4-H Pumpkin Day Celebration

Entries due on Thursday, October 27
Judging on Friday, October 28
@ Mercer County Extension Office,
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg

All participants will receive ribbons and premiums - Blue ribbon - $3.00, Red Ribbon - $2.00 and White ribbon - $1.00 (awarded at the 4-H banquet). The categories are as follows:

Pumpkin Contest

- ✓Best Jack-O-Lantern (carved)
- ✓Best decorated pumpkin
- ✓Oddest shaped pumpkin
- ✓Best Painted pumpkin
- ✓Ugliest Pumpkin (decorated)
- ✓Smallest pumpkin
- ✓Biggest pumpkin

Foods Competition

- ✓Pumpkin Bread/muffins
- ✓Decorated Cupcakes
- ✓Pumpkin Cake
- ✓Roasted pumpkin seeds
- ✓Halloween Candy (homemade)
- ✓Best Pumpkin Pie
- ✓Pumpkin Cookies
- ✓Pumpkin bars
- ✓Decorated Pumpkin Cookies
- ✓Pumpkin Cake (must have pumpkin ingredients

Harvest Photos

Photos subject should relate to pumpkin/harvest season. The photos should be mounted on matte or poster board.

- ✓Single photo (can be enlarged)
- ✓Sequence of 5 –color photos
- ✓Collection: 3 - different points of view of the same subject
- ✓Single black/white horticultural subject/activity
- ✓Five photographs of an event.

Arts & Crafts

- ✓Decorated t-shirt
- ✓Home Decoration
- ✓Trick or Treat Bag or bucket
- ✓Halloween/Fall Scrapbook page
- ✓Miscellaneous (4-H can only have 1 item in this category)
- ✓Door Decoration
- ✓Table decoration
- ✓Picture Frame
- ✓Wearable decoration (no t-shirts, only decorative pens, hats, etc)

***No additions to the category list**

CAMPING DATES SET FOR 2012

4-H 5-Day Camp
June 18-22, 2012
Mercer County 4-H members will be heading off to 4-H Camp at North Central 4-H Camp with Jessamine County. More information and applications will be available in February 2012. Start working on Community Service Scholarships.

4-H Cloverbud Overnight Camp
July 13-15, 2012

Mercer County 4-H Day Camp
June 12 13, 2012

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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Mercer County 4-H
October 2011
NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday
Event Scheduled
Sunday, October 9, 2011 3-5 pm
at West Lane Park
Second Sunday is a statewide event that encourages all forms of physical activity within the local community and is designed to get Kentuckians moving! There will be a Zumba demonstration, non-competitive stroll, bicycle safety, (please bring your bike), relay games and more. Teens are needed to assist with the different events, great opportunity to get community service hours.

4-H Speech Program
Mercer County 4-H will host a 4-H Talk Meet Contest on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 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 $50. scholarship to use for any 4-H activity or $50. Savings Bond.** For more information about the speech contest please contact the Extension Office. This is a requirement for 4-H Awards Trip.

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

Bobbie White, Mercer County Extension 4-H Program Assistant

Heart of Kentucky United Way Agency

Election Day
Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Mercer Co. Extension Office
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg
Serving times: 6:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Tickets—$5.00 Each.
Sponsored by Mercer County 4-H Council
To purchase tickets please contact the Extension office. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please mark your calendars and come out to support 4-H.

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. Jeans will be accepted thru October 31.

4-H Country Ham Project
WHO: Any Mercer County youth (9-18)
WHAT: 4-H Country Ham Project—
4-H members will receive 2 hams to cure and hang their hams for 7 months. After the hams are cured, youth are required to give a presentation on any aspect of the project such as nutrition or value added. Presentations and hams are judged at the Kentucky State Fair. The combined presentation and judging scores determines the winner.
COST: $55.00 and **DEADLINE** is November 15, Applications are available from Extension Office.

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4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

Monday - October 3, & November 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. Leader for the club is Liz Keller.

4-H Horse Club

Thursday, October 6 & November 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. Trail rides are also being held throughout the month at Eagles Nest Farm, please contact Carol Conover, 4-H Trail Ride coordinator for details 734-4025

4-H Livestock Club

Tuesday, October 4 & November 1 at Mercer Co. Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Youth interested in beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine or country ham project should attend the meetings.

Dairy & Livestock Exhibitors

REMINDER: Any 4-H youth planning on showing dairy cows, 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 2012.

Veterinary Science Club

Tuesday, October 25 & November 29 at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Any 4-H youth interested in animals of all sizes are invited to join. The club will introduce youth to the normal animal, basic anatomy and systems, elementary principles of disease and careers with animals.

4-H Gardening Club

October 19 & November 16, at the Extension Office. The cost for each Club meeting is $5.00. Any youth interested in gardening related projects are invited to attend

4-H Lego Club for Cloverbuds

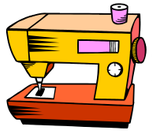
Open to youth 6-8 years old. This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering/ technology. Meetings will be held on October 12 & November 9 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Participants may bring something they have built. They will also have time for "building." For more information contact leader - Meg Davis-Bowling 865-1456.

4-H Robotics Club (9-14 Year Olds)

This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering and technology. Meetings are held on Third Saturday beginning October 15 and November 19, 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. For more information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe 734-5140

4-H Foods Club

October 20 & November 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Meetings are held 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. Cost -$5.00 per meeting



4-H Sewing Club

Anyone interested in learning to sew? The club will be meeting on October 3 & October 24, 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.

4-H Dog Obedience Classes

Monday's @ 7:00 pm. at the Mercer County Extension Office. The next classes will be on October 10, 17, & 24. Open to youth and adults. For more information call Liz Bentley 4-H Dog Club leader at 859.396.8274

4-H Team Crusaders

4-H Paint Ball club that focuses on teamwork, community service & character education. Open to youth 10 years and up. Next meeting will be Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. Jeff Poole's Farm, Irish Ridge Road. October 8 will be community service day, cleaning up roadside along Salvisa area—Bondville Road, anyone interested please meet at 8:30 at Mercer County Extension Office or at Salvisa Baptist at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.

4-H Shooting Sports

ARCHERY

October 20 & November 17 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm

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

4-H B.B./Air Rifle Practice

October 13 & November 10 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-7:30 pm

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 (except in Nov.) at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvisa Ruritan Building. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 20 & November 10.

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 October 18 and November 15 after school.

Safe Sitter Babysitting Clinic

October 13 & 14

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

@ Mercer Co. Extension Office

Cost: $20.00—includes lunch/snack

Who: Open to students 11 years old and up

Pre-Register by calling 734-4378, class size is limited. Being a babysitter can be a very large responsibility for any youth. Many young people today are babysitting. They may sit with younger brothers and sisters at no cost or for other younger children at a set fee. Interest in babysitting is high and the need for information on safe and successful babysitting is great. Each student will receive safe sitter manual, completion card and safe sitter kit (must attend both sessions).

AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TO EXTENSION OFFICE

Please notify Extension Office if you need a ride to 4-H Club meeting after school, Office van will make runs to pick up youth at schools.

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, 2011 thru August 31, 2012. 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 in November 2011**
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.

4-H Award Opportunities –Deadline Oct. 28

Opportunity to be recognized for all your hard work and talents...

~**Leadership Award** is presented to youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and have a willingness to share their knowledge with other 4-H youth.

~**Achievement Award** is presented to youth wanting to learn and share this knowledge with others.

~**I Dare You Award** is presented to high school junior who demonstrates personal Integrity, lead well-rounded lives and posses a willingness to assume responsibility.

~**Citizenship Award** is presented to youth wanting to learn more about their government and how it relates to their daily life.

~**4-H Middle School Leadership Awards I, II, & III** designed to recognize 4-H members in middle school, encourage record keeping and prepare them for their Bronze-Silver-Gold Honors awards.

Youth will complete the application and return to the Extension Office. Forms will then be judged. Applications may be obtained from the Extension Office or from the website. Deadline is October 28

Mercer County4-H Teen News

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 grade. 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 November 9. Here is list of upcoming activities:

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Junior Teen Council Fall Gathering @
Devine's Corn Maze
Friday, October 7
5:00-8:00 P.M.
623 Talmage-Mayo Road,

Anyone interested is invited to come. Please bring $5.00 to get into the corn maze. Girls bring cookies and boys bring a bag of chips.

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DISCOVER 4-H DISCOVER YOU

TEENS
9th –12 Grade Youth

Mercer County 4-H Teen Council
Bonfire/Cookout
Wednesday, October 5
Afterschool—3:30 p.m.

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 @ 3:30 p.m. Next meeting will be on October 5 & November 2.

"Issues Conference"

4-day issue-based conference for top student leaders from across the state.

WHEN: November 17-20, 2011
WHO: Any Sophomore or Junior Students
GOALS: Conference is for youth who display leadership potential and who will make a commitment to implement what they learn back home. ***COST:*** $140. (Community Service Scholarships can apply)
WHERE: Conference is at Kentucky Leadership Center on Lake Cumberland
DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

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 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 obtained from the Extension Office

ROADSIDE CLEANUP October 8
Salvisa area—Bondville Road, anyone interested please meet at 8:30 at Mercer County Extension Office or at Salvisa Baptist at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Jeff Poole 583-0897.

"Night of the Great Pumpkin" Trick-or-Treat on Main Street on Saturday, October 29, from 6-8 p.m. Contact: Harrodsburg First 734-6811.