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# Mercer County 4-H April 2025 NEWSLETTER

**EGG HUNT**  
*Easter*  
Saturday,  
April 12, 2025

11:00 AM Registration & Activities  
11:30 AM Egg Hunt Starts  
Fort Harrod State Park  
Open to Youth 0 - 12 years old  
**FREE EVENT**

**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF HARRODSBURG

*Easter Special*  
**BREAKFAST  
w/ EASTER BUNNY**

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
8:00 -11:30 a.m.  
Mercer County Fairgrounds  
"The Stable"  
560 Linden Avenue  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Enjoy a pancake/sausage breakfast  
Photo with the Easter Bunny Petting Zoo,  
Easter Crafts & face painting

**Tickets \$8.00**  
Kids under 2 are free with paying adult

*Event sponsored by Mercer County 4-H*

### Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Staff:

*Dana R. Anderson*

Dana R. Anderson, Mercer County Extension  
Agent for 4-H Youth Development

*Beth Maddox*

Beth Maddox, Mercer County  
Extension 4-H Program Assistant

**AFTERSCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TO EXTENSION OFFICE**  
Please notify the Extension Office if you need a ride to 4-H Club Meeting/Activities after school. Elementary youth must also send a note to school. **YOU MUST CALL 734-4378 PRIOR** to the Event. The Extension Van will make runs to pick up student at schools.

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# April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Archery</b> 6:30 @Boyle Extension	2 <b>Oxbow Tour-Country Ham, Livestock, Dairy Clubs</b> 8:00am @ Oxbow Meats	3	4 <b>I Love Cows Awards Program</b> 6:00 @ Extension Office	5
6	7	8 <b>Cloverbuds</b> 3:30-5 @ Extension <b>BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol</b> 6:30 @Boyle Extension	9	10 <b>Rabbit Club</b> 6:00 @ Extension Office	11	12 <b>BREAKFAST W/ EASTER BUNNY</b> 8:00-11:30 @ The Stable <b>EGG HUNT</b> 11 @ Fort Harrod
13	14 <b>Art Club</b> 4:00-5:00 @ Extension <b>Legobuds</b> 3:30 @Extension Office <b>Shooting Sports Club</b> 6:00 @Boyle Extension	15 <b>Beginning Cooking</b> -3:30 <b>Teen Cooking</b> - 5:30 <b>Livestock Club</b> - 6:00 @Extension Office <b>Archery</b> - 6:30 @ Boyle Extension <b>Area Speech</b> @Jessamine Extension	16 <b>County 4-H Teen Club</b> 3:30 @ Extension Office	17 <b>Burgin School Clubs Homeschool @</b> 12:00pm <b>Horse Club</b> 6:00 @ Extension Office	18 <b>MCIS School Clubs Small Engines Workshop</b> 5:30-7:00 @ Extension Office	19
20  <b>Happy Easter</b>	21 <b>Shred Truck</b> : 1-4 <b>Cat Club</b> -6:00 @ Extension Office <b>Area Teens</b> - 5:30 @ Woodford Co. Extension <b>JC Training</b> 3:30 @ Jessamine Extension	22 <b>Natural Resources Club</b> 6:00 @ Extension Office <b>BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol</b> 6:30 @Boyle Extension	23 <b>Oxbow Tour (Makeup date)-Country Ham, Livestock, Dairy Clubs</b> 8:00am @ Oxbow Meats	24 <b>Deadline</b> <b>Natural Resources &amp; Environmental Science Academy Application</b>	25 <b>Earth Day 5th Grade</b> @ Extension Office <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Together We Grow- Youth Art Contest</b>	26 <b>Sewing Project</b> 10:00 am- 2:00 pm @ Extension Office
27	28 <b>STEM Club</b> 6:00 @ Extension Office	29 <b>4/5 Club</b> 3:30-5 @ Extension Office <b>Area Demonstration</b> @ Franklin Extension	30  <b>Junior Counselor Training</b> North Central 4-H Camp	May 1	May 2  <b>Outdoor Adventure Camp</b> Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp	May 3

# Mercer County 4-H Sewing Club



**Saturday, April 26, from 10:00-2:00  
@ Mercer County Extension Office  
MUST RSVP by calling 859-734-4378**

**Open to youth 9 years and up!**

**Learn how to sew or  
practice your sewing skills.**

**April 26 meeting - pajama pants  
Bring your own lunch**

**Join our text  
remind for updates  
and to RSVP when  
it's time**



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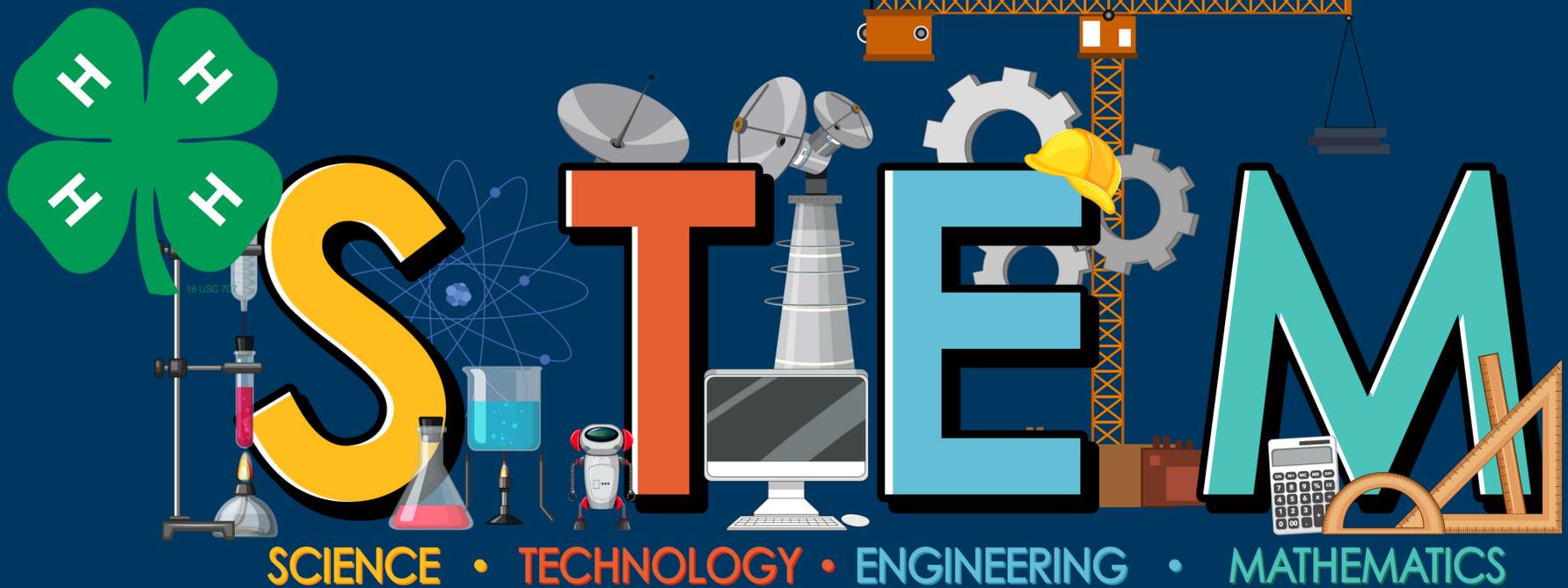
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# MERCER COUNTY 4-H



**YOUTH WILL FOCUS ON HANDS  
ON SCIENCE BASED ACTIVITIES**

**OPEN TO ALL AGES 6-18  
YOUTH 6-8 MUST HAVE ADULT STAY**

**CLUB MEETS ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**APRIL 28**

**MAY 26**

**6:00 P.M.**

**@ MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD, HARRODSBURG, KY**



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# MERCER COUNTY 4-H RABBIT CLUB



THURSDAY, APRIL 10, MAY 8  
6:00 P.M.

MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH KING MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA.  
THE CLUB WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE CARE OF RABBITS,  
SHOWMANSHIP, AND MORE.  
OPEN TO ALL AGES - CLOVERBUDS MUST HAVE A PARENT  
WITH THEM FOR THE MEETINGS



if you plan on  
showing  
rabbits at the  
4-H Show, you  
**MUST** have 6  
hours of  
classroom  
instruction  
through  
approved 4-H  
activity.



to receive club updates please text  
**@rabbitmer to #81010**

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# Small Engine Workshop



Friday, April 18 & May 16, 2025  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mercer County Extension Office,  
1007 Lexington Road,  
Harrodsburg

- For youth ages 9-19 years old
- Youth will learn the basics of small engines
- Hands-on FREE workshop, will meet monthly thru May on the 3rd Friday.



**MUST RSVP by calling :**  **859-734-4378**

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5-Day Camp  
Fee  
\$275.00

# 4-H CAMP

## Mercer County

### JUNE 16-20, 2025

More information, visit us at: <https://mercerc.ca.uky.edu/>  
or Phone 859-734.4378

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SUMMER CAMP

# CLOVERBUD CAMP

JUNE 27-29, 2025

## NORTH CENTRAL 4-H CAMP

A CAMP JUST FOR OUR 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS



CLOVERBUD CAMP FEE: \$175



**APPLICATIONS ARE ONLINE THIS YEAR. VISIT OUR WEBSITE -  
MERCER.CA.UKY.EDU FOR A LINK  
\*\*\*\* NO PAPER COPIES**

**PAYMENT CAN BE DONE ONLINE (WITH AN ADDITIONAL FEE) OR CAN  
BE DROPPED OFF AT  
MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE  
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD, HARRODSBURG, KY**

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# 4-H Community Service Scholarship Program



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**1007 Lexington Road  
Harrodsburg, KY  
859-734-4378**

**<http://mercerc.ca.uky.edu>**

Any youth interested in receiving financial assistance to attend a 4-H activity (such as camp) may apply for scholarships.

The Community Service scholarship is based on the youth completing community service work. For every 10 hours of service, the youth can receive a \$50.00 scholarship.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Youth cannot receive more than **THREE** scholarships.
2. The calendar year for the program is July 1-June 30.
3. All community service work must be done for a non-profit agency or completed with a group community service project.
4. All community service hours must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office 10 days before the 4-H activity/event.

Forms can be found at our website or obtained from the Extension Office.

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**HIKE! EXPLORE! LEARN!**

# **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP**



**Get together with friends and  
learn outdoor survival skills!**

**Scan below for the  
application!**



**MAY 2-3, 2025  
STARTS AT 1 PM  
\$100 PER PERSON  
REGISTER WITH YOUR  
COUNTY 4-H AGENT**

**LAKE CUMBERLAND 4-H CAMP  
17500 KY-196  
NANCY, KY 42544**

**OPEN FOR KIDS AGED 13 AND UP.  
THE TEAM OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS ENSURE  
ALL KIDS ARE SAFE 24/7.**

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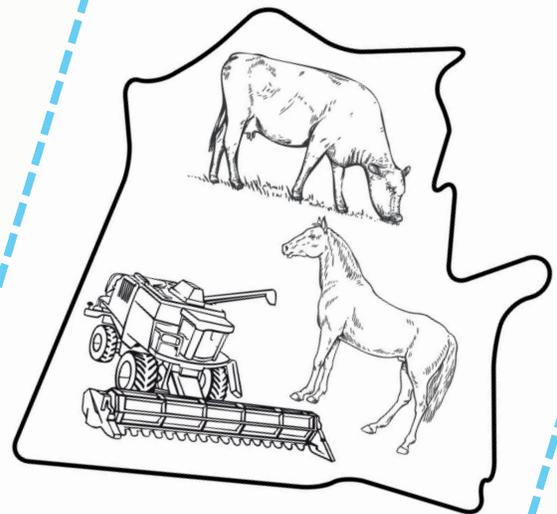


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# NATIONAL AG WEEK

## TOGETHER WE GROW: YOUTH ART CONTEST

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK, THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICES ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOUTH FROM OUR COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN AND CREATIVE ART CONTEST! THIS CONTEST IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ARTISTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVITY WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN THEIR COUNTY. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A COLORING PAGE THAT FEATURES VARIOUS LOCAL COMMODITIES, WITH PLENTY OF SPACE TO ADD THEIR OWN PERSONAL TOUCH AND IMAGINATION.



**ENTRIES DUE APRIL 25**

COLORING SHEETS AVAILABLE AT THE  
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

# EXPLORE KENTUCKY'S NATURAL WORLD



## Natural Resources & Environmental Science Academy

Three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. Participate in hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky's water, forest, entomology, and wildlife resources.

### Who can Apply?

- Must be in 5th grade at time of application.

**Cost:** \$120.00 per year, this is discounted by Mercer County 4-H Council

### Registration Deadline

Applications due April 24, 2025

*Mercer County 4-H for more info.*

(859) 734-4378 | [mercercounty4h.org](http://mercercounty4h.org)

*An equal opportunity organization.*



Kentucky 4-H  
Youth Development

Mercer County Cooperative Extension  
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330



# CAT CLUB



**April 21  
May**

**@ 6:00 p.m.**



**Mercer Co. Extension  
1007 Lexington Rd  
Harrodsburg, KY  
859-734-4378**

**You will get to have hands-on experiences while learning about domestic cats and their wild cat cousins as well**

**Open to both Cloverbuds and regular 4-H Members**

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# Mercer County 4-H Natural Resources Club

April 22

Mercer County Extension Office

6:00 p.m.

Open to  
youth 9-18  
years old



Youth will focus on forestry project:  
Leaf prints, Leaf Collections, Compass and Pacing, and more

Youth will also have the opportunity to compete at State  
competitions.

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# The Shred Truck

**Monday, April 21**  
**1:00-4:00pm**

In observance of Earth Day, Mercer County Extension Office will have **"The Shred Truck"** available for free to you!

Bring your old documents & sensitive papers to be recycled! Paper only. No electronics, paint, etc. Staples do not have to be removed but please take off any paper clips.

**1007 Lexington Road**  
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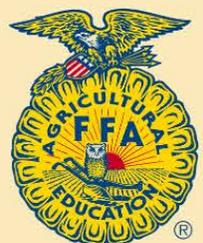
# KETTLE CORN

ORDER  
NOW

**\$10.00**  
Per  
bag

PLACE YOUR ORDER  
BY APRIL 15, 2025, BY  
CONTACTING  
PARTICIPATING  
4-H/FFA MEMBER  
POPCORN WILL BE  
DELIVERED APRIL 18

Proceeds will go to support  
Mercer County Youth  
Investment Sale  
&  
Mercer County 4-H Clubs



# HOW YOUR \$10 AG TAG BUILDS BOUNDLESS FUTURES



## KENTUCKY FFA

Provides travel scholarships for students and chapters competing at the **National FFA Convention**.

Offers grant opportunities for local chapters to enhance **classrooms and communities**.

## KENTUCKY 4-H

Creates hands-on learning experiences, builds friendships, and fosters growth through **4-H Camp**.

Supports **skill development** through judging activities, 3-D design, and community projects.

## 100% TO AG

100% of Ag Tag funds are evenly split between Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and Kentucky Proud.

Half of the funds for 4-H and FFA are returned to the originating counties.

## KENTUCKY PROUD

Funds **scholarships** for programs like Athletes in Agriculture.

Makes events like the **Kentucky State Fair and North American International Livestock Exposition** possible.

# 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES



**ARCHERY - APRIL 1 & 15**  
**BB/PELLET - APRIL 8 & 22**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**BOYLE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE INDOOR  
SHOOTING RANGE**  
**99 CORPORATE DRIVE, DANVILLE**



## **OPEN TO YOUTH IN BOYLE, LINCOLN & MERCER COUNTIES**

FOR YOUTH 9-19 YEARS OLD WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SHOOTING SPORTS. WE PROVIDE A SAFE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL LEVELS OF SHOOTERS, BOTH THOSE INTERESTED IN COMPETITION AND THOSE INTERESTED IN LEARNING A NEW SPORT. YOUTH MEET FOR PRACTICE EVERY TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT THE BOYLE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SHOOTING RANGE

YOUTH LEARN MARKSMANSHIP, THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF FIREARMS, THE PRINCIPLES OF ARCHERY, AND MUCH MORE.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT OF CARING ADULT LEADERS PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS, SELF-WORTH, AND CONSERVATION ETHICS.

To receive text reminds join by texting @boylemerc to #81010



**MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 21**  
**@ 6:30 PM**  
**BOYLE CO. EXTENSION OFFICE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**BOYLE COUNTY - 859-236-4484**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY - 606-365-2459**  
**MERCER COUNTY - 859-734-4378**

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# Mercer County 4-H Livestock Club



- Open to all youth 6-18 years old
- Focus on: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat & Swine
- Youth **MUST** have 6 hours of classroom instruction through 4-H activities to show livestock or compete in livestock events
- The Club will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office

April 15

May 20



Scan code to join text remind notification or  
text @livemer to 81010

Any adult interested in being a livestock leader,  
please contact the  
Mercer County Extension Office 859-734-4378

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# TEEN CONFERENCE

## FIND YOUR SPARK AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS



June 10 - 13 2025  
University of KY  
Campus

### About Our Event

Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference is a comprehensive leadership development event tailored for high school 4-H members. This conference is designed to provide youth with a multifaceted experience that combines educational workshops, leadership training, community service, and social activities.

**JOIN US!**

CONTACT: Dana Anderson  
Mercer County 4-H Extension Agent

COST:\$200  
(Normally \$300.)  
Scholarship from Mercer  
County 4-H Council

Call: 859-734-4378

### Event Highlights

#### Majors

These workshops are held on the University of Kentucky campus, offering a unique opportunity for youth to experience college life and explore the academic resources available at UK.

#### Leadership Minor

Focuses on developing essential leadership skills through targeted activities and discussions

#### Day of Service

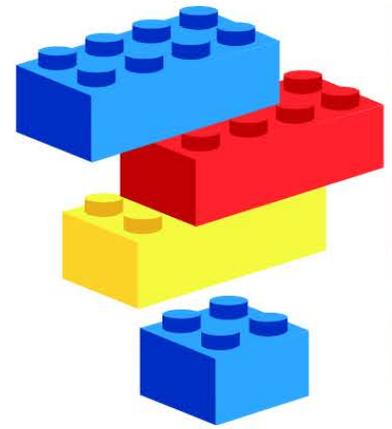
Participants engage in community service projects throughout Lexington

#### Social Activities

These activities include CLOVER Fest, a formal dance, dorm life experience, and area night-out events. These events provide a fun and relaxed environment for youth to connect with their peers.

# LEGO BUDS

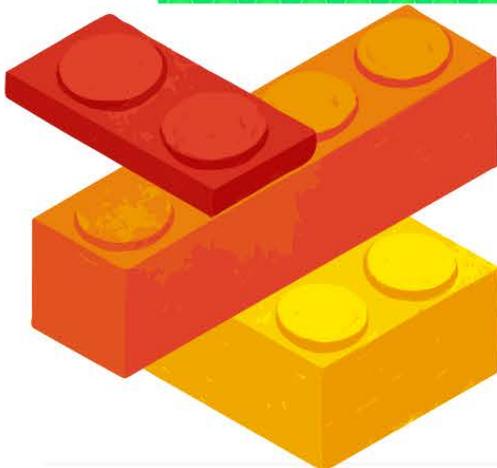
Youth will use Legos to build a specific item each month. Youth will then share their design with the entire group



Open to youth K-3rd grade

MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT THE MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
3:30-5:00 P.M.

APRIL 14  
MAY 12



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# STATES' 4-H SUMMER HOSTING

Youth from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan seeking  
host families this summer!



HOSTING BRINGS THE RICHNESS  
OF THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME!

• JULY 21-23 THROUGH AUGUST

16-18, 2025

- EXACT DATES DEPEND ON YOUR STATE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STATE COORDINATOR FOR DETAILS.
- HOST A YOUTH AGED 12-18 OR AN ADULT CHAPERONE
- THIS PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY; NO STIPENDS ARE PROVIDED



## HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Have a child of the same gender within 3 years age of hosted youth (ages 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families with no children (or younger children) may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned - host youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by becoming a member of your family.



For more information, visit:  
[states4hexchange.org/state-contacts](https://states4hexchange.org/state-contacts) to find contact  
information for your state

\*Host family selection dependent on completion of application and screening process and student availability.



# 4-H Cooking Clubs

## 4-H Foods Club

Open to youth 9-11 year olds  
1st/2nd year in foods club

The club meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
after school @ Mercer Co. Extension Office  
3:30-5:00 p.m.

**The number of youth is limited**  
**Please RSVP Every month 859-734-4378**

April 15  
May 13



Scan the code to join the text remind

**FREE**

## 4-H Teen Cooking Club

Open to youth 12 + year olds, Advanced skill level  
The club meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
Mercer Co. Extension Office  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**The number of youth is limited**  
**Please RSVP Every month 859-734-4378**

April 15  
May 13



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# CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



## 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

APRIL 8  
MAY 6



April we will be  
making Peep Houses

Limit of 8 students, Call (859) 734-4378

Ages: Kindergarten to Third Grade

3:30- 5:00

Text to 81010 with message  
@clovermer to join Cloverbud  
Afterschool text remind and RSVP  
for club meetings or scan qr code.



**AT THE MERCER COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE**

1007 LEXINGTON ROAD  
HARRODSBURG

**MUST RSVP TO ATTEND  
FREE TO ATTEND  
SNACK PROVIDED**

**FOR QUESTIONS  
CALL (859)734-4378**

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# 4/5 GRADE 4-H CLUB

YOUTH WILL FOCUS ON HANDS ON COOKING, GAMES, WOODWORKING AND MORE

FOR ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 4 & 5

CLUB MEETS AT THE MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

**APRIL PROJECT:  
TABLETOP GAME**



TUESDAY, APRIL 29  
3:30 - 5:00 P.M.



SCAN CODE TO JOIN TEXT REMIND NOTIFICATION.

YOUTH MUST RSVP EACH MONTH BY CALLING 859-734-4378

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# 4-H ART CLUB

**Monday, April 14**

**5:00-6:00**

**Mercer County Extension Office  
Open to youth 9 years old and up  
MUST RSVP to the REMIND TEXT  
to join text @4hart25 to 81010  
Topic will be making pipe cleaner animals**

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MERCER COUNTY 4-H

# 4-H TEEN CLUB



OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

3:30-5:00 PM @  
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD,  
HARRODSBURG

TO GET TEXT MESSAGE  
REMINDERS TEXT  
81010 AND ENTER  
@TEENMER

IF YOU NEED A RIDE FROM SCHOOL CALL 859-734-4378

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# 4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



18 USC 707

**3rd Thursday  
of each month @  
Mercer Co.  
Extension Office  
6:00 p.m.**

**April 17  
May 15**



**Youth will learn the basics of  
horsemanship, horse health,  
equine related careers and more.  
Open to youth 9 -18 years old**

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