

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



# Mercer County 4-H News

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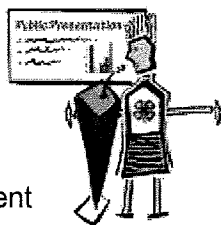
### 4-H Demonstration Program

Mercer County 4-H will host a  
4-H Demonstration Contest on  
February 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

#### Mercer County Extension Office

Demonstrations can be on any topic, there are 16 categories:

- ~ Animal Science (Large & Small),
- ~ Bread
- ~ Clothing/Sewing
- ~ Crafts/Photography,
- ~ General
- ~ Health
- ~ Home Environment/Management
- ~ Horticulture
- ~ Foods (Dairy Foods and Other Foods),
- ~ Performing Arts,
- ~ Presentation Software
- ~ Safety
- ~ Science and Natural Resources
- ~ Science, Engineering & Technology
- ~ Shooting Sports.



Youth compete in categories. A demonstration allows you to share the information you have learned with an audience. This method is used to communicate an idea by showing and telling a 4-H idea in logical order, express yourself clearly and be a teacher to others. Time limit for general demonstrations is 15 minutes and for bread is 20 minutes. County winners will go onto the area Contest. **County winners will receive will receive \$65. scholarship to use for any 4-H activity or \$100. Savings Bond.** For more information about the demonstration contest please contact the Extension Office.



Look us up on the web:  
<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/mercer/>

### 2010 4-H Camp

#### Applications are Now Available

Mercer County will camp June 21-25, 2010, along with Jessamine County. Mark your calendars now. 4-H camp is open to 4-H youth 9 years old through 8th grade. To reserve a spot send your application and \$35.00 deposit to the Extension Office. We do have a limited number of spaces available. The cost for 4-H camp will be \$155.00 Applications are NOW available from the Extension Office and from our website. Also, start working on Community Service Scholarships they are due first of June. We are looking for male and female adult leaders for camp. Anyone interested please contact the Extension Office for a leader application

### Dustin Worthington

#### "I Love Cows" Essay Contest

A memorial award has been established in the name of Dustin Worthington. The award will be a heifer calf. The main reason the program was established was because of Dustin's love of working with cattle. Applicants must be an active participant of 4-H or FFA. Participants are asked to write an essay and complete an application. Application form may be downloaded from [www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org](http://www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org) or be picked up at the Extension Office or FFA advisors Application deadline is March 1.



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#### Facebook Users

Mercer County 4-H (KY)  
and Mercer County  
Cooperative Extension

Service has joined the Facebook World. We invite you to follow us by becoming a fan. We will be posting program updates and other related information regarding programming.

## 4-H SPECIALITY CLUB INFORMATION

### 4-H Livestock Club

The 4-H Livestock club will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2 & March 2 at Mercer Co. Extension Office.



**REMINDER:** Any 4-H youth planning on showing market steers, market lambs, hogs or goats must have 6 hours of educational classroom instruction before you can have your animals KUIP tagged. In order to do this you must attend livestock club meetings offered by the 4-H Livestock Club. Tagging deadlines are in spring 2010.

### 4-H Horse Club

The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) will hold a business meeting on Thursday, February 4 & March 4 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.



February 14—Clinic @ Wendy's 2:00 p.m.  
February 18—confirmation & Faults @ 5:00  
February 25—Breeds & Associations @ 5:00 p.m.  
The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) members are involved in horse bowl, horse judging, trail riding, horse camps and anything else related to horses.

### 4-H Scrap Booking Club

February 8 & March 1  
Mercer Co. Extension Office  
4:00-5:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00



The club is limited to 15 participants. Club is open to youth age 9-18 years old. Will be making greeting cards and a guest speaker



### 4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

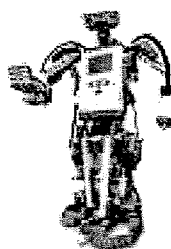
The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday, March 1 at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Youth will learn and share information about rabbits. Please note you do not have to own rabbits to come to this meeting.

### Salvisa Community 4-H Club

Any youth in Mercer County are invited to join the Salvisa 4-H Club. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvisa Ruritan Building. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 18 & March 18,

### 4-H Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital Extended Care

The Limited Visitors is still on at Haggin Hospital. As soon as it is lifted we will resume 4-H club meetings.



### 4-H LEGO/Robotics Club (Ages 10 – 13)

members learn about science, engineering, and technology by building with LEGOs and programming a LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot. The club will be meeting on February 13 & 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the

Mercer County Extension Office. For more information please contact leader, Sandy Rippetoe [srippetoe@earthlink.net](mailto:srippetoe@earthlink.net)

### 4-H Project Club

Project  
Thursday, February 11 & March 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Mercer County Extension Office Cost—\$5.00  
Open to Any youth (9years & older) RSVP by calling 734-4378 before Tuesday, Feb. 9.

### 4-H Team Crusaders

4-H Paint Ball club that focuses on teamwork, community service & character education. Next meeting will be Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. at Mercer County Extension Office. For more information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.



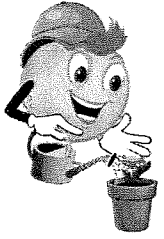
### 4-H Lego Club for Cloverbuds

Open to youth 6-8 years old. This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering and technology. Meeting will be held February 10 & March 10 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Participants may bring something they have built. They will also have time for "building."



### 4-H Foods Club

February 18 & March 18, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Cost -\$5.00 at the Mercer County Extension Office. The foods club will focus on all aspects of cooking and preparing food and proper nutrition. Each month the club will meet and youth will get hands on experience in preparing and selecting foods.



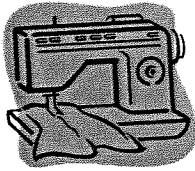
### 4-H Gardening Club

Wednesday, February 17 & March 17 at the Mercer County Extension Office from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the Club is \$5. The Club will introduce youth to the art and science of gardening, with programs on vegetable

and flower gardening, houseplants, flower arranging, use of herbs, attracting pollinators, botany, and earth-friendly practices. The class is intended to stimulate a life-long interest in horticulture. Club is open to youth 9-19 years old

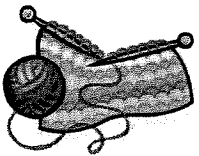
### 4-H Sewing Club

February 8 & 22, Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth will learn how to sew. We have sewing machines and leaders who are skilled to teach youth. This club is open to youth 9-19 years old. No charge for the club. You will need to provide your material and other supplies. The projects will range from making home furnishings to clothing. For more information contact the Extension Office.



### Open Sewing Classes

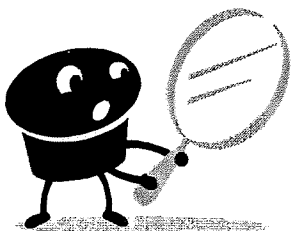
Open to anyone, including adults to work on sewing projects or to learn how to sew. There are two sessions held each month: 3rd Tuesday—February 16 19 from 9:00-3:00 and 4th Monday—February 22 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office.



### 4-H Fiber Arts Club

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9 & 23, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth will learn

how to crochet and/or knit. This club is open to youth 9-19 years old. No charge for the club. You will need to provide your material and other supplies. The projects will range from making home furnishings to clothing. For more information contact the Extension Office.



### Where are we located?

Mercer County 4-H is part of the Mercer County Extension Office is located on 1007 Lexington Road. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

### 4-H Shooting Sports

#### 4-H Archery Practice

February 25 & March 25 at Boyle Co. Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm

**4-H Air Rifle Practice**—February 11 & March 11 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00

**Air Pistol Practice**—February 18 & March 18 at Boyle Co. Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm

**All Club Meeting**—February 4 & March 4, at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00

\*\*\*Equipment Needed: None, if you do not have archery or air pistol equipment you may use our equipment free.



### 4-H Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)

Shooting Sports program for youth to learn about the outdoors, and have fun with other youth and adults that have similar interests. The events include four shooting events: archery, muzzle loading rifle, & shotgun. There are also non-shooting events: wildlife identification, orienteering, hunter safety trail, and written exam. Next meeting will be on February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22 @ Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, KY 6:30-8:00pm

### 4-H Cloverbud Summer Camp

Be watching for important information regarding 4-H Cloverbud Summer Overnight Camp. 6-8 year olds spend 2 nights at 4-H Camp.

### 4-H Cloverbud Clubs

**WHO:** Youth between the ages 5-8

**WHAT:** The kids will make crafts, food projects, and learn about other 4-H projects.

**WHEN:** Group 1— February 17 & March 17

Group 2— February 24 & March 24

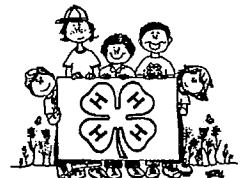
**WHERE:** 1007 Lexington Road, Extension Office.

**TIME:** 3:35—5:00 p.m.

**FEE:** \$5.00 fee each month to cover supplies

**NEW YOUTH MUST BE SIGNED UP PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE, no walk-ins.** Please

register by calling 734-4378. Kids may ride the bus to the Extension Office. Volunteers are needed to assist please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.



4-H Clover Kids

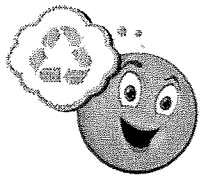
Heart of Kentucky  
United Way Agency



**Mercer County 4-H's  
Day of Play  
Saturday, March 13  
Anderson Dean Park  
12:00-3:00 p.m.**



Everyone enjoys a Day of Play. The goal of the day of play is to help the community get into better physical condition. Lots of youth and adults are not in shape. Mercer County will be having one day of play in March, April, and May. All 3 Days of Play will be completely free. Activities that will be offered are: Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, and Dances. Come out and play!



**Aluminum Tabs Collection**

Mercer County 4-H and Mercer County Homemakers will be sponsoring Aluminum Tab Collection Contest in January at each school. The proceeds from

this contest will be used to send kids with cancer to summer camp. Last year we collected 1183 pounds of tabs, donating \$425.88 to Indian Summer Camp. Over the last six years, we have collected 6,709 pounds of tabs and donated \$3,825.97. Students will collect aluminum tabs from soft drink cans, pop-off lids of food and pet food. Start saving those tabs.

**Mercer County Youth Investment Sale 2010**

Any youth interested in participating in the 2010 Sale must either complete 4-H Country ham project or livestock project by showing either at market steer, market lamb, market goat or market hog.

**Get your Peel & Save Card Today....**



Mercer County 4-H is selling savings card for local businesses for \$10.00 each. Proceeds go toward funding our 4-H Community Service Scholarships.

*Dana Anderson*

**Dana Anderson, Mercer County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development**

*Bobbie White*

**Bobbie White, Mercer County Extension 4-H Program Assistant**

**4-H Awards Trip**

Mercer County 4-H is sponsoring an awards trip for 4-H youth as reward for their participation in 4-H activities and projects. The awards trip is presented to youth who must complete three of the following activities to be eligible for the trip. Activities/projects must be completed during the 4-H year from September 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2010. They may choose from the following activities:

1. Complete a 4-H project, exhibit the project at the County Fair.
2. Complete the 4-H project record.
3. Present a speech at the county-wide contest.
4. **Present a demonstration at the county-wide contest.**
5. Participate in a Community Service Project.
6. Exhibit project at the 4-H Pumpkin Day.
7. Perform at the County Talent Show.



4-H Community Service

**4-H Community Service Scholarship Program**

Any youth interested in receiving financial assistance to attend a 4-H activity (such as camp) may apply for scholarship. The Community Service scholarship is based on the youth completing community service work. For every 10 hours of service the youth can receive \$40.00 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 group community service project.
4. All community service hours must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office 10 days prior to the 4-H Activity/event. Forms can be found at our website or obtained from the Extension Office.



**Bad Weather Cancellation Policy**

Mercer County 4-H bad weather policy is if school is canceled, or the roads are bad, the 4-H activity/event that is scheduled for that day will also be cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. If you are in question, please call 734-4378.

**Bus Riders To Mercer County Extension Office**

Mercer County School Students from main campus will ride Bus #052. Harlow Students ride bus #195. Be sure you have a note to give them at school.



What can GREEN DO For YOU?

**TEENS**  
9th –12  
Grade Youth



**JUNIOR TEENS**  
6th, 7th & 8th Grade  
Youth

**Mercer County 4-H Teen Council**

This is for High School 9-12 grade Students. Students participate in monthly meetings that are held at the Extension Office, participate in leadership development activities, community Service projects, and go on fun trips such as canoeing and snow tubing. The council meets monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office.

**4-H Teen Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 3 & March 3  
2:00-4:00 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office

**4-H Teen Retreat**

Scheduled for February –19-20 at Feltner 4-H Camp . Cost for the retreat is \$80.00. (includes t-shirt, lodging, meals, snacks, class fees and conference materials). Deadline to register is Tuesday, February 9.

**2010 State 4-H Teen Conference**

This conference is for youth who have completed the 8th grade to 19 years old. Conference will be held on the University of Kentucky campus from June 14-17, 2010. The fee for the 2010 Teen Conference will be approximately \$150. Applications will be available in March.

**Junior Camp Counselor Applications are Available**

Any teen interested in attending 4-H Camp as a Junior Counselor must complete an application. You MUST have completed the 9th grade to apply. After you complete and turn in your form, YOU will be notified if you are chosen to serve as a JC at 4-H Camp. Camp dates are June 21-25.

**Mercer County 4-H Junior Teen Council**

Open to all youth in 6-8 grade. This is a new group that will meet monthly and focus on leadership/personal development, community service and other related 4-H activities.

**Junior 4-H Teen Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 10 & March 10  
2:00-4:00 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office.  
This will be regular monthly meeting.

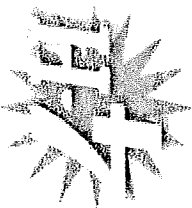


**Attention 6-8 Graders!!!!**

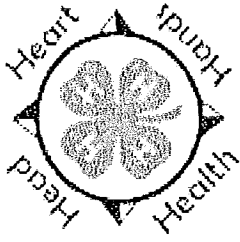
**St. Patrick's Dance**  
Friday, March 12  
Mercer County  
Extension Office  
7:00—10:00 p.m.  
\$5.00 includes snacks

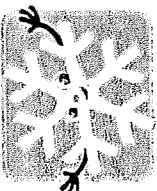
**Tickets will be sold at  
the door**





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4-H Rabbit Club 6:30	2 Harlow 4th grade clubs Burgin School Clubs 4-H Livestock 6:30	3 4-H Teen Council 2:00-4:30 p.m.	4 MCES 4th grade club 4-H Horse Club 6:30 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meeting 6:30 pm District Teen Mtg	5 KMS 6th & 7th clubs Youth Investment Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	6 4-H Paintball Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
7	8 5th grade Clubs Leadership Breakfast 4-H Scrapbooking 4-5:00 4-H Sewing 3:30-5:30 YHEC—6:30 p.m.	9 4-H Fiber Arts 3:30 County Fair Planning Livestock Committees	10 Junior 4-H Teen Council 2:00-4:30 pm 4-H Cloverbud Lego Club 3:30-5:00 p.m.	11 Project Club 3:30-5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle 6:30 pm	12 4-H Volunteer Forum	13 4-H Volunteer Forum 4-H Robotics 10:00
14 4-H Horse Clinic @ Wendy's Farm —2:00 p.m.	15 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30	16	17 4-H Gardening Club 2:00 Cloverbud I Meeting 2:00-4:30 p.m.	18 4-H Foods 3:30 Salvisa 4-H —6:30 4-H Horse Club—5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Air Pistol 6:30 pm	19 District 4-H Teen Retreat	20 District 4-H Teen Retreat
21 District 4-H Teen Retreat	22 4-H Sewing 3:30-5:30 Open Sewing—5:30 YHEC—6:30 p.m.	23 4-H Fiber Arts 3:30 4-H Demonstration Contest 6:15 pm.	24 Cloverbud II Meeting 2:00-4:30	25 4-H Horse Club—5:00 Area Speech contest 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Boyle Co. 6:30	26	27 4-H Robotics 10:00
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