



Winter 2018-19

# Mason Clover Notes

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Dear 4-H Families,

I always enjoy hearing the stories from 4-H club leaders and members about their great community service learning projects!

I am so proud of the Pleasant Workers 4-H Club for their hard work and dedication to community service! Even though only a few of the invited were able to attend their recent event, it is important to know the club made a difference by taking the time to recognize and show their appreciation for the efforts of our public servants. Anytime you can share your 4-H experiences with community leaders it speaks volumes, and never goes unnoticed! Great work! See more of their story in the next column.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”  
— Francis of Assisi

Please let this be *your* club’s reminder to share those great stories so we can highlight them in the Mason Clover Notes Newsletter! So many of you do great community service learning projects that should also be recognized!

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a bright new year!



*Joli*

Joli Pierson

Extension Program Coordinator

4-H Youth Development



*Pictured above front row l to r: Ellis Dowell, Cooper Thomas, Addison Liesman, Tatum Bruce, Caid Liesman, Andrew Fornoff, & Addison Armstrong. Back row l to r: Mason City Council members, Daniel Mason, Gerald Mahin, and Mayor Bruce Lowe*

## Pleasant Workers 4-H Club- Giving Back to Local Servants

The Pleasant Workers 4-H Club invited the EMT personnel, police officers, and Mason City council members to dinner. Members, leaders, and parents donated food and took time to prepare a meal for this group of local servants. Two members of the City Council and the Mason City Mayor were able to attend. The kids were able to enjoy the meal & desserts with them. The youth also enjoyed discussing their projects, learning about holding a public office, and a being in the ambulance bay.



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Facebook— [Fulton County 4-H](#) (closed group)  
[Mason County IL 4-H](#) (closed group)  
[Peoria County 4-H](#)  
[Tazewell County IL 4-H](#)

**Get the latest news on the Mason  
County 4-H Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MasonIL4H/>



## Begin your global travels with 4-H

Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are  
outbound travel dates:

Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019

Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019

Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019

Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019

South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

### Eligibility:

• Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18**  
for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the  
last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through  
international, cross-cultural experiences that enable  
young people to improve their leadership and  
communication skills, while increasing their inter-  
national awareness and understanding. Selected  
delegates will be placed with a host family where  
they will experience family life, community activi-  
ties and be immersed in the local culture of the  
country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are  
not just a tourist, but also a family member and ex-  
pected to participate in all aspects of family and  
community life the program has to offer. Check out  
the information for each country online @  
[go.illinois.edu/global4H](http://go.illinois.edu/global4H).



## Grab your gear and head to 4-H Memorial Camp

Be part of the best camping experience in Central  
Illinois. Choose from one of these summer ses-  
sions:

Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8  
Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13  
Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20  
Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This  
new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post  
so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost  
to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration  
will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces  
filled up in 45 days last year!

# 2019 Youth Livestock Superhero Conference: It's More than 'Meats' the Eye

*The Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.*

**January 26 & 27, 2019**

**Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur**

**REGISTER BY 12/17/18**

**ONLINE @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock)**

**OPEN** to 4-H youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade

**COST** is \$165 per participant

*Cost includes participant t-shirt, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks, and all workshop materials.*

**ARRIVE** by 10 AM Saturday, Jan. 26

**DEPART** by 11:30 AM Sunday, Jan. 27

Here are a few of the "Glove-up" workshops we think you'll enjoy:

## **"Marvelous Medics"**

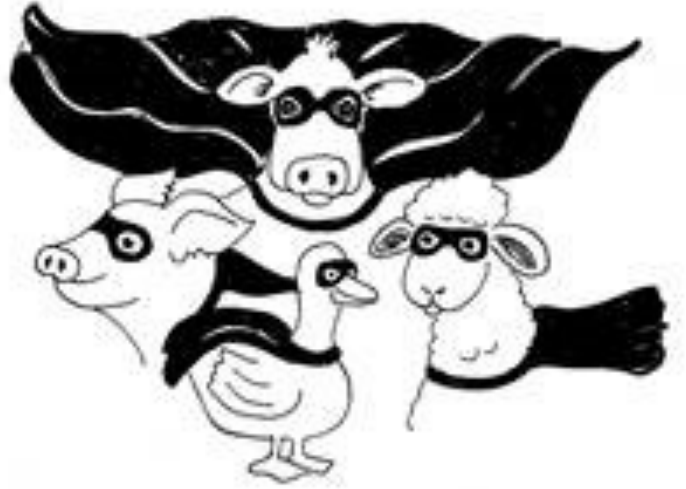
Youth Assemble! Help us unmask the possibilities of vet science in the Marvelous Medics workshop! Become a lifesaver as we learn how to dissect, inject, and get your suture-senses tingling! By the time you leave, you'll be able to stitch, vaccinate, and see your way well enough to save the day!

## **"Becoming Incredible"**

Glove up and power up as you learn the basic of breeding and genetics. We will start with learning about the multiple gadgets that you use in the barn for artificial insemination. Our adventure then takes us under the microscope to view the early stages of life while simulating embryo transfer and in-vitro fertilization!

## **Put 4-H in the name!**

Time is running out to have YOUR idea chosen! The Illinois State Fair Foundation is allowing 4-H members to submit names for the restored coliseum of the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Deadline to submit names is Dec. 14! Go to [ilfairfoundation.com](http://ilfairfoundation.com) and click on the "Name the Coliseum Contest" flag in the upper right corner! Hurry and support 4-H! This is open to **CURRENT ILLINOIS 4-H, FFA, and Junior Horsemen members!**



## **"What Makes a Super Animal?"**

Come discover the parts that gives super animals their power. Participants will get hands-on experience revolving around meat production. Individuals will get a chance to glove up and get into the cooler to explore a variety of different cuts. Use your X-ray vision with the help of ultrasound to see inside the super animals and "Super-Suit" up to end this session by competing against your peers. Here you will gain more power to fuel your super brains about the meat science industry.

## **"Saving the Day, the Social Media Way"**

Save the livestock industry in the social media world with a jam-packed session about the proper way to promote animal science and 4-H to the general public. You will leave knowing how to respond to questions that families or reporters may have while walking through the barn at the fair. Learn the appropriate ways to use social media to promote not only the industry as a whole, but also your individual farm.

## **Just so you know...**

Dates for the 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show are July 22-28.

Date for the 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is August 24.



## Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference

February 23 & 24  
Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter.

Open to 4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Cost is \$160.

Registration will open in November at [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc)

Check out these workshops:

- **Survival Wearables:** There are many kids in the world who will never get the chance to go to camp. In this workshop, you'll work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world!
- **The Wilderness Challenge:** Do you have what it takes? Come experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging physical and mental obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H:** Discover all of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. The possibilities in 4-H are endless. 4-H offers opportunities in science, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where you get guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to be a leader. Explore the forest of 4-H and search for your team.
- **Crafty Rafty:** Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine. This workshop allows attendees to work together and be creative to accomplish their goal!
- **Science Explorers:** Join us to explore different area of science under the Milky Way. You'll create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with your man made rockets.

### It's a promise

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student's family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ [go.illinois.edu/college4me](http://go.illinois.edu/college4me).

## Local 4-H EVENTS

### December

22-31 Christmas, Extension office closed

### January

- 1 New Year's Day, Extension office closed
- 3 Mason County Livestock Enrollment Deadline
- 6 Easton Ramblers 4-H Club meeting
- 6 Kountry Kritters 4-H Club meeting
- 19 Happy Handful 4-H Club meeting
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Extension office closed

### February

- 2 Mason County Beef Weigh-In & Tattooing
- 3 Easton Ramblers 4-H meeting
- 4 4-H Memorial Camp registration opens
- 10 Kountry Kritters 4-H meeting
- 16 Clover Clinic at Illinois Central College



**Reminder to all 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers:** This

newsletter will be the last newsletter you will receive if you are not re-enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2018-19 4-H year! Please check and update your status in 4-H Online at: <https://il.4honline.com>

### Running list of state 4-H events:

January 26, 27	Youth Livestock Superhero Conference, Decatur
February 23-24	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
June 4 - 8	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1
June 8 - 15	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington DC
June 9	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest (tentative)
June 9 - 13	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2
June 16 - 20	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3
June 17	Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
June 23 - 27	Illini Summer Academies
June 30 - July 4	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4
August 9 - 12	General Projects at State Fair



## Give to others this holiday

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports more than \$600,000 worth of projects and programs each year. Every county benefits from these gifts. Has your club given back to the Foundation? As you support others in your community, consider supporting the work of YOUR 4-H Foundation. Giving is easy at <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu>.



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF)

## Neat opportunity for 4-H alum

Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program Citizenship Washington Focus

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group's entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group's coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council's educational curricula to groups of youth.

Apply online by January 15 @ [4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-assistants](http://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!program-assistants)

## Spring 2019 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Be watching for upcoming Speaking for Illinois 4-H training dates after January 1, 2019! Two more training opportunities will be scheduled in spring 2019. We anticipate the spring trainings to be held in central and southern Illinois locations. Exact dates will be identified once we have access to the 2019 Illinois Legislative Calendar.

Why should you participate in Speaking for Illinois 4-H training? You'll be trained to effectively share your 4-H story with legislators, donors, 4-H volunteers, and civic groups. You will also develop skills to explain the impact 4-H has in your local community, across Illinois, and the world. Training is provided by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Those who complete training will be invited to attend the Spring 2019 Legislative Connection events at the state capital in Springfield.



## There's a place for you at 4-H House Cooperative Sorority

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2019. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond.

Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

Interview will be held on February 23-24 and March 9-10. If you or someone you know would be interested in interviewing or taking a tour, please visit [4hhouse.com](http://4hhouse.com) or contact Interviewing Chair, Madison Wilson, @ [4hhouseinterview@gmail.com](mailto:4hhouseinterview@gmail.com).



# Positive Youth Development

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## Making the best in each of us better

### Mastery: Engagement in Learning

*By Dana Homann, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper counties*

Mastery is defined as gaining knowledge and developing skills and attitudes AND the ability to accurately use the knowledge, skills and attitudes in your everyday life.

To achieve mastery, you need to be engaged and interested. Simply having a learning experience is not enough. Youth need to be involved in the learning process and given opportunities to successfully meet challenges and solve problems. Engaged youth are curious and focused on learning. They develop relationships and connections that enhance learning. Youth who are actively engaged in learning have a higher degree of self-motivation and creativity, set goals and work towards reaching those goals, and are more likely to develop self-confidence and feel they are capable of succeeding.

4-H clubs are a perfect place for youth to develop these positive life skills, but only if clubs are actively doing things to promote this learning. Simply having a club meeting isn't enough. To foster engagement consider:

Are club activities based on a hands on, learn by doing approach to learning?

Do club activities and experiences encourage

curiosity, questioning and exploration?

Do club activities provide experiences that make a difference to others or relate to real life situations?

Consider these tips:

Involve members in planning and organizing club activities. Club officers should take the lead in organizing activities by using committees to plan events and activities so more members are involved in the decision process. Adult volunteers should serve as facilitators, supporting the youth, not leading the process.

Encourage members to take on leadership roles within the club. Allow all members, regardless of age, to have a voice in program/activity planning.

Allow time for youth to reflect on their success and failures. Things do not always work out as planned. It is important to discuss the situation, what worked, and what didn't. The best learning experiences are not always the most perfect.

Engagement is the spark that can create excitement that leads to learning ... and that leads to self-confident, capable adults.



## Help us understand youth!

The Youth Engaged 4 Change website has a fresh, new look with content that continues to inspire and empower young people to improve their lives and the world around them. Check it out @ <https://engage.youth.gov>. The site will help you **FIND OPPORTUNITIES**, including volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities. **FIND ANSWERS** and explore resources on topics they care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more. **FIND INSPIRATION** from Change Makers who are volunteering, acting as leaders & role models, advocating, & making an impact in the lives of others.

Youth Engaged 4 Change wants to hear from youth ages 10-24 to learn more about what big decisions they face in their daily lives. As you enter your comments about **"What big decisions are you facing right now?"**, you'll be registered for a contest. Three entrants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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## Legacy of Leadership Scholarship

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships). Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

## Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship

Sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, this scholarship provides 10 \$2,500 scholarships to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by January 4, 2019 @ [nppc.org/programs/scholarships](http://nppc.org/programs/scholarships).

## Scholarships honors 4-H club leader

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A **\$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

The **\$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

## Farm Credit Illinois Scholarships

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

## Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).

## America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders

There are countless career opportunities in agriculture, and they aren't just in farming! However, many students aren't aware of the diverse possibilities.

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is offering more than \$500,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and college students pursuing an ag-related field of study. Students (including non-FFA members) can apply now for a \$1,500 scholarship, and they need your endorsement to qualify. See the official rules at: <https://www.americasfarmers.com>



## Club News



### Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports – Success at State Shotgun & Rifle Shoots

Eight Mason county youth participated at the Illinois 4-H State Shotgun Competition held at Bunker Hill, Illinois. For two of the youth, Jessilyn White and Owen Dye, both of Havana, this was their first time competing at this event. Both of them held their own and finished strong without nerves showing. Others members had each competed at least once before. The top four scores of each county were combined to rank the teams for Top State Team Awards. Mason County members competing: Dale Devore of Easton (score 87); Jessilyn White, Havana (score 87); Jamie Wilcoxen, Havana (score 80); Owen Dye, Havana, (score 80); Brayden Leamon, Mason City (score 65); Clayton Culbertson, Mason City (score 60); Loren Harp, Mason City (score 54). The consistency of the group helped to earn them the 3rd Place Overall Illinois 4-H Shotgun State Team Award.

The Mason County 4-H Shotgun Instructors are Matt Fliege, Josh Powell, and Jennifer Dye.



*Pictured above l to r: Dale DeVore, Owen Dye, Brayden Leamon, Clayton Culbertson, Loren Harp, Jamie Wilcoxen, Jessilyn White, Nic Jones at the IL 4-H State Shotgun Competition held at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL*

Mason Gaines of Havana was the only Mason county competitor at the Illinois 4-H Rifle Competition recently held at Central Illinois Precision Shooting Range in Bloomington, Illinois. Mason ranked 20th in the state small-bore rifle competition with an overall score of 63. This was an excellent first time attempt for the first year shooting sports club member and a big confidence builder for him. Mandy and James Stark, Mike Berg, Mitch Dye, and Clarissa Golden-Campbell are the Mason County 4-H small-bore rifle/air rifle instructors.



*Pictured above l to r: James Stark, Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Instructor; Mason Gaines, small-bore rifle competitor; Henry Gaines, Mason's father, at the 4-H State Rifle Competition held at Central Illinois Precision Shooting Range in Bloomington, IL.*







# 4-H CLOVER CLINIC

[go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic](http://go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic)

Hands-on workshops for all youth ages 8 to 18.

**February 16, 2019 ~ 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

**Illinois Central College, East Peoria**

Hosted by U of I Extension, Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties

Participants select their class schedule from the following fun, hands-on workshops:

## MORNING

- Art Journals
- Backyard Wildlife
- Butterflies & Bees
- Button Art
- Cook Up Your Outdoor Skills
- Creating with Fabric Flowers (10+)
- Design in 3D and Foundry in a Box (DS, 10+)
- Don't Be a Scaredy-Cat
- Drilling Into the Earth
- Forensic Entomology (DS)
- Fun with Fondant
- History Fun: Fossil Timeline (10+)
- Hunting and Wildlife
- Know Ur Knot
- Leather Stamping
- Mad Science
- Tie It Up with Fleece

## AFTERNOON

- Clay Beads
- Colorful Fun With Pop Art (DS)
- Creating with Fabric Flowers (10+)
- Crochet (DS, 11+)
- Explore Mother Nature
- Glass Etching Art
- Hopping Hares
- Ice Cream Science
- Interactive Robot Art
- Jewelry Making (DS)
- Leather Stamping—Advanced (DS)
- Make, Play, Create
- Spring Crafts
- String Art (DS)
- Wood Burning

DS = Double Session

10+ = Age requirement of 10 and older.

11+ = Age requirement of 11 and older.

Open to youth ages 8 to 18.

Cost—\$15, includes 4-H drawstring bag

Schedule includes up to 4 workshops with a lunch break.

Register online at

[go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic](http://go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic)  
(deadline Jan. 25.)

Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Class descriptions available within the online registration and at [go.illinois.edu/4-HCCworkshops](http://go.illinois.edu/4-HCCworkshops)



Photo by Katharine Girone, Tazewell 4-H

*4-H Clover Clinic is a large multi-project workshop day for youth ages 8 to 18. This is a great event for 4-H members and youth who are new to 4-H. It is designed to give participants a chance to experience many different project areas. Classes are hands-on and taught by volunteers with expertise in their areas.*



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