

### 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 from the Extension Office.



### Need Community Service Hours?

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

- Outdoor Classroom & landscaping @ New Mercer Co Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Road on Tuesday, May 5. Thursday, May 7 and Monday, May 11 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Heavy rain/storms cancel.
  - Barn Quilt Priming (painting primer) - May 2—10:00 am—3:00 pm, May 4, 6, 11, & 14—3:30-6:00 pm at Extension Office
  - Volunteers needed to assist with Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival that will be held at Mercer County Fairgrounds. Friday, June 5—Teens to assist with Carnival Corral, Saturday, June 6—Assist with steak/egg breakfast.
  - Older teens to assist with County Fair entry during livestock shows, floral hall and other areas.
- Information? Contact the Extension Office.

### Community Service Challenge:

Honor the 4-H Centennial by donating 100 hours of your time in the next year to activities that better your community. Make volunteering fun by choosing an activity that best utilizes your talents and is something you enjoy. This can be anything from volunteering with your local 4-H club to visiting nursing home residents, painting park benches or planting trees. Possibilities are endless.

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### 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.

### Advanced 4-H Babysitting Clinic

June 3 & 4, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(must attend all sessions) **COST: \$20.00**  
Open to students 7th grade—older  
Pre-Register by calling 734-4378.

CPR and first aid certification is being offered to youth who have already received their 4-H Babysitting Certification offered in Mercer County. For youth wanting to become a 4-H certified babysitter, another basic certification workshop will be held fall break 09



### 4-H Sewing Classes

Any youth interested in sewing project. The first year participants will learn how to sew by hand, cut out a pattern, construct either shorts, pants or skirt and learn how to use a sewing machine. Advanced sewing participants will learn how to use a serger and construct their projects. Classes are going to be held on Wednesday's 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. May 6, 13, 20, & 27. One time class fee of \$5.00.



### 4-H in need of Sewing Machines

Anyone who has a working sewing machine and would like to donate it to 4-H we could use them. We are averaging 10 youth in sewing classes and have been running short on machines. Please contact Extension Office.

### Youth Investment Sale Planned

Mercer County 4-H and Mercer High FFA and Burgin FFA have organized a Youth Investment Sale. The sale will be held at Anderson Circle Farm in September 1. The 2008 Sale generated over \$23,000 to youth who sold their livestock/Country ham projects. Participants receive 94% of sale price and the sale committee receives 6% to cover costs of the sale. The sale offers youth the opportunity to sell their steers, lambs, goats and hams at a sale. Please note any youth planning on participating must have their contract submitted to the Extension Office by June 1.

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



# Mercer County 4-H News

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### 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. June 9-11, 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.



### 4-H Cloverbud Overnight Summer Camp

Any youth age 6-8 are invited to go. July 16-18, 2009 at North Central 4-H camp. For Mercer County Youth the fee is \$50.00. Campers will stay two nights in cabins with approved adult leaders. Youth participate in canoeing, swimming, archery, nature and lots of other activities. Bobbie and I will be accompanying the youth to camp. Applications deadline—June 24, 2009.

### Mercer County Ag Ambassador Program

A new program is being established for 4-H & FFA youth to be Mercer County Ag Ambassador. The Ag Ambassadors are a highly-select group of young men and women dedicated to enhancing the image of Mercer County agriculture. Ambassadors will be called upon throughout the year to represent Mercer County at functions such as Mercer County Fair, Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival, Farm City Breakfast and other agriculture events. In addition, Ambassadors will be available to speak on topics related to science, agriculture and natural resources to local organizations and school activities. Interested participants will need to complete application and interview for positions. For Information and applications (available May 14) please contact the Extension Office.



### 2009 4-H Camp

**Only a few spots left, please get your applications to the Extension Office**  
Mercer County will camp June 15-19, 2009, along with Jessamine County. Mark your calendars now. We are looking for male and female adult leaders for camp. Anyone interested please contact the Extension Office for a leader application. 4-H camp is open to 4-H youth 9 years old through 8th grade. To reserve a spot send your application and \$30.00 deposit to the Extension Office. We do have a limited number of spaces available. The cost for 4-H camp will be \$150.00. 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.



### 4-H Camp Orientation

Monday, June 1 at Mercer County Extension Office.  
3rd, 4th, 5th + year campers 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
New campers (1st & 2nd year) 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### 4-H Teen Conference...Not too late... DEADLINE has been extended to May 7.

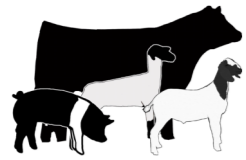
This four day conference is for teens 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school students. If you have not been to the 4-H Teen Conference before, this is a fun and exciting week at the University of Kentucky. The cost is \$150.00. Applications available from Extension Office at 734-4378.

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

### Bobbie J. White, Mercer County Extension Program Assistant for 4-H Youth Development



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### 4-H Livestock Club

May 5 @ Jackson Farm, located at 670 Alford Road, Salvisa. Events will begin at 5:30pm with a cookout. Come

when you can. Activities: Livestock Judging, Sheep showmanship, Goat showmanship, Pig showmanship, Learning to read Pig Ear notches. Any 4-H member interested in livestock should join us. You don't have to show or even own livestock to be a part of the club.

### Youth Showing Livestock or Dairy Animals

Any 4-H youth planning on showing a breeding or market animals: steers, lambs, hogs, goats or dairy cows must have 6 hours of educational classroom instruction before you can have your animals KUIP tagged or register you animals to show. In order to do this you must attend livestock club meetings offered by the 4-H Livestock Club. Tagging—lambs, hogs, goats will be on Saturday, May 16. at the Boyle County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-2:0 p.m. The state deadline to tag lambs, hogs, goats—May 23, 2009.



### 4-H Horse Club

May 7—Physiology/Endrocrinology @ 5:00 & business meeting @ 6:30 p.m. May 14, 21, 28 @ 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at Mercer County Extension Office, 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 Horse Camp**—May 22-25 for Mercer County Youth only. Contact Extension Office for more information.

**4-H Horse Trail Rides** Open to 4-H members and their families at Eagles Nest Farm located on Calvary Lane (go out Highway 390 - Bohon Road, Calvary Lane is a left turn) 2:30 –5:00 pm RSVP - Carol Conover - 247-0201 or 734-4025, if weather is inclement, please call Carol the day of the trail to confirm. **Trail Ride Dates: May 3 and May 30th.**



### 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 May 21.



### 4-H Scrap Booking Club

May 4—Spring/Easter Photos Mercer Co. Extension Office 4:00-5:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00

### 4-H Cloverbud Lego Club

May 13— from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office.



### 4-H Project Club

May 13, @ Mercer County Extension Office 3:30-5:30 p.m. Cost—\$5.00 Open to Any youth (9 years & older)

### 4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. at 1007 Lexington Rd, Extension .



### 4-H Dog Club

Dog Obedience—Monday, May 4 & 18 at 7:00 p.m. Extension Office. May 11 members are taking a field trip to Fox Croft Kennel located at 1285 Hopewell

Road, Harrodsburg at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Runyon is going to have agility demonstration, please do not bring your dog. The club focuses on everything related to dogs and dog obedience classes, please contact the club leader -Nicole Roca - Nicole.Roca@nationalcity.com

### Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital Extended Care

May 12, 3:30—5:00p.m at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Unit. 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 and spend time with the residents. Students interested can ride the bus to Haggin. Parents must come up to Extended Care to pickup youth.



### Entomology Workshop

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mercer County Extension Office Learn the proper steps in collecting bugs for entomology collection. Class is free. Open to youth 9 years old and up.



### Web Address:

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



### Tae Kwon Do Club

Club will meet every Monday 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 Kwon Do is a Korean Martial Art that places high regard on the training of the mind, body and spirit of the human being. Chris Kehrt will be the instructor.

### 4-H Cloverbud Club—Bicycle Rodeo

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

**WHAT:** The kids will need to bring their bicycles & helmet.

**WHEN:** All Groups May 27

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

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m. FEE: \$5.00 supply fee

**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 Team Crusaders

4-H Paint Ball club that focuses on teamwork, community service & character education. Will be meeting will be in May, specific information please contact Jeff Poole 583-0897 or Pete Presley 621-5555.



### 4-H Foods Club

May 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cost -\$5.00 at the Mercer County Extension Office. Topic—Cheesecake

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. To join please call the Extension Office by Tuesday, May 19

### Start thinking about County Fair...

Any youth who has made a project at home or at a 4-H meeting are encouraged to exhibit them at the Mercer County Fair 4-H Floral Hall. You can receive ribbons and cash for your hard work. Start gathering your items. More information will be in the Summer 4-H Newsletter and Mercer County 4-H Web Site.



### Mercer County 4-H Teen Council Meeting

Next meeting will be held May 6, special event— we will go hiking at Shakertown beginning at 3:30 —6:30. Please RSVP so we can make travel arrangements to Shakertown. Any youth in the 7-12 grades are invited to join the council.

### 4-H Shooting Sports

#### ARCHERY

June 4, July 2, July 30 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

May 12 & June 9, July 14, & Aug 11 at YMCA Building - Harrodsburg, College St., 6:30-8:00 am *Equipment Needed:* None, if you do not have archery equipment you may use our equipment free.

#### RIFLE

May 14, June 18, July 16, Aug.3 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

May 21, June 25, July 23, Aug. 20 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

May 7, June 11, July 9, Aug. 6 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.

#### ALL DISCIPLINES

May 16, July 4, August 15 & Sept. 15 Mercer County Fish/Game , 9:30 a.m.—?

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

The events include four shooting events: archery, muzzle loading rifle, & shotgun. There are also non-shooting events: wildlife identification, hunter safety trail, orienteering, and written exam. Meetings will be at Boyle County Extension Office, 6:30 -8:00pm – May 4 & 18.

### 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 resume in August 2009. For information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe

