

Mercer County Youth Investment Sale 2011

Any youth interested in participating in the 2011 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 livestock project you MUST attend 4-H Livestock Club meetings and complete a contract. There are also other requirements listed in the contract. Participants must complete contract that is DUE May 27, 2011



4-H Awards Trip

Mercer County 4-H is sponsoring an 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, 2010 thru August 31, 2011. They may choose from the following activities:

1. Complete a 4-H project and 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 in March 2011
4. Participate in a Community Service Project.
5. Exhibit project at the 4-H Pumpkin Day.
6. Perform at the County Talent Show.

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.

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.

Look us up on the web:

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

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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 scholarships. The Community Service scholarship is based on the youth completing community service work. For every 10 hours of service the youth can receive a \$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 a 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 and complete list of community service opportunities can be found at our website or obtained from the Extension Office



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 1219 pounds of tabs, donating \$816.73 to Indian Summer Camp. Over the last seven years, we have collected 7,928 pounds of tabs and donated \$4,642.70. Students will collect aluminum tabs from soft drink cans, pop-off lids of food and pet food. Start saving those tabs.

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 February 18, March 25, April 30, May 20, June 17 and July 16. First aid is 9:00-12:00, CPR/AED is 1:00-3:00p.m. Classes are held here at the Mercer County Extension Office.



BUS RIDERS TO EXTENSION OFFICE

Please contact the Extension Office for information regarding riding the bus to the Extension Office.

CHANGES for 2011

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 **March 24, 2011, 6:30 p.m.** Mercer County Extension Office

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 \$50. scholarship to use for any 4-H activity or \$50. Savings Bond.** Demonstrations can be on any topic, there are 16 categories:

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

For more information about the demonstration contest please contact the Extension Office.



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, that can be downloaded from www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org or be picked up at the Extension Office or FFA advisors Application deadline is March 3.



2011 4-H Camp

Applications are Now Available

Mercer County will camp June 20-24, 2011, 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.



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Salvisa Community 4-H Club

Any youth in the Salvisa area 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 on February 17 & March 17

4-H Shooting Sports

Regular Club meeting—February 3 & March 3 at Boyle County Extension Office 6:30 p.m.

4-H Archery Practice

February 17 & March 17 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:00-7:30 pm

4-H B.B./Air Rifle

February 24 & March 24 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:00-7:30 pm

4-H Air Pistol Practice

February 10 & March 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 Shooting Sports Camp

March 30—April 2 at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp, Jabez, KY. Youth 9-13 may participate. Youth will participate in each of the six disciplines: rifle, trap archery, pistol, black powder, and hunter challenge. They will also have night hikes, learn about wild animals, heritage foods, nature crafts and more. We must have 1 adult per 5 youth to attend. Cost for the camp is \$100.00. Applications are available from the Boyle or Mercer County Extension Offices.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 7

4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday, February 7 & March 7, at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested are encouraged to attend the meeting. Please note you do not have to own rabbits to come to this meeting. Leaders for the club: Liz & Emily Keller



4-H Scrap Booking Club

February 15 & March 15
Mercer Co. Extension Office
3:45-5:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00

The club will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. Club is open to youth age 9-18 years olds. They will be doing a valentine page, valentine cards and valentine craft. If you have photos you may bring them, but not required.



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, February 12, 11:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. For more information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.

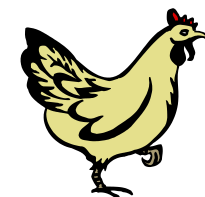
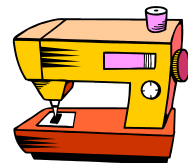


4-H Foods Club

February 17 & March 17, 3:30-5:15 p.m. Cost -\$5.00 at the Mercer County Extension Office. 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 Sewing Club

Anyone interested in learning to sew? There will be organizational meeting on Monday, February 14. 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. 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. For more information contact the Extension Office.



4-H Poultry Meeting

Any youth interested in showing or raising poultry we will have introductory and overview of poultry. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 6:30 p.m. at Mercer County Extension Office. Jeff Poole will be leading the meeting.

2011 Cloverbud 4-H Camp

Open to youth 6-8 years old at North Central 4-H Camp. July 15-17, 2011. Please mark your calendars now.



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. Meetings will be held on February 9 & March 9, from 3:30-5:15 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Participants may bring something they have built. They will also have time for "building." For more information contact leader - Meg Davis-Bowling 865-1456.



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 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 Gardening Club

The Garden Club is "blooming" with fun projects in the next few months! The next meetings will be on February 16 & March 16 at the Extension office, 3:30-5:00 p.m. The cost for each Club meeting is \$5.00.



4-H Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital Extended Care

All 4-H youth are invited to join Helping Hands (adopt-a -grandparent Program) at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Unit. 4-H Members will be working with the residents to complete projects. The next meeting will be at 4:00 on February 8 to make Valentines & March 8 to make disaster preparedness kits. Please let us know if you need a ride to the Hospital



PLEASE NOTE CHANGES Veterinary Science Club

Meeting date/time has changed, the club will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on February 22 & March 22 at the Mercer County Extension Office at 3:30 –5:00 p.m. Any 4-H youth interested in animals of all sizes are invited to join. The club will introduce youth to animals, basic anatomy and systems, elementary principles of disease and careers with animals.



4-H Horse Club

The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 3 & March 3 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Members are involved in horse bowl, horse judging, trail riding, horse camps and anything else related to horses.

Specialty Horse Educational Meetings

February 3, 5:30—History & Evolution of horse
February 21, 5:30 p.m.—Breeds & Breed Assoc.
March 3, 5:30—Anatomy of horse
March 7, 5:30—Diseases & Unsoundness
Meetings held at Extension Office.

IMPORTANT

4-H HORSE CHANGES

To participate in 4-H Horse contests and shows, youth must have 6 hours of educational classroom instruction before you can have your animals nominated for showing or participating in Horse bowl, judging or other Horse events hosted by 4-H. In order to do this you must attend 4-H Horse Club meetings offered by the Mercer County 4-H Program.

4-H Country Ham, Dairy & Livestock Exhibitors

REMINDER: Any 4-H youth planning on showing dairy cows, market steers, market lambs, hogs or goats, 4-H Country Hams 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 - spring 2011.

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 1 & March 1 at Mercer Co. Extension Office.



4-H Dairy Project

Any youth interested in showing dairy cows thru 4-H program should attend a special meeting to discuss show requirements, upcoming meetings and judging opportunities. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. at Mercer County Extension Office.

What can GREEN Do For YOU?



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

Mercer County 4-H Junior Teen Council
Open to all youth in 6-8 grades
This is a new group that will meet monthly and focus on leadership/personal development, community service and other related 4-H activities. The council meets monthly, on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office @ 3:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be on February 9 & March 9

DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 11
4-H Teen Summit
Absolute Awesomeness....

Who: Any 6th, 7th & 8th grade student
Where: 4-H Leadership Center, Jabez, KY
When: Saturday, March 5–Monday, March 7, 2011 This will be an excused absence from school.
Cost: \$100. - Includes transportation, lodging, meals, and a t-shirt.
DEADLINE: extended to January , please do not delay, limited number allowed to attend.
Why: Kentucky 4-H Summit is the only event 4-H puts on that is JUST for middle school youth! This is a fun filled three day conference held at the Kentucky Leadership center in Jabez, KY (near Somerset) 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from across the state will gather in a lodge style setting to learn leadership, take workshops and have some serious fun! There will be games, a dance and lots of other exiting experiences you won't want to miss out on!



**TEENS
9th –12 Grade Youth**

Mercer County 4-H Teen Council
Open to all youth in 9-12 grades
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 @ 3:30 p.m. Next meeting will be on February 2 and March 2.

District 4-H Teen Meetings
Thursday, February 24 & March 31, 2011
Meetings are held at Fayette Co. Extension Office

DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 4
District 4-H Teen Retreat
February 11-13, 2011
4-H Leadership Center, Jabez, Ky
Open to all high school youth. Anticipated cost is \$90. If you are interested in attending please contact me.

2011 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 13-16, 2011. The fee for the 2011 Teen Conference will be approximately \$155. 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 20-24.