

4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



MARCH/APRIL 2009

Thank you to the volunteers and members that attended the Centennial Celebration in February in Lexington. Congratulations to David Taylor for being inducted into the 4-H Centennial Hall of Fame.


Project Days and SOS Classes are underway. It is a very exciting time and remember you can enter your projects in the County Fair in July!

Shooting Sports, Livestock, Trailblazers, and Teen Council are all in full swing. Try to make it to one of their meetings and see what each club is doing.

County Communications Day will be on April 4th. I hope that everyone that participated in speeches and demonstrations in their classroom and the FFA students will participate at the county contest. Please read the newsletter for additional information.

Have a great day and enjoy this great time for Spencer County 4-H!

Sincerely,



Mollie Tichenor
CEA for 4-H Youth Development

IMPORTANT DATES

For more information on some of the items in the calendar, please read on in the newsletter.

MARCH

- March 14** - Livestock Judging Clinic at Washington County
- March 16** - Making Biscuit Basket
- March 16** - Trailblazers
- March 17** - Zumba/Nutrition at S.C.M.S
- March 17** - Livestock Club
- March 18** - Tractor Driving and Farm Safety Class
- March 19** - 4-H at S.C.E.S
- March 19** - Adult 4-H Council
- March 24** - 4-H at S.C.E.S
- March 24** - Zumba/Nutrition at S.C.M.S
- March 24** - Shooting Sports Trap Meeting
- March 24** - Pick up Candles
- March 25** - 4-H at S.C.E.S
- March 28** - Kids in the Kitchen
- March 28** - Ham Project Speech Clinic in Lexington
- March 30** - Leather Craft
- March 31** - Basic Sewing Classes with Machine
- March 31** - Ceramic Tile Project

APRIL

- April 4** - So...Do you really want to own a Horse?
- April 4** - Communication Day
- April 6** - Teen Council Meeting/Health Rocks! Training
- April 7** - Livestock Club
- April 7** - Shooting Sports Archery Meeting
- April 9** - 4-H at S.C.E.S
- April 10** - 4-H at T.E.S
- April 14** - Shooting Sports Trap
- April 17 & 18** - Area Horse Camp

April 18 – Popsicle Art
April 20 – Trail Blazers
April 21 – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
April 22 – 4-H at S. C. E. S
April 22 & 23 – Teen Leader Interviews for Camp
April 24 - Louisville Area Teen Council outing
April 25 – Photography and Beadwork
April 28 – Shooting Sports Trap
April 30 – Woodworking

MAY

May 9 & 10 - Dog Show and Concession at Spencer County Fairgrounds
May 18 - Tag in day for Market animals

JUNE

June 14-18 - KY Farm Bureau’s Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders Conference, IFAL, at Murray State University
June 17 & 18 - State Livestock Judging Central City
June 21 – 21 - KY Farm Bureau’s Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders Conference, IFAL, at UK
June 22 – Needle Point Project

JULY

July 6-10 - Camp at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp
July 17 & 18 - Horse Pull at the Spencer County Fair
July 18 - Swine Show at the Spencer County fair.
July 28-Aug 1 - Spencer County Fair

4-H PLEDGE

*I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service and my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world*

EVERYONE **SPENCER COUNTY** **COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

Congratulations to all of the club members that participated in your classroom in February in both speeches and demonstrations. Also congratulations to the FFA members that have participated in demonstrations at the High School. Along with their classroom participation, there is a county communications day which will be held on **April 4th at Spencer County Elementary School**. Registration will begin at 12:30 and the Contest will start at 1p.m.

There are no requirements to participate in the Spencer County Communications Day. It is open to all Spencer County 4-H members (to be a member you must have filled out blue enrollment form), no matter your age (9-18). The categories and rules for demonstrations and speeches are on the back of the pre-registration form enclosed in this newsletter.



Please pre-register by filling out the form that is enclosed. The form is due back to the Extension Office by Wednesday, **March 25th**. For additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to call the extension office at 477-2217 or email Mollie at mollie.tichenor@uky.edu.

Volunteers are also needed for this event, if you are available on April 4th please let Mollie know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It is that time to start gearing up for the 4-H Fair Projects and County 4-H Events. There are a number of Project Days and SOS Classes that are up-coming that you should be aware of. There are participation limits on all of the classes, so it would be a great idea to call Nicole today at 477-2217 and let her know if you are interested.

Upcoming Project Days:

- March 16th - Making Biscuit Basket from 10a.m.- 3p.m. at the office. (Bring Sack Lunch)
- March 31st – Ceramic Tile Project at Express Yourself in Mt. Washington. Meet at the office at 9:15 a.m.
- June 22 – Needle Point Project at Needle Nest in Shelbyville. Meet at the office at 8:45 a.m.

In the SOS flyer there are several 4-H classes:

- March 10 @ 6p.m. – Etiquette for Today’s Youth
- March 18th @ 6:30 p.m. – Tractor Driving and Farm Safety Class (must go through to be part of County Tractor Driving Contest)
- March 28th @ 10a.m. - Kids in the Kitchen
- March 30th @ 6p.m. – Leather Craft
- March 31st @ 6p.m. – Basic Sewing Classes with Machine (recommended for 4-Her’s interested in the sewing project)

- April 4th @ 2p.m. – So...Do you Really want to Own a Horse?
- April 30th @ 6p.m. – Woodworking

The Spencer County Teen Council is going to lead classes for Cloverbud age youth (which are ages 5-8):

- April 18th at 11a.m. – Popsicle Art
- April 25th at 10:30a.m. – Photography and Beadwork

Remember, Teen Counselors you are required to help out with at least one of these activities!

FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all that participated in the February Home Interior Fundraiser. You all did a great job!

There is a change on when the orders will be ready to be picked up. Now the orders will be ready to be picked up at the Extension Office on Tuesday, March 24th from 6-6:30 p.m.

Thanks again to all of the members that sold candles and for Patty Cotton for giving us this new opportunity as a fundraiser!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sean Brewer, Tim Brewer, Robert Yates, John Manning, and Herman Brewer for attending Shooting Sports Certification Training in February at Jabez. Now Spencer County 4-H Shooting Sports is able to offer Archery and Rifle, along with Trap.

ADULTS COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Spencer County 4-H Council will be on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in being on the council and making decisions about the county 4-H program, please feel more to contact Tracy O'Grady, Council President, or Mollie Tichenor, 4-H Agent, for more information about adult council.

VOLUNTEERS

Background checks are required on all of the volunteers that help with the Spencer County 4-H Program. This is now available to be printed out from the website. Go to http://ces2.ca.uky.edu/spencer-files/YouthDev/Volunteer_form.pdf and print off your application today. Please make sure that all forms are completed and that we receive a copy

of your driver's license when the form is turned in. If all the forms are not completed when they are turned in, it will delay your getting approved as a volunteer.



PROGRAM UPDATES HEALTH ROCKS!

If you are interested in developing positive character traits through hands-on activities and tasks, Health Rocks! is for you! The Health Rocks! program encourages 4-H participants to learn to exhibit positive growth by self-concept, flexibility, adaptability, resourcefulness, creativity, self-control and self-discipline.

At the April 6th Teen Council Meeting, there will be a Health Rocks! training. Teen Council members will be getting notices in the mail. If you are not on Teen Council, but would like to learn more about Health Rocks! please contact Mollie at 477-2217.



UPCOMING EVENTS TEEN CONFERENCE

I hope that you all are getting excited about teen conference 2009! The dates are June 8-11 and the event is held on the campus of the University of Kentucky. It is open to anyone who has completed the 8th grade through 19, please let Mollie know if you are interested. Please talk to Kaitlin Culver and Danielle Montgomery about how much fun you will have at Teen Conference.

If you are interested in Teen Conference, there is an opportunity to meet new friends before you go. The Louisville Area Teen Council is starting up again! Friday, April 24th will be the first outing; we will be enjoying fun and entertainment while meeting

new friends! Please let Mollie know if you are interested in attending this out.

IFAL

KY Farm Bureau's Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders Conference, IFAL, will be held June 14-18 at Murray State University and at UK June 21-25. Applications are being accepted for this event; you must have completed your junior year in high school and be interested in furthering your education at the post secondary level. The must be turned in to Spencer County Farm Bureau by April 18th. Call Spencer County Farm Bureau 502-477-2275 for additional information.

CAMP 4-H SUMMER CAMP

It is that time of year again to look forward to summer camp. We will camp at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp again the week of July 6-10. Make sure that you sign up as a 4-H member (see enrollment form) to get this information. Please fill out the camp application that is included in this newsletter and that way we can get you signed up for camp!

4-H members are getting the opportunity to sign up first. Camp is going to open to non-4-H members starting on April 1st. So if you have not filled out your registration form, act fast! The cost for camp is \$165 this year.



Teens: Teen applications are due April 13th. If you are interested in being a teen leader, please pick up your application at the Extension Office. Interviews will be in April, letters will be mailed out to the teens that apply for this. New for 2009, all Teen Leaders applying for Camp are **required** to help with at least one SOS Class, a Project Day, or be certified in Health Rocks! Please note, that we would like all campers to get their 5th year camper pins. We would like to encourage all 8th graders to camp as campers to get to enjoy your camping time to its full potential.

Remember to be a teen volunteer at camp you need to be involved in 4-H activities this year!

KY 4-H CENTENNIAL

Kentucky 4-H has impacted the lives of thousands of youths since its inception. As it reaches its 100th anniversary, current and former 4-H'ers will be celebrating the organizations past, relishing in its present and anxiously anticipating its future. You can help 4-H celebrate this milestone by showing your support for the organization throughout 2009.

The Centennial Kickoff Party was held on February 21st at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. This event is only one way the centennial theme will be woven into many of the traditional 4-H activities and events during the year. You can show your support by joining 4-H'ers across the state in wearing green the fourth day of every month of this year. In addition to the statewide events, individual counties may also have activities planned for 4-H's 100th anniversary. Contact your local 4-H agent for more details.

Congratulations to David Taylor for being inducted into the Centennial Hall of Fame at the Kickoff Party/Birthday Bash in Lexington on February 21st. He is pictured with the Centennial Hall of Fame Tree, bearing all of the names of the Hall of Fame recipients from all 120 Kentucky Counties. The beautiful tree will hang in the 4-H Leadership Center in Jabez, Kentucky.



You can help 4-H celebrate by embodying the principles that 4-H teaches. One of these principles is community service. 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.

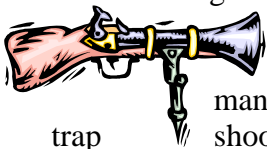
Kentucky's 4-H centennial is also a perfect time to become familiar with the history of 4-H in your county. There are several ways to do this. Members of different 4-H clubs can research the history of their club and compile them into one publication that discusses the history of 4-H in the county. It's also the perfect time to locate the oldest 4-H awards in the county and speak with former 4-H'ers about the changes that have been made over the years and the organization's impact on their lives.

A celebration this momentous only comes around every 100 years. For more information on celebrating 4-H in your community, contact Mollie Tichenor at the Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service.

CLUB REPORTS **SHOOTING SPORTS**

The Shooting Sports had their membership meeting February 24th, 2009, and it was a great success. Approximately 59 youth came out to sign up. Way to go TEAM.

The Shotgun (trap) club will hold its first meeting of the year on March 10, 2009, at the Fish and Game club, starting at 6:30pm. This is a mandatory safety meeting for the



shooters. Bring your shotguns and safety gear.

Shotgun members will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, at 6:30pm. The Fish and Game club is open on Saturdays for practice.

The Archery members will meet for their 1st meeting on April 7, 2009, at the Fish and Game club, starting at 6:30pm. This is also a mandatory safety meeting for those interested in archery. Bring your bows and safety equipment.

Archery will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.



The Rifle club is in the works. I will get more info out as it becomes available.

If you plan on volunteering or coaching you must fill out a volunteer packet and have a background check done prior to your involvement. Please contact me or the Extension office for forms or more info at t_brewer@insightbb.com.

~ Submitted by Tim Brewer, Shooting Sports

Spencer County Fish & Game Club Spring Trap League Starts March 30 , 2009

5 man Teams

50 Birds each Week

8 Weeks/400 birds

25 Birds @16 Yds/25 Birds @22 Yds

\$10.00 per person/week

Scores will be handicapped

Prizes and Trophies for best Team and Best Shooters

Banquet at end of League for all League shooters

Mon. evening and Sat. mornings

Come on out to the club and have some fun

Located at 1520 Little Mount Rd.(Adjacent to Tanglewood golf course-see sign)

Coordinator

LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Livestock Club meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer County Extension Office. Mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

- March 14th Livestock Judging Clinic at Washington County
- April 4th Communication Day
- May 9th & 10th Dog Show and Concession

- **May 18th** is the tag in day for those of you showing market animals at the State Fair. You will also need to participate in a Preview show as well see Connie or Mollie for a list of shows and dates.
- **March 28** Ham Project Speech Clinic in Lexington
- **June 17 & 18** State Livestock Judging it will be held in Central City this year so we will be looking into going down on the 16th. (Remember to qualify to attend State Contest you need 6 hours of certification . Any questions call me.)
- **July 6-10** 4-H Camp
- **July 17 & 18** Horse Pull at the Spencer County Fair
- **July 18** Swine Show at the Spencer County fair.
- **July 28-Aug 1** Spencer County Fair
- Submitted by Connie Jeffiers



TEEN COUNCIL

The Spencer County Resource Center sponsors the Backpack Program. This program is to help Elementary school children who are in need. Every Friday, the staff at the center fills the children's' backpack with food for them to eat over the weekend. The 4-H Teen Council is helping out with this program, by collecting and donating food items to the resource center. We are asking for help of donations of "kid friendly" foods (such as; pudding cups, jell-o,



granola bars, fruit cups, etc.) Anything that is sealed, **not** out dated, and non perishable. If you have donations for this program, please bring them to the Spencer County Extension Office. If you have any questions, call the office at 477-2217.

~ Submitted By: Katie O'Grady, President of the 4-H Teen Council

SCHOOL REPORTS SCHOOL CLUBS

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners in the demonstrations and speech contest at Spencer County Elementary and Taylorsville Elementary. Classrooms participating in Speeches were Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Palmer. Classrooms participating in Demonstrations are Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Bryant, Ms. Ozsvath, Mrs. Pollett, Mrs. Sanford, Ms. Tanner, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Tobbe. Way to go to all of you and I hope to see you at the County Contest on April 4th!



REALITY STORE

Thank you to Vonda Martin and Lenna Allison for helping put on another successful Reality Store at Spencer County Middle School on February 18th. All of the 8th graders participated in the Reality Store, meaning another 247 students have been reached by the 4-H program. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the Reality Store a huge success