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Mercer County 4-H November 2024 NEWSLETTER



2023-2024

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Youth
Development



MERCER COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION EVENT

NOVEMBER 25, 2024
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
6:30 P.M.
DEADLINE TO RSVP: FRIDAY, Nov.15

If you have participated in 4-H clubs, 4-H camps/conferences, community service, speech & county demonstrations, honors achievement, awards trip winners, etc will be recognized. Youth and adults completing the link will get something and maybe multiple things based on your 4-H involvement. We will also be recognizing outstanding project leaders, contributors, and other special guests. The banquet will be serving a catered meal. The cost for the steak meal will be \$7.00 per adult (over 19) and youth are free.




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.

YOUTH & VOLUNTEER PLEASE COMPLETE
PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO COMPLETE YOUR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION. THIS IS REQUIRED SO WE WILL PREPARE AWARDS FROM THIS INFORMATION; THIS WILL ALSO BE THE RSVP FOR THE BANQUET - <https://bit.ly/mercerbanquet24>



Mercer County 4-H November Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>You MUST rsvp to each club, each month, to attend and to receive van pick up from Mercer or Burgin schools. If you receive van pickup you must send a note to the school as well. Cloverbud Clubs are for youth in Kindergarten - third grades, all other clubs are for 9 years old and up, unless marked.</p>					<p>1 Holiday One Stop Shop @Fairgrounds Stable 9-3</p>
4	5 Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension	6 Homeschool Club 11:00p.m. @Extension Office	7 Homeschool Club 12:00 @Extension Office	8 MCIS School Clubs	9
11 4-H Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office Deanna Ashmore Farewell 4:00-6:00 @ Ext. Office Shooting Sports 4-H Club 6:30 @ Boyle Co. Ext.	12 4-H Cloverbud Afterschool Beginning Cooking 3:30 @Extension Office 4-H Teen Cooking 5:30 @Extension Office	13	14	15 DEADLINE TO RSVP for Recognition Banquet Shred Day 1:00-4:00 @ Ext. Office	16
18 Homeschool Club 11:00p.m. @Extension Office Cat Club 6:00 @Extension Office	19 4-H Livestock Club 6:00 @Extension Office Archery 6:30 @ Boyle Extension	20 Teen Council 3:30@Extension Office	21 YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY Salvisa 4-H Club 6:00 @ Salvisa Ruritan Horse Club 6:00 @Extension Office	22	23
25 4-H Banquet 6:00pm @Extension Office	26 BB/Pellet 6:30 @Boyle Extension Youth Investment Board 7:00 pm	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29 	30 

Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service



Deanna Ashmore

FAREWELL

● Party ●

As she embarks on a new journey, let's gather to celebrate the wonderful memories and wish her all the best in her future endeavors

Monday, November 11
4:00-6:00 pm



1007 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, KY



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MERCER COUNTY 4-H YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (YAIP)

- Applicants must be 9 years old & enrolled in elementary, middle or high school (includes home-schooled)
- Investment areas eligible:
 - Ag Diversification
 - Animal Production
 - Forage & Grain Improvement
 - Showmanship
 - Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE)
 - Country Ham Projects
- Cost-share on a 50/50 basis
- Eligible up to \$1,500. per program year
- Youth must complete educational components
- Money for on-farm investments available

APPLICATION PERIOD
NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 2, 2024

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM:
Mercer County Extension Service
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

bit.ly/yaipinformation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Call 859-734-4378

Dana Anderson



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Linda McClanahan



linda.mcclanahan@uky.edu



America Recycles Day

Friday, November 15
1:00-4:00pm

In observance of America Recycles 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
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



4-H COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

- 4-H members (9-18 years old) will receive 2 ham to cure: they will learn how to cure the ham and hang hams for 8 months.
- After hams are cured, youth are required to give a presentation on a specific topic related to country ham
- Youth are **REQUIRED** to give 3-5 minute presentation at the Kentucky State Fair on August 21, 2025
- Youth must get 6 hours of classroom instruction in order to compete at the State Fair. we will have monthly meetings after school at the Extension Office.
- Hams will be hung and monitored in the Mercer County Country Ham Barn.

COST: \$70.00 includes 2 hams, cure mix & supplies

Deadline to sign-up will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024

If any youth 9-18 years old are interested in signing up, please stop by the Extension office or call Mercer County Extension Service at 734-4378 for more information.

Cash or checks made payable to Mercer County 4-H

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ADULT COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

- Participants will receive one ham: you will learn how to cure the ham and then hams will hang for 8 months.
- Hams will be hung and monitored in the Mercer County Country Ham Barn.
- The cure will be provided and will consist of salt, sugar, and spices.
- In late April or early May participants will meet again to wash the hams and rehand them in ham socks and rehung. Hams will be ready for consumption in August.
- Adults are encouraged to enter the open division at the Kentucky State Fair Country Ham contest.

COST: \$55.00 includes 1 ham, cure mix & supplies

Deadline to sign-up will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024

Class is limited to 20 individuals, one person per immediate household, second family member may be put on waitlist; if you want to sign up, please stop by the Extension office or Call Mercer County Extension Service at 734-4378 for more information. Checks will be made to Mercer County 4-H.

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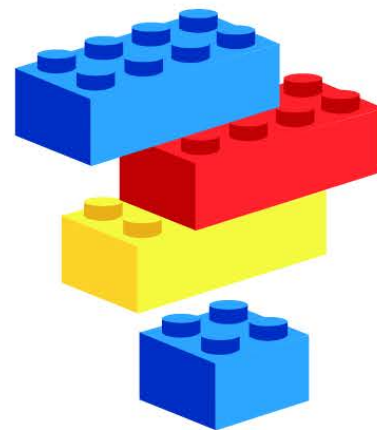
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LEGO BUDS

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

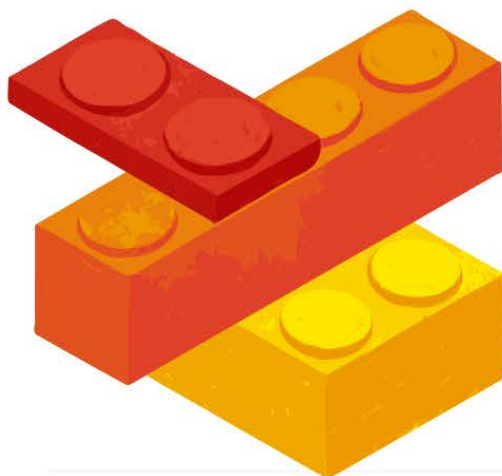


Open to youth K-3rd grade

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

NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 9
JANUARY 13

FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 12



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Mercer County 4-H **SALVISA 4-H CLUB**



Meets every 3rd Thursday
of the month

November 21

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ruritan Building in Salvisa
404 Main St. Salvisa

Scan the qr
code to join
the remind
group!



Community Service,
projects, crafts, and so
much more!

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4-H TEEN CLUB



OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WE'LL TALK ABOUT:
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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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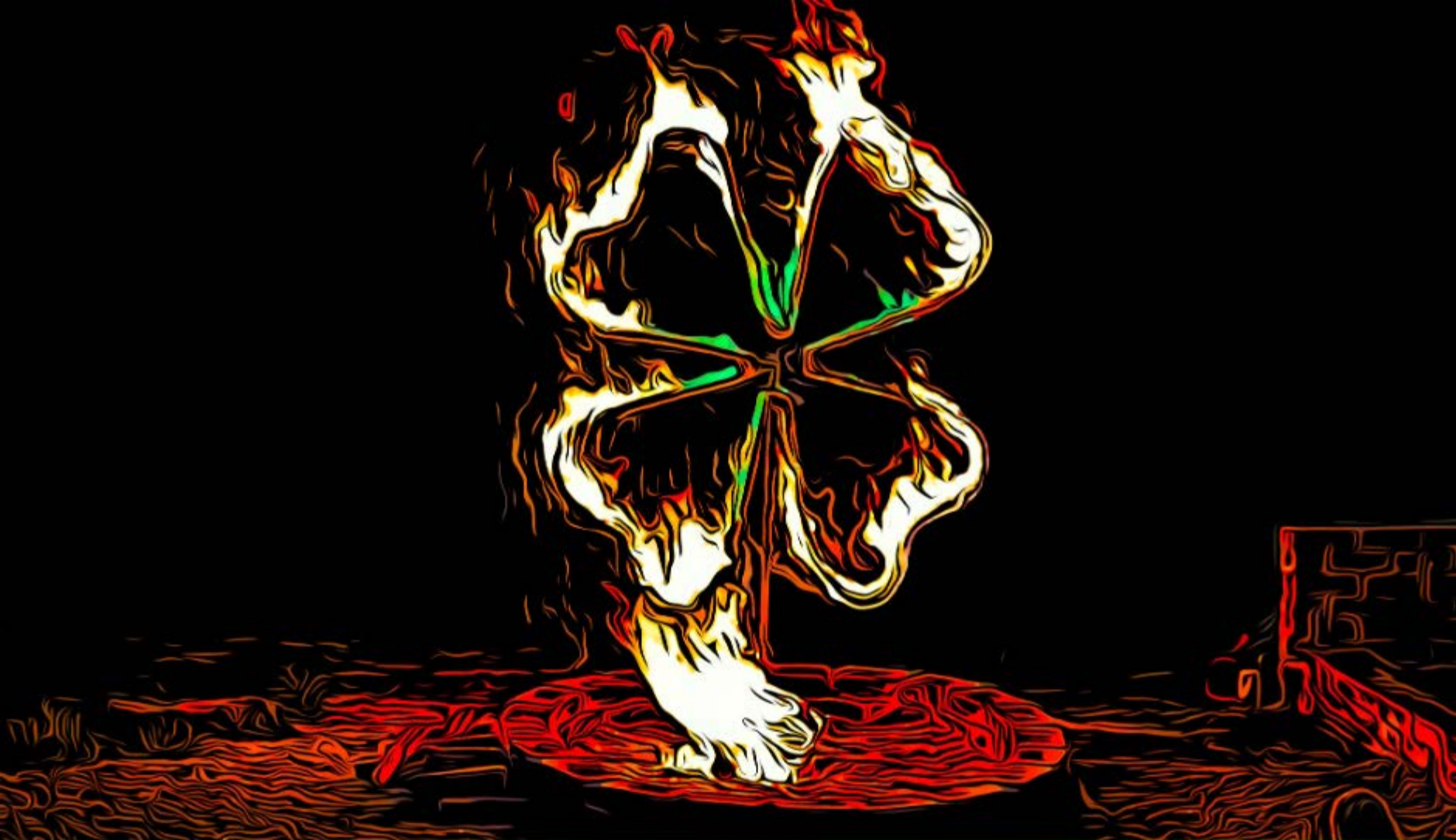
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JESSAMINE MERCER 4-H CAMP

**SAVE THE DATE:
JUNE 16-20, 2025**

Extension Community Meeting

November 12
11:30am—1:00pm



Join us to share
your input on
programs over the
next five years!
Lunch will be
provided.

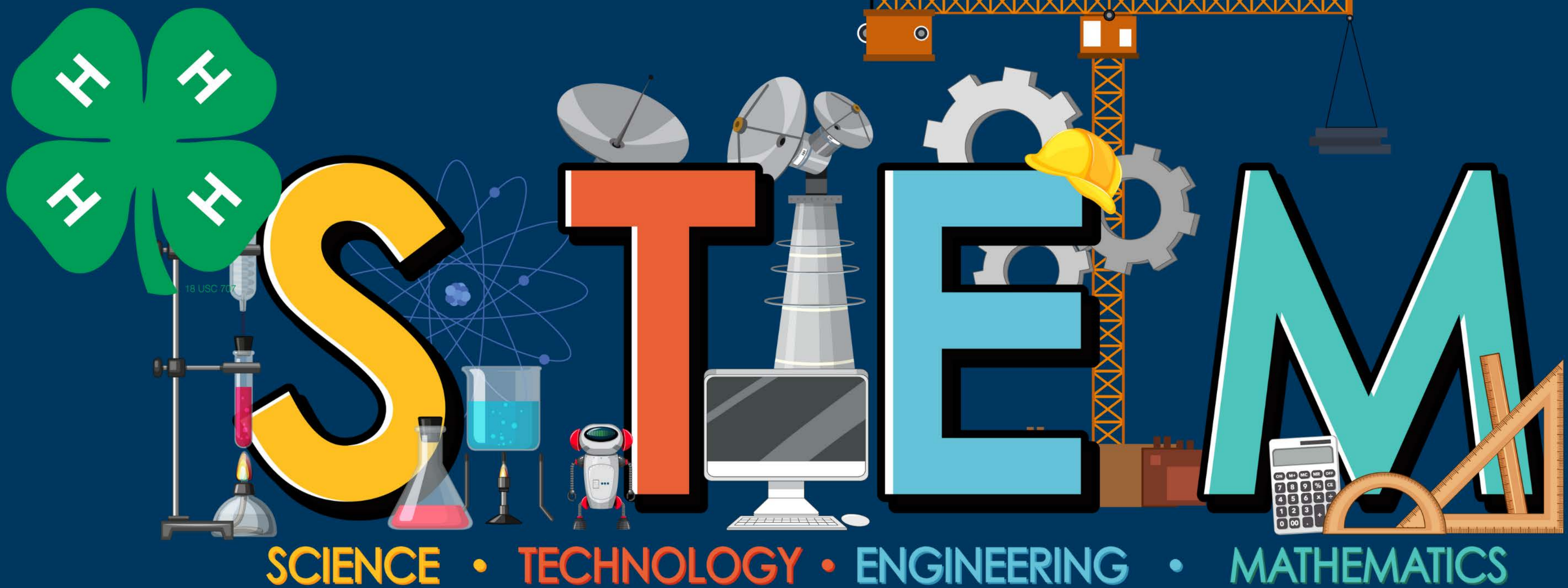
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

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**RSVP to
859-734-4378
or by scanning
QR code.**



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**

NOVEMBER 26*

JANUARY 27

FEBRUARY 24

6:00 P.M.

MARCH 24

APRIL 28

MAY 26

***HAD TO RESCHEDULE**



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CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

NOVEMBER 12*
DECEMBER 3
JANUARY 7
FEBRUARY 4

MARCH 4
APRIL 8*
MAY 6

3:30- 5:00

- Election Day & Spring Break

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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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
November 19 December 17



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

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4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



**3rd Thursday of each
month @
Mercer Co.
Extension Office
6:30 p.m.
November 21
December 19
January 16
February 20
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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Mercer County 4-H Sewing Club

Free!
9 years and up!
Learn how to sew or practice your skill
Leave with a completed item each time
Bring your own lunch

Meetings on
Saturdays
January 11
April 12

10:00 am-
2:00 pm

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



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CAT CLUB



November 18
December 16
January 27

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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Mercer County 4-H Natural Resources Club

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
Mercer County Extension Office
3:30 a.m. - 5:00 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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RSVP by Calling 859-734-4378

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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.

Please RSVP Every month 859-734-4378

November 12
December 10
January 14

February 11
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.

Please RSVP every month 859-734-4378

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Boyle, Lincoln, Mercer County 4-H Shooting Sports Fall 2024—Spring 2025 Schedule

Club Meeting, Archery, Riflery & Pistol Ages 9-19



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Join one of the state's finest sports programs. 4-H Shooting Sports teaches youth orienteering skills, hunter safety, firearm safety, wildlife ID and general hunting skills. Youth learn to participate in shooting sports safely. Training conducted by Certified Shooting Sports Instructors with state and national credentials.

In order to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports, youth must attend 50% of the scheduled practices in order to compete at State 4-H Competition that is held in September 2025. Also the 4-H eligibility roster for state deadline is June 25, 2025, which means they must start practicing prior to June 25. Please note: Refer with your specific county for enrollment details.

CLASS	LOCATION	CLASS MEETING DATES/TIMES - FOR ALL YOUTH 9 -19 YEARS OLD								
Shooting Sports Club Meeting	Boyle Co. Extension Office	6:30 p.m.	Oct 21	Nov 11	Dec 16	Jan 13	Feb 10	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 5
Archery 1st & 3rd Tuesday	Boyle Co. Extension Shooting Range	6:30 pm	Oct 1 & 15	Nov 5 & 19	Dec 3 & 17	Jan 7 & 21	Feb 4 & 18	Mar 4 & 18	Apr 1 & 15	May 6 & 20
B.B. Pellet, Air Rifle & Pistol 2nd & 4th Tues	Boyle Co. Extension Shooting Range	6:30 pm	Oct 8 & 22	Nov 12 & 26	Dec 10	Jan 14 & 28	Feb 11 & 25	Mar 11 & 25	Apr 8 & 22	May 13 & 27

- TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED PENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, PRIOR NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT
- * MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED IF WEATHER IS BAD, TEXT MESSAGES WILL BE SENT.

To receive text message reminders about shooting sports please text to this number 81010 this message @boylemerc or online remind.com/join/boylemerc

**For more information contact your specific County Cooperative Extension Office.
Boyle Co. Office 236-4484 Lincoln Co. Office 606-365-2459 Mercer Co. Office 734-4378
Boyle County Cooperative Extension Office is located at 99 Corporate Drive, Danville, KY
behind the Bluegrass Community College**



There is no cost to participate, you may have to pay for ammunition or bring your own. If you have equipment you may bring it, it does need to be unloaded and in a case. We have equipment for those who do not have any. Please follow Boyle, Lincoln, Mercer 4-H Shooting Sports or Mercer County (KY) 4-H on Facebook for reminders. We will also send out text reminder weekly. If you need to be added/corrections please contact your local County Extension Office

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LEXINGTON, KY 40546



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SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

All 4-H members participating in the Boyle, Lincoln and Mercer County 4-H Shooting Sports should also participate in monthly club meetings. We will be electing 4-H Club officers, conducting service projects in the community, participating in leadership development activities and other things.

STATE 4-H COMPETITION ELGIBILITY:

All 4-H members participating in the Kentucky State 4-H Shooting Sports Education contest must be enrolled and active in their county Shooting Sports Education Program by June 25, 2025 Anyone participating in a state level competition must have passed their 9th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. All age categories are based on the participants' age as of January 1st of current year. Age groups will be 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Cloverbuds are no longer allowed to participated in ANY 4-H Shooting Sports Activity including archery. In order to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports, youth must attend 50% if the scheduled practices in order to compete at State 4-H Competition that is held in September 2025.

OTHER 4-H COMPETITIONS:

Throughout the state there are Invitational 4-H Shooting Sports Competitions. 4-H Youth may participate in any of the competitions, your County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development can assist you with registration to the events. For a complete list of competitions visit the website: <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/>

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER?

State 4-H Sponsored Training session is provided in different shooting sports disciplines according to availability and interest. Certification is provided following passing of test in any one discipline. The objective is to help shooting sports leaders become qualified to teach junior and senior 4-Hers proper techniques and safety when using a firearm. KY. The disciplines offered: Shooting Sports Coordinator, .22 Rifle/Air Rifle, .22 Pistol/Air Pistol. Black Powder, Shotgun, Archery and Hunter Challenge. Interested adults will have to complete youth protection guidelines. For more information please contact your County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development. Dates to be announced, it is normally held in October and March each year.

YHEC— YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

The Kentucky Youth Hunter Education Challenge youth learn wildlife identification, orienteering, marksmanship and safety, this event lets youths apply what they've learned in their local hunter education class to practical use in the field. If you are interested in participating or being a coach please let our 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator—Donnie Turner know.

Visit KY State 4-H Shooting Sports for complete list of rules and upcoming dates for invitational & state competitions: <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/shooting-sports-information>

4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador:

~Represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events; at donor/supporter functions and with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts.

~Serve as spokespersons for the KY 4-H Shooting Sports program in their District and State -helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible.

~Further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

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