

Ohio County 4-H Update



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registration is required to attend in-person 4-H activities at the Extension Office. This includes: Chef Club, Garden Club, Cloverbud Club, Horticulture Club, Teen Club, Livestock Club, Shooting Sports, Workshops, Day Camps, etc. This is due to supplies needing to be purchased for youth that register for these programs. 4-H Program information and registration procedures are posted monthly in the 4-H Newsletter, 4-H Website and on the 4-H Facebook page. For more information about 4-H contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

GET 4-H NEWS FASTER! We will add your name to our email list and send you a 4-H newsletter. Please contact Jodi Williams at jodi.williams@uky.edu to receive this service.



4-H WEBSITE: <http://ces.ca.uky.edu.ohio/youthydev/> Visit our 4-H Website that will provide you with information about 4-H and links to Kentucky 4-H programs. You may also visit the Agriculture/Natural Resources and Family Consumer Sciences pages on the Cooperative Extension website.

4-H FACEBOOK: Visit our county 4-H Facebook page at **Ohio Co 4-H KY Cooperative Extension.**



OFFICE HOURS: The Cooperative Extension Service – Ohio County Office is open 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The office is closed from 12:00-1:00 pm each day and closed on weekends. The Cooperative Extension Service office is located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford. Mailing address is P.O. Box 66 Hartford, KY 42347. Phone (270) 298-7441

KENTUCKY 4-H REQUIREMENT – To participate in 4-H Program, Clubs, Workshops, Day Camps, Conferences, etc. each participant must have a 2024-25 Personal Information Form on file completed by the 4-H youth's parent. at the Ohio County Extension Office. This includes Shooting Sports, Livestock, Chef, Teen, Cloverbuds Clubs, etc. 4-H School Clubs are not required to fill out the Personal Information Form.

4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY

- 4 4-H Cloverbud Club: 4:00-5:00 pm
- 11 4-H Art Club: 4:00-5:30 pm
- 13 4-H TLA: OCTC Owensboro 9:00-1:30 pm
- 17 W5 Area Teen Council; Owensboro TBA
- 17 4-H Livestock Club: 4:00-5:00 pm
- 19 4-H Teen Club: 3:30-4:30 pm
- 19 4-H Horticulture Club: 4:30-5:30 pm
- 20 4-H Garden Club: 4:30-5:30 pm
- 22 KY Achievement Gold Interviews; TBA
- 24 4-H Chef Club: 4:00-5:00 pm
- 24 4-H Horse Club: 6:00 pm
- 27 4-H Floral Design Workshop: 4:00-5:15



MARCH

- 3 4-H Camp Registrations open: 8:00 am Extension Office
- 11 4-H Cloverbud Club: 4:00-5:00 pm
- 13 4-H Art Club: 4:00-5:30 pm
- 15 Green River District Beef Show, Ohio County Park
Registration 8:00-10:00 am Show 10:30 am
Market Steer/Heifer Validation; 8:00-10:00 am
- 17 4-H Workshop: 4:00-5:15 pm
- 19 4-H Teen Leadership Academy; Frankfort TBA
- 19 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:30 pm
- 19 Horticulture Club; 4:30-5:30 pm
- 20 Garden Club; 4:00-5:30 pm
- 24 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00
- 24 4-H Horse Club; 6:00 pm
- 26 Advanced TLA: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- TBD 4-H Shooting Sports Organizational Meeting



SPRING SUMMER EVENTS

- April 14 County Communications Contest: TBA
- May 16 4-H Camp Registration/Payment Deadline
- June 10-13 4-H Teen Conference: UK
- June 24-27 4-H Camp: Ohio, Henderson, Webster Counties



HOW TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A 4-H CLASSROOM AND/OR COUNTY SPEECH/DEMONSTRATION

1. **4-H Classroom Speeches or Demonstrations should be no longer than 1-2 minutes in length.** (Due to limited classroom time.)
2. **Speeches may be on any topic. No visual aids allowed.**
3. **Demonstrations may be on any topic.** Visual aids are allowed and should include finished products, pictures, posters, costumes, any tool or utensil, etc. that will aid in completion of the demonstration. Google or power-point slides are permitted.
4. **All Presentations should include the following:**
Title – Name your presentation.
Introduction – should be short and should get the audience's attention.
Main Points – the longest and most important part of your presentation. Include 2-4 main points.
Closing – Restate your main ideas again. Tell the audience exactly what you want them to believe.

DELIVERY OF YOUR 4-H SPEECH/DEMONSTRATION

- Make Eye Contact – look at your audience – don't read.
- Use Gestures – look natural.
- Perfect Posture – stand in comfortable position.
- Speaking Voice – speak loudly for all to hear.
- Smile- your face should reflect the attitude of your speech.
- Using Quotes? – remember to give credit.
- Voice Emphasis – emphasize words or phrases with pauses, loudness or softness of voice.
- Notes – you may use note cards or index cards (“3x5” or 4”x6”).
- **PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE, MAKES PERFECT.**

2025 COUNTY 4-H SPEECH CONTEST

- Location: Extension Office @ 1337 Clay Street Hartford
- Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 Time: TBA
- Pre-Registration: 270-298-7441
- Information needed: Name, Birthdate, Title and Telephone number.
- Junior Speeches: 3-5 minutes, ages 9-13, Senior Speeches: 5-7 minutes, ages 14-18,
- Speeches may be on any topic. No visual aids allowed.
- County Champions are eligible to compete at the W5-W6 Area 4-H Communications contest on May 6 at

Grayson County Extension Office. Times to be announced.

2025 COUNTY 4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

- **Date: Monday, April 14; Time: TBA**
- Location: Extension Office @ 1337 Clay Street Hartford
- Pre-Registration: 270-298-7441
- Junior Demonstrations: 15 minutes maximum in length ages 9-13
- Senior Demonstrations: 15 minutes maximum in length ages 14-18
- Visual aids are required and may include finished products, pictures, posters, costumes, tools, or utensils used, etc. that will aid in the presentation.
- Topic Categories: Agriculture, Animal Science, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Clothing and Textiles, Family and Consumer Sciences, Foods, Health, Team Demonstration, Natural Resources, Shooting Sports, SET (Science, Engineering and Technology), and Digital Media Presentation. Google slides or power-point presentations are only allowed to be used in the Digital Media Presentation category – any subject allowed.
- County Champion in each topic category is eligible to compete at the W5-W6 Area 4-H Communications contest on **May 6** at Grayson County Extension Office. Times to be announced.

2025 4-H CAMP

4-H Camp registration forms will be available on a first come first serve basis on Monday, March 3 at the Ohio County Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street Hartford. The 2025 fee for 4-H Camp is \$125 for 4 days and three nights, meals, lodging, activities, camp t-shirt and bus transportation included. 4-H Camp fees should be paid

in full and required paperwork submitted no later than Friday, May 16, 2025. Due to limited cabin space, youth may be placed on a waiting list.

Ohio County will attend 4-H Camp, June 24-27, 2025,



4-H SUMMER CAMP

at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. Youth age range to attend 4-H Camp are 9-14 years old. Youth going into 4th grade in the fall of 2025 are eligible to attend the 2025 4-H Camp. Watch for more information at your 4-H club meetings, on the 4-H Facebook page, or stop by the Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street, Hartford.

4-H CAMP ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!-

Parents and other adults can volunteer their time to chaperone youth at the 2025 4-H Camp. Become involved in your child's activities. For our children's safety, all volunteer leaders are required to submit to a background screening and be approved by the Ohio County Youth Protection Risk Management Committee. For more information on becoming a 4-H Camp Volunteer, contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.



WHO CAN JOIN 4-H? Cooperative Extension programs, including 4-H/Youth Development are open to all youth ages 9 (as of December 31, 2024) through 18. In Ohio County there are numerous ways youth can be involved in 4-H that include School clubs, community after-school clubs, 4-H Camp, 4-H Workshops, etc. 4-H Program information and registration procedures are posted in the 4-H Newsletter, 4-H Website and on the 4-H Facebook page. For more information about 4-H contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

4-H CHEF CLUB you MUST call and register



*Club will meet on Monday, February 24 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

*Learn how to follow a recipe, how to measure correctly, and prepare nutritional foods.

*To register for a 4-H Chef Club session, please call 270-298-7441 or stop by the

Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford. Club size is limited to 15 participants.

4-H GARDEN CLUB



• Club will meet on Thursday, February 20 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• Learn to grow vegetables by a variety of methods including raised beds.

• For more information call 298-7441.

4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB



• Club will meet on Wednesday, February 19 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• Learn to identify/judge vegetables, flowers, fruits and nuts, and ornamental plants.

• For more information call 298-7441.

4-H HORSE CLUB

- Club will meet on Monday, February 24 @ 6:00 pm
- The 4-H Horse Program is designed to reach youth that have a passion for horses, whether the youth own a horse or not.



• State level 4-H event participation requires youth to complete 6 hours of education.

• For more information contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

4-H TEEN CLUB

- Club will meet on Wednesday, February 19 @ 3:30-4:30 pm



• The 4-H Teen club is for youth in grades 7-12.

• Teens develop leadership skills, practice community service and life skills.

- Interested teens must register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

- **4-H ART CLUB** – *Club will meet on February 11 @ 4:00-5:30 p.m.



*Members will share a passion for art and come together to engage, develop open-mindedness, and gain a deeper understanding of art

through various activities. A different art project will be completed each month.

*For more information call 298-7441.

4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB – CATTLE - GOATS – PIGS - SHEEP

- The 4-H Livestock Club will meet on February 17 from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Ohio County Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford Kentucky.



• Programs available include showing livestock, judging competitions, skill-a-thon competition and learning about the livestock industry.

• To participate in state level 4-H Livestock events you must be a member of your county 4-H Livestock club and complete 6 hours of education through the club's certified volunteer leader – Daniel Bell. For more information contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

(New for 2025) 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS – AIR RIFLE



- The 4-H Shooting Sports Club will meet in March-April at **time to be determined** at the Ohio County Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford Kentucky.

- The 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Kentucky is designed to reach youth firearm safety under the direction of a Kentucky 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Volunteer.
- To participate in state level 4-H Shooting Sports events youth must be a member of your county 4-H Shooting Sports club and complete 6 hours of education through the club's certified volunteer leader. For more information contact the Ohio County Extension Office at 270-298-7441.
- Youth may Pre-Register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

4-H/FFA 2025 LIVESTOCK VALIDATION INFORMATION

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS will be required to attend a validation site hosted by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to have their Beef Steers/Market Heifers, Sheep, Goats, Swine and Lambs tagged.



Validation for Beef Steers and Market Heifers will held on March 18 at the Green River District Beef Show at the Ohio County Park. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to transport their animals to the validation site. EXHIBITOR will need to pay for tags at time of tagging. For information on Exhibiting 4-H Livestock contact the Ohio County Extension Office at 270-298-7441 or stop by the office located at 1337 Clay Street Hartford KY. Gary Druin – gdruin@uky.edu Cell 270-256-3766 (4-H Agent)

MARCH 4-H WORKSHOP

- **What:** Wooden Garden Butterfly
- **When:** Monday, March 17 from 4:00-5:15 pm
- **Cost:** \$5.00. Participants must pre-pay the workshop fee for a kit to be ordered. This price includes all supplies for making the project.



- **Registration Deadline:** **Friday March 7.** Participants must pre-pay the \$5.00 workshop fee at the Extension Office in Hartford. Class size is limited to 25. If you register and want to cancel, please do so

within 2 days of the workshop. After registering, if the youth is unable to attend workshop, the butterfly project will be available for pickup 3 working days after workshop concludes and does not include paint or paint brushes.

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Sincerely,

Gary Druin
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County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development