#### **4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



## Mercer County 4-H February 2025 NEWSLETTER



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## February 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	4-H Camp Applications Open - Online Applications	Livestock Fair Committee Meetings @ Extension Office  Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension	5	6	7 History Day at State Capital Frankfort	8
9	Insect Club 3:30 @ Extension Office Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office Shooting Sports Club 6:00 @Boyle Extension	11 Homeschool Club 11:00 am @Extension Office Beginning Cooking 3:30 @Extension Office Teen Cooking 5:30 @Extension Office BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol 6:30 @Boyle Extension	County 4-H Teen Club 3:45 @ Extension Office	Horse Club 6:00 @ Extension Office	14	Art Club 10:00 am @ Extension Office
16	Area Teens 10:00 a.m Woodford Co. Extension STEM Club 6:00 @ Extension Office	Livestock Club 6:00 @Extension Office Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension	19	20 Camp Leaders Meeting 5:30 @ Jessamine Extension Office	21 Small Engines Workshop 5:30-7:00 @ Extension Office Deadline to register for Demonstration Contest Online Link	22
23	24 Leadership Luncheon 12:00 @ Extension Office Shooting Sports Coaches Certification Deadline	4-H Demonstration Contest 5:00 –8:00 Mercer Co. Extension BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol 6:30 @Boyle Extension	26	Rabbit Club 6:00 @ Extension Office		Teen Retreat al 4-H Camp



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**CLOVERBUD CAMP FEE:** \$175



**APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025** 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.



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## C3/C4 **4-H** Teen Retreat 2025

- February 28-March 2, 2025
- **✓** Cost \$90.00 8th-12 graders
- North Central 4-H Camp
- Deadline February 14, 2025

Contact 859-734-4378



## 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 (including incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders) 4-H members. This conference is designed to provide youth with a multi-faceted experience that combines educational workshops, leadership training, community service, and social activities.

JOIN US!

### **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 University of Kentucky.

#### 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, aformal dance, dorm life experience, and area night-out events. These events provide a fun and relaxed environment for youth to connect with their peers.

## H Cooking Clybs

## 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

February 11 March 11

April 15 May 13

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## L-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.

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# Mercer County 4-H Sewing Club

Saturday, March 15, 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.

March 15 meeting - pillow case

April 12 meeting - pajama pants

Bring your own lunch

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



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# 4-FIXABLE CLUB

Saturday, February 15 10:00-11:30

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 a blacklight art project

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## MERCER COUNTY 4-H

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27** 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.



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February 17 March 17

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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# 4-HERORSE MEETING

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

February 20 March 20 April 17 May 15



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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

February 18

April 15

March 18

May 20





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Any adult interested in being a livestock leader, please contact the

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The club will meet monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month. Limited spots are available and no walk-ins; once full, we will have a waiting list.

Transportation is available from the schools

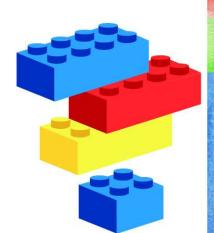
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## BBO BOOS

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

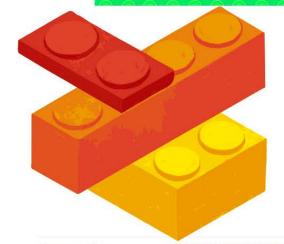
MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE 3:30-5:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 10

MARCH 10

APRIL 14

MAY 12





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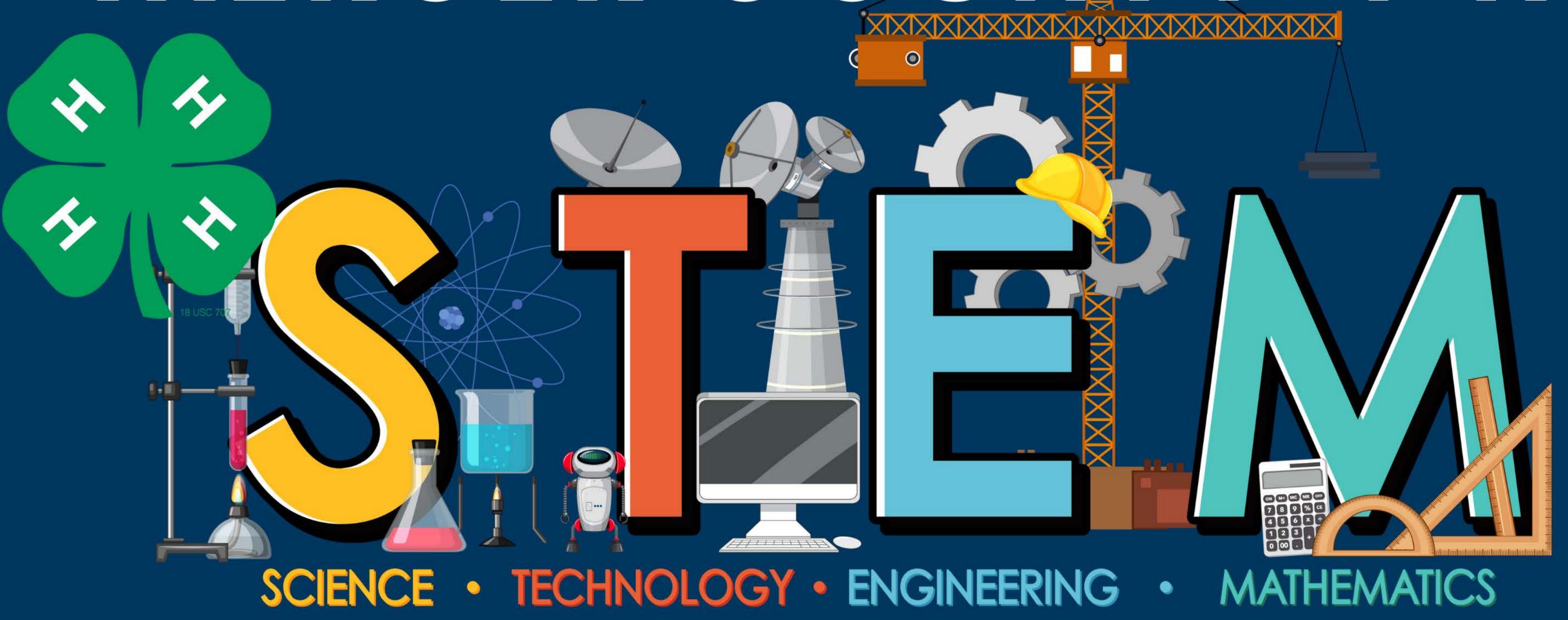
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# MERCER COUNTY 4-H



# 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

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 24

6:00 P.M. MAY 26

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



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MUST RSVP by calling:



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## 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coaches Certification

Volunteers provide leadership to teach youth the proper techniques and safety when using a firearm or bow.

The disciplines in the 4-H program:
Shotgun (12 and 20 gauge)
Rifle (.22 cal. Bolt action, Air and BB)
Pistol (Air and .22 cal.)
Muzzleloader (Rifle and Pistol)
Archery (Compound Bare and Recurve,
Bow Hunter and Target)



Volunteers will be required to complete the application and youth protection screening process it does take time to complete.

**Hunter Challenge** 

For More Information: https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/shooting-sports-information

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
Monday, February 24, 2025
For more information contact
Mercer County 4-H - 859-734-4378
Boyle County 4-H - 859-236-4484
Lincoln County 4-H - 606-365-2459

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Training will be held in person on March 28-30, 2025 at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp

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# 4-HSHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES





ARCHERY - FEB. 4 & 18, MARCH 4 & 18 BB/PELLET - FEB. 11 & 25, MARCH 11 & 25 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

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**MONTHLY CLUB MEETING** MONDAY, FEB 10 & MARCH 10 @ 6:30 PM **BOYLE CO. EXTENSION OFFICE** 

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR **COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE** 

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## **REALITY STORE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

@ KING MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

8TH GRADE STUDENTS
FROM KMS & BURGIN

## TO VOLUNTEER:

https://bit.ly/25reality or call 859-734-4378

email: dana.anderson@uky.edu



## **VOLUNTEER ROLE:**

- No experience necessary
- Individuals needed to work in a booth
- Guide sheets and materials will be available
- In order to offer this program for the students, we need a minimum of 50+ volunteers. We NEED your help



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## **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.

# POSTER KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF ESSAY CONTEST AGRICULTURE

## 2025 Theme: "Kentucky Agriculture makes me proud"

## **Eligibility:**

- The poster and essay contests are open to all Kentucky students grades K through 12.
- Students may submit either a poster, essay, or digital submission about the theme for the contest. Only one entry per student.
- All artwork/digital entries must include the theme somewhere within the artwork.
- · The theme needs to be the title of the essay.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form taped or glued to the back of the entry. No staples.
- All artwork and writing material must be exclusively student-created.
- Digital entries can include photos, clip art, or original electronic art.
- Each statewide grade winner and one digital art winner will receive cash prizes \$\$\$\$ and be recognized at the 2025 Poster and Essay Awards Ceremony, date and location TBD.
- Essays, posters, or digital entries may be featured in various department publications, online, and special events, including the 2025 Kentucky State Fair.
- Entries become the property of the KDA/KyAEC and may be used at events and in publicity materials. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned.



## **Deadline**

Entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 7, 2025

Please mail entries to:
Kentucky Department of Agriculture,
Poster and Essay Contest,
111 Corporate Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

### More Information:

To see specific criteria for the poster and essay requirements, please visit the website: https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html

For more information, contact Bethany Mattingly, Kentucky Department of Agriculture by phone at (502) 782-4125 or by email at bethany.mattingly@ky.gov

# DUSTIN WORTHINGTON "I LOVE COWS" ESSAY CONTEST





Want to win a young Cow or Heifer?

Applicants must be an active member of 4-H or FFA

Open to any youth in Kentucky

Application Deadline - March 7

Awards Program - April 4th @ Mercer Co. Extension Office

Dustin Worthington 1982-2000

Applications are available online
https://bit.ly/25ilovecows or visit the Dustin
Worthington "I Love Cows" Website for more information:
www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org
Anyone who has an interest in the cattle industry, 4-H or FFA is asked to contribute to the fund.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund please mail to:

Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Memorial Fund, 436 Arrowhead

Road, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

Questions please contact Dena Worthington 859-612-7260