



4-H Upfront

NOVEMBER

- 1 Extension Open House, 4-7pm
- 1 Issues Conf Due
- 4 GCMS
- 7-8 No School
- 8 Project Day - Wind Power, register by Nov 4
- 11 GCIS 4 Jeffries Club
- 16 GCIS 5 Clubs
- 17-20 Issues Conference
- 18 GCIS 4 Clubs (except Jeffries)
- 18 4-H Country Ham Applications due
- 18 Holiday Bazaar
- 23-25 No School
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 26 Christmas on the Square 3:00pm Activities Start 5:00pm Parade
- 28 4-H Horse Club, 6pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Honors Applications Due
- 2-3 St Livestock and Horse Leader Certifications
- 2 GCMS Club Day
- 5-9 GCMS Food Drive
- 9 Project: Dinner & Movie Register by Dec 7
- 19-30 No School
- 25 Christmas

UPCOMING DATES

March 1, 2012
County Poetry Deadline

March 1-3, 2012
KY Pre-Teen Summit
Registration due early Feb.

March 22, 2012
County 4-H Showcase
Speech, Demonstration and
Variety Show

May 28-June 1, 2012
Summer Camp, Registration
due Mar 1, 2012

June 11-14, 2012
KY 4-H Teen Conference

November 2011

4-H Country Ham Project Starts

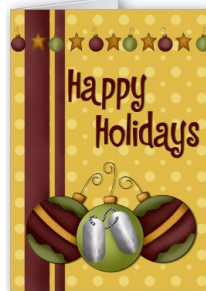
Green County 4-H is now taken applications to participate in the 4-H Country Ham Project. This project is open to all youth ages 9-18 in Green County. The deadline is November 18. There is a \$55.00 registration fee that covers project cost. Since Green County does not have a curing facility at this time, we will be storing our hams in the Adair County 4-H Curing House. If this sounds like a project you would like to participate in contact the Green County Cooperative Extension. We are limited to the number of youth who can participate so it will be first come first serve.



A Kentucky 4-H tradition is the country ham project. For eight months, 4-H members throughout the state prepare their hams for the state fair competition. The country ham curing contest is just one of many educational and character building programs 4-H offers that doesn't require youth or their families to own considerable amounts of acreage, livestock or have a background in agriculture. For the 2011 season, 600 youth from 52 Kentucky counties participated. Counties east of Interstate 65 will put their hams in cure in January. Hams east of I-65 are not smoked, while hams west of I-65 are smoked.

Holiday Community Service

Starting to write out your Christmas cards this month? Need to get your family in the spirit of giving? Try this service project with your family. The American Red Cross has an effort currently to get one million holiday cards to the troops. For a fifth year, American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are partnering to ensure all Americans have an opportunity to send a touch of home this holiday season to members of our U.S. military, veterans and their families, many of whom will be far away from home this holiday season. Our family will be participating as we love to make cards and it helps teach our kids the value of saying thank you. If you will get your cards to the 4-H office by December 1, we will mail them for you.



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At the fair, hams are judged by producers and meat buyers. The hams are divided into two different categories, smoked and non-smoked, and by the age of the youth. Hams are judged on aroma, lean to fat ratio and shape, but this is only 40 percent of the youth's entire score. Youth must also present a five to seven minute speech about a topic related to the ham curing process, which counts for 60 percent of the score.

The benefits of the program are many. Youth develop persistence and responsibility during the eight months they cure the hams. They learn to appreciate the value that is added to raw commodities. Contact the 4-H office for an application

Troop Holiday Card Guidelines

- Cards delivered to the 4-H office by Dec 1.
- All cards must be signed.
- Use generic salutations such as "Dear Service Member."
- Only cards are being accepted. Do not send letters.
- Do not include email or home addresses on the cards.
- Do not include inserts of **any kind**, including photos, as these items will be removed during the reviewing process.
- Do not include envelopes, only cards.



Project Night: Dinner & Movie “AKA Adult’s Night Out”

The December project night will be an opportunity for the “older folks” to take care of some “unsupervised” holiday shopping. On December 9, we will be having a Dinner and Movie night between 6:00pm until 8:30pm. Give your parents a night out to finish their Christmas shopping as we enjoy a pizza party and learn to make chocolate chip cookies. We will also watch the movie, Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws. The cost is \$5 per person; **you must call the 4-H office by Dec 7** if you will be attending.



Community Service - Food Drive

A focus of the middle school 4-H club has always been community service. In-school 4-H members are required to complete at least one hour of community service each month. Additionally, the club organizes a few club or school events each year. Their largest event is the annual food drive conducted during the holiday season. This year’s food drive is set for December 6-10. The school wide competition rewards the homeroom with the most items with a prize, typically a pizza party. If you would like to support this project, you can drop off your canned items to the 4-H office during this week. All collected items will be taken to the local food pantry.



Christmas Bazaar - November 18

The 2011 Holiday Bazaar will be 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Green County Extension Office. Anyone can sell at the Bazaar and everyone can shop for that special, homemade Christmas item! For Extension Homemaker members, the cost will be \$5.00 per table, non-members are \$10.00 per table. You will be able to keep any proceeds you may earn. To request a booth application, please contact the Extension Office. This is a great way to support local crafters and get some great gifts for the holidays. Pictures with Santa may also be available.



4-H Horse Club - November 22

The 4-H Horse Club will have their next meeting at 6:00pm CT at the Extension Office on November 22. There will be an educational meeting for the youth and a parent’s meeting to discuss calendar and events for the coming year. Dates will be set for local horse shows, potential fundraisers and a “wish” list for educational trips. Bring your calendars. If you haven’t paid your \$5/member dues, they will also be collected at this meeting. We should have the Horse Club t-shirts at this meeting for the members and additional shirts to purchase if interested.



Winter Weather Advisory

Winter weather is just around the corner. If school is cancelled or dismissed early, ALL 4-H meetings will be cancelled for that day. For meetings on weekends, days that school is not scheduled or after school is dismissed, contact your club leader for meeting information or you may call the 4-H office.



4-H Pledge

“I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living ...for my club, my community, my country, and my world.” Otis Hall, State leader of Kansas, was responsible for the original wording of the 4-H pledge, officially adopted by the State 4-H Leaders at the first National 4-H camp in 1927. The pledge remained unchanged until 1973, when it was revised to include “and my world.”

‘twas the night before Christmas

Greensburg and Green County will kick off the holidays with the annual Christmas parade and festivities on November 26. This year’s theme is “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Event will start at 3pm CT at various locations around the town square, the parade and lighting of the square will start at 5pm, and a chili dinner and music will continue after the parade. Lots of activities are scheduled for our kids and families. Come and write a letter to Santa; a real postman will be there to personally deliver it to Santa during the parade! Of course Santa will also be there for photos and carolers abound. We hope to see you on November 26!



Poetry Contest

Over the holidays, you may find yourself bored; why not take a moment and work on your entry into the 2012 4-H 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 Junior 4-H’ers age 9-13, the length must be between 3-24 lines
- For Senior 4-H’ers, they must use between 8-28 lines.

The top twelve poems will advance to the district competition and have their poems published in the District 4-H Poetry Book. Poems are due to the Cooperative Extension Office before March 1. You may submit a printed copy of you may email it to me at tgentry@uky.edu.