



Mercer County 4-H December 2024 NEWSLETTER

Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service
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Agent for 4-H
Youth
Development

Mercer County Extension Council invites you to our

BIG BLUE OPEN HOUSE

December 17
4:00—6:30pm



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See how Extension can be a benefit for you and your family! Meet your county agents and learn more about the programs we have to offer. We

will have appetizers, refreshments, holiday crafts, and door prizes. Family-friendly event, all ages welcome.

Freebies include: calendars, jar openers, pizza cutters, and more.

Take your picture with Santa!

Mercer County Extension Office
1007 Lexington Road—Harrodsburg, KY 40330

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.



Happy  Holidays!

December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Holiday on Main
8	9 Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office	10 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	11	12	13	14 
15	16 Cat Club 6:00 @Extension Office Shooting Sports Club Meeting 6:30 @Boyle Extension	17 Holiday Open House 4:00-6:30 pm @ Extension Office Livestock Club 6:00 @Extension Office Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension	18 Teen Council Meeting 1:00 @ Extension Office Natural Resources Club 3:30@Extension Office	19 Horse Club 6:00 @Extension Office Natural Resources Club 3:30 @ Extension Office	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26-28 Mercer County Extension Office will be closed this week. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!		
29	30-31 Mercer County Extension Office will be closed this week. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!		January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4

BREAKFAST

With Santa

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season

DELICIOUS FOOD | FESTIVE CRAFTS | PHOTO WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
MERCER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
"THE STABLE"

560 LINDEN AVENUE HARRODSBURG, KY
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

TICKETS ARE \$12/PERSON
(KIDS 2 & UNDER EAT FREE)



Please RSVP
bit.ly/24SantaKiwanis

Kiwanis[®]
CLUB OF HARRODSBURG



Ch**é's**
Petals for Hope
Mental Health Matters

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES



ARCHERY - DECEMBER 17 * JAN 7 & 21

BB/PELLET - DEC 10 * JAN 14 & 28

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, DEC 16 & JAN 13
@ 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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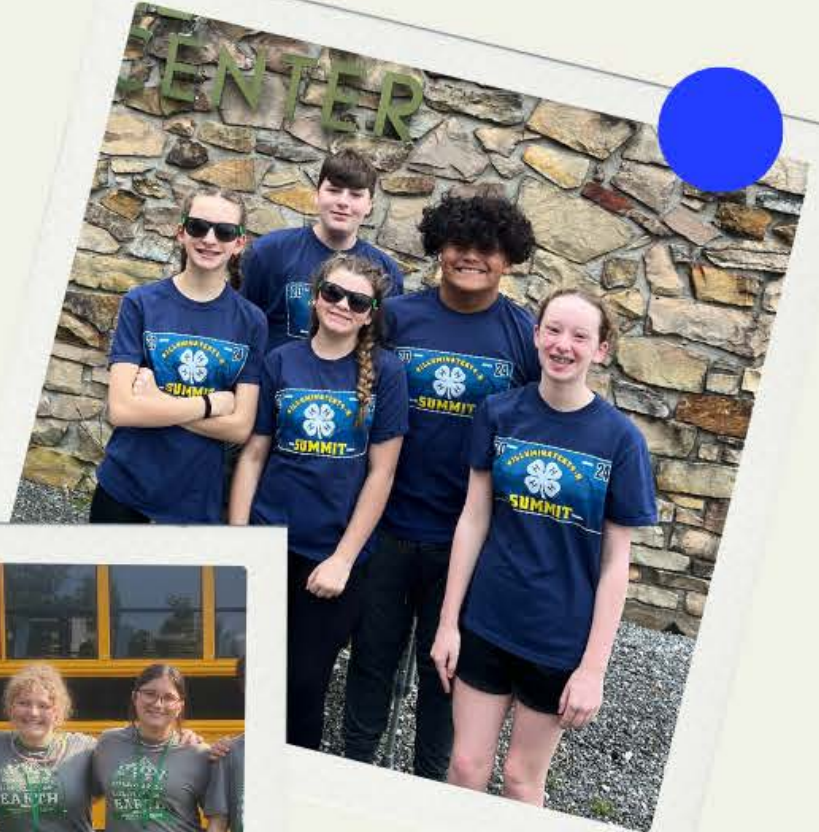
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4-H TEEN CLUB



OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DECEMBER TOPIC:
HOLIDAY OUTING

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00-5:00 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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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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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

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.

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

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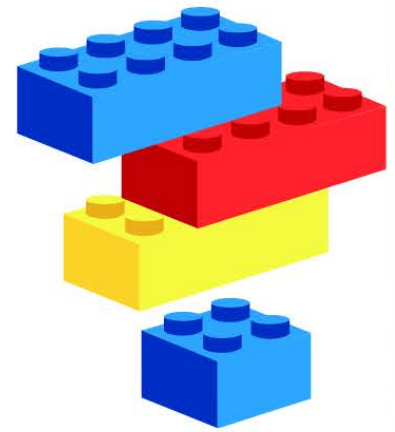
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LEGO BUDS

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

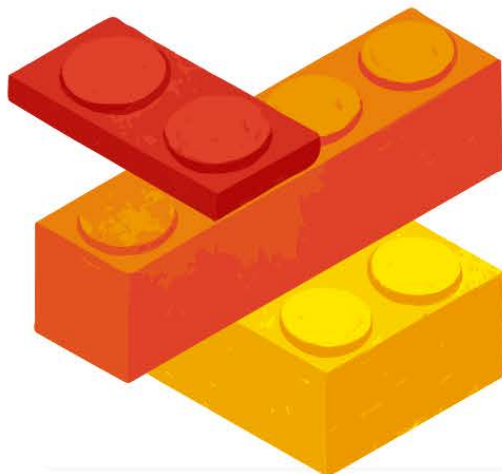


Open to youth K-3rd grade

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

DECEMBER 9
JANUARY 13
FEBRUARY 10

MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 12



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JESSAMINE MERCER 4-H CAMP

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

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

SAVE THE DATE!



JUNE 27-29, 2025

Applications open
February 3, 2025

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Open
to Youth 9-18
years old
who have a passion
for writing

County
winners will
receive \$50.00
scholarship

**DEADLINE TO ENTER
COMPLETED ENTRIES IS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

- Categories**
- ~ Songwriting
 - ~ Original Monologue
 - ~ Public Service Announcement
 - ~ "What 4-H Means to Me" Essay
 - ~ Press Release
 - ~ Infographic
 - ~ Poetry



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SPEECH CONTEST



Thursday, January 23, 2024

**Mercer Co. Cooperative Extension Office
1007 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, KY 40330**

- ✓ Speeches can be informative, narrative or persuasive
- ✓ County winners will receive \$50. scholarship to any 4-H event or \$25.00 cash
- ✓ Time limits for speeches:
Cloverbud - no time limit
Junior (9-13 years) - 3-5 minutes
Senior (14-18 years) 5-7 minutes
- ✓ Participants will compete in age divisions, and county winners will go on to area competition.

**Please RSVP by January 17 by
using this code or visit this link:**

<https://bit.ly/speech25mercer>



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Mercer County 4-H Insect Club

Monday, January 13

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Mercer Co. Extension
Office



*The club is open to
youth 9 years old and up.*

Come explore that vast world of insects.

This club is an introductory to insects.

To become a member, please call

859-734-4378

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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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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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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RABBIT CLUB

WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH KING MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA. THE CLUB WILL BE FOCUSING ON HOW TO CARE FOR RABBITS, SHOWMANSHIP, AND MORE



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 HORSE CLUB MEETING



**3rd Thursday of each
month @
Mercer Co.
Extension Office
6:00 p.m.
December 19
(Holiday Party)
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 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

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February 18

March 18



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

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