KENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



SCAN ME

Central Bank Convention Center

Hyatt Regency Lexington

401 High Street Lexington, Kentucky 40507

REGISTRATION OPENS

OCTOBER 1, 2025

Contact Kenton County Extension (859) 356-3155

4-H RECOGNITION EVENT

The 4-H Recognition Awards Event will be held on October 9 at 7:00 p.m. This event is by invitation only. 4-H members and volunteers who have excelled during the 2024-2025 year will be invited and recognized.

Please call our office or email mary.cannon@uky.edu. Registration deadline is Friday, October 3, 2025. If you have question please call our office: (859) 356-3155.



2025 KENTON COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

MARKET GRAND/RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Steer: Lindy Kiser/Braylan Works
Lamb: Addyson Simpson/Maci Becraft
Hog: Kendall White/Bristol Hopkins

SHOWMANSHIP GRAND/RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Steer: Lindy Kiser/Braylan Works

Lamb: Anna Beth McCarty/Addyson Simpson

Hog: Oakley Hopkins/Kendall White

HORSE SHOW CHAMPIONS

Kate Gibbons Junior Showmanship

Walk Trot

Fionna Lawrence English Hunter Hack

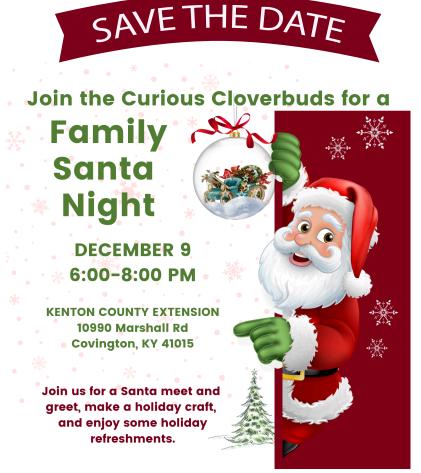
Barrels

Kylie Patton Gaited Pleasure

Sienna Studer Western Ranch Pattern

Eli Wilson Senior Showmanship





Kenton County 4-H Cooperative Extension Service COMMUNITY & PROJECT CLUBS

BIG CATS FAIR PROJECTS/CRAFTS

Leader Needed - Contact our office if interested

BLAZING BRIDLES

Leah Wilson, 859.380.8270; Melinda Martino, 859.250-4364 2nd Thursday; 6:30 p.m.; (Sept. - May); Serpentineriverfarms@gmail.com; 10200 Locust Pike, Ryland Heights, KY 41015

LIVESTOCK CLUB
BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS,
DAIRY, JUDGING, SKILLATHON, HAM

Anna Meyers; 859.356.3155; anna.meyers@uky.edu
See newsletter or reach out for meeting dates and more information

SMALL ANIMAL RABBIT & POULTRY Jeri Zimmer, 859.331.3825; Lesley Hinman, 859.356-6698 3rd Thursday; 7:00 p.m., (Oct. - June); Kenton Lands Road Location

ROUGH RIDERS

PROJECTS VARY

Jeri Zimmer, 859.331.3825, jzimmer99@fuse.net 3rd Thursday; 7:00 p.m., (Oct. - June); Kenton Lands Road Location

SOARING EAGLES

Lesley Hinman, 859.356.6698; tuxntan@gmail.com; Barbara Genslinger; Audrey, Madeline, and Lydia Hinman

3rd Thursday; 7:00 p.m., (Oct. - June); Kenton Lands Road Location

LEGO CLUB

Volunteers in Process

WONDER MAKERS HOME SCHOOL/FAIR PROJECTS Susan Fuerst, susand1st@gmail.com 4:00-6:00 pm;

STEM CLUB

New Leader Needed - contact office if interested

NEEDLE CRAFTS

Lori Clark, 859.356.3155 2nd Saturday; 10 a.m.; Marshall Road Location

TEEN ADVENTURERS

Lori Clark, 859.356.3155 2nd Saturday; 10:00 a.m.; Marshall Road Location

CURIOUS Megan Egbers; klo

Megan Egbers; kloeker91@gmail.com; Stacy Hopkins; staceyjackson26.sj@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Marshall Road Location

CLOVERBUDS

Volunteer Leader Needed

Check Newsletter for meeting dates and times

TABLE TOP FARMS

Lori Clark, 859.356.3155

Check Newsletter for meeting dates and times

PREPARE FOR FAIR

Check rewsletter for meeting dates and times

SHINING STARS
HOMESCHOOL CLUB

Tricia Gibbons; triciashawn@yahoo.com; Jackie Lakes; jackielkids3@gmail.com 4th Thursday; 1:00 pm; *Kenton Lands or Marshall Road Location*

Nov. 17(Kenton Lands); Dec. 15 (TBA); Jan. 26 (Marshall Rd) Feb. 16 (Kenton Lands); Apr. 20 (Marshall Rd); May 18 (Marshall Rd) June 15 (Kenton Lands)

4-H COUNCIL

Watch for Email blasts

AREA TEEN COUNCIL

Cooperative Extension Service MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, echnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political helief, sex, sexual orientation, gender destruits, gender expression, preparace, martist status, gender information, ago vetwern status, physical or mental disability or reprisal or reclatation for prior civil rights activity. Reasonable accommodation of disability may be available with prior notice. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Counties, Cooperating.



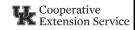






https://creepycarrots.4honline.com

Parents must stay with their cloverbud!











Leap into Civic Action!

Join the 36th annual 4-H Issues Conference to develop action plans and make a real impact. This is your chance to gain leadership skills, create meaningful change, and even apply for grants to fund your projects.

Dates: November 20-22 **Location:** Paradise Valley Conference Center in Burkesville, Kentucky

Registration is open from September 15 to October 24. Open to grades 9-11.

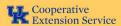
Contact your local Extension office to learn more.



AFTER 11/8 IF YOU CANT MAKE THE EVENT.







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Finish It Friday and Sew it Saturday

October 10 - Bring a project to finish 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. https://finishitfriday.4honline.com/

October 11 - Complete a provided sewing project 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

https://sewitsaturdaykenton.4honline.com/



Registration Required @ 4honline.com

10990 Marshall Road Covington, KY 41015

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KENTON CO. 4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB

Welcome!



Kenton County 4-H Livestock Club is for anyone with an interest in agriculture! Components of the club include educational meetings, the country ham project, the livestock judging, skill-a-thon, and quizbowl teams, and livestock projects.

Club Meetings & Ed. Hours

Check out our club meetings and education hours! More club meetings may be announced later. You don't need education hours to be part of the Livestock Club—but if you'd like to participate in livestock judging, the country ham project, or show an animal, you'll need 6 education hours with a certified livestock volunteer.

If you are planning to show livestock at the Kenton Co. Fair:

- A parent must attend one parent session. Sessions are held at the start of any education hour meeting.
- 6 hours must be completed by January 18th.

Any changes made to this schedule will be posted in advance in the newsletter, and emailed as well. In case of inclement weather, class cancellations will be emailed, communicated trough TeamReach, and posted on social media.

4-Hers are encouraged to attend extra meetings! This year's classes are fantastic, and we'd love to see you there!

| Date | Day | Time | Hours | Topic | Location |
|-----------|-----|------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Oct. 25th | S | 9:00-12:00 | 3 | Poultry Processing | Barn (at MR) |
| Nov. 6th | Th | 6:00-8:00 | 2 | Livestock Judging | MR |
| Nov. 25th | Т | 5:30-8:30 | 3 | Cooking Class with Officer Elections | MR |
| Dec. 15th | М | 6:00-8:00 | 2 | Soap Making/ Livestock Games | MR |
| Jan. 7th | W | 6:00-8:00 | 2 | Building Project Night | MR |
| Jan. 17th | S | ТВА | 3 | ТВА | ТВА |

^{*}MR is the Marshall Rd. Office: 10990 Marshall Rd., Covington, KY 41015





HOW TO RESERVE A ROOM FOR YOUR CLUB MEETING AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BUILDINGS

- 1 Contact the office by phone or email and request a date, specify which building your club will need.
- The size of the group and planned activity will help to assess the space needed.
- 3 When scheduling a time, please allow for set up and clean up, adhering to availability of time requested.
- 4-H Clubs are permitted to schedule meeting spaces 30 days in advance. Please remember to cancel if your meeting is cancelled.
- Groups with 4-H youth must be supervised by adults 18 years of age and older. 4-H volunteers are required to be background checked.
- Reservation forms and meeting room set up forms are available on the Kenton County Extension website and available at both buildings.
- Rooms are used extensively and please be aware rules & guidelines will change based on current health & safety protocols.
- Please be advised this a summary of an 8-page document and is not a comprehensive set of guidelines.

6 HORSE EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED

Youth obtain horse education hours through their 4-H horse club meetings. Each youth who wishes to participate in the horse program is strongly encouraged to join the horse club.

The horse club meets at the Serpentine River Farms, 10217 Locust Pike, Ryland Heights, on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. However, the meeting is Oct. 5 from 10am to 12 (noon).

Club Leader information: Leah Wilson, serpentineriverfarms@gmail.com, 859-380-8270; or Melinda Martino, melscurlyhorses@aol.com, 859-250-4364.

For more information contact Lori Clark at (859) 356-3155.



KENTUCKY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, TIMELINE, INFORMATION

NEW FORMS/NEW PROCESS

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be active, enrolled 4-H members in good standing within their county and have participated in 4-H in Kentucky for at least one year.
- Applicants must have at least 6-hours of 4-H involvement within their county 4-H program for the year they are applying.
- · Applicants must meet the age requirements for the Achievement level they are applying for.
- Youth who have turned 19 but were active, enrolled 4-H members in the previous program year are eligible to apply.
- All information in the application must be accurate and truthfully represent the 4-H member's involvement and experiences.
- · If the application is found to be falsified, it will be disqualified.

WORKSHOP DATE: October 2 (Thursday) 6:00-8:00 pm 10990 Marshall Road

Or schedule an appointment time with Diane; dkelley@uky.edu

Kentucky 4-H Written Communication Contest

Entries for the Kentucky 4-H Written
Communication Contest will be due March 25,
2026 by 4:30 pm to the Kenton County
Extension Office, 10990 Marshall Road by 4:30
pm. A workshop will be held January 2026. If you
would like an information provided by state
please contact Diane Kelley at dkelley@uky.edu.

LIVESTOCK, HORSE, DOG, POULTRY, RABBIT CERTIFICATION

Contact Lori Clark if you are interested in serving as a certified horse, poultry, or rabbit 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. Certified volunteers must have completed CES Client Protection





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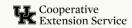
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October 5-11, 2025

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Becoming Beyond Ready encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves.

Kentucky 4-H is Beyond Ready! Learn more by visiting your local county extension office.



Gelebrating Kentucky 4-H Summer Camp!

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Thank you to the 14,899 participants who found their spark!

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Kentucky 4-H Celebrates 30 Years of **Country Ham Program**



What started in 1995 with just a handful of youth and a few counties has grown into a statewide success. Today, the program includes over 1,020 hams from more than 80 counties, all showcased at the Kentucky State Fair.

Learn more by visiting your local county extension office.

Source: National 4-H, Beyond Ready An Equal Opportunity Organization.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11, 2025

4-H CROSS COUNTY LINES POLICY

Kenton County 4-H Council will address cross county lines concerns for the 2025-2026 program year during their regular November 17 meeting. All requests to exit or enter a program must be received in writing and turned in to Diane Kelley, at 10990 Marshall Road Location by 4:30p.m. on 11/17/2025. As a general rule, a young person becomes a 4-H member within the county where he/she is a resident or attends school. Participation close to home usually allows the young person and his/her family to become more fully engaged in 4-H and more actively involved in the greater community.

Generally, where a young person participates in 4-H becomes an issue when competition is involved; where a young person is a member becomes important to fair and ethical competition. It is assumed that a young person is a member of 4-H in the county of residence or county where the young person attends school. To compete as part of any other county's 4-H program, a transfer of membership must be clearly established through a request by the member, approval by the agents and councils involved and appropriate documentation. Determination of whether a young person may cross a county line is to be completed on a case by case basis by the agents and councils involved.

Everyone needs to Enroll

Go to our website for complete directions or scan the QR code here to begin. Please call the office if you need assistance.



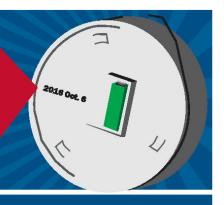
Both Youth & Volunteers





Don't Wait— Check the Date!

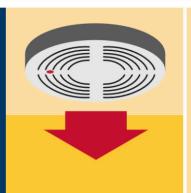




Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.

Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.





Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.





Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.









BE PREPARED FOR A WILDFIRE

Wildfires can ruin homes and cause injuries or death to people and animals.

A wildfire is an unplanned fire that burns in a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or prairie.



Often caused by humans or lightning.



Can cause flooding or create problems with transportation, gas, power, and communications.



Can damage your property. Set up defense zones to protect your home.



Can happen anywhere, anytime. Risk increases with little rain and high winds.

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

Leave if told to do so.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If trapped, call 9-1-1.





Use N95 masks to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions



Federal, State, and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations agree that the actions described below will reduce injury and death during earthquakes.

In most situations, if you feel shaking or get an earthquake alert, immediately:

DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

A small jolt might turn out to be the start of a large earthquake, so always protect yourself immediately!

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter.
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows).
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.

HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts.
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

If you are unable to drop to the ground, sit and bend over, covering your head and neck with your hands and arms. If you use a cane, keep it with you even if you go under a table to help you get back up. If you use a wheelchair or walker with wheels (a rollator), LOCK your wheels (or set the brake) and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always COVER your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available and HOLD ON until shaking stops. For other accessibility recommendations see EarthquakeCountry.org/accessibility.

U.S. West Coast residents are encouraged to download the MyShake app to receive earthquake alert messages on their cellphone.

















If You Feel Shaking or Get an Alert:

If Possible







Using Cane







Using Walker







Using Wheelchair







EarthquakeCountry.org/step5















4 EASY WAYS to stay safe online

Our online world needs to be protected. There are easy things we can do to ensure our information is safe from those wishing to steal it.

Recognize & report phishing

information to a spammer. Do not click or engage with these phishing Most successful online intrusions result from a recipient of a "phishing' message accidentally downloading malware or giving their personal attempts. Instead, recognize them by their use of alarming language or offers that are too good to be true.

Report the phish and delete phishing messages.

Use strong passwords

Simple passwords can be guessed. Make passwords at least Use a password manager, a secure program that maintains and creates passwords. This easy-to-use program will store 16 characters long, random and unique for each account. passwords and fill them in automatically on the web.



Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA)

layer of security in addition to a password when logging into accounts and apps, like a face scan or a code sent by text. Use MFA on any site that offers it. MFA provides an extra

Using MFA will make you much less likely to get hacked.

Update software

software) notify us that updates When devices, apps or software bugs to better protect our data. programs (especially antivirus are available, we should install Updates close security code them as soon as possible.

Turn on automatic updates to make it even easier



Taking these steps helps Secure Our World.



We can all help one another

stay safer online, so share these tips with a family member or friend!

cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld













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Important Dates:



Recognition Event Thursday October 9, 2025 7:00 pm

Livestock Hours Saturday October 25, 2025 9:00 am



SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SUNDAY

| ting Sports | Sew It Saturday 10:00 am Marshall Road | | Livestock Hours 9:00 am Marshall Road | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 State 4-H Shooting Sports | at 10 Finish It Friday 11 6:00 pm Marshall Road # GROWINGKY4-H | 17 18 | 24 25 | 31 Ref Horse Skill-a-thon Set Up |
| 2Achievement Forms 6:00 pm Marshall Road | 9 Recognition Event 7:00 pm Marshall Road 5-11, 2025 - #6 | 16 River Ridge | 23 | 30 |
| Maple Syrup 101 6:00 pm Marshall Road | 8 OCTOBER 5-11 | 15 River Ridge | 22 | Prepare for the Fair Barn Quilt Class 6 pm Marshall Road |
| | | 14 Cloverbuds 5:30 pm Marshall Road Piner | 21 Area Teens Twenhofel | 28 Arnett Elementary |
| | 6 7 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK | 13 Wildlife Series 4:00 pm Marshall Road | 20 4-H Officer Training 6:00 pm | 27 Creepy Carrots 5:30 pm Marshall Road |
| | S Coaches Training | 12 | 19 | 26 |

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