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Good afternoon 4-H Families,

I am sending your latest Newsflash a day early because I am out of the office tomorrow due to Camp Counselor training on Saturday. I will be back in on Monday and I have a busy week of evening meetings next week, so my schedule will be a little varied if you need to get in contact with me.

We have brought back Project Workshop Day on March 12! There are still plenty of spots to register, so invite a friend to see all the fun activities we have to offer— you might even be able to pet a chicken! See page 3-4 for registration details! You do not have to be in 4-H to come.

We also have a fun Public Speaking workshop with Boone County 4-H for anyone wanting to learn/polish their speaking skills! You do not have to be in the public speaking project to register (see page 2).

Thank you, Becky Gocken



**Community
Service
Opportunity**

Save the Date
April 2

We have 25 Oak trees as part of a statewide tree program to plant at Rock Valley College! We need at least 2 adult/4-Hers planting teams from each 4-H club to come dig & plant to accomplish this task!

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

Attention Boone &
Winnebago 4-H
Members!



PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING

SPONSORED BY: WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 6-7:30 P.M.

**The Machine Shed Restaurant
7475 E. State Street, Rockford**

Registration required by 2/24/22

GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/PUBLICSPEAKINGTRAINING

Learn how to write and perform a speech using gestures and movement. Learn about the new classes for the 4-H Public Presentation contest. Do you have a rough draft? You will have the opportunity to practice and get feedback, if you choose to do so after the presentation. Enjoy a cookie or brownie courtesy of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. COVID-19 protocols will be followed, including social distancing and masks.

Attend the training and participate in the 4-H Public Presentations contest in your county and receive a gift from the Farm Bureau!



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, call the Boone County Extension Office, (815)544-3710.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



4-H PROJECT WORKSHOP DAY

Saturday – March 12, 2022



The 2022 4-H Project Workshop Day is Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Prince of Peace Church, 2336 Freeport Road, Rockton, IL. A morning of hands-on learning and fun – our workshops will have you DOING, THINKING, and CREATING! This day is geared toward ALL youth ages 8-18 – grab a friend and be ready to have some fun!

Workshops start at 9:30 am – Please arrive and check in between 9:15 – 9:25 am.

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH – 2336 Freeport Road, Rockton – March 12, 2022

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!

Please register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/47zmxaa>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 6, 2022

Registration fees: **\$3.00 per person**

(some workshops may have an additional charge for materials)

Must be paid at time of registration to secure your spot!

Space is limited so sign up early!

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension

Pay by credit card online or mail checks to:

U of I Extension
1040 N Second Street
Rockford, IL 61107

Please choose one session per time slot. Each participant will get to experience a total of 3 workshops. Course descriptions, presenters, and class requirements are listed on the following pages! Note class size maximums next to the title. Plan to **WEAR COMFORTABLE, OLD CLOTHES** and **FOLLOW ALL COVID GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, INCLUDING WEARING A MASK INDOORS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

SESSION 1 CHOICES: 9:30-10:30

GP DAY 101 (Max of 10)

Instructors: 4-H YLT Members

Description: Learn how to assemble a poster project and tips and tricks for presenting to a judge.

WET FELTING (Max of 8)

Instructors: Kathy Koning-McClure

Description: Rub a dub-dub! Create a wet felted soap bar for the bath.

PARACORD BRACELET (Max of 10)

Instructor: Terre McGee

Description: Using paracord material and a pattern, make yourself a survival bracelet.

SHOWING POULTRY (Max of 10)

Instructor: Ella Vice & Toni Cannella

Description: How to prepare your birds for show day, what the judge looks for, how to remove your birds from their cages to hand to judge.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD-GERMANY (Max of 10)

Instructor: Midway Mavels 4-H Club (Elizabeth Russo- leader)

Description: We will explore German culture, language and food.

SESSION 2 CHOICES: 10:30-11:30

WET FELTING (Max of 8)

Instructors: Kathy Koning-McClure

Description: Rub a dub-dub! Create a wet felted soap bar for the bath.

AEROSPACE (Max of 10)

Instructor: Gary Walton

Learn how to select, build, and launch a model rocket. Will include a beginning level model rocket, which will be used to learn construction techniques.

PARACORD BRACELET (Max of 10)

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SHOWING POULTRY (Max of 10)

Instructor: Ella Vice & Toni Cannella

Description: How to prepare your birds for show day, what the judge looks for, how to remove your birds from their cages to hand to judge.

RABBITS 101 (Max of 10)

Instructor: Jeanne Walton

Description: If you're interested in raising or showing rabbits or cavies, we will go over the basics and answer questions.

CARDBOARD CIRCLE WEAVING (Max of 10)

Instructor: Betsy Carlson

Description: Have fun with yarn and make yourself a bookmark. Using a circle of cardboard, you can make beautiful cords or hair ties in an ancient way.

SESSION 3 CHOICES: 11:30-12:30

GP DAY 101 (Max of 10)

Instructors: 4-H YLT Members

Description: Learn how to assemble a poster project and tips and tricks for presenting to a judge.

PARACORD BRACELET (Max of 10)

Instructor: Terre McGee

Description: Using paracord material and a pattern, make yourself a survival bracelet.

SHOWING POULTRY (Max of 10)

Instructor: Ella Vice & Toni Cannella

Description: How to prepare your birds for show day, what the judge looks for, how to remove your birds from their cages to hand to judge.

TISSUE PAPER CRAFT (Max of 10)

Instructor: Amy Berg

Description: Create and artwork using tissue paper.

SLIME (Max of 10)

Instructor: Mia Chase

Description: Make and take your own slime!

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

we're hiring!

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**Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development**

We're hiring!

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

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

**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!**

Register by March 4 with Becky



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:



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

HOW TO
WEBINAR
Series



**HOW TO ASSESS
& RESPOND TO
SUICIDALITY IN YOUTH**

with **HEATHER DAHL, PHD., MCC, ACS**
WENDY J. HOSKINS, PHD.

Feb. 23 10:00AM CT

Email kelly.huot@jacks.sdstate.edu for registration information

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The Counseling and Human Resource Development program at South Dakota State University has been approved by NDSU as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 1002. Programs that do not qualify for NDSU credit are clearly identified. The Counseling and Human Resource Department is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers in the United States. This is a heart-wrenching statistic, and one that we can't ignore. Join Heather Dahl and Wendy Hoskins on **Wednesday, February 23, at 10:00 am CT** as they discuss how to assess and respond to suicidality in youth. Learn suicide prevention and assessment tools that you can use when working with youth.

Register today for this informative and **FREE** webinar by clicking the image.

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

****Registration Opens March 10, 2022****

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



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

• **Beginner: 8-13 years of age**

Advanced: 14 years of and up

	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	Props and costumes are allowed



Members will not be approved until leader's have verified they received payment and/or paid by credit card online this year. You will not be able to enroll in Fair Entry until I have received this information from your club leader.

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 & 2.1.2022. Here is a link to the state 4-H page project resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

4-H CHALLENGES YOUTH TO SUBMIT THEIR BEST SHOT

This latest photography challenge, sponsored by Minnesota 4-H, is open to youth across the Midwest. Youth are encouraged to use their photography skills and creativity to capture their best shot.

Youth as young as kindergarten are welcome to join the challenge. This is a great first experience for people who are new to 4-H. Learn more and register for the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" photo contest on the Minnesota 4-H photography webpage: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#)

"Photography is about capturing a moment in time," said Julia Nilles, a 4-H'er from Lincoln County, Minn. and past challenge participant. "I love that 4-H photo challenges give me a reason to go out and take pictures of things. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect, so by having a reason to go take more photos, I can improve my photography skills."

Once registered for the challenge, youth can experiment with photography elements to create stunning photographs. On-demand lessons are available on the Minnesota 4-H photography project page, including how angles, light and composition to enhance your photography.

Youth may submit their favorite photo (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences of why it's special to them. Deadline to submit an image is 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will review all submissions, provide feedback and select the top images for special awards. All submissions will be entered into a prize drawing. Submitted images will be featured in a digital slideshow shared with participants and posted on Minnesota 4-H's Facebook and YouTube channels.

4-H photography is a youth development offering of the University of Minnesota Extension. Learn more at: <https://z.umn.edu/4h-photography>.

For more news from U of M Extension, visit www.extension.umn.edu/news or contact Extension Communications at extnews@umn.edu. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

JOANN FABRICS DONATIONS

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H

Thank you @JOANN for helping empower more kids to grow themselves and their communities. joann.com/4-H/ @4-H #JOANNhearts4H

February 1 – April 30, we invite you to visit a local @JOANN store to create with your hands and give with your heart through a donation to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H



Back by
Popular Demand!

19th Annual



4-H DAY WITH THE *Cardinals*

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



May 14
1:15PM
\$25/ticket
*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **one** order.

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu
Parade/raffle questions? Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu



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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

FEBRUARY, 2022

19 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Sterling
 22 6:00 pm 4-H Leader's Meeting- Tinker Swiss Cottage, Rockford
 23 5:00 pm YLT Meeting, Extension Office
 24 7:00 pm WC 4-H Livestock Superintendent Meeting
 28 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED



MARCH, 2022

3 Becky Community Outreach Programming
 6 Registration Deadline for Project Workshop Day
 10- Apr.1 FAIR ENTRY IS OPEN for Public Speaking Contest Entries
 10 6-8pm 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Zoom
 12 9:00 am 4-H Project Workshop Day at Prince of Peace Church – Rockton
 16 Becky Community Outreach Programming

APRIL, 2022

1 Deadline for Public Speaking Entries for Winnebago County Show
 1 4-H BBQ Meat Box Fundraiser Sale Begins (orders/\$\$ due May 25)
 2 9:30 am YQCA Face-to-face Training – Prince of Peace Church, Rockton (**must pre-register**)
 2 **Afternoon** **Illinois Statewide 4-H Tree Planting Program, Rock Valley College**
 5 6:00 pm 4-H Public Speaking Contest – Extension Office
 6 Becky Community Outreach Programming
 15 9:30 am YQCA Face-to-face Training – Prince of Peace Church, Rockton (**must pre-register**)
 15 **Afternoon** **Illinois Statewide 4-H Tree Planting Program, Rock Valley College (Reserve date if ground isn't thawed enough for April 2)**
 20 Becky Community Outreach Programming
 23 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Oregon
 27 5:30 pm 4-H Leader's Meeting – TBD
 30 Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest, Parkland College, Champaign

MAY, 2022

1-June 10 **FAIR ENTRY OPENS FOR ALL MEMBERS TO REGISTER ENTRIES FOR 4-H FAIR**
 5 Becky Community Outreach Programming
 11 6-8pm 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Zoom
 25 4:00 pm BBQ MEAT BOX Orders & Payment DUE to Extension Office
 30 **EXTENSION OFFICE IS CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday**

JUNE, 2022

6-10 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club, Pecatonica
 10 11:59 pm **FAIR ENTRY CLOSURES** (All entries must be registered by 11:59 pm)
 12 8-10 am Winnebago County 4-H Chalk the Walk, Extension office parking lot
 12 Noon-1 pm BBQ Meat Box Order Pickup at Extension office parking lot; Noah's Ark donation drop off
 14-16 Northern Illinois 4-H Day Camps
 17 **EXTENSION OFFICE IS CLOSED for Juneteenth Holiday**
 25 10:30 am 4-H Float Day- Sugar River
 29 9-12pm Wizarding World of 4-H, Prince of Peace Church, Rockton



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.

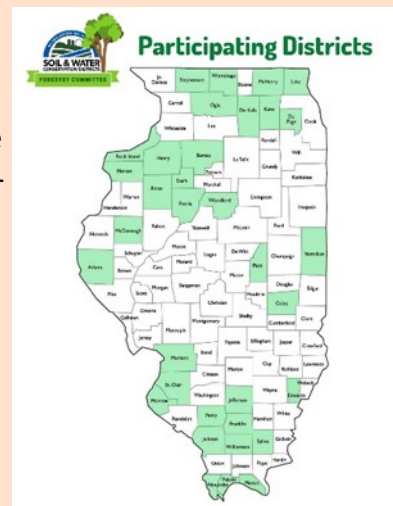
Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.



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

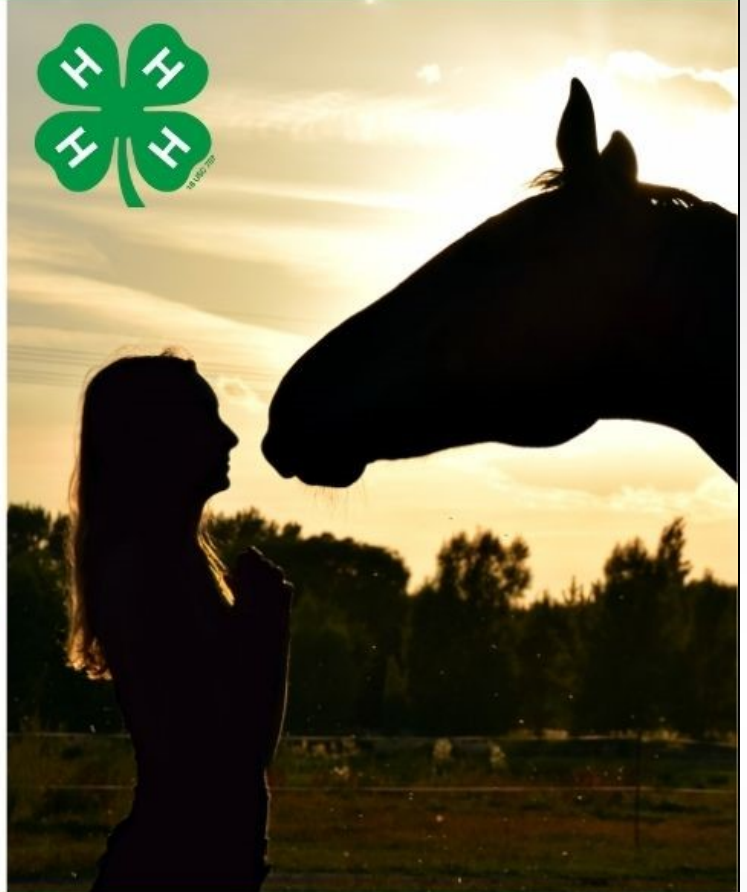
The Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team is gearing up for the new year. They ride in local parades, perform at the Ogle County Fair and other events, and participate in drill team competitions.

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



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

EPA

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>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EXTENSION:



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/...>



Embrace *late* winter's beauty through outdoor exploration and indoor inspiration at University of Illinois Extension's Winter Trails & Naturalist Tales from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Winter Trails & Naturalist Tales will be held at Torstenson's Education Center, 13735 Cook Road, Pecatonica, and includes four "naturalist tales" keynote speakers and a "winter trails" self-guided hike / bird watching.

[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.



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

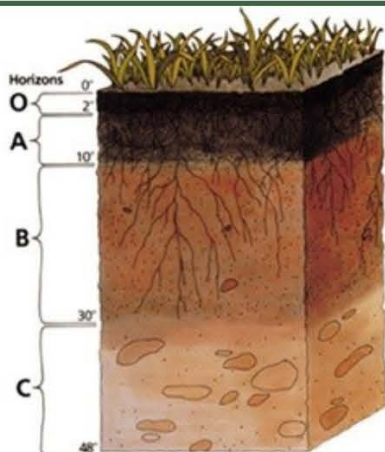
The poster must be a digital design and can be created in any platform. The design should be 8.5 X 11 in size and at least 300DPI. Files should be in JPEG or PNG format.

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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