

Kenton County 4-H Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025

 Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
University of Kentucky.

2025 Kenton County 4-H CAMP



June
9-13

Cost: \$200

Registration Forms at:
www.kentoncountyextension.org

Kentucky Maple Syrup Day



February 18, 2025

8 am - 5 pm

10990 Marshall Rd
Covington, KY 41015

This Event is for
St Anthony School Only

Kenton 4-H Target Sharks

Club Leader: Mike Coyle kentoncty4hscc@gmail.com

Club Coordinator: Sarah Hanks sarahhanks124@gmail.com

Mandatory Safety Meetings

★ YOUTH AND ADULT MUST ATTEND ONE SESSION

February 18, 2025 6-8:00 p.m.

450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018

or

March 18, 2025 6-8:00 p.m.

450 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, KY 41018

Shooting Sports Spring

2025 Coaches Certification Workshop

March 28, 2025

Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp

Registration Deadline: March 10

Must have completed background check
process.

For more information contact:

Diane Kelley

dkelley@uky.edu

(859) 356-3155

4-H Communication Event

March 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Marshall Road Location

Registration form on page 5 & 6

EVERYONE MUST RE-ENROLL/ENROLL EACH YEAR
ADULT VOLUNTEERS, CLUB LEADERS, & YOUTH

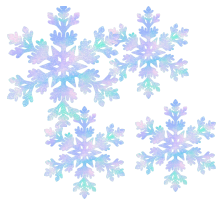
Go to our website for complete directions or scan the
QR code here to begin.

Please call the office if you need assistance.

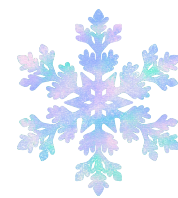
Both Youth & Volunteers



4-H CANCELLATION POLICY



County-wide 4-H sponsored activities are cancelled when Kenton County Schools are closed due to bad weather. Individual club leaders may decide to meet. Call the extension office or your leader if you have questions.



Attention 4-H Clubs

As your club is working on projects and items for the fair, make an extra one or two. We will take all the items and put them in a basket to be raffled during the 2025 Kenton County Fair. Each club that participates will have their name written on the basket so the winner can acknowledge the clubs that participated.

Shaker Village Trip

by: Annie Brockman

The teen council visited Shaker Village on the second. They enjoyed a historic tour of the Shaker's culture, singing, dancing, broom making and technology. Then they ate traditional Shaker food and attended a tea tasting. To end the day the council visited Indonesian ducks that can't fly. Also, congratulations to newly elected President Annabeth McCarty and Vice President Jimmy Stephens!



2025 Kentucky Agriculture Poster & Essay Contest

Kentucky students are invited to enter the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) annual Poster and Essay Contest. The theme of the 2025 contest is "Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud" encouraging contestants to illustrate in words, artwork, or photographs how agriculture gives them pride.

Students in grades K-12 may submit a poster, an essay of 500 words or less, or a digital entry, which may be photos or original digital artwork. Each entry must include the actual written theme and be postmarked by Friday, March 7, 2025.

Winners will be notified by Friday, April 18, 2025. Winners in the poster and essay competitions will be selected in each grade. One statewide winner will be selected for digital artwork. Each winner will receive a \$100 award from Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom and will be recognized at the 2025 Poster and Essay Contest Awards Ceremony next year. Winning entries will be displayed in Commissioner Shell's Frankfort office and at the 2025 Kentucky State Fair in August in Louisville.

For more information, including complete contest rules and an entry form, go to kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html or contact Bethany Mattingly, at Bethany.Mattingly@ky.gov or (502) 782-4125.



KENTON CO. 4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB

Validation

The 2025 Validation process will be similar to the 2024 validation process. All:

- market beef
- swine (market and breeding)
- sheep (market and commercial)
- goats (market and commercial)

must be validated at an in person and receive a KUIP tag!

For validation forms and more information, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/validations>



Please submit validation forms one week in advance of your validation date and note that novice (clover buds) who plan to show livestock must validate too!

Club Service Project

Join us as we make no-sew hats for homeless shelters! This will be a night of fun, fellowship, snacks, and Diane's lemonade, and all are welcome.

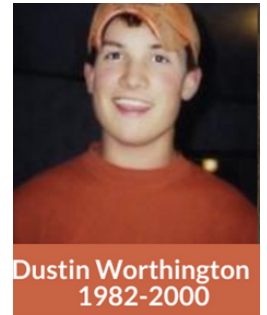
6:00 on Wednesday, February 12th
Marshall Rd. Extension Office

Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest

For the last twenty-five years a unique 4-H/FFA scholarship program was established in memory of a young Mercer Countian, Dustin Worthington, who lost his life in a car accident. Dustin was only 17 years old and dearly loved cattle. Since Dustin had decided early in his life that he did not want to attend college but rather become a cattle farmer, the "Dustin Worthington I Love Cows" essay contest was created. Over \$511,000.00 in animals has been awarded to 347 Kentucky Youths.

For 2025, the program will provide a heifer calf to the essay winners. There will be both individual county contests and statewide contests. The county's contests are determined if there is a designated donor for the heifer in that county. Any 4-H or FFA Member in Kentucky may apply in the statewide contest except in counties that are awarded individually. For a complete list of rules and applications, please check the Dustin Worthington

memorial website at www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org/



Dustin Worthington
1982-2000

KDA February Calendar

2025
February

LAST UPDATED 1/21/25



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Large Animal Site, Paris Stockyards, Paris 5-7 pm EDT	18	19	20 Large Animal Site, Pendleton Co Fairgrounds, Falmouth 5-7 pm EDT	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 KY Beef Expo, KY Expo Center	1 KY Beef Expo, KY Expo Center Large Animal Site, KY Beef Expo, Louisville 11-12 Noon EDT



The Northern Kentucky Cattle Association Scholarship is now open! Applications are due April 15, 2025. Please reach out for more information, or for an application.

For more information, or to ask questions, contact Anna Meyers:

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



4-H Communication Contest Entry Form

March 20, 2025

Kenton County Extension Office: 10990 Marshall Rd. Covington, 41015

Sign In: 5:30 p.m. Judging Starts: 6:00 p.m.

<p>Speech Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am doing a Speech</p> <p>My Speech Title Is:</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Demonstration Only</p> <p>Demonstration Category: _____ <small>(see back of this paper for categories)</small></p> <p>My Demonstration Title Is:</p> <p>_____</p>
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*Name: _____

*Email: _____

*Address _____ *City _____ *Zip _____

*Phone Number _____ *Cell Number _____

Name of School I attend: _____

Homeroom Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

*My Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

Month/Day/Year

**Required Fields*

Please provide us with this optional data so that we may report to our federal partners. Please Check All that Apply:

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic Hispanic

Gender: Female Male

Residence: Farm Town<10K Town 10K-50K Suburbs >50K Cities >50K

Check all that apply: White Black American Indian Asian Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

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You must return this form to the Extension Office,
10990 Marshall Road; Covington, KY 41015 or Email: mary.cannon@uky.edu

Entry Deadline: March 13, 2025

SPEECH CATEGORIES—based on 4-H'ers age on 1/1/2025

- 9 Year Old
- 10 Year Old
- 11 Year Old
- 12 Year Old
- 13 Year Old
- 14 Year Old
- 15 Year Old
- 16 Year Old
- 17-18 Year Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES- Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

CORE: AGRICULTURE

1. Agriculture – to include information on horticulture, and plant and soil sciences (e.g. crops, agronomy).
2. Animal Science – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations and animal products for small or large animals. This also includes companion animals. *(Demonstrations on horses or horse related topics can be included in this category, however, it does not qualify the participant for the State Horse Contests; this is a different event).*

CORE: COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

3. Visual Arts --to include drawing, painting, mixed media, decoupage, candle making, macramé, scrap booking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics. This category also includes demonstrations related to photography such as picture taking, composition, framing or scrapbooking.
4. Performing Arts -all demonstrations related to the performing arts including theatre, dance, musical instruments and musical performance.

CORE: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

5. Clothing & Textiles – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit, fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.
6. Family & Consumer Sciences – to include information on childcare, consumer and financial education, family life, and home environment. **THIS CATEGORY EXCLUDES CLOTHING & TEXTILES AND FOODS. THESE ARE SEPARATE CATEGORIES.**
7. Foods – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks *(including breads)*. Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.

CORE: HEALTH

8. Health – to include information on physical activity, bullying, substance abuse, personal development, and safety.

CORE: LEADERSHIP

9. Team Demonstrations – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. either juniors or both seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration. **Youth may participate in either the individual demonstrations OR the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.**

CORE: NATURAL RESOURCES

10. Natural Resources– includes Entomology, Environment, Geology, Forestry, Soils, Water and Wildlife. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
11. Shooting Sports – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Weapons of any sort cannot be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.

CORE: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

12. Science, Engineering and Technology – to include information on ATV safety, aerospace/rocketry, biotechnology, bicycle, energy, GPS/GIS, robotics, general science, and computer sciences [may NOT use computer projection equipment in place of posters]. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
13. Digital Media Presentation – to include demonstrations using presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi) regardless of topic. Slides are used in lieu of poster boards. Please bring the presentation on media that can be transferred to another computer (i.e. CD or portable drive).

February 2025

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
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2	3	4 Gold Interview Practice 6:00 pm Marshall Road	5	6 Livestock Judging 5:30 pm Marshall Road Reading & Recipes 6:00 pm Marshall Road	7 Reception for Dan Allen 3:00-5:00 pm Marshall Road	8
9	10 Livestock Skillathon 5:30 pm Marshall Road Cloverbuds 5:00 pm; Marshall Rd Table Top Farms 6-8 pm Marshall Road	11 Wondermakers Club 4:00 pm Fuerst Home River Ridge School Clubs	12 Livestock Club Service Project	13 Reading & Recipes 6:00 pm Marshall Road Blazing Bridles 6:30 pm Serpentine River Farms River Ridge School Clubs	14	15
16	17 4-H Council 7:00 pm; Kenton Lands	18 Maple Days for St Anthony School 8:00-5:00 pm Marshall Road Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 6:00 pm Kenton Lands	19 Lego Club 6:30 pm; Kenton Lands	20 Livestock Judging 5:30 pm Marshall Road Small Animal Club 6:00 pm; Kenton Lands Soaring Eagles Club 7:00 pm; Kenton Lands Rough Riders 7:00 pm; Kenton Lands	21	22 Gold Achievement Interviews Hardin C.
23	24 Livestock Judging Practice 5:30 pm Marshall Road	25 Twenhofel School Clubs	26 Prepare for the Fair 6:00—8:00 pm Marshall Road Location	27 Shining Stars Club 1:00 pm CEC 6:00 pm Kenton Lands Twenhofel School Clubs	28 	

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CHICKEN AND DUMPLING SOUP

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cups cooked chicken, cubed
- 4 carrots
- 3 stalks of celery
- 3 medium potatoes
- ½ yellow onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 (32-ounce) boxes of low sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 (12-ounce) package frozen dumplings
- Salt and pepper, optional



Directions:

1. Chop vegetables into bite sized cubes; chop onion and garlic finely.
2. In a large soup pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat and sauté the onion and garlic until tender.
3. Add the carrots, celery and potatoes and stir for a few minutes, being careful not to burn them.
4. Pour in the broth and bring to a boil. Add dumplings, a few at a time.
5. Turn down heat and simmer for about 15 minutes, stirring often, until the vegetables have softened.
6. Add chicken and raise heat to medium-low for 10 minutes.
7. Add frozen peas during the last five minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste

Sincerely,
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