

KENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

December 2023—January 2024



4-H CAMP

JUNE 24-28, 2024



Adventure Sports



Build Essential Skills



Campfire Bonding

Contact office for details.

Registration Forms @ kentoncountyextension.org



HORSE EDUCATION HOURS

Before you can participate in any 4-H horse project or activity, you must have 6 hours of Equine Education delivered by a Kenton County Certified Horse Volunteer Leader, between Sept. 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024.

Horse Education hours are earned by attending horse club meetings.

Kenton County has one horse-related club, the Blazing Bridles. Any child age nine and older is invited to join the fun. Club members gain a sense of belonging from the comradeship with others of similar interests and varying ages. The club meets on the **second Thursday of each month at the Serpentine River Farms**, 10217 Locust Pike, Ryland Heights.

The horse program helps youth develop desirable character traits including leadership, initiative, self-reliance, responsibility and sportsmanship. They become better prepared for citizenship responsibilities by working in groups and supporting projects and activities. This program also helps 4-H members enhance their horsemanship knowledge and skills and learn more about the business of breeding, raising and training horses, mules or ponies.

For more information on the 4-H Youth Development Horse Program contact Lori Clark at the Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service at 356-3155 or lori.clark@uky.edu.



Kentucky 4-H

Written Communications Contest

The 4-H Communications Contest is a State level competition for Youth Ages 9-18 who have a passion for writing

Providing youth with the ability to enhance and develop communication skills is of great importance in Kentucky. The development of communications skills is one of the preeminent skills necessary to grow as an individual, a community member and a leader. Using age-appropriate activities selected from the approved Kentucky 4-H Communications & Expressive Arts Curriculum, educators can maximize the ability of youth to develop their writing, reading and personal communication capacities. This in turn creates a solid foundation for positive youth development.

Categories

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

Help session on January 22; 4:30-5:30pm; Marshall Rd Location; Contact Diane Kelley for complete guidelines.

County Deadline for submissions: Feb. 1, 2024; 4:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Office



LIVESTOCK AND COUNTRY HAM

COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

The country ham project is an excellent opportunity to learn about Kentucky's food heritage and where our food comes from and develop public speaking skills.

Participants will receive two raw hams, which they will cure and store at the extension office. One of these hams will be designated for the county competition, and one will compete at the Kentucky State Fair in August. Additionally, participants will give a brief speech on a state-designated topic.

Contracts and \$70 fee are due to the extension office by 4:30 on Friday, December 8th. Please reach out for more information or to receive a contract.

SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK JUDGING:

The skillathon and livestock judging team has resumed for the year!

You do not have to live on a farm or have animals to enjoy the competition and community these events bring, but you do have to have 6 educational hours (see right). Please reach out for more information on what livestock judging and skillathon are, or how you can get involved.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Country Ham contracts are due with the fee to the extension office by 4:30 on Friday, December 8th
- ✓ 6 Hours of livestock education are required to participate in the livestock show, country ham project, livestock judging, and skillathon. Remaining opportunities for hours are listed below!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Livestock Educational Hours:

Dec. 11th, 6:00- 8:00 pm
Jan. 6th, 8:30- 11:30 am
Jan. 10th, 6:00- 8:00 pm

All Hours will be at the Marshall Rd. office. See website for more details

Country Ham Curing:

Jan. 20th, 1:00 pm,
at the Marshall Rd. Office

To ask questions or get more information, contact Anna Meyers:

anna.meyers@uky.edu
(859) 365- 3155

Kenton County 4-H 

Outdoor Adventures

Come learn about new outdoor skills and go on outdoor adventures.
2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00am-12:00pm
Contact Lori Clark for more details!
lori.clark@uky.edu



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KENTON COUNTY 4-H LEGO CLUB

450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018

6:30-7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 20
JANUARY 17
FEBRUARY 21
MARCH 20
APRIL 17
MAY 15

**CONTACT
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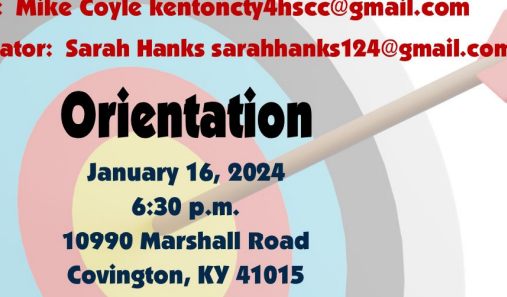
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Kenton 4-H Target Sharks

Club Leader: Mike Coyle kentoncty4hscc@gmail.com
Club Coordinator: Sarah Hanks sarahhanks124@gmail.com



Orientation

January 16, 2024
6:30 p.m.
10990 Marshall Road
Covington, KY 41015

Mandatory Safety Meetings

★ YOUTH AND ADULT MUST ATTEND ONE SESSION

February 20, 2024 6-8:00 p.m.
450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018
or
March 19, 2024 6-8:00 p.m.
450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018

Kenton County 4-H 

Big Cats

2nd Saturday of the month
10:00am-12:00pm
Must register in PACE

Join us for loads of fun making projects & crafts!
Contact Lori Clark for more info!
lori.clark@uky.edu



Kenton County 4-H 

Needlework Club

2nd Saturday of the month
10:00am-12:00pm
Must register in PACE

Sewing, crochet, knitting,
embroidery, and MORE!
Join us to learn new skills or
finish one of your older
projects!

Contact Lori Clark for
more info!
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Durr Foundation 4-H Scholarship

Please note that information will be available sometime in January. Please call Lori Clark in January if you have questions or need assistance.

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Livestock, Horse, or Dog Certification

Contact Lori Clark if you are interested in serving as a certified horse volunteer, Anna Meyers if you are interested in serving as a certified livestock volunteer, or Diane Kelley if you are interested in the Dog certification. Training dates are listed below. Certified volunteers must have completed CES Client Protection process.

This year training is all virtual.
Please contact one of the agents
if you are interested.

4-H Camp Staff Positions Available

UK is now accepting applications for 2024 program and healthcare staff for summer camp!

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 9, 2024. If interested please visit www.4hcampjobs.com to acquire more information and the link to apply.



HEALTH BULLETIN



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

STAY FIRE SAFE

When it gets cold in the winter, many people turn to fire to stay warm and have light. From candles to fireplaces and heaters, fires can help people be comfortable. However, fire is very serious, is never a toy, and is never OK to touch.

Every year, kids of all ages start fires that hurt people and damage things. You can do your part to prevent fires by never playing with matches, lighters, and other fire sources. Also stay away from all open flames, including fireplaces, candles, and stoves. If you are worried about one of these items, always talk to a grown up in your home. Do not investigate for yourself.

Even when people try to be safe, accidents can still happen. Some people don't want to talk about fire safety because no one likes to think about people getting hurt or their things getting burned. But you can feel less worried about a fire if you are ready just in case.

All homes should have a fire escape plan. They should include how to get out of your home in case of a fire and where to meet outside. Smoke from a fire can make it hard to see where things are, so it's important to learn and remember the different ways out of your home. Talk to your family about the different ways to get out of the rooms in your home. The most important thing in a fire is to get out safely. Never try to hide.

If you can see smoke in the house, stay low to the ground as you go to the exit. In a fire, smoke and poisonous air hurt more people than the actual flames do. You'll breathe less smoke if you stay close to the ground. Bend down low or crawl to avoid the smoke and keep going quickly to the outside.

Besides planning how to get out, you also need to know where to meet your family outside. This is helpful because then everyone shows up in one place and you'll know that everyone is safe. It is normal to worry about your pets or a favorite toy, but if there is a fire, you have to leave them behind. The most important thing is that you get out safely. Once you are out, STAY OUT. Do not go back in for anything — even pets. You can tell the fire rescue people about any pets that were left behind and they may be able to help. If you are stuck in a room with a hot door or on an upper floor, keep the door closed and get to a window. Open it if you can and make a lot of noise and move around. Firefighters will be able to see you and help you get down.

If your clothes ever catch fire, do not run away! Instead, cut off air to the fire by remembering to STOP, DROP to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and ROLL to put out the flames. You do not need to be afraid of fire. You can make good choices to keep your distance and stay safe.

REFERENCE: <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/fire-safety.html>

Evergreen Tree Recycling

Kenton County Extension Office
10990 Marshall Road
(Off of Taylor Mill Road)

Help us make mulch for our demonstration gardens! Follow the signs and drop trees off into the fenced area between December 26 and January 7th. (Trees will NOT be accepted after January 7th!)

December & January

Dec. 4	Piggy Bank Contest Submissions Due; 4:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Dec. 5	Fair Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Dec. 8	Country Ham Contract & Fee due; Marshall Road Location; 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Cloverbud Meeting; 5:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Dec. 11	Livestock Education Hours; 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location; Please pre-register
Dec. 12	STEM Club; 6:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Dec. 14	Blazing Bridles; 6:30 p.m.; Serpentine River Farms; Ryland Heights
Dec. 15	Holiday Box Pick Up; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Dec. 20	4-H Lego Club; 6:30 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Dec. 21	Rabbit Club; 6:15 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Dec. 21	Rough Riders & Soaring Eagles; 7:00 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Dec. 25—Jan. 1	Office Closed for Holiday
Jan. 6	Livestock Ed Hours; 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Marshall Road Location; Please pre-register
Jan. 8	Cloverbud Meeting; 5:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 9	STEM Club; 6:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 10	Livestock Ed Hours; 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Marshall Rd Location; Please pre-register
Jan. 11	Blazing Bridles; 6:30 p.m.; Serpentine River Farms; Ryland Heights
Jan. 13	Big Cats 4-H Club; 10:00 a.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 13	Needle Crafts Club Information Meeting; 12:00 noon; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 13	4-H Leadership Adventurers Club Information Meeting; 1:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 15	Country Ham Work Day anticipated; Marshall Rd Location; TBA; Participants contacted
Jan. 16	Shooting Sports Orientation; 6:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 17	4-H Lego Club; 6:30 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Jan. 18	Rabbit Club; 6:15 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Jan. 18	Rough Riders & Soaring Eagles; 7:00 p.m.; Kenton Lands Road Location
Jan. 22	4-H Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Marshall Road Location
Jan. 22	4-H Written Communication Contest Help Session; 4:30-5:35 p.m.; Marshall Rd Location

School Clubs in December & January

Dec. 1	St Cecilia	1/8-12	White's Tower	Jan. 18	Holy Cross
12/4-8	White's Tower	Jan. 9	St. Anthony		River Ridge
Dec. 11	Piner			Jan. 25	Twenhofel
Dec. 12	St Anthony	Jan. 10	Ludlow	Jan. 31	Twenhofel
	River Ridge	Jan. 12	St. Cecilia		
		Jan. 16	Piner		
Dec. 13	Ludlow	Jan. 17	Ludlow		
	Simon Kenton		Simon Kenton		
Dec. 14	River Ridge		River Ridge		



Do you need community service hours?

Do you like to snuggle kitties?

Shane's Kitty Adoption Center is looking for volunteers. Please call if you would like to help.

**Shane's
Kitty Adoption
Center**




**Volunteers
Needed!**

Earn Community Service Hours
Cuddling Kitties!
859-816-2134
for more details!



Kentucky Volunteer Forum

VOLUNTEERS REACHING NEW HORIZONS
FEBRUARY 22-24, 2024

TO INSPIRE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND RECOGNIZE
4-H AND EXTENSION VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS

Central Bank Convention Center
Hyatt Regency Lexington
401 W HIGH STREET,
LEXINGTON, KY 40507

REGISTRATION OPENS
OCT 1, 2023

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS
HOST HOTEL: HYATT DOWNTOWN
OVER FLOW: HYATT PLACE

DONT MISS OUT

- WORKSHOPS
- NETWORKING
- SEMINARS ON WHEELS
- OPENING EVENT
- HALL OF FAME BANQUET
- AWARDS LUNCHEON
- VENDORS
- VOLUNTEER ACCREDITATION

Please contact our office immediately if you want to attend.

<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/core-program-areas/kentucky-volunteer-forum>

SHARE YOUR WORLD!

HOST

AN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND BRING THE RICHNESS OF THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME!



EXPLORE THE WORLD!

“ From a delegate about her host family experience: They helped a lot and treated me like their real daughter. Our biggest problem was that I don't want to go and they don't want me to go! ”

States' 4-H Summer Inbound Program provide the opportunity to welcome a young person from ether Japan or Taiwan to Kentucky for 3.5 weeks. Each year we place young people all across the state with host families for a homestay experience. This year we have 27 young people and three chaperones from Japan and Taiwan to place within the state. This is a life-changing experience for all parties involved.


Some details include:

- Priority Application Deadline: February 1st
- Host Parent Orientation: July 14th at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT
- Delegate Pick-up: July 22nd 5:00 PM ET/4:00 PM CT at the Bullitt County Extension Office in Shepherdsville KY
- Delegate Drop-off: August 14th 5:00 PM ET/4:00 PM CT at the Bullitt County Extension Office in Shepherdsville KY

Complete the host family application here: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/>
Families must have a young person that is the same gender who is within 3 years of the age of the hosted young person.

Kentucky's deadline to register is Feb. 1 Contact our office for info.

2024 Kentucky Agriculture Poster & Essay Contest



The theme of the 2024 contest is "Agriculture for a Better Kentucky."

Statewide poster and essay winners from each grade, Kindergarten through 12th grade, will be chosen, and an overall digital winner will be selected. Cash prizes will be presented to the winners at the 2024 Poster and Essay Awards Ceremony. Information regarding the ceremony will be released to the winners at a later date.

The winning entries will be displayed in the Commissioner's Office in Frankfort, at the 2024 Kentucky State Fair, and on the KDA website.

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, March 8, 2024 and mailed to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, c/o Elizabeth Gordon, 111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. A completed entry form must be taped or glued to the back of each entry. If all information on the entry form is not completed the submission will be disqualified. Submissions can be sent in by individuals and through your child's school. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 19, 2024.

For more information, contact this program at (502) 782-4125 or ag.web@ky.gov.

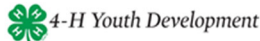
Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help with projects and events. If you are available to help please contact the person listed with the event you wish to help with. Thank you so much for supporting Kenton County 4-H.

Date	Activity	Time	Contact Person	Number Needed
Spring Semester	Garden Club	TBA	Diane Kelley	1 Adult 1 Co-leader
Feb 2, 2024	Judge Written Communication	TBA	Diane Kelley	2 adults



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Kenton Co. 4-H
Holiday Boxes


Box Includes:
Homemade Cookies
Soup
Candies
& MORE!

\$35/box

Pick Up: December 15
4:00-6:00pm
10990 Marshall Road
Covington, KY

Scan to order!

Proceeds go towards:
camp scholarships, teen
conference fees, special
programming, etc.

Happy Holidays from 
Kenton County 4-H
We wish you and your family
the best during this holiday season.

Sincerely,
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