

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

August 2020



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* Please read the rest of the newsletter for further guidance in regards to in-person 4-H Meetings.



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In-Person 4-H Meetings

Starting August 1, 2020 4-H Clubs are able to meet outside in groups of 10 people or less as long as face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing is available and enforced. As of August 16, 2020 4-H clubs may meet indoors in groups of 10 or less or meet outdoors in a group of 25 or less while following proper protocols of wearing face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing. Please note, these meeting allowances may change based on protocols provided by the University of Illinois and Extension offices. As always, clubs are encouraged to use caution and advocate for the health and safety of all members. 4-H Staff are at the ready to support clubs if they choose to host virtual club meetings.

Williamson County 4-H Show Public Viewing

Entries to the 2020 Williamson County 4-H Virtual Shows are available for public viewing, in accordance with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. You may see exhibits and results by following the link below:

FairEntry 2020 Williamson County Show Results: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/14041>

This is a great way to share exhibits and results with family and friends!

STATE 4-H GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

Illinois 4-H State General Project Show Selection and Recognition

We are excited to start the online judging of this year's state fair delegates. Results for state judging will be sent to counties to share with families. Week 1 judging results will be sent to counties on approximately Aug. 17, Week 2 results on Aug 24, and Week 3 results on Aug. 31. Unfortunately, families will not be able to view judge's comments until all three weeks of state judging are complete.

As a reminder, below are a few key points regarding the 2020 Virtual State 4-H General Project Show.

- All entries will be judged through FairEntry.
- Only youth selected in their county competition advance to the state competition. County delegates have been assigned to one of three show weeks (as described above).
- All qualifying youth will be judged, receive feedback, and be recognized for their accomplishment as a state fair delegate.
- Each week, a champion and reserve champion medallion will be awarded in each project class using a common scoresheet. Note: the 10-point scale and numerical scoring system used in 2019 will not be applied to the FairEntry version of this event in 2020.
- Judges are given discretion to identify additional "Inspire" awards for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge.
- All state general project show medallions and ribbons will be sent to counties in the fall for distribution to youth.

Club End of Year Documents & Due Date

Each year in August, clubs must conduct an audit of their club finances. Clubs must also complete a [Club Annual Financial Statement](#) and an [Indication of Financial Activity Statement](#) and turn them in with the [Club Treasurer's Book](#) and [Club Secretary's Book](#). For more information and resources to complete the required documentation, please follow the included link: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/fiscal-resource-resources>

All end-of-year documentation, including Club Annual Financial Statement, Indication of Financial Activity Statement, Club Treasurer's Book and Club Secretary's Book are due to the Extension Office no later than Friday, September 4.

Please contact Ramona at girtman@illinois.edu with any questions or help with completing club forms.



END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/ Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships .

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

Electronic versions of additional County-Only award applications will be available soon.

CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.



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.

TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!



4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries;

reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for service outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE



After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.

VIRTUAL SHOOT Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1st

SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT CERTIFICATION

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines. Please continue your patience as we look forward to new trainings in the future.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)

Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

August 29-30, 2020 (English Show Portion)

September 5-6, 2020 (Western Show Portion)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, Du Quoin, IL

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrHorse.pdf>

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



Let's CHAT

We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the first *4-H Volunteer Café Conversation* on **Thursday, August 20; at 7 PM**. We are so excited to be launching 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 will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well! This is what we have planned for our first Illinois 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation.

Here are the Specials of the Day:

- Welcome to our Volunteer Cafe - A Few Appetizers to Get Us Started (10 minutes)
- Special of the Day #1 - Successful Member Recruitment Strategies (15 minutes)
- Special of the Day #2 - Club Programming to Energize Meetings (15 minutes)
- Wrap Up - Tips & Tools for your Pantry; AND What's on the Menu for Next Time! (10-15 minutes)

Use this registration link to indicate your intent to participate in this new opportunity. Everyone who signs up will receive an email prior to the event with the Zoom Call registration link and additional instructions We look forward to chatting with you soon!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22481>



VIRTUAL VACATION

Unit 26 4-H (Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph & Williamson Counties) will be taking a tour of the world on Thursday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m.

We will explore the culture and landmarks of Australia, Ethiopia, France, Germany and Mexico.

Please save the date and an office invite will be emailed to all families and posted on Williamson County 4-H Social Media soon.

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