



Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service
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Mercer County 4-H March 2025 NEWSLETTER

MERCER COUNTY 4-H

4-H TEEN CLUB

OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
1:00-5:00 PM @
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD,
HARRODSBURG

TO GET TEXT MESSAGE
REMEMBERS TEXT
81010 AND ENTER
@TEENMER

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

BETH RUSSELL MADDUX
MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION 4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT

UK Cooperative
Extension Service

Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Staff:

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

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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Lexington, KY 40506



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March 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension | 5 | 6 Burgin School Clubs | 7 MCIS School Clubs | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office Shooting Sports Club 6:00 @Boyle Extension | 11 Beginning Cooking 3:30 @Extension Office Teen Cooking 5:30 @Extension Office BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol 6:30 @Boyle Extension | 12 County Teen Council 3:30-5:00 @ Extension Office | 13 Rabbit Club 6:00 @ Extension Office | 14 | 15 Sewing Project 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER 5:00-7:30 @ The Stable |
| 16 | 17 Middle School Leadership Development Workshop 8:00—2:00 4-H Council 6:00 @ Extension Office | 18 Healthy Kids Day Farm City Dinner Livestock Club 6:00 @Extension Office Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension | 19 Reality Store @ KMS 8:15 a.m.—1:30 p.m. | 20 Horse Club 6:00 @ Extension Office | 21 Small Engines Workshop 5:30-7:00 @ Extension Office | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Cat Club 6:00 @Extension Office Area Teens 5:30 @ Woodford Co. STEM Club 6:00 @ Extension Office | 25 4/5 Club - 3:30 Art Club - 5:00-6:00 Natural Resources Club 6:00 - Extension Office BB/Pellet Rifle/Pistol 6:30 @Boyle Extension | 26 Youth Leadership Ag Day | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | April 1 Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension | April 2 | April 3 | April 4 Dustin Worthington I Love Cows Program 6:00 | April 5 |

4-H Teen Summit

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction



Saturday, March 15, 2025
5:00-7:30 p.m.
"The Stable"
@ Mercer Co. Fairgrounds

COST: \$10.00 Tickets are available from
Mercer County Extension Office,
Mercer County Youth Investment
Participating 4-H/FFA Members
WALK-INS ARE ACCEPTED

take out orders
available

Silent Auction with lots of great items; gift
baskets, candles, handmade items, and more

Sponsored by Mercer County Youth Investment Board
For More Information 859-734-4378





WANTED

REALITY STORE VOLUNTEERS



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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22nd Annual Mercer County Farm/City Dinner



Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a steak dinner!
Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any primary sponsor.*

**Please contact the Extension Office at 859-734-4378 if you need special dietary consideration.*

Tuesday, March 18th 6:00pm
Mercer County Extension Office

Aleta Botts

Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative Coordinator

Primary Sponsors

Mercer County Farm Bureau
Mercer County Conservation District

Mercer County Chamber of Commerce
Mercer County Extension Service

Donation and Door Prize Sponsors

Community Trust Bank
Farmers National Bank
Monticello Bank
Whitaker Bank
Farm Credit Mid-America
First Financial
Central Kentucky AG Credit
DNA Properties

Dessert provided by:



ACE Hardware, Harrodsburg
Southern States, Harrodsburg
Burkman Nutrition
Norby's Farm Fleet
Johnson's Farm Supply
McRay Feed & Grain
Old Fort Harrod & Kentucky State Parks

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

WI EASTER BUNNY 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



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18 USC 707



5-Day Camp
Fee
\$275.00

4-H CAMP

Mercer County

JUNE 16-20, 2025

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

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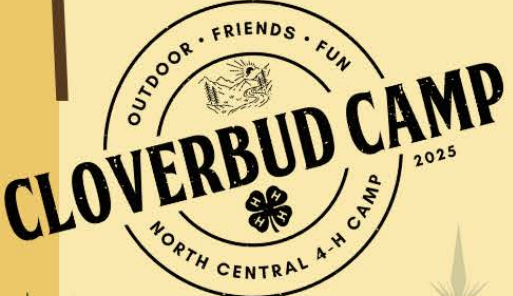
SUMMER CAMP

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
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**MORE
MONEY
AVAILABLE**

4-H Community Service Scholarship Program



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<http://mercer.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.





MERCER COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP

UK Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
University of Kentucky.

JUNIOR COUNSELOR *Information*

Ages 15, 16, 17 as of June 16, 2025

Deadline to apply: March 21, 2025

We are currently taking applications for Junior Counselor (JC) positions for Mercer County's week of Summer 4-H Camp! We are looking for a mature, responsible 15-17 year old's who enjoys children and the outdoors! Applicants will be selected based on the following qualifications:

- Application
- 4-H experience
- Recommendations from 2 references
- Experience with youth
- Past camp evaluations, if applicable
- Leadership Experience

We have a LIMITED number of positions available, and know that we will have a hard choice to make! Please prepare to the very best of your ability if this is a position you want! If you have any questions feel free to contact the office at 859-734-4378 or email dana.anderson@uky.edu

*Online Applications is open
via this link:*

<https://bit.ly/mercerjc25>

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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 (including incoming 9th 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!

CONTACT YOUR Dana Anderson,
Mercer County Extension Agent
for 4-H Youth Development

COST: \$300.00
Scholarships available

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 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, 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.

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.

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 to find contact information for your state

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

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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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

March 18

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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CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

APRIL 8
MAY 6

**We will be making
a spring craft this
month.**

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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CAT CLUB



March 24

**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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4/5 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

MARCH PROJECT:
GAME PIECE CLOCK



TUESDAY, MARCH 25
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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Mercer County 4-H Natural Resources Club

March 25

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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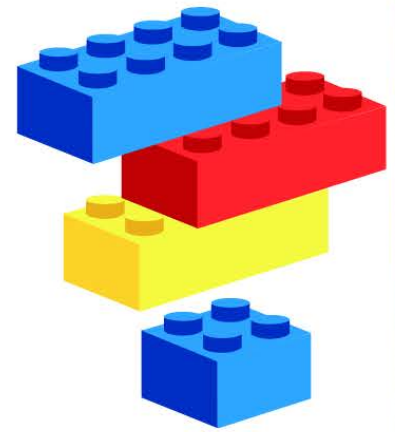
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LEGO BUDS

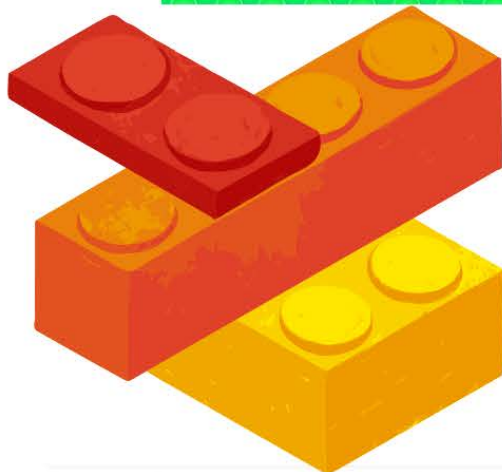
Youth will use Legos to build a specific item each month. Youth will then share their design with the entire group



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.

MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 12



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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

March 11

April 15

May 13



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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

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4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



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

**March 20
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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RABBIT CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 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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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES

ARCHERY - MARCH 4 & 18, APRIL 1 & 15
BB/PELLET - MARCH 11 & 25, 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, MARCH 10 & 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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Small Engine Workshop



Friday, March 21 & April 19, 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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CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

MARCH 4
APRIL 8
MAY 6

**We will be making
a clover craft this
month.**

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**

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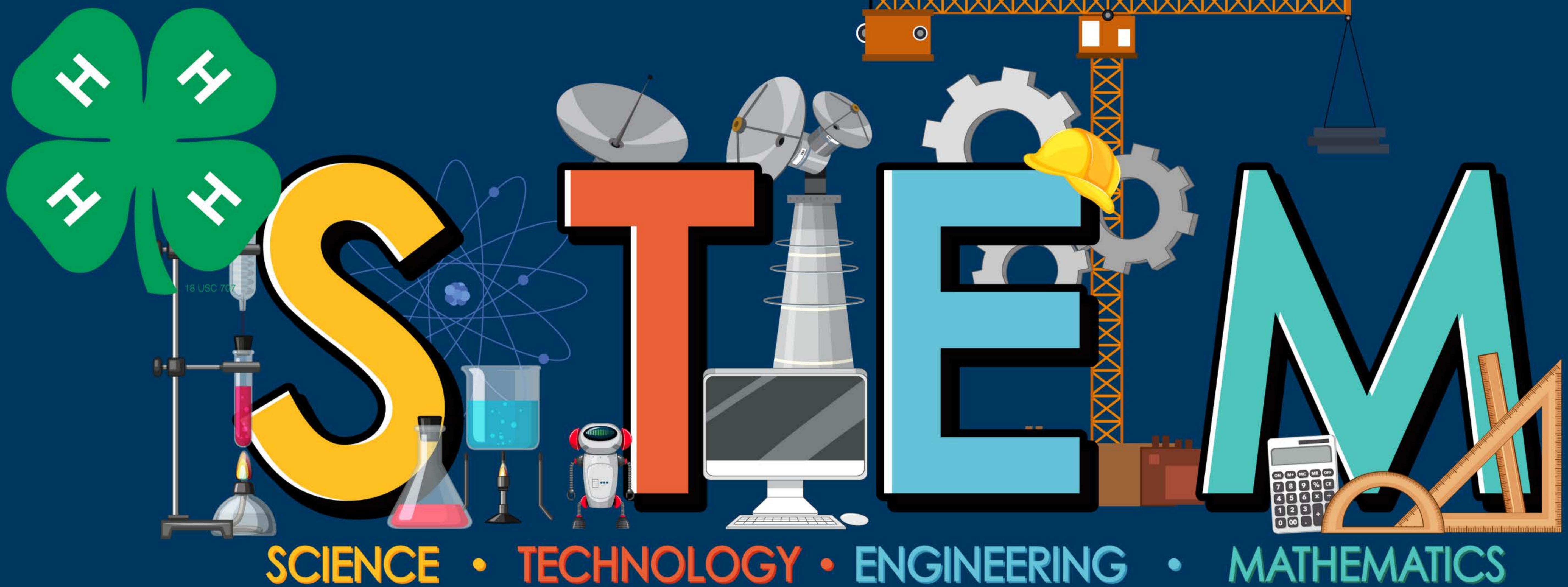
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MERCER COUNTY 4-H



**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**

MARCH 24

APRIL 28

6:00 P.M.

MAY 26

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



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