



Mercer County 4-H February 2023 NEWSLETTER

Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service
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Dairy, Livestock, Horse, Poultry & Rabbit Exhibitors Reminder:

Any 4-H youth planning on showing dairy cows, market steers, market lambs, hogs, goats poultry or rabbits must have 6 hours of educational classroom instruction before you can have your animals KUIP tagged. Hours can be earned by attending any of the livestock club meetings offered by the Mercer County 4-H Livestock Club. Tagging deadlines are in spring 2023.

BOYLE, LINCOLN & MERCER COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Saturday, February 11, 2023
Mercer County Cooperative
Extension Office

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost - \$5.00 - for lunch



MUST PRE-REGISTER USING THIS
LINK

<https://bit.ly/hunter23edclass>
BY FEBRUARY 7, 2023



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Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

Certificate Number	Certification Date
1119630	4/30/15
Birth Date	Instructor
08/22/89	Hunter Ed

JOHN HUNTER
123 ANY STREET
ANYTOWN, ST 12345-0000
USA



HUNTER EDUCATION CARD





February 2023



Sunday	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. Cloverbud Clubs are for youth in Kindergarten thru third grades, all other clubs are for 9 years old and</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Legobuds 3:30 @extension</p>	<p>2 Home School Cloverbuds & 4-H 1:00 @Extension Office 3rd Grade Cloverbuds 3:30 @MCIS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Archery Practice @ Boyle Co Extension</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Teen Council 3:30 @Extension</p>	<p>9 Home School 4-H 12:00 @Extension Office Horse Club 6:30 @Extension</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 4-H Sewing Class 9:30 a.m. @ Extension Hunter Ed Orange Card Class 9:00 am @Extension</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Camp leader reunion 5:00 @ Jessamine Extension Poultry Club 6:00 @Extension Art Club 3:30 @ KMS</p>	<p>14 Crochet Club 3:30 @Extension Cooking Club 5:30 @Extension BB & Pellet Practice @ Boyle Co Extension</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Insect Club 3:30@Extension</p>	<p>16 4th & 5th grade Club 3:30 @Extension Salvisa Community Club 6:00 @Ruitian Building Youth Leadership</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cloverbud Outdoor Explorers 10:00 @Extension</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Cooking Club 3:30 @Extension Livestock Club 6pm @Extension Archery Practice @ Boyle Co. Extension</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4-H Country Ham Club Meeting 3:45 @ Extension Office</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cloverbud Science Club 5:30 @Extension</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Written Communications Contest Entries Due</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Area 4-H Teen Retreat</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Junior Master Naturalist 3:30 @Extension</p>	<p>28 Burgin Cloverbuds 3:30 @Burgin Independent District Teens BB & Pellet Practice @ Boyle Co Extension</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Legobuds 3:30 @extension</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>Shooting Sports Club Meeting @ Boyle Co Extension</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>County Demonstration Contest Entry Due</p>	<p>March 4</p>



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5-Day Camp
Fee
\$225.00

4-H CAMP Mercer County JUNE 19-23, 2023

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

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4-H Cloverbud Camp 2023



JUNE 2-4, 2023

**Don't Delay Camp will fill up fast...
Applications available February 1, 2023,
from Mercer County Extension Office**

**Cloverbud
Camp Fee
\$115.00**

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4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Tuesday, March 7

Mercer Co. Extension Office

Topics areas:

- ~ Agriculture
- ~ Visual Arts
- ~ Animal Science
- ~ Performing Arts
- ~ Clothing/Textiles
- ~ Foods
- ~ Family & Consumer Sciences
- ~ Health
- ~ Natural Resource
- ~ Shooting Sports
- ~ Science, Engineering & Technology
- ~ Team Demonstration
- ~ Digital Media Presentation
- ~ **MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS**
(14-18 years old)

The contest
is open to youth
5-18 years old

The time limit for
all participants
is 5-15 minutes

County winners
will receive \$50
scholarship
toward any 4-H
activity or \$25
cash.

Participants will
compete in topic
areas/age divisions,
and the county
winners will go on to
the area contest.

Please **SIGN UP** by March 3
by using this link

<https://bit.ly/23demomercer>



Want more information

about the 4-H Demonstration Program/Mock Job Interview Contest?

<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day>





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4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CONTEST

CATEGORIES

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



**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
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

*For more information contact Mercer County Extension Office - 859-734-4378
Or visit the state website*

[HTTPS://4-H.CA.UKY.EDU/CONTENT/4-H-WRITTEN-COMMUNICATION-CONTEST-0](https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/4-h-written-communication-contest-0)

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED



**Volunteer Opportunities
available:**

**Club leader,
Assistant to another
leader or teach a
specialty workshop.**

Areas Needed:

**Rabbit Club,
Robotics Club, Cat Club
Sewing, Woodworking,
Shooting Sports,
Photography, or
Special workshop
instructors**

**Have an interest that isn't listed?
Please contact us, as we are always
looking to expand programming.**

It is a very simple process to volunteer.

If you are interested, contact

Mercer Co. Extension Office at 734-4378

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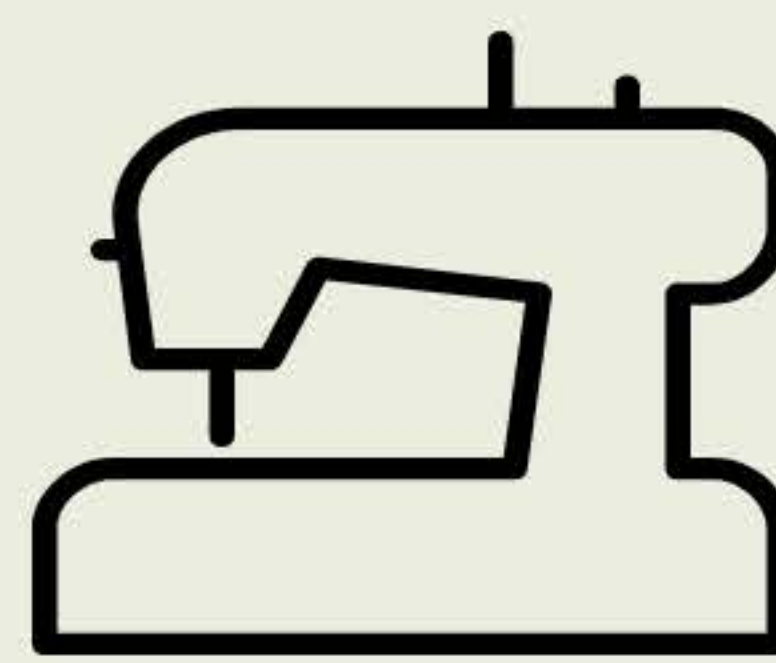


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SEWING 4-H PROJECT



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**FIRST
PROJECT
PAJAMA
PANTS**



**Saturday, February 11, 2023
Mercer County Extension office
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg
9:30-2:00 p.m.**

***MUST RSVP by calling 734-4378**

**We have all the equipment needed.
Participants will need to purchase fabric for
pajama bottoms. Lunch will be provided.**

**Open to youth 9 years old +
Class limited to 5 participants
Adult volunteers needed to assist**

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POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST



2023 Theme: "Kentucky Agriculture is Everywhere."

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 a \$100 award and be recognized at the 2023 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 2023 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.

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 Elizabeth Gordon, Kentucky Department of Agriculture by phone at (502) 782-4125 or by email at elizabeth.gordon@ky.gov



Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by
Monday, March 3, 2023

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



Boyle, Lincoln, Mercer County 4-H Shooting Sports Spring 2023 Schedule



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Club Meeting, Archery, Pellet & B.B. Ages 9-19

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 2023. Also the 4-H eligibility roster for state deadline is June 25, 2023, 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				
Shooting Sports Club Meeting	Boyle Co. Extension Office	All Youth 9 –19 years old 6:30 p.m.	Feb 2	March 2	April 13	May 4
Archery (1st & 3rd Tuesday)	Boyle Co. Extension Shooting Range	9-11 year old @ 6:30 pm 12 years + @ 7:45 p.m.	Feb 7 & 21	March 7 & 21	April 18	May 2 & 16
B.B. Pellet, Rifle & Pistol (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	Boyle Co. Extension Shooting Range	9-11 year old @ 6:30 pm 12 years + @ 7:45 p.m.	Feb 14 & 28	March 14 & 28	April 11 & 25	May 9 & 23

- **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

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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 13

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



Dustin Worthington
1982-2000



Applications are available online
<https://bit.ly/Ilovecowssessay> or visit the Dustin

Worthington "I Love Cows" Website for more information:

www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org

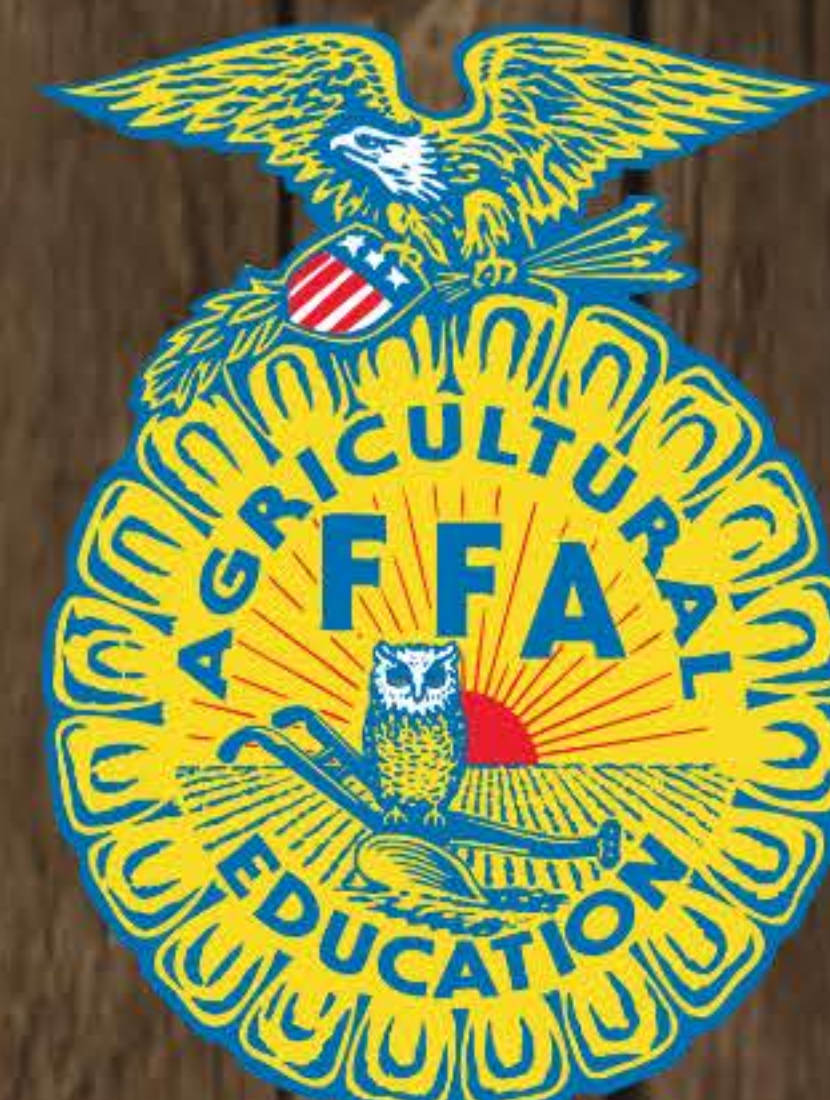
Anyone who has an interest in the cattle industry, 4-H or FFA is asked
to contribute to the fund.

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



MERCER COUNTY 4-H CLUB SUMMARY



CLOVERBUD CLUBS (KINDERGARTEN - THIRD GRADE)

BURGIN CLUB

For kindergarten - third grad students at Burgin Independent School. This club will cover a variety of topics. Each meeting will include a snack, lesson, activity or craft, and games. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @clovburgin

COOKING CLUB

For kindergarten - third grade students only. Members will learn basic kitchen skills and safety will learning how to cook. An adult is required to stay with their child(ren). To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @clovercook

HOME SCHOOL CLUB

For youth in kindergarten - third grades or 5-8 years old. This is for homeschool students in Mercer County. They will learn about a different topic each month. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @682gh2

LEGOBUDS CLUB

For kindergarten - third grade youth. Members will be provided Legos and given a challenge or theme to build. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @legomerc

MERCER THIRD GRADE CLUB

For third graders in Mercer County schools. Members will focus on S.T.E.M. projects, a different one every meeting. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @3rdclo

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CLUB

For Kindergarten - Third graders. Members will learn all about the world around them and how to safely explore and discover it. A adult is asked to stay with their child. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @k3336ga

SCIENCE CLUB

For kindergarten - third graders. Members will get to learn about a topic then create an experiment or craft that helps them understand the lesson. A adult is asked to stay with their child. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @merc4hscie

CLUBS FOR 9+ YEARS OLD

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CLUB

This club is specifically meant for youth in the fourth and fifth grades at both Mercer and Bugin schools. Youth will participate in a variety of activities including cooking, games and challenges, and S.T.E.A.M. lessons. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @45gradecl

ART CLUB

Will focus on exploring different styles and creating fun works of art to take home! To receive text reminds about this club text 81010 with message @merart4h

BEGINNING COOKING CLUB

For youth 9-11 to begin learning the basics of kitchen skills and reading recipes. Youth will be cooking each meeting and able to eat what they make. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @beginner4h

COUNTRY HAM CLUB

Members will cure two country hams throughout the year. They will learn the whole process through curing, lessons, and tours. In August youth will attend state fair to participate in the state ham competition. Youth get to keep both hams at the end. This club does have a fee for the hams

CROCHET CLUB

Learn how to crochet, read patterns, and work on projects in this club. You might even complete an Ami Gurumi project. Participants must be 9 or older. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @4hcrochet

DAIRY CLUB

This club is centered on learning about dairy cattle. Youth do not need to own a dairy cow to participate. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @4hdai



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HOMESCHOOL CLUB

This club is specifically for youth in Mercer County who are 9 years or older and homeschooled. There will be different activities and projects each month. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @682gh2

HORSE CLUB

During this club members will learn about equine care, careers, and sports. Field trips and mounted activities will be a part of this club. You do not have to own a horse to participate, but you must use your own horse or lease one to ride. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @horsemer

INSECT CLUB

Learn all about insects, be able to identify and label them, start your own insect collection. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @4hinsect

JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST CLUB

This club is for youth in 4th-6th grade. They will learn all about the outdoor world through monthly lessons and challenges. Members who complete all required steps will be certified as Junior Master Naturalists. TO receive texts reminds for this club text 81010 with message @4hjmn

LIVESTOCK CLUB

Members learn about anatomy, caring for and showing their livestock. You do not need to have an animal to join this club. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @livemer

POULTRY CLUB

Poultry club teaches members everything they need to know about poultry, including showing them.. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @poultrymer

RABBIT CLUB

This club is for anyone interested in learning all about rabbits. Breeding, care, showing and more. You do not have to own a rabbit to participate. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @rabbitmer

SALVISA COMMUNITY CLUB

This club is for members who live in Salvisa. Youth do different projects, create a float for the Salvisa Christmas parade, and complete community service projects.. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @salvisa4

SEWING CLUB

Members will learn the basics of sewing with a sewing machine and sewing safety while creating beautiful projects. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @sewingmerc

SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

This club has both an archery option and a firearms option to participate in. Each meet once a week over the summer and hold competition in September. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @boylemerc

CLUBS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

TEEN COUNCIL

For middle and high school students. This club is for youth interested in taking an active role in their local (and potentially district and state level) 4-H. Members will help plan a community 4-H event, participate in community service projects, and get to go on fun teen planned outing. To receive text reminds for this club text 81010 with message @teenmer

Most clubs meet once a month from September - May
To join a club you must turn in a completed enrollment form either prior to the first club meeting or at the start of the first meeting. Youth will not be allowed to stay if club leader does not have a completed enrollment form on a child.

For clubs after school at the extension office, transportation is available. Parent/guardians must send a note to the school letting them know 4-H will be picking their child up. YOU MUST ALSO CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 12PM DAY OF CLUB MEETING TO LET US KNOW YOUR CHILD WILL NEED A RIDE! We will not pick your child up unless we have received a call at the extension office letting us know. You must RSVP to each club meeting every month!