

# 4-H Upfront



Green County 4-H Youth Development  
February 2012

## County 4-H Showcase

4-H will have our annual Showcase of Youth on March 22. The event includes the local contest for Speech, Demonstrations and Talent Show on one night. County champions will advance to the Area Showcase in April. The event starts at 6pm at our office; youth wishing to participate must pre-register by March 19. This year, County champions who participate in the Area Showcase will receive a \$25 scholarship for any 4-H camp.



## Poetry Contest

The poetry contest is a way for 4-H'ers to creatively express themselves. Poems may be written on any topic and must be the original work of the 4-H'er. For 4-H'ers age 9-13, the length must be between 3-24 lines; Senior 4-H'ers must use between 8-28 lines. Entries cannot have been submitted to other competitive or publishing groups prior to entry into the 4-H contest. The top twelve poems will advance to the area competition and have their poems published in the District 4-H Poetry Book. You may submit a printed copy or email it to [tgentry@uky.edu](mailto:tgentry@uky.edu).



☐ Submit poems by March 1.

## Demonstration Contest

The Demonstration Contest allows 4-H'ers to show how to do something they enjoy. The time limit is 15 minutes for most, and team demonstrations are not allowed. Participants compete against other 4-H'ers based upon age and categories.

## Talent Show

The 4-H talent show is open to any youth age 9-19. There are two categories. First, Specialty Acts involve 1-4 people and have a maximum of four minutes to complete their act. Group Acts will have five or more people and have up to eight minutes to perform. All props must be provided by the performer except for a tape/CD player. Only 4-H'ers may appear in the act. Two Specialty Acts and one Group Act will be chosen as champions to represent Green County at the Area Variety Show.

## Speech Contest

The 4-H Talk Meet is a prepared speech contest. 4-H'ers compete against youth the same age as of January 1st. The speech may be on any topic. Youth ages 9-13 should prepare a speech that is three to five minutes while senior members should prepare a speech five to seven minutes.

☐ Register by March 19th.



## Robotics Club Starts March 8th

Last year, with assistance from the JC Penney Foundation, Green County 4-H was able to start a Robotics Club. We will be once again offering this program starting on March 8th.

This event will meet after school from 3:00-4:30pm for approximately four meetings. There will be a registration fee of \$5 per youth to help provide refreshments. The youth will learn about robotics as they design and build their own robot using the Lego Mindstorm kits. The youth will be challenged to design a robot that will accomplish a given task. The 4-H Robotics program is for Green County youth ages 9-13. Interested youth should call the 4-H office to register as the club is limited to 15 youth. The deadline to register is March 7th.

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## Public Invited to Expo on March 24

Green County Cooperative Extension Service is hosting a Home & Garden Expo on March 24 from 10am-2pm. The event is open to the public and will offer guest speakers, exhibitors, demonstrations and a complimentary meal sponsored by the Green County Cattle-men's Association and the Green County Homemakers. Community organizations, agencies and business are invited to set up a free booth. Booth applications are available at the Extension office and due March 7.

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## FEBRUARY

- 1 Shooting Sports Camp \$ due
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 2 Cooking Club, 6pm
- 3 GCMS 4-H Club
- 6 Summit (GCMS) Registration Due
- 7 Garden Club Soil Samples due
- 9-11 St. 4-H Volunteer Leader's Forum
- 10 Biggest Loser Weigh In
- 13 Heifer Chain Planning Mtg., 5pm
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting, 5:30pm
- 16 Livestock/Dairy Parent mtg, 6pm
- 17 GCIS 4-H Clubs (except Nicole)
- 18 Dairy Judging Reason's Clinic
- 18 St 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon
- 20 President's Day, No School
- 20 Kentucky 4-H Health Day
- 20 Horse Club mtg, 6pm
- 20 Extension Council Mtg, 5:30pm
- 21 District 4-H Horses Leaders Mtg

## Calendar of 4-H Events

### FEB. continued

- 22 GCIS 5th Grade Clubs
- 24 GCIS 4th Grade Nicole's Club
- 24 GCHS 4-H Club
- 27 7th Grade Wind Project Day
- 28 4-H Garden Club, 6pm

### MARCH

- 1 Poetry Deadline
- 1-3 GCMS Pre-Teen Summit, Jabez,
- 2 GCMS Club Day
- 5 Estate Planning (additional dates)
- 6 Horse College (for adults)
- 7 Home & Garden Expo Booth Reservations due
- 8 4-H Robotics Club, 3:00-4:30pm
- 8 Teen Retreat Registration due
- 9-11 4-H Shooting Sports Certification
- 10 Washington Co 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic
- 10 District 4-H Horse Judging

- 17 St. Patrick's Day, Wear a Clover!
- 19 Horse Club, Arena, Bring Horse
- 21 Summer Camp deposit due
- 22 Co. Showcase, Register by Mar19
- 23 GCHS Club Day
- 24 Home & Garden Expo, 10am-2pm

### UPCOMING DATES

April 4-7 Shooting Sports Camp, Registration closed

May 28-June 1 Summer Camp, Deposit due Mar 21, we need parent chaperones



For more information or to register, call the Green County Extension Office at 932-5311, email [tgentry@uky.edu](mailto:tgentry@uky.edu) or visit our web page at [www.GreenCounty4-H.org](http://www.GreenCounty4-H.org).

Call 932-5311 to verify each activity prior to the scheduled date. Some events have registration deadlines to allow us to plan for supplies. Events may be cancelled if registration is low. In case of inclement weather, changes/cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page and those registered will be notified. The calendar also includes activities from other program areas available to anyone. The color codes are 4-H Activities and Other Extension (CES) Program Activities.

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## Save Me a Spot at 4-H Camp!

To reserve a youth spot at 4-H camp, return this completed form with your \$50 deposit by March 21. Additional paperwork will be provided in early May to be completed and brought to the mandatory parent-camper meeting scheduled for May 6 at 2pm at the Cooperative Extension Service Office. A physical exam is requested with the paperwork; if you are getting copies for school or athletics, please make a copy for your camp paperwork.

**Your final payment is due and nonrefundable May 6, 2012.**

**Camp Dates:** May 28-June 1, 2012

**Cost:** \$175.00 due in full by May 6, 2012

**Location:** 4-H Camping Center, Lake Cumberland, Jabez

**Deposit:** \$50 will reserve a camper's space, due by March 21

**Camper's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age as of camp (May 28, 2012)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the youth been to 4-H summer camp before?**  No  Yes

We are in need of adults who would consider being a chaperone at camp. If you would like to attend as a volunteer leader, you need to contact the 4-H office for a volunteer packet. Parent forms must be completed by March 21st. If you have questions, please contact the 4-H office at 932-5311.

## Summer 4-H Camp

Spring is on its way and it's time to prepare for 4-H CAMP! This year, Green County will be going to camp May 28-June 1. Camp will cost \$175 which includes lodging, meals, transportation.

We will be camping at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp in Jabez. This camp is located in a lovely rural setting and is owned by the University of Kentucky. We will offer our 4-H'ers many classes like swimming, recreation, canoeing, fishing, pontoon boating, nature, riflery, archery, outdoor cooking, crafts, forestry, folk activities, campfires, fishing, caving, sports, and more.

Camp is for all youth who have reached their 9th but have not yet passed their 14th birthday. Younger siblings may be able to attend, contact us for more details. The campers will be supervised by adult and teen leaders, camp staff members and 4-H professionals.

During the months of February, the Extension Service will be doing 4-H camp promotion during School Club meetings. For those who want to go to camp, \$50.00 of the fee is required as a deposit. This deposit will save you a spot for camp and must be paid by March 21. Full payment must be received by May 6; no refunds will be allowed after May 6 except for emergencies.

*The first 22 male and 22 female applications that are delivered to the office with a deposit of \$50 will be accepted. All applications received after the quota will be on a waiting list.*

Those who are registered will receive the necessary forms regarding rules, bus schedules, what to bring, etc. during April. I am sure this will be an educational and rewarding experience for your child.

## Water Fun



## Fun & Games



## Campfires



## Tradition



## Nature

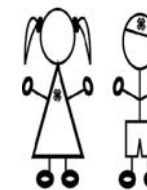
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## 4-H Youth Garden Club

Green County 4-H has started a new project club with Gardening. The general focus will be gardening, but it will include much more. Basic gardening techniques will be discussed and participants will be expected to have at least a small garden space. Additional topics will include entrepreneurship with a planned youth "farmer's market", preservation techniques and landscaping. Our next club meeting will be February 28th.

Think about items that you would like to grow.



## Cloverbud Club

The 4-H Cloverbud Club is a club for youth ages 5-8. They meet once a month and will cover a variety of 4-H project topics. Any Green County youth can join this active group. The meetings typically last about one and a half hours with parents or an adult expected to attend with their child. The club will be led by Rockie Tungate for the 2012 year. Club dues of \$5 will be due at their first meet.

Bring a photo of youth to the next meeting, Feb 16.



**For youth to participate in a district or state 4-H animal event, youth must receive at least six hours of education annually related to their species of animal through 4-H sponsored trainings**

To help parents learn about the options available in 4-H for all animals except horses, an informational livestock meeting is set for February 16 at 6 pm. This meeting will be for anyone interested in being involved with beef, dairy, sheep, swine and goats. If you cannot attend and are interested in being on the list for the educational meetings, please call the 4-H office.

Attend informational meeting Feb 16th.

