



4-H Upfront

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MARCH

- 2 Poetry Deadline
- 5-9 Preteen Summit,
Jabez
- 6 GCMS 4-H Club
- 11 GCHS 4-H Club
- 14 Washington Co
Livestock Judging
- 14 Mighty Mustang
Riding Club
(MMRC), 9:00am
- 19 Reality Store
Interviews, 7th Grade
- 20 Registration Deadline
4-H Showcase
- 21 MMRC 9:00am
- 24 GC 4-H Showcase
- 27 Reality Store

APRIL

- 3-4 Camp Cleanup,
Lake Cumberland
- 3 Deadline to sign up
for Shooting Sports
and Animal Programs
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 9-11 Shooting Sports
Camp, Jabez
- 15 Dis Horse Judging
- 18 MMRC 9:00am
- 24-26 Dis Horse Camp,
Liberty
- 25 Area 4-H Showcase,
Lindsey Wilson

MAY

- 1 GCMS 4-H Club
- 1 MMRC 6:00pm
- 1 Camp Final payment
due, no refunds
- 5 Camp Leader Mtg,
Columbia 7:00pm
- 8 MMRC 6:00pm
- 9 Dis Fashion Review
- 15 MMRC 6:00pm
- 22-24 Dis 4-H Horse
Show, Liberty
- 25 Memorial Day

MARCH 2009

4-H Livestock Programs Gear Up for Spring Events

Do you enjoy working with animals? 4-H has a world of programs that allow you to gain hands-on experience with beef and dairy cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, dogs and rabbits. Some of these projects require you to have an animal while others only require an interest in learning about the species. Many of these have opportunities for youth to borrow or "lease" animals for their projects making ownership not necessary. Contact us for specific details.

Horses

The Mighty Mustang 4-H Horse Club is very active offering riding and teaching skills necessary for the proper care of your horse.



The club participates in District and local events like horse camps and shows. The club is open to youth ages 9-18 with a horse. Join today by calling the 4-H office.

Beef and Dairy

There are many opportunities for youth to learn more about beef and dairy cattle in 4-H. Youth can participate in judging teams or participate in showing their animals. Youth who do not have their own animals can learn skills through the skill-a-thon contest.

Other Animals

Green County has not had a history of other animal projects, but they are available. Projects include sheep, goat, swine, rabbits and dogs. If you are interested in learning about these or becoming involved with the horse or beef/dairy programs, please contact the 4-H office and let us know what areas you are interested in by April 3. We will evaluate the animals programs offered based upon the interest shown.



Volunteers Needed....

The local 4-H programs offers many great opportunities to our local youth. These efforts are multiplied when we have volunteers who are interested in sharing their skills and talents. Depending on the level of commitment and involvement, a screening and application process may be required. Below are a few of the opportunities which we need some help with; please let us know if you would be interested .

Activity Leaders ... are typically needed for one shot events where you may share your skills or talents. Areas we need assistance include our animal programs, Reality Store and day camps.

Sometimes, we just need people who are willing to help; no experience required, just a great attitude and a willingness to help our youth.



**What's missing from this picture????
YOU—Summer Camp is Filling UP
Want you join us for a week of FUN!**



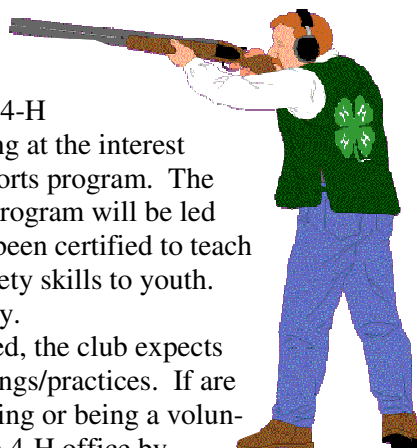
We hope you will join us for five days of fun at beautiful Lake Cumberland. This year, we will be camping June 2-6. You can discover the secrets of our own camp cave or the thrill of our high ropes course. Maybe you would enjoy a lighter class like crafts or a nature hike. Did we mention that you get to go swimming everyday? Or take a chance in the biggest water fight you have ever seen? There are only a limited number of spots for Green County 4-H members. The fee is \$175 and covers meals, activities and almost all the fun that anyone can stand.

Parents, you are welcome to attend camp with your child. We are in need of a few more adult chaperones. If you are interested, please contact the 4-H office and request the Parent Volunteer Forms. Adult and teen leader forms are due by March 15. Parents may attend camp for free if they are willing to volunteer; call us to find out how! If you cannot attend camp, maybe another relative? Aunts, uncles and even grandparents can find a special role to volunteer and make camp special for a child!

Shooting Sports Club Starting

The Green County 4-H program will be looking at the interest of a youth shooting sports program. The local shooting sports program will be led by coaches who have been certified to teach marksmanship and safety skills to youth. Safety will be a priority.

If a club is organized, the club expects to have monthly meetings/practices. If are interested in participating or being a volunteer, please contact the 4-H office by April 3.



Activities

**March Madness 4-H
Style: Talk Meet, Talent
Show and Demonstration
Contest**

4-H members can compete in three contest for the right to advance to the area events. On March 24th, Green County 4-H will be conducting our fourth 4-H Youth Showcase. The event will start at 6:00 PM and include the speech , demonstration and talent show. Members can participate in one, two or all three events on the same night. Winners will be selected based on different criteria. Speeches are judged based on age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16-19. Demonstrations are separated based on age (juniors and seniors) and the subject matter of the demonstration. The variety show will select two winners to advance. Members wishing to participate need to call the 4-H office by March 20th to register. County champions in each of the three activities who compete in the area event will receive a \$25 scholarship to 4-H camp.



*Why is this bird in a hurry?
He's trying to find a home.
Will you help?*

4-H Project Highlight

One of the projects that 4-H'ers can enter into the county fair is woodworking. Woodworking teaches youth safety skills in using woodworking equipment, teaches them to read a blueprint or diagram and allows them to create something that will be used in their home or community.

During our recent project night, youth made bluebird houses. These houses can be entered in the fair and win the 4-H members premium money and the opportunity to advance to the Kentucky State Fair. If you would like to purchase a bluebird kit, some kits are available at the 4-H office. Kits are \$5; call us for more details.

Why build bluebird houses?

Colonial settlers called the eastern bluebird the harbinger of spring or "blue robin" because of its chestnut orange breast and iridescent blue back and tail. One of Kentucky's common resident birds, this strikingly elegant bird is admired most for its beauty, gentle disposition, family devotion and delightful call. It is easily attracted to home and farm surroundings when nesting structures are correctly constructed and well placed. Boxes can be erected at any time. However, you have your best chance of getting tenants if you put the boxes up by the end of February when the bluebirds start searching for nesting locations.