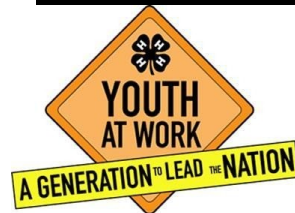


Community Service Scholarship Program



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 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.

4-H Awards Trip

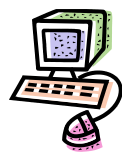
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AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TO EXTENSION OFFICE

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.

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



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 &
Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service



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 1310 pounds of tabs, donating \$982.50 to Indian Summer Camp. Over the last seven years, we have collected 9,238 pounds of tabs and donated \$5,625.20. 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 American Heart Association Certified

Open to adults and youth in 6th grade and up. Cost for the class is \$40. Must have 6 pre-registered (734.4378) to conduct each session. Dates are February 11, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13 and December 8. 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.



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

Bobbie White, Mercer County Extension 4-H Program Assistant

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 February 2012 NEWSLETTER

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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 on February 1, 2012. Start working on Community Service Scholarships.

4-H Cloverbud Overnight Camp 6-8 year olds July 13-15, 2012 @

Mercer County 4-H Day Camp Open to all ages June 12 13, 2012

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 Demonstration Contest

March 20, 2012, 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 & Home Management
- ~ Horticulture
- ~ Performing Arts,
- ~ Presentation Software
- ~ Safety
- ~ Science and Natural Resources
- ~ Science, Engineering & Technology
- ~ Shooting Sports.



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4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

Monday - February 6 & March 5 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.



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 February 8 & March 14 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. Next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18 & March 17, 10:00-12:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. For more information contact leader - Sandy Rippetoe 734-5140

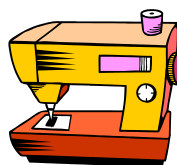
4-H Foods Club

February 16 & March 15, 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 February 13 & 27 & March 12 & 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.



Veterinary Science Club

Tuesday, February 28 & March 27 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 Shooting Sports ARCHERY

February 16 & March 15 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00

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

4-H B.B./Air Rifle Practice

February 9 & March 8 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm



4-H Shooting Sports Camp

April 4-7 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. Cost for the camp is \$100.00, Applications are available from the Boyle or Mercer County Extension Offices. **Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, February 7**

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.

YHEC Day Camp

Open to 4-H members and parents. This IS NOT Hunter Education Class that is required for youth to receive their orange card. February 4—Safety and the Hunter March 3—Knowledge Jeopardy All meetings are held at Boyle County Extension Office, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. For more information contact 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator at 859-236-2102

Small Engine Club

Youth interested in learning about small engines are invited to attend monthly meetings on Tuesday, February 14 & 28, March 13 & 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Mercer County Extension Office. The club is open to youth 9 years old and up. The first meeting will be overview and the basic tools that is used to repair small engines. The club is planning to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Great opportunity to learn how engines work, basic maintenance and repair.



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, February 4, 10:30 a.m. Mercer County Extension Office.

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 February 21 @ 3:30 p.m. Topic: creating a Happiness Page and Thinking of You Card. Next month meeting will be March 20.



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5. Exhibit project at the 4-H Pumpkin Day.
6. Perform at the County Talent Show.

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 February 16 & March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvisa Ruritan Building.

4-H Horse Club

Thursday, February 2 & March 1 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.

Please note any 4-H Youth planning on showing horses or participating in horse judging or hippology MUST have 6 hours of classroom instruction before they can participate in the events.

4-H Livestock Club

Tuesday, February 7 & March 6 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.

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 Saturday, February 25 & March 24, 4:30 p.m. at Mercer County Extension Office.



4-H Gardening Club

Wednesday, February 15 & March 21 at the Extension Office @ 3:30 p.m.. The cost



for each Club meeting is \$5.00.

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 in question, please call 734-4378.



What can GREEN Do For YOU?



Mercer County 4-H Teen News

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

Mercer County 4-H
Junior Teen Council
Friday, January 13
Afterschool—3:30 p.m.

**Ice Skating—please bring \$10. +
money to eat dinner.**

Open to all youth in 6-8 grade. Youth 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.

TEEN SUMMIT March 15-17, 2012

Who: Any 6th, 7th & 8th grade student

Where: 4-H Leadership Center, Jabez, KY

When: March 15– March 17, 2012 This will be an excused absence from school.

Cost: \$100. - Includes transportation, lodging, meals, and a t-shirt.

DEADLINE: February 15, 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
Wednesday, February 1
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.

District 4-H Teen Retreat February 17-19, 2012

4-H Leadership Center, Jabez, Ky
Open to all high school youth. Anticipated cost is approximately \$100.

Teen Conference is for youth graduating 8th grade thru 19 years old. Conference is held on University of Kentucky Campus in Lexington. The approximate cost is \$155. Applications will be available in March 2012.

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 from June 11-14, 2012. The fee for the 2012 Teen Conference will be approximately \$155. Applications will be available in March.

Any youth 9th grade and older may apply to

4-H JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELORS

be a Junior Camp Counselor. Applications will be available February 1. Everyone MUST apply and go thru interview process. There are limited spots available. Camp will be June 18-22, 2012.