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Mercer County 4-H February 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE

MERCER/JESSAMINE 4-H 5-DAY CAMP

JUNE 17-21, 2024

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
FEBRUARY 1, 2024

University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Cooperative Extension Service
4-H Youth Development



NORTH CENTRAL 4-H CAMP PRESENTS...
CLOVERBUD CAMP
JUNE 29-30, 2024

A CAMP JUST FOR OUR 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND AT THE "GREATEST CAMP ON EARTH"

APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024
VISIT OUR WEBSITE - MERCER.CA.UKY.EDU OR
PICK UP THE APPLICATION:
MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE,
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD, HARRODSBURG, KY
859-734-4378

**CLOVERBUD
CAMP FEE:
\$165**

**The
GREATEST
CAMP - on
EARTH**

2024
MERCER & JESSAMINE
NORTH CENTRAL 4-H CAMP

4-H CAMP
Mercer County
JUNE 17-21, 2024

5-Day Camp
Fee
\$250.00

More information, visit us at: <https://mercer.ca.uky.edu/>
or Phone 859-734.4378

Mercer County

4-H Poultry Club

Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
University of Kentucky



Meeting
Monday, January 29,
6:00 p.m.

@
Poultry Club Leader
Maegan Holland Farm
940 Hopewell Road
Harrodsburg

Topic this month is
hatching chicks

Join text remind by
texting @poultrymer
to 81010

The club will resume
meeting monthly

MERCER COUNTY 4-H

RABBIT CLUB



FEBRUARY 1, 2024
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1007 LEXINGTON RD, HARRODSBURG
6:00 P.M.

TOPIC - RABBIT HEALTH PRESENTED BY
LOCAL VETERINARIAN

if you plan on
showing
rabbits at the
4-H Show, you
MUST have 6
hours of
classroom
instruction
through
approved 4-H
activity.



to receive club updates please text
@rabbitmer to #81010

MERCER COUNTY 4-H
CLOVERBUDS

PARENT/YOUTH MEETING



February 8th @ 6:00pm
Grades K - 3

Planing for
future
cloverbud
meetings and
events

Cloverbud
Camp sign
ups and Q & A

Please attend this
event if you plan
to have your child
participate in
cloverbuds



Please fill out link
to RSVP

Mercer County
Extension Office
1007 Lexington Road
For questions call
(859)734-4378

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY & BB PRACTICES



ARCHERY - FEB. 6 & 20 * MARCH 5 & 19
BB/PELLET - FEB 13 & 27 * MARCH 12 & 26
6:30 P.M.

BOYLE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE INDOOR
SHOOTING RANGE
99 CORPORATE DRIVE, DANVILLE

OPEN TO YOUTH IN BOYLE, LINCOLN & MERCER COUNTIES

FOR YOUTH 9-19 YEARS OLD WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SHOOTING SPORTS. WE PROVIDE
A SAFE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL LEVELS OF SHOOTERS, BOTH THOSE
INTERESTED IN COMPETITION AND THOSE INTERESTED IN LEARNING A NEW SPORT.
YOUTH MEET FOR PRACTICE EVERY TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT THE BOYLE COUNTY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SHOOTING RANGE

YOUTH LEARN MARKSMANSHIP, THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE
OF FIREARMS, THE PRINCIPLES OF ARCHERY, AND MUCH MORE.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT OF CARING
ADULT LEADERS PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO
DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS, SELF-WORTH, AND CONSERVATION ETHICS.

To receive text reminds join by texting @boylemerc to #81010



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
MONDAY, FEB 12 & MARCH 11
@ 6:30 PM
BOYLE CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
BOYLE COUNTY - 859-236-4484
LINCOLN COUNTY - 606-365-2459
MERCER COUNTY - 859-734-4378



WANTED

REALITY STORE VOLUNTEERS

SPEND SPEND SPEND SAVE

Consumer spending

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
@KING MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
8TH GRADE STUDENTS FROM KMS & BURGIN
SNOWDATE: FEBRUARY 29

REALITY STORE

VOLUNTEER ROLE:

- No experience necessary
- Individuals needed to work in a booth
- Guide sheets and materials will be available
- In order to offer this program for the students, we need a minimum of 50+ volunteers. We NEED your help

TO VOLUNTEER:

<https://bit.ly/realitymercer24>
or call 859-734-4378
email: dana.anderson@uky.edu



Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 2, 2024
5:00-7:30 p.m.
"The Stable"
@ Mercer Co. Fairgrounds















COST: \$10.00 Tickets are available from Mercer County Extension Office, Mercer County Youth Investment Board
Participating 4-H/FFA Members
WALK-INS ARE ACCEPTED

take out orders available

Silent Auction with lots of great items; gift baskets, candles, handmade items, and more

Sponsored by Mercer County Youth Investment Board
For More Information 859-734-4378



	Mercer County 4-H 2023-2024 Clubs					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Week of the Month				Homeschool Clubs and 9+ 1:00 @Office  Rabbit Club 6:00 @Office 		
Second Week of the Month	Legobuds 3:30-5:00 @Office 	Beginning Cooking Club 3:30 - 5:00 @Office 	Teen Council 3:30 - 5:00 @Office 	4th and 5th Grade Club 3:30 - 5:00 @Office  Horse Club 6:00 @Office 		
Third Week of the Month	Art Club 3:30 - 5:00 @King Middle School  S.E.T. Club 6:00 @Office 	Teen Cooking 5:30 @Office  Livestock Club 6:00 @Office 		Salvisa Community Club 6:00 @Ruritan Building 		
Fourth Week of the Month		Cat Club 6:00 @Office 			All Clubs are free except for occasional fees for trips. Sign up for a club by scanning the QR code to join the text reminds. Each youth must have an enrollment form filled out before they may attend a club.	

@Office is 1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg.
For after school clubs van transportation is provide ONLY if the parent has sent a note to school with the child, AND called the extension office by 12pm the day of the club meeting.
Extension Office - (859)734-4378

Cloverbuds is for youth in Kindergarten - third grade. All clubs in blue are Cloverbud clubs.
Regular 4-H clubs are for fourth grade and up. They are in Green.
Clubs in black are for Cloverbuds (an adult must stay with them) and 4-H age
Clubs in red are for youth in 6th grade and up

POSTER

&

ESSAY CONTEST

2024 Theme:

“Agriculture for a Better Kentucky”

Eligibility:

- The poster and essay contests are open to all Kentucky students grades K through 12.
- Students may submit either a poster, essay, or digital submission about the theme for the contest. Only one entry per student.
- All artwork/digital entries must include the theme somewhere within the artwork.
- The theme needs to be the title of the essay.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form taped or glued to the back of the entry. No staples.
- All artwork and writing material must be exclusively student-created.
- Digital entries can include photos, clip art, or original electronic art.
- Each statewide grade winner and one digital art winner will receive a \$100 award and be recognized at the 2024 Poster and Essay Awards Ceremony, date and location TBD.
- Essays, posters, or digital entries may be featured in various department publications, online, and special events, including the 2024 Kentucky State Fair.
- Entries become the property of the KDA/KyAEC and may be used at events and in publicity materials. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned.

More information:

To see specific criteria for the poster and essay requirements, please visit the website: <https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html>

For more information, contact Elizabeth Gordon, Kentucky Department of Agriculture by phone at (502) 782-4125 or by email at elizabeth.gordon@kygov



Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by
Monday, March 8, 2024

Please mail entries to:

Kentucky Department of Agriculture,
Poster and Essay Contest,
111 Corporate Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

DUSTIN WORTHINGTON

“I LOVE COWS” ESSAY CONTEST



Dustin Worthington
1982-2000



Want to win a young Cow or Heifer?

Applicants must be an active member of 4-H or FFA

Open to any youth in Kentucky

Application Deadline – March 7

Awards Program - April 4th @
Mercer Co. Extension Office

Applications are available online

<https://bit.ly/24ilovecows> or visit the Dustin

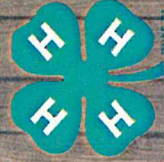
Worthington “I Love Cows” Website for more information:

www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org

Anyone who has an interest in the cattle industry, 4-H or FFA is asked to contribute to the fund.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund please mail to:

Dustin Worthington “I Love Cows” Memorial Fund, 436 Arrowhead
Road, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

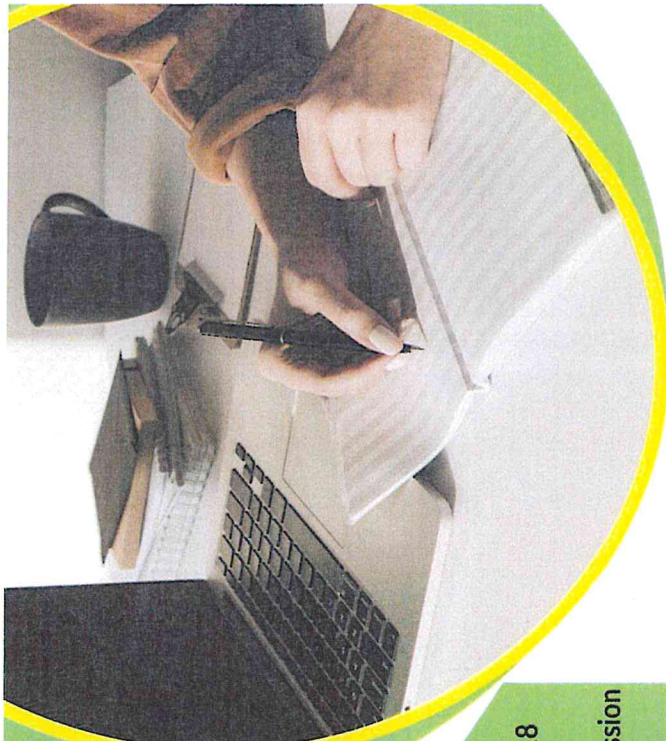


Questions please contact
Dena Worthington
859-612-7260



AFTERSCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TO EXTENSION OFFICE

Please notify the Extension Office if you need a ride to 4-H Club Meeting/Activities after school. Elementary youth must also send a note to school. YOU MUST CALL 734-4378 PRIOR to the Event. The Extension Van will make runs to pick up student at schools.



4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Open to Youth 9-18 years old who have a passion for writing

County winners will receive \$50.00 scholarship

DEADLINE TO ENTER COMPLETED ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

- Categories**
- ~ Songwriting
 - ~ Original Monologue
 - ~ Public Service Announcement
 - ~ "What 4-H Means to Me" Essay
 - ~ Press Release
 - ~ Poetry

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For more information please contact us

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MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT
The annual program of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serves all people regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, or physical or mental disability. Extension activities are provided on a non-discriminatory basis. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations to participate should contact the local Extension office. This program is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Nutrition, and the U.S. Department of Education. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 University Avenue, Washington, DC 20521-0001. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 University Avenue, Washington, DC 20521-0001. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 University Avenue, Washington, DC 20521-0001.



4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

**Thursday, February 29
Mercer Co. Extension Office**

- Topics areas:**
- ~ Agriculture
 - ~ Visual Arts
 - ~ Animal Science
 - ~ Performing Arts
 - ~ Clothing/Textiles
 - ~ Foods
 - ~ Family & Consumer Sciences
 - ~ Health
 - ~ Natural Resource
 - ~ Shooting Sports
 - ~ Science, Engineering & Technology
 - ~ Team Demonstration
 - ~ Digital Media Presentation
 - ~ **MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS**
(14-18 years old)

The contest is open to youth 5-18 years old

The time limit for all participants is 5-15 minutes

County winners will receive \$50 scholarship toward any 4-H activity or \$25 cash.

Participants will compete in topic areas/age divisions, and the county winners will go on to the area contest.

Please **SIGN UP** by February 23 by using this link <https://bit.ly/24mercerdemo>

Want more information about the 4-H Demonstration Program/Mock Job Interview Contest? contact Mercer County Extension Service 859-734-4378

Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Staff:

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

Dana Anderson

Deanna Ashmore, Mercer County Extension 4-H Program Assistant



Mercer County 4-H February Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>You MUST rsvp to each club, each month, to attend and to receive van pick up from Mercer or Burgin schools. Cloverbud Clubs are for youth in Kindergarten - third grades. Mercer County Extension Office 1007 Lexington Road —859-734-4378</p>			<p>CAMP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE Home School Cloverbuds & 9+ Rabbit Club 1:00p.m. @Extension Office 6:00 @Extension Office</p>		
<p>5 Legobuds 3:30 @Extension Office</p>	<p>6 Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 4th & 5th grade club 3:30 @Extension Office Horse Club 6:30 @Extension Office Cloverbud Parent/youth meeting @6</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>12 Shooting Sports Club Meeting 6:30 @Boyle Extension Office</p>	<p>13 Beginning Cooking (4th and 5th Grade) 3:30 @Extension Office BB/Pellet 6:30 @Boyle Extension</p>	<p>14 Teen Council 3:30 - 5:00 @Extension Office</p>	<p>15 Reality Store Salvisa Community Club 6:00 @Ruitian Building</p>	<p>16 Written Communications Deadline</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>19 Art Club 3:30 @King Middle School S.E.T. Club 6:00 @Extension Office</p>	<p>20 Teen Cooking 5:30 @Extension Office Livestock Club 6:00 @Extension Office Archery 6:30 @Boyle Extension</p>	<p>21 REALITY STORE AT KMS</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 4-H Demonstration Contest Sign-ups Deadline</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Cat Club 6:00 @Extension Office BB/Pellet 6:30 @Boyle Extension</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 County Demonstration Contest</p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>March 2 SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER</p>