



Mercer County 4-H April 2025 NEWSLETTER

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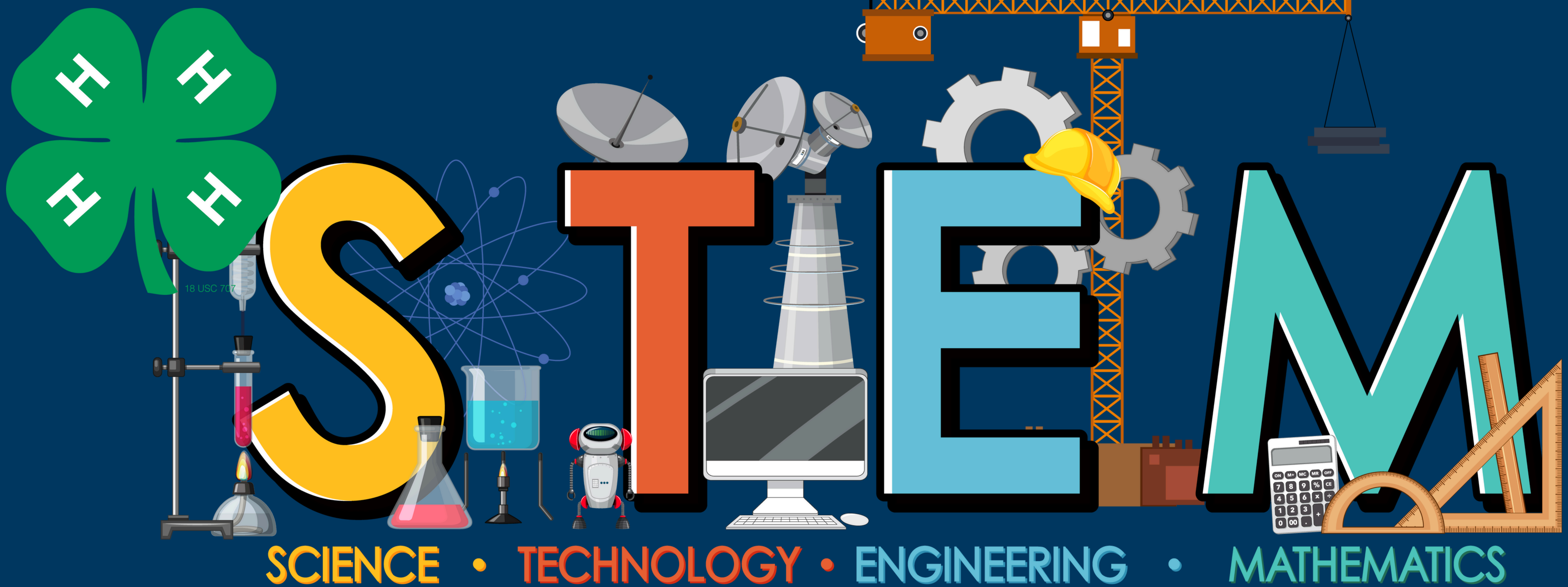
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MERCER COUNTY 4-H



**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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NOTIFICATION**

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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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4-H Youth Development



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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**MORE
MONEY
AVAILABLE**

4-H Community Service Scholarship Program



**Mercer County Cooperative
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1007 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, KY
859-734-4378
<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.

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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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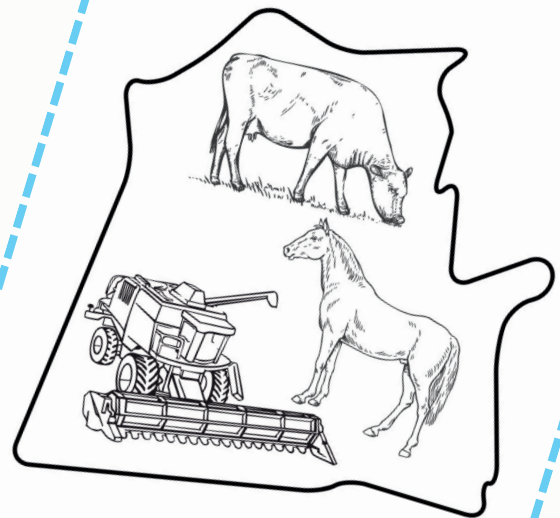


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NATIONAL AG WEEK

TOGETHER WE GROW: YOUTH ART CONTEST

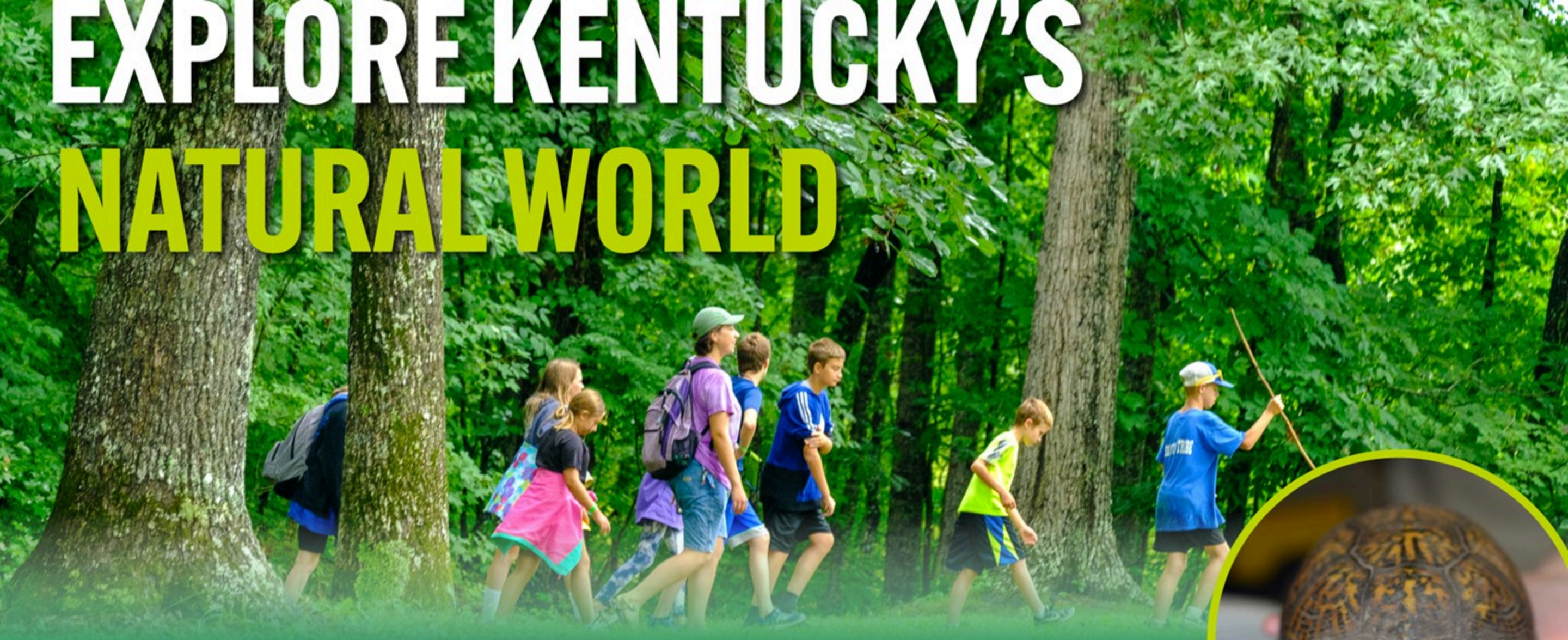
IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK, THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICES ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOUTH FROM OUR COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN AND CREATIVE ART CONTEST! THIS CONTEST IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ARTISTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVITY WHILE LEARNING 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 | mercerc.ca.uky.edu

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.

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

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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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.

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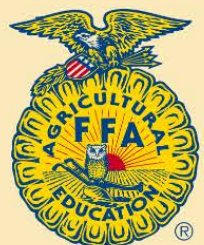
KETTLE CORN

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 reminders 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

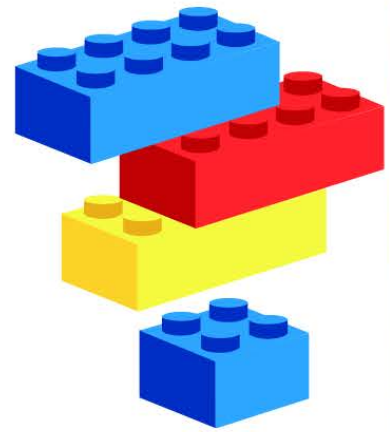
Participants engage in community service projects throughout Lexington

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

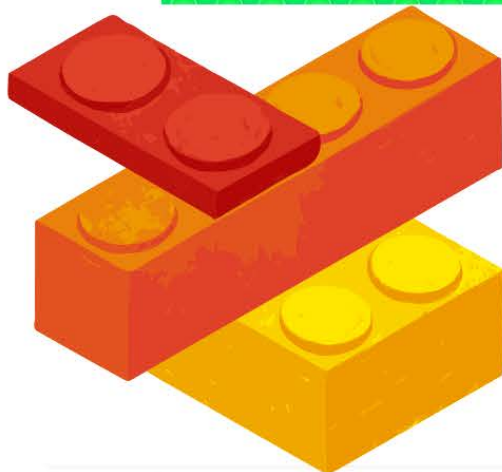
Youth will use Legos to build
a specific item each month.
Youth will then share their
design with the entire group



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

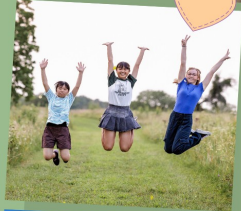


HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- 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 to find contact information for your state

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





L-H Cooking Clubs

L-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

FREE



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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.

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

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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
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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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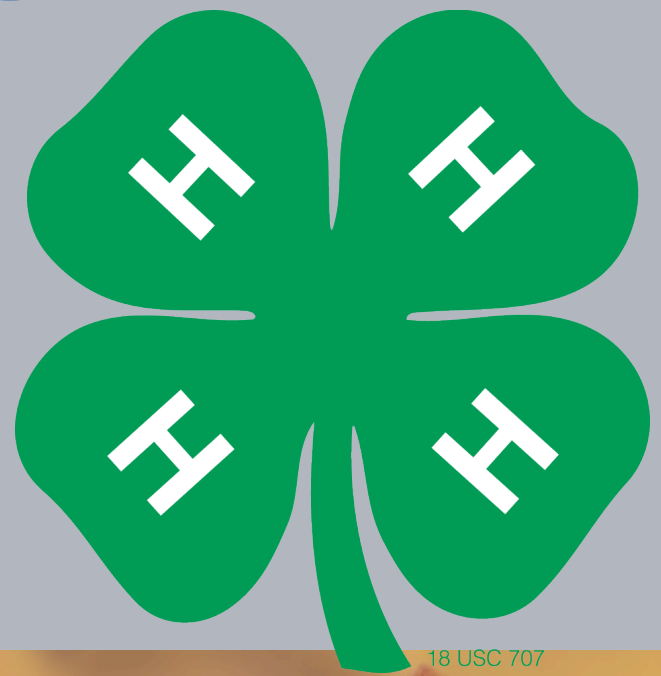
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4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



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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