



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

Need Community Service Hours?

Don't wait until the spring to get your community service hours. Need something to do during fall break? Volunteer at one of many non-profit agencies in Mercer County. Complete list of community service opportunities are available from the Extension Office. Here upcoming activities:
~**Project Keep'em Warm - Fleece Blanket work-days:** At the Mercer County Extension Office After school till 4:30 every day - November 30 thru December 4.

~**Breakfast with Santa**, assist with activities on Saturday, December 5 at Harrodsburg Christian Church 8:00-12:00. Contact YMCA: 734—9622 must be in middle or high school to volunteer.

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. If planning to sell your country ham project you MUST present a speech at the Mercer County 4-H Talk Meet Contest on Tuesday, December 15. There are also other requirements. Participants must complete a contract, available in November.

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

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the backbone of the Mercer County 4-H Program. We have many great individuals who donate their time and talents to Mercer County 4-H. However, we are always looking for more good people to share their knowledge and skills in our 4-H Program. If you have the desire to volunteer, please let us know. The 4-H program cannot grow without people like you. **Upcoming Opportunities/Roles**

- ~ 4-H Projects—Small Engines, geology, entomology, woodworking, baskets—to teach a series of workshops.
- ~ Judges for Speech & Demonstration Contests.
- ~ Club Leader—Cloverbud (5-8 year olds)
- ~ Veterinary Science Club leader



4-H Awards Trip

Mercer County 4-H is sponsoring a awards trip to 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. Present a speech at the county-wide contest.
3. Present a demonstration at the county-wide contest.
4. Participate in a Community Service Project.
5. Exhibit project at the 4-H Pumpkin Day.
6. Perform at the County Talent Show.



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

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.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Mercer County 4-H News

December 2009

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Holiday Open House
Mercer County Extension Office
December 10, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Public is invited to partake in holiday food & fun.

Project Keep'em Warm 2009

New service project to provide every child on the Mercer/Harrodsburg Love Tree a knotted fleece blanket. This entails making from fleece fabric. When the idea and project was started they were planning for 200 kids. Well, as of today there are 300 kids on the love tree. We have solicited donations from individuals and area businesses in Harrodsburg. We have funding to make 220 blankets, well short of where they need to be. We are seeking individuals to either provide made blankets or funding to purchase fleece. It is a great project that you can do with your own kids or grandkids. It takes a total of 3 yards of fleece, cut into 1 ½ yards and edges cut and tied together. Once a blanket is made, a card will be attached with your name as donor of the blanket. We will have work days at the Mercer County Extension Office After school till 4:30 every day - November 30 - December 4. Deadline to have blankets done is December 10.

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 or be picked up at the Extension Office or FFA advisors Application deadline is March 1.



4-H Speech Program
Mercer County 4-H will host a 4-H Talk Meet Contest on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Speeches can be on any topic: informational, narrative or persuasive. The time limit for junior 4-H'ers is 3-5 minutes and for senior 4-H'ers 5-7 minutes. Participants will compete in age divisions and the county winner will go onto the area Contest. **County winners will receive \$75. scholarship to use for any 4-H activity or \$100. Savings Bond.** For more information about the speech contest please contact the Extension Office. Please remember to participate in the county contest.

M.L.K. Day 2010
Monday, January 18
Mercer County Harrodsburg High Campus—Lexington Ave
8:00 a.m.—Breakfast
9:30 a.m.—Walk/March
10:00 a.m.—Special Program with student speeches, keynote speaker, and special music. 4-H members, family members, and the public are invited to a Day of Service. Youth are also encourage to participate in poster contest. For a complete listing of requirements contact 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.



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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, December 1 & January 5 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, December 3 & January 7 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. The club meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday of each month. Members are involved in horse bowl, horse judging, trail riding, horse camps and anything else related to horses.



4-H Scrap Booking Club December 7 & January 11 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, December 14 & January 11 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.



4-H Dog Club

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Boyle County Extension Office in Danville. The youth will be making dog cookies.



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

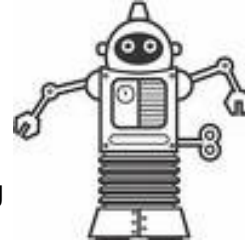
4-H Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital Extended Care

December 8 —3:30-5:00, at Haggin Hospital. All 4-H youth are invited to join Helping Hands (adopt-a -grandparent Program) at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Unit. This club meets the second Tuesday of each month. 4-H Members will be working with the residents to complete projects Meetings will be Extended Care Unit. Students interested can ride the bus to Haggin, parents must come up to Extended Care to pickup youth.



4-H Robotics Club (9-11 Year Olds)

This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering and technology. Meetings are held on Saturday's at the Mercer County Extension Office. For more information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe.

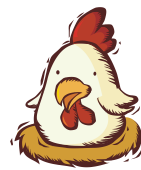


4-H Project Club

Project: Christmas Craft
Thursday, December 10, 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, Dec. 8.

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, January 21



4-H Poultry Club Organizing

Will be organizing in January 2010. Any youth interested in learning about poultry are invited to attend. Look for specific date in the January 2010 newsletter.

4-H Team Crusaders

4-H Paint Ball club that focuses on teamwork, community service & character education. Next play dates are December 5, 10:00 a.m. at Jeff Poole's Farm located at 536 Irish Ridge Road, bring all your equipment. For information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897.



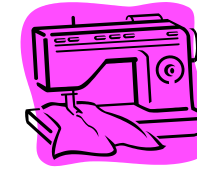
4-H Gardening Club

Wednesday, January 20. This Club will meet the 3d Wednesday of each month, except December, 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

December 10 & 17, Meets the 2nd and last Thursday of each month, from 3:30 –5:00 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.



4-H Fiber Arts Club

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, 8 & 15, 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.

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 on December 9 & January 13 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."



Heart of Kentucky
United Way Agency



4-H Shooting Sports

4-H Archery Practice
December 17 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:00-7:30 pm
December 8 at YMCA Basement, Harrodsburg, College Street., 6:00-7:30 p.m.
4-H B.B. Practice—December 3 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:00-7:30 pm
Air Pistol Practice—December 10 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:00-7:30 pm
***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 December 14 (potluck dinner), 28 & January 11@ Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, KY6:30-8:00pm

4-H Foods Club

December 17 & January 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cost -\$5.00 at the Mercer County Extension Office. TOPIC: Holiday Candies. 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.



Tae Kwon Do Classes

Classes will be held on Mondays:
December 7, 14 & 21 at the Mercer County Extension Office.

6:00 – Youth ages 9-13

6:30 for ages 14 and adults.

Class is 30 minutes long and the cost is FREE. Tae Is a Korean Martial Art that places high regard on the training of the human mind, body and spirit of the human being.

2010 4-H Camp Date Set

Mercer County 4-H members will be heading off to 4-H Camp at North Central 4-H Camp on June 21-25, 2010, with Jessamine County. Mark your calendars. More information and applications will be available in February 2010. Start working on Community Service Scholarships.



What can GREEN Do For YOU?



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.

The Story Box Project

Will arrive in Mercer County on Saturday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mercer county Extension Office and you are Invited to partake and share your stories. Stories received

WHAT is Story Box Project?

Is a word-wide project that is traveling thru Kentucky. Stories from all sorts of folks— young and old, tales of local history, tales of getting to school, family feasts, how to get your true love and tales of humor. The Story Box project will eventually end up at the Ohio State University in April 2010.



Food Drive for Isaiah House

Mercer County 4-H team Crusaders is collecting for Isaiah House in Washington County. Donation boxes have been set up at local grocery stores and Mercer County Extension Office.



TEENS
9th –12
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, December 2
2:00-4:00 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office Christmas Party, Any and all teens in the 9th grade through 19 years old are invited to participate. Teens are asked to appetizer food to eat and a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange (no specific gender gifts please). Also, bring supplies for pregnancy resource center - baby wipes, diapers, etc. This for our community service project.



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

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
Friday, December 18
2:00-4:00 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office Holiday party Teens are asked to bring a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange (no specific gender gifts please) and boys bring 2-liter drink and girls bring cookies or chips.