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What is 4-H?

4-H is America's largest
youth development
organization—empowering
nearly six million young
people with the skills to
lead for a lifetime.

A community for all kids...
In 4-H, we believe in the
power of young people.
We see every child with
valuable strengths and real
influence to improve the
world around us.

We believe...
all young people have
potential, ensuring
access and equity for all,
the practice of positive
youth development by
creating positive
learning experiences,
caring and trusted adult
mentors who cultivate
positive relationships
with youth, and
developing young people
who are empowered,
confident, hard-working,
determined, responsible
and compassionate—seeing
a world beyond themselves
so that they have the life-
long skills to succeed in
college and career.

Why Join 4-H? New Projects, Skills and FUN!

A Kentucky 4-H Club is defined as a group consisting of a minimum of five youth with a minimum of three annually elected officers (president, vice-president, secretary) that are provided training materials. The club should have a minimum of six hours of educational activities and at least five meetings. There are many different types of 4-H clubs. Adults who completed the youth protection guidelines may help with the meetings.

The most common is a "School Club." An in-school 4-H club takes place during regular school hours. For grades 4th and 5th, they are organized as a single classroom. The middle and high schools clubs are organized school-wide and meet on their designated "club" day.

Most club members participate in broad based 4-H educational programs, service projects and gain leadership experiences.

A community 4-H club has members and leaders from a defined geographic region like all of Green County. These clubs have a wide age range of members involved in a variety of projects and activities. Examples of community clubs are Cloverbud Club (youth 5-8yo), Horse, Nature, Shooting Sports, Livestock, International and Science clubs.

Project clubs are like Community Clubs except the focus is much tighter. A major portion of club meetings is devoted to project



work and preparation for activities. Our Preteen Club at GCMS and the Teen Club at GCHS are considered project clubs as they focus on Leadership and meet on their school's club day. Project Clubs may teach specific skills like Computer Coding, Cooking Classes, Astronomy, etc. and operate for a shorter duration.

4-H Clubs serve as the hub of activity and generate enthusiasm for participation in 4-H events outside the club structure. Club meetings are important learning experiences. 4-Hers gain benefits like leadership skills by helping plan and carry out club programs. Youth gain valuable communication skills. Members learn decision making, develop citizenship skills, try new ideas and methods, develop confidence, gain a sense of group pride and form a cooperative attitude.

4-H Clubs are open to all youth in Green County. Most clubs are free or have a small membership fee like \$5 per year. **Youth must re-enroll each year for the clubs of interest.** The 4-H year is September through August.



To Make the Best Better



Cloverbuds (5-8yo)

Cloverbud gives children 5-8 years old opportunities to participate in Kentucky's 4-H Youth Development program by offering a set of organized activities developmentally appropriate for these ages. Clubs may include community, project, classroom school enrichment, home school, before or after school.

The Cloverbud program has been an active part of the overall Youth Development program in Green County in the past. **We are in need of an adult volunteer to help plan activities for this age group.** The activities can be on almost any topic that is age appropriate. The 4-H office can provide resources and suggestions.

Educational activities help youth to develop life and developmental skills including decision making, critical thinking, socialization, eye-hand coordination and large muscle use. Cloverbud learning centers on activities. Themes and topics may include environment, personal skills development, plant and animal sciences, nutrition and arts and crafts.

For more information on the Cloverbud 4-H program, contact the Green County Cooperative Extension Service and the 4-H office.

4-H is a Good Place for Career Exploration

By Chuck Stamper, UK 4-H Extension Specialist



4-H provides youth numerous opportunities to learn, grow and become productive adults. 4-H is a perfect place for youth to start exploring potential careers.

From robotics to cooking, 4-H's many programs, clubs and activities have something to interest every young person. If youth have an interest, talent or hobby, chances are they can learn more about it or do something productive with it in 4-H. As they learn more and do more in a particular interest area, a young person may develop a passion for a particular activity, eventually leading to a career in that field. 4-H provides a safe environment for exploration before young people choose a college major or commit to a particular career.

Youth can explore many of their interests under a caring adult volunteer's guidance. The volunteers are often experts in the topics they teach and show many career possibilities.

4-H activities foster creativity and get youth thinking outside of the box. Just some of the county-level programs offered by the UK Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Development are job shadowing, mentoring, career preparation, assistance with cover letters, resumes and interviewing skills. Their passions may one day turn into a career.



NIFA Photo Contest

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is hosting a photo contest related to one of their research projects. Photos should represent one of these topics: crop diversity, perennial crops, integrated forage-live-stock systems, and agricultural resilience.

They are seeking high-quality images to use in their outreach and science communications. The contest is open to everyone and has separate categories and awards for youth and adults. Edited photos are acceptable, but all photos must be the complete work of the person submitting.

Agriculture happens within fields and pastures, and among farms and ranches. Together, farms occupy vast swaths of rural America. NIFA is looking for images that portray the key concepts from a variety of perspectives and at multiple scales. We seek images of the "big Picture" that "establishing scene" in photographic and cinematic terms. They also seeking intimate close-ups. There's plenty of story to tell in the mid-ground too.

Contact the 4-H office for more details.

Deadline: September 15th

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or call us at 270-932-5311

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What Does 4-H Do?

Do you know that 4-H offers fun, educational programs in seven areas: Ag, Natural Resources, Civic Involvement, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health, Leadership, and Science Tech Engineering and Math? But what would you like to see 4-H offer specifically? Use your smart phone's camera to open the QR code above and tell us how we can "serve you" better. The survey results will be used to plan our next five year programs.



4-H SRTLCL

DATE & LOCATION

SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2023
CLYDE M. YORK 4-H CENTER, TN

Southern Region Teen Leadership Conf

The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference is a multi-state 4-H conference created to bring together 4-H teens and adults to empower & inspire them to make a positive change across the southern region through youth-adult partnerships. Started in 2005, this conference was designed by 4-H members at the National 4-H Conference in order to strengthen the leadership abilities and create ties of friendship and partnership between youth in the southern United States.

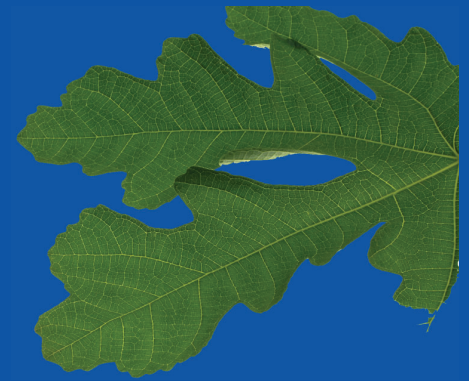
Today, this conference brings together over 400 youth each year who share information about their state, their 4-H programs and who work to improve their leadership and learn effective methods of developing youth-adult partnerships.

Registration forms and more information is available at the Green County 4-H office.

Who: students in 9-12th grade

Cost: \$275, partial scholarships may be available.

Deadline: August 23



Forestry Field Day

By Laurie Thomas, UK Extension forester

It's amazing to think about all the things that trees do. Not only do they provide us with clean air, but they also provide shade, control soil erosion, serve as a wildlife habitat and have an important economic impact in Kentucky, among many other things. 4-H wants young Kentuckians to know and to appreciate trees and the natural environment.

4-H is offering a forestry project day to learn about trees and create a leaf collection that can be submitted to the county fair. The event is FREE and will be August 30. Interested youth must register by August 28. Youth may ride the school bus to the 4-H office, but will need an adult to pick them up at 4:30pm.

Youth interested may attend a regional 4-H Forestry field day set for September 14 in Taylor County. During the field day, 4-H'ers will learn how to identify and measure trees and how to use a compass and measure distances by pacing.

For more information or to register, call the 4-H office at 270-932-5311.

Who: students in 4-8th grade

Cost: FREE

Deadline: August 28

Event: Aug 30, 3:00-4:30pm

Location: 4-H Office





4-H & FFA SAVE \$7 PER ALL-DAY RIDE WRISTBAND

Thrill Ville wristbands will be discounted 20% (\$28 with discount) August 21-24 **ONLY** with this voucher.

Available on-site only at the Kissel Welcome Center. Good for 4-H & FFA Fair participants, family and friends. Limit 4 wristbands per voucher. No other discounts apply. All riders must be present at time of purchase to receive discount and wristbands.



Volunteers Needed To Offer 4-H Shooting Sports

There are a few projects that 4-H requires counties to have adults trained specifically in a program to offer activities for our youth. The most popular request is Shooting Sports. We cannot offer them without adult volunteers who will be trained and assist with the project. 4-H is flexible on the dates/times of the meetings, but we must have a minimum of six hours of education for the youth to compete in any 4-H sponsored event. 4-H will pay for the training and provide resources to help volunteers teach the activities.

Shooting Sports is available to youth ages 9-18 as of January 1 for the program year which is September 1-August 30. Youth must be involved in their local program based on where they live or where they go to school. Disciplines have age groups and may have specific equipment requirements. Safety is the utmost priority for the program. To offer the program, we must have a certified coach in each discipline we offer **AND** a certified Coordinator, *who doesn't actually teach any disciplines. We need at least two volunteers to offer the program in Green County and more if we offer multiple disciplines.*

Shooting Sports Disciplines

- Trap
- Rifle includes .22 Target/Sport, .177 Air Target/Sport and BB rifles
- Pistol includes .22 and Air pistols
- Archery includes Bowhunter, Target Compound, Target Recurve, Compound Bare, and Bare Recurve/Long Bow
- Black Powder includes rifle and pistol

Each discipline we offer must have a trained, certified instructor in addition to one certified Coordinator.

For more information about the shooting sports program or volunteering, please contact the 4-H office.

