

### 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.
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 - YEAH YOU...

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.

Youth will complete the application and return to the Extension Office. Forms will then be judged. Applications may be obtained from the Extension Office. Deadline is Friday, November 5.

### Outstanding Leaders & Friends of Mercer County 4-H Nominations

If you would like to nominate individuals for either Outstanding 4-H leader Award or Friend of Mercer County 4-H please contact Dana Anderson. Please give brief summary as to why you are nominating that individual or business. Awards will be presented at Mercer County 4-H Recognition Banquet on Monday, November 21 at the Mercer County Extension Office.



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.



**Leaders Needed!!!**  
Attention all adults and teens! Mercer County 4-H is in need of adults to serve as club and

project leaders. Don't panic, being a leader is really a fun and rewarding experience. A club leader assists 4-H members in with their club meetings. A project leader assists 4-Hers with their specific projects such as small engines, woodworking and knitting. There are many more topics, if you have a special talent and would like to share with a 4-Her please contact the Extension office. Being a leader can be one of the most rewarding experiences. Everyone has something to share with the youth of today.

**Immediate need of Small Engines and Physical Fitness Projects.**  
Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

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# Mercer County 4-H September 2011 NEWSLETTER

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- ◆ **Mercer County's largest youth organization, and most widely recognized organization in the country**
- ◆ **4-H is for ALL youth who live or attend school in Mercer County.**
- ◆ **There are NO membership fees**
- ◆ **We offer programs and clubs in:**
  - **Animal Sciences** • **Communications**
  - **Family & Consumer Sciences** • **Leadership**
  - **Science, Engineering & Technology** • **Health**
  - **Natural Resources** • **and much more!**

**Official 4-H Age:  
Youth 9-18 years  
of age as of  
January 1, 2012**

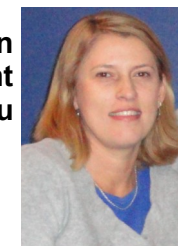
**4-H Cloverbuds:  
Youth 5-8 years of  
age as of  
January 1, 2012**



- ◆ **Enroll at 4-H Club meetings unless otherwise stated**
- ◆ **Project and workshop offerings change every month. Check out our monthly newsletter for upcoming meetings and events.**

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#### 4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday - Sept. 12 & October 3, 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. We will be planning for the upcoming year, Leader for the club: Liz Keller



#### Fall Kick-Off for 4-H Cloverbud Clubs Thursday, September 15 Mercer County Extension Office—6:00-8:00 p.m.

Will have blow-ups, carnival games and free food. We will be signing up Cloverbuds for monthly club meetings. Meetings will be held on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday starting in October at Mercer County Extension Office afterschool. There is a monthly fee of \$5.00 to cover supplies. **YOUTH MUST BE SIGNED UP PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER MEETING DATE, no walk-ins.** If you are unable to make it on the 15th, please register by calling 734-4378.



#### 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 September 14 & October 12 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 September 17, October 15 and November 19, 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. For more information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe, srippetoe@earthlink.net



#### First Lego League Robotics Competition Team

Youth (12-14) will be learning and preparing for Lego Competition in December. Youth should commit to attend 3 monthly meetings on Saturday's and 2 tournaments. September is the only month for youth to join. Meetings will be held on September 3, 10, & 24—11:00-1:30 p.m. at Mercer County.

#### 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 Sept. & Nov.) at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvisa Ruritan Building. The next scheduled meeting will be on September 8 & October 20.

#### 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, September 10 & 24, 10:00 a.m. Jeff Poole's Farm, Irish Ridge Road. October 8 will be community service day, cleaning up roadside. Please mark your calendars. For more information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.



#### 4-H Shooting Sports

##### ARCHERY

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 ours.

##### SHOTGUN/TRAP

Sept 8 at Mercer County Fish/Game, 6:30 -8:00 *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

September 13 at Mercer County Fish/Game , 6:30 *Equipment Needed:* Black Powder Equipment Needed: Black powder rifle or pistol, if you do not have a gun you may use our equipment.



#### 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. Meetings are held at Boyle County Extension Office.



#### 4-H Dog Obedience Classes

Open to youth and adults. Classes are held on Monday's @ 7:00 pm. at the Mercer County Extension Office. The next workshop will be on September 12 (if raining will not meet), 19, & 26. For more information call Liz Bentley 4-H Dog Club leader at 859.396.8274

#### Safe Sitter Babysitting Clinic

October 13 & 14  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
@ Mercer County Extension Office



**Cost: \$20.00—includes lunch and snack**  
**Who: Open to students 11 years old and up**  
**Pre-Register by calling 734-4378, class size is limited.**

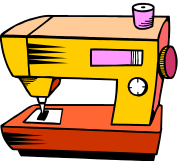
Being a babysitter can be a very large responsibility for any youth. Many young people today are babysitting. They may sit with younger brothers and sisters at no cost or for other younger children at a set fee. Interest in baby-sitting is high and the need for information on safe and successful babysitting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

#### 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 and October 18 after school.

#### 4-H Sewing Club

Anyone interested in learning to sew? The club will be meeting on September 12 & September 26, 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 Foods Club

September 15 and October 20, 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

#### 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 Horse Club

The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 6 & November 3 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Members are involved in horse bowl, horse judging, trailriding, 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

The 4-H Livestock club will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6 & October 4 at Mercer Co. Extension Office.



#### 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

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. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27 & October 25 at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.



#### 4-H Gardening Club

The Garden Club is "blooming" with fun projects in the next few months! First meeting will be on September 21 & October 19, at the Extension Office. The cost for each Club meeting is \$5.00.

6th thru 12th grade



4-H TEENS

**TEENS**  
9th -12th  
Grade Youth



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

**Mercer County 4-H Teen Council**  
This is for High School 9-12 grade 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.

**4-H Teen Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2011**  
**3:30-4:30 P.M.**  
Mercer County Extension Office

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



**Save the date:**  
**2012 State 4-H Teen Conference**  
**June 11-14, 2012**

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 The fee for the 2011 Teen Conference will be approx. \$155.

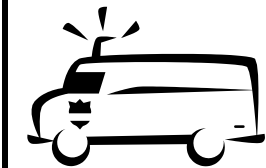
**JUNIOR TEENS**  
6th, 7th & 8th Grade  
Youth

**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**  
**Wednesday, September 14**  
**3:30-4:30 P.M.**

Mercer County Extension Office. This will be regular monthly meeting.



Please let me know if you need a ride to any of the teen meetings from school. The bus situation at the Mercer School is challenging. If you ride the bus you have to wait at school and the daycare bus will pick you up after they drop off all the day care kids, they will come back to school to get you, but you have to let the school know.

**If you let us know that you need a ride, we will drive the van and pick you up. You MUST NOTIFY us in order for us to pick you up.**

