



Mercer County 4-H May 2025 NEWSLETTER

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**5-Day Camp
Fee
\$275.00**

4-H CAMP

Mercer County

JUNE 16-20, 2025

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

Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Staff:

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Beth Maddox, Mercer County
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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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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Cloverbuds 3:30-5 @ Extension Archery 6:30 @ Boyle Extension	7 Wash Country Hams 1:30-5 @ Extension Office	8 Rabbit Club 6:00 @ Extension Office	9	10
11	12 Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office	13 <i>Beginning Cooking</i> -3:30 <i>Teen Cooking</i> - 5:30 <i>BB/Pellet Rifle</i> 6:30 @Boyle Extension Shotgun/ .22 Rifle/ Pistol 6 @ Fish & Game Farm Harrodsburg, KY	14 County 4-H Teen Club 3:30 @ Extension Office	15 Horse Club 6:00 @ Extension Office	16 Small Engines Workshop 5:30-7:00 @ Extension Office	17
18	19 4-H Council Meeting 6:00 @ Extension Office	20 Art Club - 5:00-6:00 Livestock Club - 7:00 @ Adam's Farm Archery 6:30 @ Boyle Extension	21	22	23	24
25	26 HAPPY Memorial Day	27 <i>BB/Pellet Rifle</i> 6:30 @Boyle Extension Shotgun/ .22 Rifle/ Pistol 6 @ Fish & Game Farm Harrodsburg, KY JC Training 4:00 @ Jessamine Extension	28	29 Natural Resources Club 6:00 @ Extension Office	30	31 Dairy Month Breakfast 7:00-10:30AM @ Extension Office

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

May 20

**May Livestock Meeting will be
May 20, 7pm @ Adam's Farm**

UPDATE



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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Mercer County 4-H Natural Resources Club

May 29th

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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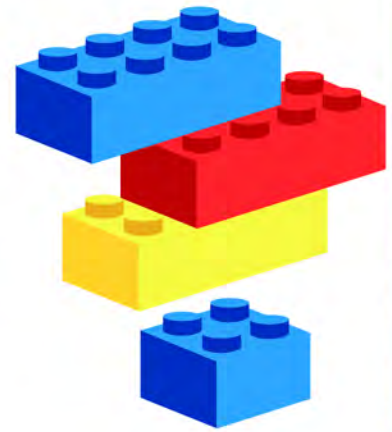
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LEGO BUDS

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.

MAY 12



TO JOIN TEXT
REMIND SCAN
THE QR CODE

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University of Kentucky



4-H ART CLUB

Tuesday, May 20 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 Clay Dragon Eye Sculptures

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MERCER COUNTY FAIR 4-H FLORAL HALL



Mercer County Fair
560 Linden Ave,
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
July 21-26, 2025

Pick your 4-H projects


Select your entries for 2025 review
our 4-H Floral Hall Catalog and
decide what you would like to enter.

Prepare before fair

- Visit our website for specific details
regarding the registration process:
<https://mercer.ca.uky.edu/countyfair>

- Pre-registration required  
www.mercerfairky.fairentry.com

**Deadline to enter is
Wednesday, July 16 @ noon**

- Be sure to have the catalog pulled
up to refer to class requirements. 
- No on-site registration is allowed.
- Mercer County Extension will print
off your tags; you can pick them up
prior at the Extension Office or day
of entry at check-in at fair

EACH ENTRY WILL WIN PRIZE MONEY!!!



All 4-H participants will receive
premium money for their project
work:

- Blue ribbon - \$4.00
- Red ribbon - \$3.00
- White ribbon - \$2.00
- Class Champion ribbon - \$1.00
extra

4-H Floral Hall Dates:

- Sunday, July 20 - Check-in
projects 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - Monday, July 21 - Check-in
projects 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - Floral Hall is open to view
exhibits refer to the website for
times
 - Saturday, July 26 - Pick-up 4-H
Projects 9:00-11:00 a.m.
-
- 4-H youth can also enter
entries in the open division of
Floral Hall. Refer to the Open
Floral Hall Catalog for details.



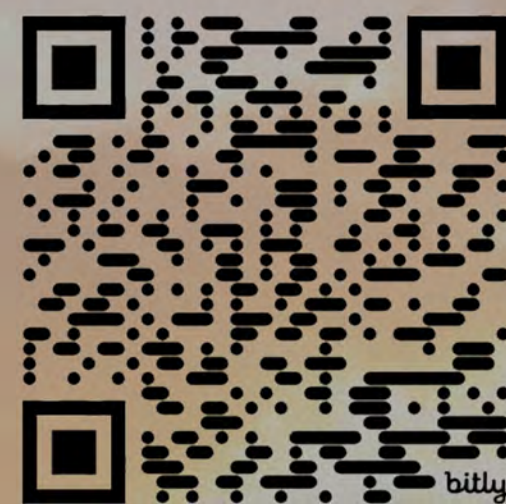
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Contact Us : 859-734-4378

MERCER COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS 2025



560 LINDEN AVENUE, HARRODSBURG, KY 40330



**JULY
19**

DAIRY SHOW

10:00 AM

SHEEP SHOW

6:00 PM

**JULY
23**



**JULY
26**

SWINE SHOW

9:00 AM

GOAT SHOW

1:00 PM

**JULY
26**



**JULY
26**

**POULTRY &
RABBIT SHOW**

12:30 PM

BEEF SHOW

6:00 PM

**JULY
28**



For more information, visit
<https://mercer.ca.uky.edu/countyfair>



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES



ARCHERY - MAY 6 & 20
BB/PELLET - MAY 13 & 27
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



**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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Boyle, Lincoln & Mercer County

4-H Shooting Sports

Summer 2025 Schedule



University of Kentucky
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Cooperative Extension Service
4-H Youth Development

Archery, Rifle, Black Powder, Shotgun/Trap & Pistol 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 13-14, 2025. Also the 4-H eligibility roster for state deadline is June 20, 2025, which means they must start practicing prior to June 20. Please note: Refer with your specific county for enrollment details. Parents must attend the first meeting/practice session with their child and receive safety protocol with 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches. Coaches will then make the decision if parents must attend future practice sessions.

CLASS	LOCATION	CLASS MEETING DATES/TIMES			
Archery (1st & 3rd Tuesday)	Boyle County Extension Office, indoor shooting range	May 6 & 20 @ 6:30 pm	June 3 & 17 @ 6:30 p.m.	July 1 & 15 @ 6:30 p.m.	August 5 & 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
Shotgun, 22 Rifle, .22 Pistol (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	Mercer Co. Fish/Game Club, Fish & Game Farm Rd Harrodsburg, KY	May 13 & 27 @ 6:00 p.m.	June 10 & 24 @ 6:30 p.m.	July 8 & 22 @ 6:30 p.m.	August 12 & 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
B.B. & Pellet (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	Boyle Co. Extension Shooting Range	May 13 & 27 @ 6:30 p.m.	June 10 & 24 @ 6:30 p.m.	July 8 & 22 @ 6:30 p.m.	August 12 & 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
Black Powder (1st & 3rd Monday)	Mercer Co. Fish/Game Club, Fish & Game Farm Rd Harrodsburg, KY	May 5 & 19 @ 6:00 p.m.	June 2 & 16 @ 6:30 p.m.	July 7 & 21 @ 6:30 p.m.	August 4 & 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

• 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)



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Hope For Harrodsburg Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY

COLLECTION BOX @ MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

**JUNE 16-20,
2025**

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 Mercer County Extension Office
1007 Lexington Rd
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



1 in 5 children in Mercer County Struggle with hunger
Over 5,000 people in Mercer County face daily challenges accessing meals

Monetary donations

Your donations make a direct impact on local families in need!
Supports a family's access to nutritious meals for several days


Set Up a Recurring Donation

- Help keep our pantry stocked year-round by setting up a monthly or quarterly donation
- Your ongoing support ensures that our community continues to receive the help they need
- Individuals, businesses, churches, organizations, and local governments can make a lasting difference by contributing regularly to keep the pantry full and available for all who rely on it

Tax- Deductible Donations

Monetary donations are tax-deductible, making your contributions not only impactful to those in need but also beneficial for your tax filings

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 Hope for Harrodsburg Food Pantry
116 E Broadway St
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Veggies, Fruits & Soups
- ▶ Pasta & Rice
- ▶ Cereal, Granola & Fruit Bars
- ▶ Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- ▶ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ▶ Baby Food & Formula
(No glass jars please)

**For More Information
& Drop off times:**

517-398-1471 (Patsy Owens)
patsy@hopeforharrodsburgfoodpantry.org

Website:

hopeforharrodsburgfoodpantry.org

Hope for Harrodsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed

To help stock shelves, unload deliveries, help customers with food selections, greet patron, keep pantry tidy

Support your Community

Requirements

- Sign up to volunteer on your schedule
- Enjoy assisting others
- Ready to be placed anywhere
- 16 years and older

Benefits

- Share the word
- Connect with the community
- Find Friends
- Advance your neighbors

Register by Email

patsy@hopeforharrodsburgfoodpantry.org

Pantry Hours:

Tuesday 3pm- 7pm
Thursday 10am-2pm
Friday 10am- 2pm

For More Info

Patsy Owens
517-398-1471

Address of Food Pantry

116 E Broadway St,
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



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.



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Extension Office**
1007 Lexington Rd
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



FREE
Lunch
Provided

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Mercer County 4-H

We will be focusing on projects that can be entered into
Floral Hall at the Mercer County Fair

Scan below to
Sign up



4-H Day Camp
9-12 Year Olds
July 8-9, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Limited spots available



Cloverbud Day Camp
6-8 Year Olds
July 10-11, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BABYSITTING CLINIC



JULY 14-15, 2025

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Who: Any student 13
years old or older
Cost: FREE
Lunch will be provided

TOPICS COVERED:

- Prepare meals
and Snacks
- Childhood
Development
- Activities/
Crafts
- CPR and first
aid

LOCATION:

Mercer County Extension Office
1007 Lexington Rd
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Students **MUST** attend both
days to become a certified
sitter

SCAN BELOW TO SIGN UP

**Limited
spots
available**



HOW TO ADULT

"Lowkey"



Participants will gain skills and knowledge such as:

Cooking & Food Safety

Personal Finance

Housekeeping 101

Vehicle Care & Safety

Sewing Basics

Laundry & Dishes

July 28-29, 2025
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.


This will be a 2 day clinic. Participants are expected to attend both days of the clinic.

Who: Incoming 8th, 9th, & 10th grade students

Cost: FREE

Lunch will be provided

Location

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Scan QR Code to Sign-up:
Limited Spots Available



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Family Resource and Youth Service Center**



Small Engine Workshop



Friday, 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 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

May 13

FREE



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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

May 13



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**MERCER COUNTY
DAIRY SHOW**

**DAIRY
MONTH
BREAKFAST
FUNDRAISER**



**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, MAY 31**

7:00 - 10:30 AM

**MERCER COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE
1007 LEXINGTON RD
HARRODSBURG**



**MORE INFO CALL:
CALL (859) 734-4378
\$5.00 - PAY AT THE DOOR
PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT MERCER
COUNTY FAIR DAIRY SHOW**

CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

MAY 6



May we will be making
a Mother's Day gift

RSVP by Calling (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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MERCER COUNTY 4-H

4-H TEEN CLUB



OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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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MERCER COUNTY 4-H RABBIT CLUB



**THURSDAY, 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 Community Service Scholarship Program

**Mercer County Cooperative
Extension Service**
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.

4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



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

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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