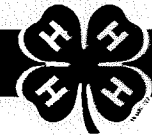


4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Mercer County 4-H News

Summer 2011

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4-H Cloverbud Overnight Summer Camp

Any youth age 6-8 are invited to go. July 15-17, 2011 at North Central 4-H camp. For Mercer County Youth the fee is \$90.00. Campers will stay two nights in cabins with approved adult leaders. Youth participate in canoeing, swimming, archery, nature and lots of other activities. Applications deadline—June 30, 2011.



Schedule of 4-H Events at 2011 Mercer County Fair

Saturday, July 23 Dairy

Show, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 23 Open Western/Hunt Horse Show,
6:00 p.m. (Free to the public)

Sunday, July 24 Check in 4-H projects at Floral Hall
-4:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25 Check in 4-H projects at Floral Hall
8:30-11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 Swine Show
(Mercer Youth) 9:00 a.m.

Adult & Youth Pet Show, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 Sheep Show, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 28 Tractor Driving Contest 6:00 p.m.
Mercer County Goat Show 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 29 Open Goat Show, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 30 Rabbit & Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
Pick-up Floral Hall Exhibits 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Monday, August 1 - Mercer County Beef Show -
6:00 p.m. (Free To Public)

Youth Tractor Driving

There will be a youth tractor and compact tractor contest at the Mercer County Fair on Thursday, July 28. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and contest begins at 6:00 p.m. The age divisions for the tractor operators contest: Junior Division 9-13 and Senior 14-18, age as of January 1, 2011.

Enrollment Time

Mercer County Fair Time

Fair days are coming!!!! Mercer County Fair is July 23 - July 31 at the fair grounds in Harrodsburg. **This year any 4-H member competing in events at the fair can get into the fair at reduced admission.** Reduced tickets MUST be purchased in advance from the Mercer County Extension Office. These reduced tickets are for 4-H or FFA youth only. No parents or adults may use these tickets.

Procedure to get reduced youth tickets:

1. Call Extension Office @ 734-4378 before July 22
2. Tell us what day you will need tickets and what event you will be competing in.
3. Tickets can be picked up on July 22 from the Extension Office. **DO NOT GO TO THE FAIR GROUNDS TO PICK UP TICKETS, THEY WILL NOT GIVE THEM TO YOU.**
4. Cost is \$2.00 for every ticket.
5. Please note this is not for rides, this is for gate admission only.

Floral Hall (4-H & Open Division)

IF you have made a project at home, school or at a 4-H meeting, I encourage you to enter it in the fair. Mercer County youth have the opportunity to enter exhibits in the open and 4-H Department. To exhibit in the 4-H department youth must be enrolled in 4-H as a member. Projects will be judged Monday Afternoon and exhibits will open for viewing Monday -Tuesday evening and Thursday - Friday evening. **All 4-H participants will receive premium money for their project work: \$4.00 - blue ribbon, \$3.00 red ribbon, \$2.00 - white ribbon, \$1.00 extra for purple ribbon.** A complete listing of projects that can be exhibited can be picked up at the Extension Office or visit our web site. **It is recommended that you pick up floral hall forms & tags prior to entering projects.**

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 two 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 from the Extension Office.



4-H Community Service

Need Community Service Hours?

Don't wait until it is time for your trip to get your community service hours. Volunteer at one of many non-profit agencies in Mercer County. July will begin the new calendar year for community service hours. Complete list of community service opportunities are available from the Extension Office.

- Older teens to assist with County Fair entry during livestock shows, floral hall and other areas.

Information? Contact the Extension Office.

Extension Intern

Mercer County is happy to have Andy Lewis as Extension Intern this summer. His responsibility will be 4-H Youth Development programs. Andy is a former 4-H member from Mercer County and is enrolled at University of Kentucky. We are excited to have them part of the Extension Team here in Mercer County.

First Aid & CPR/AED Classes

Open to adults and youth in 6th grade and up. Classes are free. Must have 6 pre-registered (734.4378) to conduct each session. Dates are June 17 and July 16. First aid is 9:00-12:00, CPR/AED is 1:00-3:00p.m.



Classes are held at the Mercer County Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg

Attention Green Thumbs

Many of 4-H'ers assist with the family garden, major crops such as tobacco, soybeans, corn and hay, or with plants and flowers. A reminder to these green thumbs, certain vegetables, crops, and horticultural projects can be exhibited at the County Fair. The county fair winners will go onto the KY State Fair. Be thinking about this as you plan your garden.

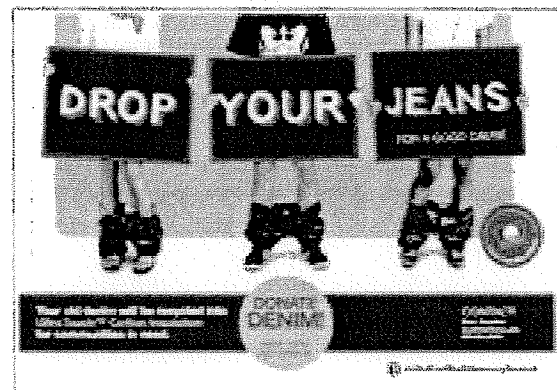
4-H Leader Update

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30

p.m. at Mercer County

Extension Office. This meet-

ing is intended for adults who work with youth in Mercer County 4-H programs and activities. The main topics for the meeting will be an update on 4-H forms, policy, calendar for your club, etc. Dinner will be provided.



Blue Jean Recycling Program

Mercer County 4-H is collecting old blue jeans. Jeans will be recycled into UltraTouch Cotton Insulation for Habitat Homes. You can drop your jeans off at the Mercer County Extension Office. Paige Anderson is heading the collection drive as part of her Gold 4-H Project.

Dana Anderson, Mercer County Extension Agent
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Email contact: dana.anderson@uky.edu

Bobbie White, Mercer County
Extension 4-H Program Assistant
Email contact: bobbie.white@uky.edu

4-H Shooting Sports

ARCHERY

June 16, July 5, July 21, Aug 2, Aug 18, Sept 6, Sept. 15 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Equipment Needed: None, if you do not have archery equipment you may use our equipment free.

RIFLE

July 7, Aug.4, Sept. 1

Mercer County Fish/Game 6:30 -8:00p.m.

Rifle Equipment Needed: Single shot .22 rifle, single shot B.B. gun or pellet gun, if you do not have a gun you may use our equipment.

SHOTGUN/TRAP

July 14, Aug. 11, Sept 8

Mercer County Fish/Game, 6:30 -8:00 p.m.

Equipment Needed: 12 or 20 gauge shotgun if possible, If you do not have shotgun please contact the coach. There may be minimal fee to pay for shotgun shells and clay targets.

BLACKPOWDER

June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept 13

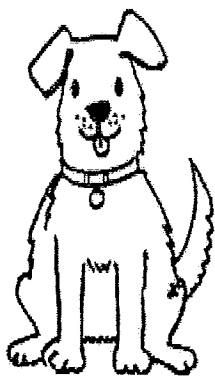
Mercer County Fish/Game , 6:30 -8:00 p.m.

Equipment Needed: Black Powder Equipment Needed: Black powder rifle or pistol, if you do not have a gun you may use our equipment.

AIR PISTOL

June 21, July 19, August 16 & Sept. 1

Mercer County Fish/Game , 6:30 —8:00 p.m.



4-H Dog Obedience Classes

Monday's @ 7:00 pm. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth and interested adults are invited to attend this meeting. For more information call Liz Bentley 4-H Dog Club leader at 859.396.8274

Youth Investment Sale Planned

Mercer County 4-H and Mercer High FFA & Burgin FFA have organized a Youth Investment Sale. The sale will be held at Mercer County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 30 2011. Last year, youth sold their Live-stock/country ham projects for a total of \$15,259. Public is invited to the sale, dinner will be provided.

Web Address:

<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/mercer/>

VERB... SUMMER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Scorecard is the ticket to summer fun for 9 to 13 year olds from May 14 through July 30. Activities are happening all over Central KY, and playing hard at home counts, too. Check out

What's your favorite VERB? Maybe, it's a team sport - like soccer or baseball. Maybe it's an individual activity, such as hiking or skateboarding. Or, maybe it's something different, perhaps yoga or martial arts. Whatever your favorite activity is, playing hard this summer with the VERB Summer Scorecard is fun.

the Boyle/Mercer/Lincoln Calendar for events and explore other area's events to find all kinds of opportunities to use your Scorecard.

To Register please visit the following website:

<http://www.verbsummerscorecard.com/>



CONGRATULATIONS...

2011 Mercer County 4-H Scholarship Recipients:

**Alli Grant
Brittany Sims
Lauryn Harris**

Where are we located?

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

Fall 2011 4-H Club Schedule:



→ **County-Wide 4-H Teen Club (9th grade—High School)** meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 3:30 pm First meeting will be August 3. Any youth in the 9-12 grades are invited to join the council.

→ **County-wide Junior 4-H Teen Council Meeting (6th-8th grade)** meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 3:30 p.m. First meeting will be August 10.

→ **4-H Cloverbud Clubs (5-8 year olds)** meet on the Third & Fourth Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per meeting.

→ **4-H Cloverbud Lego Club (5-8 year olds)** meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Show and tell session and free building time.

(The following clubs are open to all ages)



→ **4-H Livestock Club** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 7:00 pm First meeting will be September 7.

→ **4-H Dairy Club** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 7:00 pm First meeting will be September 20.

→ **4-H Hoofprints Horse Club** meets on the First Thursday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. First meeting will be September 1.

→ **Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital** meets on the second Monday of each month at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Activity Room at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting will be September 13.



→ **Salvisa Community 4-H Club** will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except September & November) at the Salvisa Ruritan Building at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting will be September 8 to plan for Salvisa Days—September 16 & 17

→ **4-H Garden Club** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office. Cost is \$5.00 per meeting, next meeting is scheduled for September 21, after school.

→ **4-H Foods Club** meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth will complete a variety of 4-H projects throughout the year. Cost is \$5.00 per meeting, next meeting is scheduled for September 15

→ **4-H Vet Science Club** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office. Club focuses on animals of all sizes. Next meeting will be September 27, after school.

→ **4-H Scrapbooking Club** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office. Cost is \$5.00 per meeting to cover cost of supplies. Next meeting will be September 20, after school.

Information regarding the other clubs is listed in the newsletter.

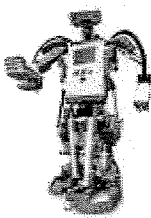
→ **School 4-H Clubs at Mercer County & Burgin Schools**

will resume in September. Any youth enrolled in public school at Burgin or Mercer County in grades 4-8 are enrolled in 4-H through their classroom. The club meets monthly during school time. The youth will receive a monthly newsletter highlighting 4-H activities in Mercer County.

4-H Robotics Club

(9-13 Year Olds)

This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering and technology. Meetings will be held on Saturday's from 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. For exact dates/ information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe 734-5140



4-H Poultry Meeting

Will be meeting this summer, anyone interested please contact Jeff Poole, 4-H Poultry leader at 859.583.0897.



4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

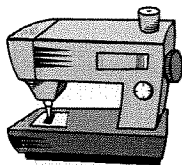


The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday, August 1, at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Anyone planning

to show rabbits this summer, your rabbits MUST have ear tattoos for identification. If you need any further information contact 4-H Rabbit Leader—Liz Keller 734-3014.

4-H Sewing Club

Anyone interested in learning to sew? The club will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 3:30 –5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Upcoming Dates: June 27 and as needed. 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 and adults. 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 items. For more information contact the Extension Office.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with sewing projects with the kids. We have certified leaders but they need assistance to help 4-H youth.

4-H Team Crusaders

4-H Paint Ball club focuses on teamwork, community service & character education. Open to youth 10 years and up. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20, 10:00 a.m. at Jeff Poole's farm. For information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.



New Kentucky State Fair 4-H Opportunities

Mannequin Modeling -Open to any 4-H'er who would like to come and model (mannequin style) with their 4-H project.

This is not limited to 4-H'ers with State Fair entries. Great opportunity to get 4-H'ers involved at the State Fair who may not have qualified to enter an exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair.

Photographer of the Day 4-H'ers needed to take pictures in Cloverville and 4-H events happening outside Cloverville at the Kentucky State Fair. This year we will schedule 16 4-H photographers. The pictures are shown in Cloverville the following day as well as posted on the web for Agents to use in promotional pieces.

Theme Contests

4-H Cupcake Wars—4-H'ers bring all the ingredients necessary to construct their cupcakes. Teams will make 2 different cupcakes for judging on Saturday, August 20, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

4-H Project Runway 4-H'ers would bring the materials and patterns they need to construct a wearable item. They would also compete in "quick challenges" that showcases their sewing abilities. They would be given elements that must be included in the design. Each participant could bring one person who will serve as their assistant and model.

Kentucky 4-H Art Exhibition in Cloverville on Friday, August 19, 2011, 10-5:00pm, 14-H'ers to showcase their art skills and talents. 4-H artists to create 'works of art' while fairgoers watch. This can be anything from painting, sculpting, drawing, creating...whatever their form of art may be...

See Blue-Go Green Recycling Contest—4-H'ers will bring all the materials needed to create "something" from the recycled materials they bring on Tuesday, August 23.

Flower Wars—4-H'ers compete to create floral arrangements, youth bring all the supplies necessary to construct their silk flower arrangements on Saturday, August 27, 10:00-12:00

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED for all events/activities, please notify the Extension Office if you are interested.

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Kentucky State Fair August 18-28, 2011

Class champions (some classes do not apply) in the Mercer County Fair 4-H Floral Hall will go on to compete at the Kentucky State Fair in August. Please note that there are rules regarding eligibility for each category and the number of entries a youth can have in one division. There is no entry fee for 4-H Cloverville entries. I take the entries to Louisville and bring them back. Youth who send entries will receive ribbons and premium money.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**July 11—State Fair Livestock,
Dairy papers due to State Fair
Office**

**August 5—State Fair 4-H
Rabbit entries,**

**July 18—State Fair Open Rabbit entries due
July 11 State Fair Open Poultry entries due**

Website: <http://www.kystatefair.org>

4-H Day Camp for 4-H Members & Cloverbud

Participants will make crafts, do team building activities and learn about a variety of 4-H projects. July 12-13, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. Cost- \$30.00 at the Mercer County Extension Office. Please sign up, the day camp will be limited on the number of participants.

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