

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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You're Invited!

Join 4-H for a Virtual Movie Night!

We will begin the night by having participants vote on the movie they want to see. We will offer a Snack Scavenger Hunt and Snack Challenge as well as Movie Trivia at the beginning and throughout the movie. Are you someone who loves to talk during the movie? We will have a special chat feature set up just for you!

An Zoom invite will be emailed to all 4-H Families and Leaders to join in the fun. If you do not receive an email but would like to attend, please email Ramona at girtman@illinois.edu.



Calling All Youth Leaders

The Illinois Youth Leadership Team applications are now open!

If you are, or know of any outstanding 4-H members or recent alumni age 16-20 who excels in leadership please encourage them to apply! The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills.

A green graphic with white text and a photo of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. The text "APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN" is at the top in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below it is a photograph of a group of about 15 young people, mostly women, standing in two rows. They are all wearing matching teal-colored shirts and dark pants. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is the Illinois Extension logo, which consists of a white outline of the state of Illinois with the word "ILLINOIS" above it and "Extension" below it. In the bottom right corner, there is a white four-leaf clover logo with the text "Applications Due June 1st" above it and "GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HYLT" below it.

Members of this team serve as ambassadors for Illinois 4-H at various events throughout the year, they also plan and run the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The Team is actively involved in assisting the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing, and evaluating various 4-H events and activities; representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference; and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information please visit go.illinois.edu/4hylt.

Applications are due June 1st: <https://www.iotform.com/build/200865983373162>

4-H Exhibition Update

All 4-H general project and 4-H Livestock shows and exhibitions scheduled through July 5 will move online to a virtual exhibition platform called FairEntry. A [press release](#) was shared Monday, May 4 with the announcement.

You may be asking “What does this mean for us?” Included with this update was a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Williamson County 4-H Staff are preparing FairEntry for families and will open the platform up for entries as soon as possible.

Show dates will stay the same. This means small animals (Dogs, Cats, Small Pets, Poultry and Rabbit) will need to be uploaded by 4:30 p.m. on June 17. General Projects will need to be uploaded by 4:30 pm on June 26. Because Williamson County livestock are shown in conjunction with the Franklin County fair (held in July), it will be determined on June 1 if the Livestock show will be virtual or in-person per Illinois 4-H guidelines.

For General Projects: Members will complete their project as intended and upload photos of their project plus a brief narrative. A template will be shared with you for the narrative. Staff will share information on the type of pictures needed for each project. Some projects (such as Videography or Computer Programming) may require a video to be uploaded. PowerPoint Presentations may take the place of a poster display for projects such as Shooting Sports, Animal Science or Civic Engagement.

For Livestock and Small Animals: Live animal projects will be shown virtually as well, on their designated show date. Members will be asked to upload either four pictures (front, side, back and an index card with animal information) or a 60 second video showing the 360* view of the animal(s) to be judged.

Please note, an opportunity for all 4-H members to demonstrate mastery and participate in a 4-H Exhibition is a priority. For families who do not have access to technology, we will do our best to identify solutions to ensure that all 4-H members who want to participate in the online exhibitions can. These are not guaranteed and will depend on when we are able to safely return to the county Extension Office.

Additional show information and directions will be coming soon. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact Ramona Girtman at girtman@illinois.edu.

4-H Exhibition Deadlines:

Small Animals (Dogs, Cats, Small Pets, Poultry & Rabbits): Entries must be uploaded by 4:00 pm on June 17

General Projects (including Shooting Sports): Entries must be uploaded by 4:00 p.m. on June 25

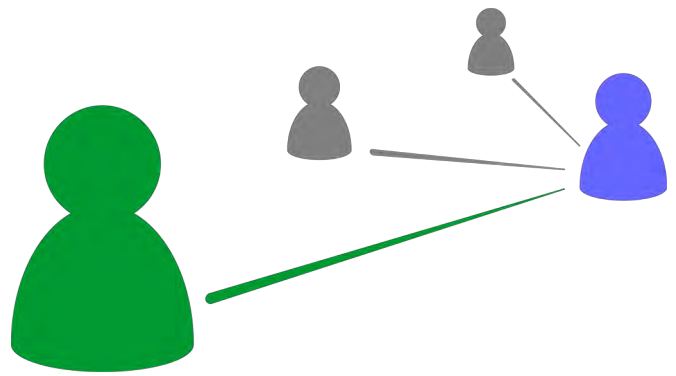
Public Presentations (including Theater Arts Performance Showcase*): Entries must be uploaded by 4:00 p.m. on June 25

*Please do not violate suspension of in-person meetings to complete performances. This means no club or multi-person performances with individuals from outside your own home can be submitted.



Virtual Office Hours

In an effort to offer the most support possible to 4-H members, leaders and families as we pivot to virtual 4-H exhibitions, “virtual” office hours will be held every Friday in May from 10 a.m. to Noon. To access the virtual office hours, you may follow a link or call-in using your phone. To help prevent the likelihood of a “Zoom bomber”, a separate email will be sent to all families, members and leaders with virtual office hours access information.



This will be an open format, just like if you stopped by the office for a chat. You can check in about future club/program plans, trainings, Illinois 4-H events or scholarship applications, exhibition prep, project questions, or even just to say hi.

Face-to-Face Meeting Update

As mentioned in regards to our 4-H Shows, all 4-H face-to-face events have been suspended until July 5. We understand this is a critical time for many clubs and encourage you to host some form of a virtual meeting, if at all possible. We have learned through our time of sheltering in place that it is vital for youth to continue with regular connection to peers, friends and mentors. Please contact Ramona at Girtman@illinois.edu for support in arranging virtual club meetings. Please note that a virtual club meeting does not require each member to stream an online event. Ramona can help host a platform for individuals to call in or log in to the meeting. Platforms that Ramona can help facilitate include Facebook, Zoom and Skype.

Thanks, Mom!

As we enter a time of reflection, celebration and appreciation at Mother’s Day, Williamson County 4-H would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all Moms and Caregivers. Thank you for all you do to support your children and their 4-H experience!

Happy Mother's Day!



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