

Ohio County 4-H Update



WHO CAN JOIN 4-H? Cooperative Extension programs, including 4-H/Youth Development are open to all youth ages 9 (as of December 31, 2023) 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.

Attention: 4-H Program information on community clubs, workshops, in-person meetings, programs, and registration procedures are posted in this 4-H Newsletter, the 4-H/Extension website, and on the Ohio County 4-H KY Cooperative Extension 4-H Facebook page. A completed 4-H Participant Information Enrollment form and 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct Form are required for participation of in-person meetings and to participate in ALL 4-H activities outside of 4-H school clubs. To enroll for 4-H clubs or register for 4-H activities visit the Extension office at 1337 Clay Street Hartford Kentucky, call 270-298-7441 or email Gary Druin at gdruin@uky.edu.

4-H NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR MAIL: Get 4-H news faster. We will add you to our email list. Contact the Extension Office at 298-7441 or gdruin@uky.edu to sign up for the newsletter.

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 2023-24 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

MARCH

- 5 Extension Council; 5:30 pm
- 7 4-H Teen Leadership Academy; Frankfort TBA
- 12 4-H Rabbit Craft Workshop: 3:30-5:00 pm
- 12 4-H Garden Club: 6:00 pm
- 13 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:40 pm
- 16 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
- 18 4-H Livestock Club; 4:00 pm
- 19 4-H Cloverbud Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 20 4-H Horticulture Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 25 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00
- 28 4-H Horse Club; 6:00 pm

APRIL

- 2 4-H Spring Break Day Camp; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 11 County Speech Contest; 5:30 pm sign in, 6:00 pm
- 15 4-H Livestock Club; 4:00 pm
- 17 Horticulture Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 18 4-H Teen Leadership Academy; Henderson 9:00 am
- 18 County Demonstration Contest; 5:30 pm sign in, 6:00 pm
- 22 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00
- 23 4-H Cloverbud Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 24 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:40 pm
- 25 4-H Horse Club; 6:00 pm

MAY

- 7 W5-W6 Area Communications Contest TBA
- 10 4-H Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline

Summer Events

- June 5-6 4-H Day Camp 9am-3 pm
- June 11-14 4-H Teen Conference
- June 25-28 4-H Camp



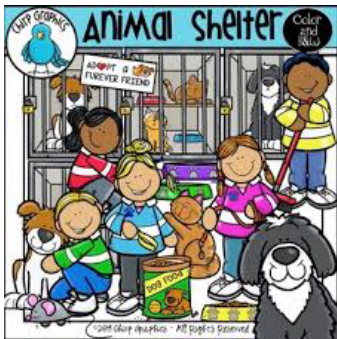
THE GREEN RIVER AREA 4-H HORSE CAMP

The Green River Area 4-H Horse Camp will be held May 3-5, 2024 at the Union County Fair and Exposition Center in Sturgis KY. Any Ohio County 4-H Youth ages 9-19 is eligible to attend. Registration forms are available at the Ohio County Extension Office. Registration form and payment is due by March 15. Style of riding classes available include: Western Pleasure/Ranch, Trail Riding, Gaited/Walking, English, Contest, Beginners Basic, and Horseless.

The cost for the 3-day event is \$100 for 4-H members and \$50 for accompanying adult. A camp shirt will be provided. RV Hookup space is limited and will be \$50. ASTM Certified helmets are required to be worn by 4-H members on horseback at all times. Any adult who is not registered to attend camp and/or has not been screened by the KY 4-H Youth Protection Program within their own county 4-H Program or any youth not participating in Horse Camp will be required to leave the grounds by 10:00 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** For more information contact the Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street Hartford, KY or call 270-298-7441.

4-H SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT - OHIO CO. ANIMAL SHELTER

4-H Members may earn one point toward their 4-H Medal by participating in the 4-H Animal Shelter/Food Pantry Food Drive. To receive a point for the 4-H Medal a member must turn in at least one item. Club members can turn in the item(s) at their April Classroom or County Club Meeting. Items accepted for the Ohio County Animal Shelter include: canned/dry dog food, canned/dry cat food, dog



biscuits, cat treats, glass cleaner, paper towels and/or dish detergent. All items collected will be donated to the Ohio County Animal Shelter or Food Pantry. Items accepted for the Food pantry include canned food items, dry foods (spaghetti, etc.) Perishable items will not be accepted. Donated items will be collected at the April 4-H Club Meetings. The top 5 Classroom Clubs or Community Clubs, (county-wide) that collect the most items will each receive 3 free large single topping pizzas. For more information contact the Extension office at 270-298-7441.

2024 COUNTY 4-H SPEECH CONTEST



- Location: Extension Office @ 1337 Clay Street Hartford
- Date: April 11, 2024 Time: 5:30 Sign in, 6:00 Contest
- 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. Note cards allowed.
- County Champions are eligible to compete at the W5-W6 Area 4-H Communications contest on May 7 in Grayson County. Times to be announced.

2024 COUNTY 4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

- Location: Extension Office @ 1337 Clay Street Hartford



- Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024; Time: 5:30 Sign in 6:00 Contest
- 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 7 in Grayson County. Times to be announced.

4-H TEEN CLUB



- Club will meet Wednesday, March 13 @ 3:30-4:30 p.m. Workshop Building
- Register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.
- The 4-H Teen club is for youth in grades 7-12 to develop leadership skills.

4-H GARDEN CLUB

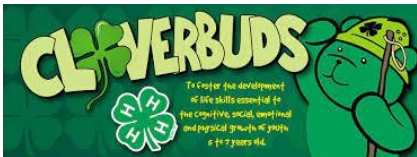
- Youth will learn how to plant and care for a garden.
- The club will meet on March 12 at 6:00 pm.
- Participants MUST register to attend the meeting.

4-H CHEF CLUB



- Club will meet Monday, March 25 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m. Workshop Building
- Register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.
- Members learn how to follow a recipe, how to measure correctly, and prepare nutritional foods.

4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB



allows youth ages 5-8 to learn about various aspects of 4-H activities.

- Club will meet Tuesday, March 19 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m. Workshop Building
- Club size is limited to 15 participants. One adult chaperone 16 years old or above must attend with their child. Register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

4-H HORSE CLUB



- The club will meet Thursday, March 28 at the Extension Office at 6:00 pm.
- To participate in state level 4-H Horse events you must be a member of your county 4-H Horse club and complete 6 hours of education through the club's certified volunteer leader.

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

- The 4-H Livestock Club will meet Monday, March 18 at the Extension Office 4:00-5:00 pm.

- 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.



4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB

allows youth to learn how to judge and identify flowers, vegetables, landscape ornamentals and fruits and nuts



- The club will meet on Wednesday, March 20 @ 4:00-5:00 pm at Workshop Building. Participants must register to attend the meeting by calling (270-298-7441).

2024 4-H CAMP

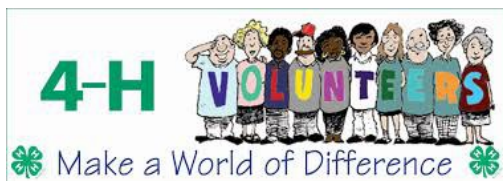


Ohio County will attend 4-H Camp, June 25-28, 2024, at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs.

Ohio County will be camping with Henderson and Webster Counties. 4-H Camp registration forms will be available March 1 at the Ohio County Extension Office located at 1337 Clay St. in Hartford. Youth age range to attend 4-H Camp are 9-14 years old. Youth going into 4th grade in the fall of 2024 are eligible to attend the 2024 4-H Camp. Youth will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

The 2024 fee for 4-H Camp is \$250 for 4 days and three nights, meals, lodging, activities, camp t-shirt and transportation included. If 4-H Camp fees are paid in full and required paperwork are submitted by Friday, May 10, 2024, a \$25 discount will be applied to 4-H Camp fee. After the May 10 deadline the camp fee will be \$300. No Exceptions to this Deadline. Due to limited cabin space, youth may be placed on a waiting list. 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 2023 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.

KY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP



WHO: Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches are needed. For the Ohio County 4-H Shooting Sports program to continue certified coaches are required. Disciplines offered by 4-H: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Adult Coaches must be at least 21 years.. Currently there are no 4-H Certified Coaches for the 2024 program year.

HOW TO BECOME A COACH: A 3 day, 2-night training course provided for adults. Successful coaches certification requires a minimum of 12 hours of instruction and range work plus the completion and passing of a final exam. All materials and training are provided by nationally certified Shooting Sports Instructors.

WHERE: West KY 4-H Camp, Dawson Springs Kentucky

WHEN: April 26-28, 2024, Attendees must arrive Friday evening for check-in between 6 and 7:30pm CT, classes will begin at 7:30pm CT

COST: Volunteer certification fees will be paid by the Ohio County Extension Office/4-H.

LODGING: Lodging - Participants will be lodged in camp cabins. (2 nights).

MEALS (Saturday breakfast – Sunday breakfast) will be provided. No meal provided Friday.

REGISTRATION: Deadline to register is noon April 3, 2024.

RISK MANAGEMENT: All 4-H Volunteers are **required** to undergo a background check that will be completed at the Extension Office. This includes a national background check and a KY Child Abuse Neglect check. All background checks are completed by the Extension Service at no cost to the applicant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact the Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street Hartford or call 270-298-7441.

2024 4-H SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP



Ohio County 4-H has scheduled 4-H Project Day Camp for Tuesday April 2. The 4-H Day Camp will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost of 4-H Day Camp will be \$15. This fee includes all project supplies, activities, lunch, and snacks. 4-

H Day Camp applications will be available March 8 at the Extension Office. Day Camp size is limited to the first 25 enrolled 4-H youth to sign up on a first come first serve basis. **Please do not call to register,** you must fill out an application and pay the 4-H Day Camp Fee before your name goes on the list. For more information call 298-7441.

2024 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP

Ohio County 4-H has scheduled 4-H Project Day Camp for



Wednesday June 5 and Thursday 6. The 4-H Day Camp will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The cost

of 4-H Day Camp will be \$25. This fee includes all project supplies, activities, lunch, and snacks. 4-H Day Camp applications will be available March 15 at the Extension Office. Day Camp size is limited to the first 25 enrolled 4-H youth to sign up on a first come first serve basis. **Please do not call to register,** you must fill out an application and pay the 4-H Day Camp Fee before your name goes on the list. For more information call 298-7441.

4-H VALIDATION

Youth exhibiting market livestock (or breeding swine) at KDA District Shows or the Kentucky State Fair must complete the 4-H Livestock Validation Process. Bring the completed validation form with you to the validation site along with \$5 per head. Cash, money order, or check is acceptable. Small animals (swine, sheep, and goats) must be validated no later than May 15, 2024.



1. National Premise ID Number (PIN) for the location where show animals are housed is **REQUIRED** when tagging/exhibiting your show animals.
2. Download the appropriate species validation form(s), available at Extension Office.
3. Ensure that the physical address where the animals will be housed has a National Premises ID Number prior to arrival at the Validation Site. B
 - a. Complete the top portion of the form and secure the signature of the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor
 - b. Bring the form to the validation site with the top portion completed.
 - c. Each exhibitor must have a separate validation form even if co-tagging.
 - d. Before coming to the validation site please be aware of the following:
 - Steer exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
 - Sheep exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
 - Lambs and goats must be scrapie tagged before arrival at the validation site.
 - If pigs have registration papers or a bill of sale, this paperwork may be brought to the validation site.

KENTUCKY 4-H 10 YEAR MEMBER

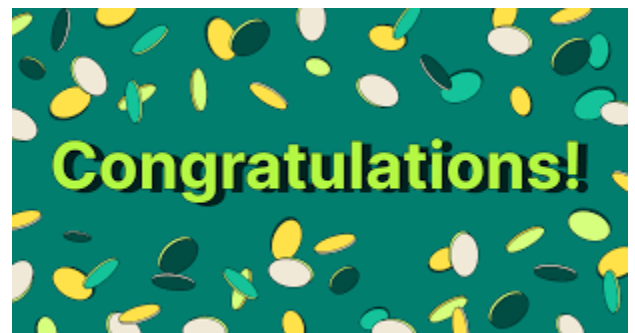
AWARD

The Kentucky 4-H 10 Year Member Award recognizes



youth who made the decision to commit to the 4-H Program and be a member for the full 10 years. Merideth Smith was recognized at the 2024 Kentucky Volunteer Forum on February 24 in Lexington. Merideth is an active 4-H member that has been a member of numerous 4-H Clubs including the Teen, Chef, and Horticulture. Merideth has received the KY 4-H Achievement Bronze, and Silver Medal and is interviewing for the KY

4-H Gold Medal. Merideth was a member of the Kentucky 4-H Horticulture Judging Team that competed at the 2022 National Junior Horticulture Judging Contest in Towson Maryland. Merideth served as 4-H Camp Leader in 2023 at the West KY 4-H Camp. Congratulations to Merideth Smith for her achievement.



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!
JOIN 4-H! 



Mr. Druin came to Fordsville Elementary School to talk about 4-H and to elect people as President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, parliamentarian and Recreation Leaders which are: Teller Burns, Conner Veach, Luke Doolan, Layla Gibson and others. Mr. Gary Druin was a very nice man and me Jemma Bean is reporter and everybody that is an officer is very sweet. Mr. Gary Druin talked about some Kentucky and other states and some country slide shows about 4-H and he asked me and my class mates some questions about Kentucky such as about the Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky state symbols such as the Cardinal, the Goldenrod and the Thoroughbred horse. You have to be intelligent to be a reporter and everybody is intelligent so you can be any 4-H officer. Friday November 3, 2023 was very fun. I love 4-H it is so so fun and you can learn a lot of stuff and you can join some clubs that are really fun to learn. This is what happened on Friday November 3, 2023.
-Jemma Bean, Fordsville Elementary

Today on February 6, 2024 in Mrs. Fulkerson's 6th grade class, Mr. Druin showed us our monthly newsletter. He went over what events would take place this upcoming month and next month. Next Mr. Druin explained that we would have to do elevator speeches next month. He went over what to do and what to expect. He also gave a speech example. Last we were given different parts and had to make cars. We raced them to see who won.
Molly McKee, Mrs. Fulkerson's 6th grade Class BDES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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Sincerely,

Gary Druin
 County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development