
FRIED POTATOES  
HUSH PUPPIES  
BAKED BEANS

**\$12**





# Wayne County 4-H

## 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



# Wayne County 4-H



## 4-Hers eligible for 2021 4-H Project Grant

The Wayne County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2021 4-H Project Grant Program for Wayne County 4-Hers.

The program is designed to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have; as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the Wayne County 4-H program.

**4-Hers ages 8-14 are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed by the 4-Her and signed off by a parent/guardian and the 4-H Club Leader. Applications are due March 1, 2021.**

Applications are available from 4-H club leaders, the Wayne County Extension office, and the Wayne County Farm Bureau. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.waynecfb.com](http://www.waynecfb.com).

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 842-3342.



# Illinois 4-H

## GET READY FOR .... Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

Local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge be prepared to monitor your nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! 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. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

**Saturday, June 5, 2021; 9am – 7pm**

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.



## Tell Your 4-H Story –

### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close **March 4.**



## States 4-H International Exchange

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made

**Apply Today** <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



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## Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

**TRAVEL PERIOD:** 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

**Cost:** \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina \*Country availability changes each year

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## Illinois 4-H



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



### 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83565174329?pwd=dDAvR2lxN3J3bmJqQVdmTy9raUZsZz09>

### 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

#### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot? AND Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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

TOPICS will include:

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

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

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