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Find Your Spark!

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Good afternoon 4-H Families,

Please be sure to pay your leader the membership dues ASAP— members are not approved until leaders have confirmed payment received. If you paid online with a credit card, we have received that information. Deadline for add/drop projects in 4-H Online is February 1st. This is also our enrollment deadline as per page 9.

Be sure to submit your 2022 Program Book Artwork ASAP! These need to be black & white and outlined with Sharpie. Good luck!

Best wishes! Becky Gocken



From 4-H summer show ring to winter snow ring, be sure to cheer on Winnebago 4-Her, Tyler, on his Pecatonica High School team's snow sculpture at Sinnissippi this weekend!



CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

CAMP

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY,
JANUARY 28, 2022**

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are DUE Friday, January 28th.
Find a copy on Ogle County 4-H website:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP



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JUNE 14, 15, 16

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN
CAMP
POLO, IL



SAVE THE DATES
COME JOIN THE FUN IN 2022
ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS!

DATE
CHANGE

Winnebago County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Wednesday, April 5, 2022

6:00 pm

Winnebago County Extension Office Lobby

IL State Contest– Saturday, April 30, 2022

Horse Bowl Practice Information- <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/horses>

Barb Frampton- leader

Pecatonica Library

framptondvm@aol.com

(815)964-8552

Meets: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 – 8PM

State 4-H Hippology, Horse Bowl
& Speech Contests April 23 & 24
on UIUC Campus! More info. to
come in January!



4-H members do NOT have to own a horse to be a part of Horse Bowl. Parents are welcomed to stay. Face mask are required regardless of vaccination status.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



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I Made That!

♥♥♥ Show Your ♥ Some Love!

University of Illinois Extension and 4-H have put together fun, interactive educational kits designed to inspire the inner chef and to celebrate American Heart Month this February!

Each kit is \$5 and includes:

- February "I Made That!" booklet
- Fun activities to keep your heart healthy
- Heart-healthy recipes
- Select ingredients for your recipes
- Chocolate exploration and taste-test!



Kits will be available for pick-up beginning February 7 at one of our Extension offices in Elizabeth, Freeport or Rockford, IL.

Register for your kit at:
go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H
University of Illinois Extension College of Agriculture Consumer & Environmental Sciences



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, contact our office at (815) 235-4125.

2022 Winnebago County 4-H Program Book Artwork Contest



2021

2021 Program Book Cover
By Lela Pagels

It's time to design our **COVER PAGE** for the 2022 Winnebago County 4-H Program Book! All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing for the 4-H Program Book Cover Contest. The deadline to submit is **February 1, 2022**. The theme for 2021 is:

"Find Your Spark!"

Please use this theme for the basis of your drawing and include the theme title and current year somewhere in your drawing. All drawings need to be submitted on 8-1/2 x 11" white paper and done in a fine point black marker or dark pencil. Do not use color pencil or any color at all. The program book is printed in black and white. Please make sure all text is legible and spelled correctly. Please include your name, age and club on the **BACK** lightly in pencil, or attach a separate page with that info. If your drawing gets picked for the **COVER** - you will receive a special 4-H **PRIZE!** You can also email your drawings to rgocken@illinois.edu.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



Attention 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef and Dairy Show Participants:

The YQCA annual training is required by the state 4-H office to show in any 4-H Swine, Sheep, Goat, Beef or Dairy livestock show. You may take the in-person training with me either on Friday, April 15 at 9:30 am or Saturday, April 2 at 9:30 am at Prince of Peace Church, Rockton for \$3 per member, or on your own for \$12 per member.

You must pre-register using your 4-H Online Family email and password by April 1 and pay via credit card at:

<https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

All other livestock shows still require the QAEC training which can be found at

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

These trainings must be completed by June 1, 2022

YQCA Certificates must be on file in the Extension Office by June 1, 2022



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Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

U of I Extension has a local opening for a
4-H Youth Development Educator,
who works to provide learning opportunities for youth as well
as to support the local 4-H program. The position is located in
Freeport IL and serves Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago
Counties and is part of the 25 person local Extension staff.
Masters degree required.

For complete job description and application instructions, email
dlkoch@illinois.edu. Closing date is February 10, 2022. The U of I is
an EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled - <http://go.illinois.edu/EEO>

We're hiring!

**Come join Extension as a
4-H Youth Development
Educator.**

**For more information,
email Deb Koch
dlkoch@illinois.edu**

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



The Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest will be held April 30, 2022. At this point, we are planning to do this event in person and are tentatively confirmed to host the event at Parkland Community College in Champaign, Illinois. Updates on the University and State guidelines will be sent regarding changes due to Covid-19 as we get closer to the event.

Location: Parkland Community College, Champaign IL (To be confirmed)

Sponsors: Compeer Financial and the Illinois 4-H Foundation

Qualifications: Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to participate in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches. Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Each county is allowed three entries in the state contest. The entries may come from any of the four divisions. Each youth may only compete in up to one individual division and one group division in the state contest.

Participating Youth must be 8 years of age on or before September 1, 2021.

Participating youth turning 14 years of age on or before April 30, 2022 must enroll as advanced.

Resources:

[Youth Looking for resources to help prepare for this contest can reference the following in Shop 4-H:](#)

[Finding your Voice: Public Speaking made Easy](#) (Public Speaking)

Exhibit Guidelines: There are 4 divisions in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique:

**This category will be broken down into the following classes by age.*

- **Beginner: 8-13 years of age**

Advanced: 14 years of and up

****Winnebago County 4-H Public Speaking Contest****

April 5, 2022 at 6 pm

Winnebago County Extension Office

****Public Speaking Workshop Coming in early March****

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



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	Beginner (Formal & Illustrated)	Advanced (Formal & Illustrated)	Individual (Original works & Oral Interpretation)	2 Person Team (Original works & Oral Interpretation)
*Formal Speech	2-4 min	4-6 min		
*Illustrated Speech	2-4 min	4-6 min		
Original works			4-6 min	4-6 min
Oral Interpretation			4-6 min	4-6 min

2021 notes to keep in mind:

- Deductions- There will be 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds over/under 4-6 minutes. (Advanced)
- Deductions- There will be 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds over/under 2-4 minutes. (Beginner)

Members can advance in an individual and a team category.

1 Changes for 2022:

1. **Participating Youth must** be 8 years of age on or before **September 1, 2021.**
2. **Participating youth** turning 14 years of age on or before **April 30, 2022 must** enroll as advanced.
3. Time limit added (2-4 minutes for Beginner)
4. Beginner level added

Resources to help prepare for this contest in shop 4-H: [Finding your Voice: Public Speaking made Easy](#) (Public Speaking)

Formal Speech & Illustrated Speech category will be broken down into the following classes by age: **Beginner: 8-13 years of age, Advanced: 14 years of and up**

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

Division	Presentation options	Requirements
Formal Speech		
<i>A speech that shares the presenter's own unique view intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action.</i>	Original Oratory – Deliver a speech on any topic you want	Self-written Notes are allowed No props
2. Illustrated Speech		
<i>An Illustrated speech may be used to inform, or persuade/motivate the audience using a visual aid.</i>	How-to demonstration – Show the audience how to do something Object lesson – Use objects as metaphors to share a message Educational model – Draw or use a diagram to explain a topic	Self-written Note are allowed Visual aids may be 2D, 3D, or digital. May include audience participation Digital visual aids must be stored on USB flash drive
3. Original Works (4-6 Min) <i>*Manuscripts must be submitted</i>		
<i>All original works must be written by the presenter(s).</i> <i>Manuscripts must be submitted prior to the state event to be eligible for award.</i> <i>May be presented individually or as a <u>two-person</u> team.</i>	Prose & Short Story Poetry Broadcast Media Program Theatrical Combined Elements - Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms	Presentation may be designed for TV, radio, or online media. Must be presented live. Props and costumes are allowed
4. Oral Interpretation (4-6 Min) <i>*Manuscripts must be submitted</i>		
<i>All presentations in this division must be published works. Manuscripts/Transcripts must be submitted prior to the state event to be eligible for award.</i> <i>May be presented individually or as a <u>two-person</u> team.</i>	Prose & Short Story Poetry Theatrical Interpretation Published Speech recitation - present an excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or Maya Angelou. Combined Elements - combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms Presenter	Props and costumes are allowed



4-H Online is NOW OPEN for enrollment!
(Click the above image for a direct link)

Re-enrollment Deadline was Nov. 1– Members and volunteers may not attend 4-H activities until enrollments are approved.

New member enrollment deadline is Feb. 1 (also project add/drop deadline)

Members will not be approved until leader's have verified they received payment and/or paid by credit card online this year.

Project Manuals will be purchased by individual families through a pop-up shop in 4-H Mall. I recommend ordering together to save shipping expenses. An email was sent with directions for obtaining manuals on 11.5.2021. Here is a link to the state 4-H page project resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>



4-H WEBSITES CHEAT SHEET **I**

4HONLINE

- Website: <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Used to enroll in 4-H, choose projects and club

Username: _____

PW: _____

- Website: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/15252>
- Used to select classes members will be exhibiting in at the county 4-H shows
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password

FAIRENTRY

YQCA

- Website: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password
- Required YEARLY for all members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine at any 4-H livestock show

- Website: web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/
- Make sure to keep token in case you pause and come back
- Required ONCE for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits

QAEC

IL 4-H WEBSITE

- Website: 4h.extension.illinois.edu
- Find all the 4-H resources in one place:
 - Projects, Spark Sheets, State Award Applications, Events, Programs, Volunteer Resources, Member Resources, and more!

- Website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-winnebago-county>
- Find detailed information, paperwork, and programming for our specific county and unit

UNIT 4-H WEBSITE

CALENDAR OF WINNEBAGO 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

- 28 Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 31 Registration Deadline for *I Made That— Show Your Heart Some Love!*

FEBRUARY

- 1 2022 Winnebago County Program Book Artwork Submissions due to the Extension Office by 4 pm; **Last Day for New Member Enrollment in 4-H Online; Last day to change/ add 4-H Projects**
- 1 Becky Outreach Programming
- 2 YLT Meeting, 5pm
- 5 Beef Weigh In, Peterson-Daly Farms, Pecatonica— Pre-Registration required
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24859>
- 12 SNOWDATE Beef Weigh In
- 15 Becky Outreach Programming
- 19 4-H Camp Counselor Training

MARCH

- 10 4-H Camp Counselor Training
- 12 Winnebago County 4-H Project Workshop Day, 9:30-12:30pm *Looking for volunteers to lead sessions*

APRIL

- 2 YQCA Training Offered— Pre-Registration & Payment Required
- 5 Winnebago County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6 pm
- 15 YQCA Training Offered— Pre-Registration & Payment Required



4-H Club Meetings— Attendance Policy

All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.



Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

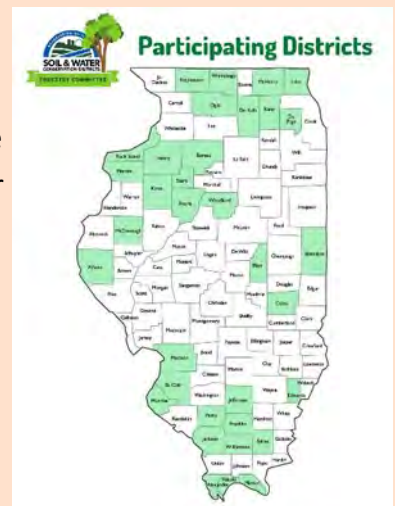
Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.



If you see your county shaded in green and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county.

Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>



Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team

The Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team is gearing up for the new year. They ride in local parades, perform at the Ogle County Fair and other events, and participate in drill team competitions.

We are looking for new members!

You do not have to be enrolled in the Horse Project, just in 4-H.

Join us for an informational meeting on February 20 at 2:00 at the Ogle County Farm Bureau, Oregon.

Please RSVP to the Ogle County Extension Office ~ (815) 732-2191 ~ in case of bad weather.



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Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19th at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM, judging starts at noon)

And save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus!

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



Camping & Outdoor Living

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
Lead Male/Female Counselors
Lifeguards
Outdoor Education Director
Arts & Crafts Director
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
Recreation Director
Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



I STEM

The time has come for us to release the Robotics Challenge documents!

This year's competition will revolve around the work of the 4-H in Space Mission Command Team, which is preparing curriculum and programming options for Illinois youth working with the International Space Station National Laboratories (ISS) and The Lab for Advanced Space Systems at Illinois, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, (LASSI). These collaborations

will enable Illinois 4-H youth to send experiments to the ISS, and build/launch micro satellites into orbit.

The SpaceBot Mission Command Challenge will take place at the **McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Team registration will open **January 17, 2022** and will close **March 16, 2022**. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. ***This year All Health Forms are due at time of registration and will be accessible through the Challenge Download Link on or by December 14.***




Challenge Download/Documents Folder: <https://go.illinois.edu/2022CHALLENGE>

Register Here on Jan 17, 2022: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2022>

Challenge Announcement Video (Available Dec. 14): <https://go.illinois.edu/224HRVID>

Illinois 4-H
presents
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM
Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>
Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

 Dr. Robert Jones Chancellor, University of Illinois & National 4-H Council Board of Trustees	 Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson Associate Dean & Director Illinois Extension	 Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz Assistant Dean & Director Illinois 4-H
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Illinois Extension

Save the Date – March 1, 2022

Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



4-H International

Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 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!

Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates).

Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.



Applications are now OPEN
for the 2023
#4HYouthinAction Awards!
Now is the chance for 4-
H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their
4-H story of impact,
leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- 🏆 earn a \$5K scholarship
- 📢 serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply!

<https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th “H” and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but sweet prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport Fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. **Tournament details coming soon!**

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



Standing Together Taking Action (STTA) 4-H SPIN Club

Navigating Social Justice for Teens
Social justice is the view that everyone deserves economic,
political and social rights and opportunities.

A 7-PART
VIRTUAL
SERIES FOR
YOUNG
LEADERS AGES
12 & OLDER

March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19
May 3 & 17
June 7

STTA Club meetings will
be held from
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm CST.

TOPICS INCLUDE: LEADERSHIP, RACIAL EQUITY, CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, SERVICE LEARNING & MORE!

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 21
TO APPLY: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/STTA](https://go.illinois.edu/STTA)

EXPLORE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN A RESPECTFUL AND
NON-JUDGEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT



Standing Together Taking Action (STTA)

Are you interested in bridging the gap of inequality? Are you interested in social justice? If so, Standing Together Taking Action (STTA) is the SPIN Club for you. Here is an exciting opportunity for youth leaders to come together to dialogue around social justice issues affecting their everyday lives. Social justice is the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political, and social rights and opportunities. This virtual spin club is designed for middle and high-school youth who want to navigate topics including social justice, leadership, racial equity, conflict resolution, service-learning, and more in a respectful and non-judgmental environment. The deadline to apply is February 21, 2022. <https://go.illinois.edu/STTA>

WIN UP TO \$5000!

Submit a video on
how a company on
EPA's TRI tool is
going green!



Enter by March 1, 2022



More information:

www.epa.gov/companiescrushingpollution-video-challenge



COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION

Video Challenge



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



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2022 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2022
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –
 - On or between the last Saturday in January (January 29, 2022) and February 27, 2022.
 - In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows (carcass class)

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2022
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2022
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

- ⑦ Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- ⑦ Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- ⑦ Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2022.
- ⑦ Lambled on or after January 1, 2022.

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- **Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2021**
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

2022 Breeding Animals

Birth & Ownership Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2020 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2022

SWINE – GILTS:

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2021
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2022
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2022

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2022
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2022

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

ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2022
- 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, 2022.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2022.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2022.

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.

Changes/Notices Regarding the 2022 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2022 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website:
<http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification 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.

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program are available at your county Extension Office.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: **Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1** for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EXTENSION:



Join us at the 2022 Hybrid Illinois Dairy Summit for the latest in dairy management information exploring the challenges and opportunities for the Illinois dairy industry. Hosted by the University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois Milk Producers Association, this event will be held in person on February 2, in Freeport at Highland Community College. To attend, register at: <https://www.illinoismilk.org/dairysummit2022/>



University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that Gardening for Food, Flowers & Fun returns as an in-person event to offer you gardening tips for the growing season. Join us for this early rite of spring - an educational venture presenting fresh horticultural ideas, insights and techniques. \$10 cost includes admission to all 3 sessions. Please register early as we are limiting the number of seats this year. Please register here: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/...>

Intro to Fruit Tree Pruning



Now is the time to prune fruit trees to ensure their production come summer. Are you prepared for your pruning task? If not, plan to join Extension Educator Grant McCarty for Intro to Fruit Tree Pruning where he will discuss the basics of pruning, which tools to use, and strategies to consider for pruning fruit trees. The class will be offered in-person on February 8 at 10 a.m. at the Freeport Public Library or as an on-line class on February 11 at 3 p.m. For more information or to register: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Report

February 10 | 1 PM CST

The Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) guides the state's efforts to improve water quality at home and downstream by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus levels in our lakes, rivers, and streams. NLRs lays out a comprehensive suite of best management practices for reducing nutrient losses from wastewater treatment plants and urban and agricultural runoff. Discover how stakeholder partner efforts in Illinois have progressed and how you can play a part in improving the quality of your local waterways. This webinar will provide a briefing of the 2021 NLRs Biennial Report, highlighting Extension activities that engage individuals and groups. Presenters: [C. Eliana Brown](#), [Layne Knoche](#), [Rachel Curry](#), [Jennifer Jones](#).

Return of Large Predators

March 10 | 1 PM CST

There are many reasons, scientific and unknown, why we are seeing the occasional apex predator in Illinois. The black bear, timber wolf, and cougar have all made cameo appearances in recent months and have been doing so for more than a decade. Except for a small percentage, Illinois habitats are currently unable to sustain complete or large populations of these large mammals. Our cultural advancements and changes have escorted these wildlife species away from what used to be their native habitat.

These animals are simply trying to adjust to changes in their current environments - which can send them our direction. Due to the sightings of cougars, wolves, and even black bears in Illinois, this program is being offered to discuss the animals themselves and the behaviors that may be playing a part in their attempts to return. If you are interested in learning more about these creatures, join Peggy Doty for Large Predators Return...Or Are They? Presenter: [Peggy Doty](#)

Certified Livestock Manager Training: Freeport

February 17 | 9 AM

In 2022, [University of Illinois Extension](#) is hosting 10 Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops throughout the state. The workshops will begin on January 18 in Effingham and conclude on February 23 at Illinois Pork Expo. Online CLM training is open all year round.

Who needs certification

According to the Livestock Facilities Management Act, in Illinois, livestock facilities that house 300 or more animal units (for example, 750 finishing hogs, 214 dairy cows, or 300 beef cattle) are required to have at least one person certified in the environmental protection aspects manure management. Facilities designed for 301 to 999 animal units must have at least one employee attend a workshop or complete the training online. Facilities with 1,000 or more animal units must have a certified livestock manager attend a workshop and pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's exam or complete the online training and pass the online test.

Workshop Registration

Registrations will open one month before the workshop. Online registration at go.illinois.edu/CLMT is required, and at some locations, space is limited. The workshop fee is \$40 (each additional participant \$30), and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. We kindly ask all participants to wear a mask to comply with COVID-19 safety precautions. In case we need to cancel a workshop due to COVID restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances, we will inform you via email and refund your registration fee. Please check your email or our website for updates.

Online Training

Access online training at go.illinois.edu/CLMT. This new version of online training follows the same format as in-person workshops. There are nine modules (10-20 min videos), and you can work through these modules at your own pace. If you have more than 1,000 animal units, you can take the test online at the end of the training. You are allowed multiple attempts on the test. Each time you take the test, 50 questions will be randomly selected from our question bank. The online training fee is \$40 and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. Once you create an account, you will have access to the training videos and also enrichment videos for three months.

If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in CLMT, please contact [Nesli Akdeniz](#) at neslihan@illinois.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY:



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is offering up to \$200 per project in project grants for 4-H and FFA Youth to help support projects underway by local FFA chapters and 4-H clubs. The recipients will be able to use the grant to purchase necessary materials and supplies.

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Boone or Winnebago Counties
- Must submit a typed application to describe the project
- Applicant's FFA Advisor/ 4-H leader must sign the application
- Applicant's parent/guardian must sign the application

The recipients will be chosen based on the above requirements, along with a 5 to 10-minute oral presentation on the proposed project at an upcoming Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau board meeting. Grant funds will be awarded after the recipient submits a summary of the program or project, photos, and detailed receipts. Grant info available on [website](#).

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Cain

Manager

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau

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THE PROGRAM

The Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship seeks to provide financial support to students enrolled fulltime at an accredited two- or four-year college, community college, or university, which will lead to a career in a natural resource field.

PROGRAM HISTORY

Funding for this scholarship was made available from the Leopold Education Project, an educational program based on the works of noted conservationist and author Aldo Leopold. Leopold's philosophy and land ethic created a foundation for modern conservation.

For Students
Pursuing
Education in the
Field of Natural
Resources



AWARDS

Scholarship will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses. Scholarship money may not be used for room and board.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident in one of the following Illinois Counties,
Boone DeKalb Kane McHenry Winnebago
Cook DuPage Lake Will
- Be a high school senior or high school graduate (diplomas or GED)
- Be enrolled or will be enrolled no later than the fall session following application in a fulltime course of study such as fish and wildlife biology, conservation education, biology, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control, etc.
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a (4.0 scale)

HOW TO APPLY

For more information call the scholarship administrator at 815-965-2392 Ext 3. All materials must be received by the scholarship administrator by **February 15th** of each year. Mail to: Winnebago County SWCD, 4833 Owen Center Rd. Rockford IL 61101-6007 or email NEILStewardship@gmail.com.



WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnebago Soil and Water Conservation District established this scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall semester of each academic year. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or other course fees. Funds will be paid directly to the institution upon written instructions from the student (one-half for each fall and spring semester). The Winnebago County SWCD reserves the right to grant the full amount of the scholarship in one payment upon request.

ELIGIBILITY

The student must be:

- A resident of Winnebago County
- An upcoming High School Graduate -or- attending an accredited College or University
- Majoring in Soil and/or Water Conservation; or a related Natural Resource field
- A full-time student who is carrying at least 12 credit hours

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The applicant should be maintaining a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0)
- The applicant should demonstrate superior soil and water conservation or related natural resource academic achievement.
- The successful applicant will be chosen from a balance of several important factors, including demonstrated academic achievements, community service related to conservation activities, statement of educational and career goals, and reference recommendations.
- The student must submit a copy of their latest transcript - High School and College (if applicable)
- If the student drops out of school, or changes to a major outside of the Soil and/or Water Conservation or Natural Resources fields, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded to the Winnebago County SWCD.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A committee selected by the Winnebago County SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's achievement without regard to the student's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

To apply, fill out the application form and send it along with a copy of your most recent transcripts, and all other support information to:

Scholarship Committee
Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District
4833 Owen Center Road
Rockford, IL 61101
Or
E-mail to – danthonyswcd@comcast.net

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 p.m., February 15, 2022



IAA FOUNDATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE,
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU FAMILIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 7, 2021

CONTACT: Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation
309-557-2232
jsmith@iffb.org

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 84 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$164,500 for the 2022-23 school year.

"We are pleased to recognize students through our growing scholarship program," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. "It is a privilege to support the next generation of leaders and encourage degrees in agriculture related fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner. In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2022, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created Alvin Eigenrauch Memorial Scholarship, Six Generations Illinois Farming Scholarship and Steve Willits Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, three new Fellowships have been added to support students pursuing advanced degrees.

All applicants must be current high school seniors, or students already enrolled, at an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, leadership experiences, involvement in activities and community service. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org. The application opens January 1, 2022 and must be completed online by February 15, 2022.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@iffb.org.

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY SWCD

2022 POSTER CONTEST

Submit by April 29th, 2022 Must be a resident of Winnebago County and meet the following perimeters:

Theme: Healthy Soil, Healthy Life

The work must be the contestant's original creation & should not include any copyright, trademark, or brands other than the theme logo. One winner will be chosen for each age group. Winners will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.



Digital Poster

Age Groups

- 7th-9th Grade
- 10th-12th Grade

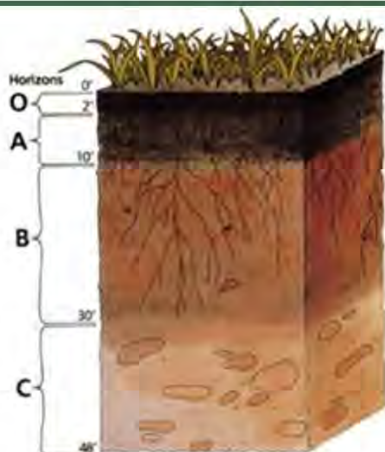
The poster must be a digital design and can be created in any platform. The design should be 8.5 X 11 in size and at least 300DPI. Files should be in JPEG or PNG format.

Physical Poster

Age Groups:

- K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-6th Grade
- 7th-9th Grade
- 10th-12th Grade

Any media can be used (paint, crayons, stickers, etc.) to create a flat poster. Hard copies can be dropped off or mailed to the office and digital pictures or scans should be JPEG or PDF format.



What makes a good poster?

- Attracts attention
- Is simple & concise-Don't try to include too many ideas
- Uses colors & white space effectively
- Text is large enough to be easily read
- Don't use all words or all illustrations
- Research the theme topic & brainstorm ideas

Judging will be based on conservation message (50%) visual effectiveness (30%) originality (10%) universal appeal (10%).

For more information regarding healthy soils visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/soils/health/>

Winners will have a chance to compete in the state competition and possibly the national competition!

Respective release forms and applications must be filled out. Contact the Winnebago County SWCD for application forms or more information at 815-965-2392 ext.3, kwalswcd@comcast.net, or 4833 Owen Center Rd, Rockford, IL 61101





Winnebago County SWCD

Poster Contest Application

Please attach the application form to the back of the poster or email with electronic poster

Student

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Please Circle One:

Yes or No: This poster is the original work of the student named above

Yes or No: The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If answered "yes" please include a brief explanation.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardians signature will allow the Winnebago County SWCD to utilize the poster submitted for educational or promotional purposes.

School/Group/Organization

Please Choose: _____ Public School _____ Private School _____ Home School _____ Organization _____ Other

Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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MIDWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM

Calendar of Events 2022



As an at-a-glance listing, the **Calendar of Events** details the scheduled dates and topics for exciting ways to engage at the museum with your family and friends. Check the museum website for regular updates at www.midwayvillage.com. At this time all visitors must wear a mask inside museum buildings regardless of vaccination status. Thank you.

About Us

Victorian Village Part of the 148-acre museum campus is our living history village with 26 structures and 8 heritage gardens representing a rural community during the era of 1890-1910. From May to August the Victorian Village is open for guided tours with a costumed History Interpreter available Tuesdays – Thursdays. In 2022, the museum is expanding its living history experiences to weekends with visitors engaging on their own with interpreters in multiple buildings demonstrating life during the Victorian era.

History Education Programs The museum offers year-round quality special events and programs. Check the website for complete details and programming updates throughout the year at www.midwayvillage.com.

Group Tours The museum can accommodate any size group to tour the museum including schools, scouts, churches, garden or social clubs. You can book a tour by contacting the museum any time of year.

Speaking Engagements Learn about the many opportunities to engage at the museum including our newest exhibition project, a Camp Grant exhibit, and our living history Victorian Village. Call at least three weeks in-advance to book a speaker at 815-397-9112.

Heritage Gardens Eight enchanting gardens envelop you in the rich history of Victorian horticulture. Private garden tours uncover the mysteries of 19th century garden design and the legacy of heirloom planting. The Historic Iris Preservation Garden is a collection of rare Irises dating from the 1500s to 1910 with private tours during the early Spring bloom.

Membership Support the museum and receive benefits including free admission to the 13-acre Village and Main Museum Center exhibits, free or reduced special events admission. As a further benefit as a Time Travel Program participant, enjoy special admission to more than 300 history museums across the US. Members also receive a 10% discount in the Museum Gift Store and a weekly history feature sent through email. For a benefits list go to: <https://www.midwayvillage.com/midway-membership.html>.

Volunteering Assist the museum in areas such as Exhibits, Textiles, Collections, Gardens, Wood Shop, Administration, Marketing, and Education Programs.

Questions? Call 815-397-9112.

Calendar of Events 2022

Jan. 29	Rockford Made It-Live! A Community Blog Forum Focus: Woodward, Inc. & Rockford Pop Culture
Feb. 1	Black History Month Exhibit Opens Entitled: <i>From Rockford to the White House: James and Jessie Williams</i>
Feb. 5	Girl Scouts Daisy Badge Day
Feb. 12	Girl Scouts Brownie Badge Day
Feb. 19	Girl Scouts Junior Badge Day
Feb. 26	Girl Scouts Cadette Badge Day
March 12	Sock Monkey History Day
April 23	Meet A Historical Figure: Dr. Bessica Medler Raiche, Aviatix
May 1	Victorian Village Opens For Seasonal Tours
May 28-29	Veteran/Active Duty Memorial Weekend Free Admission
Jun. 4-5	Special Living History Days Theme Weekend Celebration of Innovation
Jun. 9	Lunchtime History Bites
July 2-3	Special Living History Days Theme Weekend Independence Day at Camp Fuller
July 21	Lunchtime History Bites
Aug. 15	815 Rockford Day: Free Admission
Aug. 18	Lunchtime History Bites
Sept. 11	EMS & 1 st Responders Patriot's Day Free Admission
Sept. 24 & 25	World War II Days
Oct. 22	All Hallows' Eve
Oct. 28	Evening of Illumination
Nov. 5	100 th Anniversary of King Tut Event Activities & Meet A Historical Figure: Rockford's Dr. Henry Breasted
Nov. 19	Hometown Heroes: Rockford's Vietnam Veterans
Dec. 10	The Great War: Trench Event

New! Living History Weekends in the Victorian Village

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays: June 3 - August 29, 2022

Visitors have new opportunities to learn about life between 1890-1910 by engaging with costumed History Interpreters sharing fascinating stories about the past. A variety of different people, lifestyles and cultures at the turn-of-the 21st Century are explored. Learn how much life has changed and also stayed relatively the same over the duration of 100+plus years.

New! Living History Theme Days in the Victorian Village

Special Weekends in the Summer: June 4-5, 2022 & July 2-3, 2022

Visitors engage in interpretive experiences with costumed History Interpreters during two special living history weekends. In June, *Celebration of Innovation* will feature life as it evolved between 1860-1920 and explore technology and industrial manufacturing of that era. In July, *Independence Day at Camp Fuller* is explored highlighting Rockford's Camp Fuller at the time of the Civil War.

Camp Grant Exhibit Planning

A sampling of the artifacts is on display at the museum. Watch for more updates as the museum makes plans for installation of a permanent exhibit on Camp Grant.



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About Us

Rentals Several unique and spectacular spaces for weddings, gala events, award dinners, company picnics and more are on the museum campus. From outdoor garden parties to rustic weddings, it's all available at an affordable price. Call 815-397-9112, ext. 114 or lisa.beardsworth@midwayvillage.com.

Museum Gift Store Shop the Gift Store in-person during regular hours of museum operations or online at www.midwayvillage.com. Shop from the comfort of your home or office with the new Shopify online store. Shipping is available and arrangements can be made for shipping overseas. A large selection of sock monkeys, Rockford Peaches and other themed merchandise make perfect gifts!

Rockford History Walk Tours This tour stops at 19 plaques installed at downtown Rockford historical locations. The self-guided tour starts at any of the tour stops listed on the downloadable map. To learn more or for the map visit www.RockfordHistoryWalks.org.

Mission

Midway Village Museum, collects, preserves and interprets the diverse history of the Rockford region and is committed to educating and enriching our community by providing high quality exhibits, programs and events.

Seasonal Hours of Operations

Winter Jan. 3 – May 1

Main Museum Center, Woodward Millhouse,

Old Doll's House and Museum Gift Store:

Wed. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm Museum Closed On Mon. & Tues.

Victorian Village

The Victorian Village is open by appt. only.

Spring May 1 – June 2

Main Museum Center, Woodward Millhouse,

Old Doll's House and Museum Gift Store:

Tue. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm Museum Closed On Mon.

Victorian Village Guided Tours:

Mon. – Fri. By Appt; Sat. & Sun. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

Summer June 3 – August 28

Main Museum Center, Woodward Millhouse,

Old Doll's House and Museum Gift Store:

Tue. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm Museum Closed On Mon.

Victorian Village Guided Tours

Weekdays: Tues. – Thurs. 11 am, Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

Weekend Living History Experience

Fri., Sat., Sun. 10 am – 4 pm

Fall August 30 – December 31

Main Museum Center, Woodward Millhouse,

Old Doll's House and Museum Gift Store:

Tue. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm Museum Closed On Mon.

Victorian Village

Sat. & Sun. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm through Oct. 30

Not Sept. 24- 25 or Oct. 22

Admission

Free Admission For Museum Members and Child ages 0-4

Main Museum Center Exhibits

\$8 Adults \$6 Child (age 5-12) \$7 Senior (62+)

Victorian Village Guided Tours

& Main Museum Center Exhibits

\$10 Adults \$8 Child (age 5-12) \$9 Senior (62+)

Victorian Village Weekend Living History Experiences

& Main Museum Center Exhibits

\$12 Adults \$10 Child (age 5-12) \$11 Senior (62+)

Victorian Village Special Weekend Living History Days

& Main Museum Center Exhibits

\$14 Adults \$12 Child (age 5-12) \$13 Senior (62+)

Midway Village Museum

Main Museum Center

Exhibits – A Year-Round Experience

Inside the Museum Center visitors engage and explore history through interactive exhibits in the more than 20,000 square feet of gallery spaces. Nestled among each permanent gallery are continually changing temporary displays. There are always new and exciting things for visitors to see in our galleries.

Many Faces, One Community:

This exhibit features stories of Rockford's immigrants from 1834 to the present. Arrive through the train depot, stroll along 7th and South Main Streets, visit an immigrant home, and apply for a job at the Swedish furniture factory.



Queen City of the Prairies: Only 20 years after its founding Rockford became an important regional center of government, industry, and commerce. Learn more about life in 1840s Rockford.

The Girls of Summer: Meet the Rockford Peaches and learn about these ladies who played hardball in the 1940s-50s.



The Missing Link: Socks, Monkeys and Rockford's

Industrial Past: Monkey around with red heel socks and view the Nelson knitting machines. Find the sock monkey that helped win Rockford the title of "Home of the Sock Monkey."

Flight Gallery: Learn about local aviators like Bessica Raiche, and see Col. Bert Hassell's 1928 SMI Stinson-Detroiter Airplane.

Industrial Gallery: Rockford's industrial geniuses created innovative products that impacted the local and worldwide economy.

Adjacent to the Museum Center be sure to see:

Old Doll's House Museum: Outside the Museum Center, the Old Doll's House Museum has 30 miniature homes representing different countries.

Woodward Millhouse: Tour an 1860s recreated mill with a functioning waterwheel located on Lake Severin. By appointment only.

Visit The Online Digital Collection: **Free Service**

View more than 5,000 images in the museum's collection just by clicking www.midwayvillage.com/digital-collections.html.

Getting To Midway Village Museum Is Easy:



Midway Village Museum is closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Easter, April 17; Thanksgiving, Nov 24; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 & Christmas Day, Dec. 25.