# **Kenton County 4-H Newsletter**

## **MARCH 2025**

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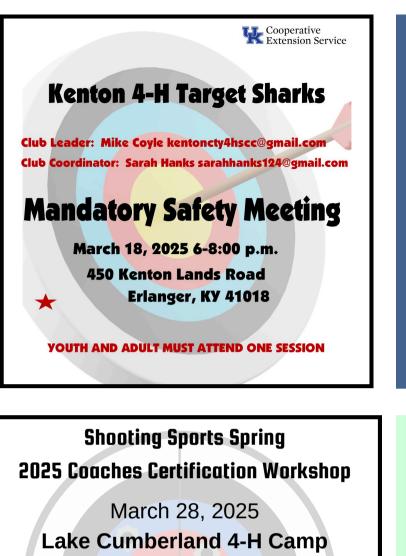
# COST: \$200 - www.kentoncountyextension.org

# **Orientation Dates:**

Tuesday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 21 6:00 pm

10990 Marshall Road office Parent & Camper must attend <u>AC/JC Training:</u> Saturday, May 17, 2025 9:30-11:30 am

Owen Co. Extension Office 265 Ellis Rd, Owenton, KY



Registration Deadline: March 10

Must have completed background check process.

For more information contact: Diane Kelley dkelley@uky.edu (859) 356-3155

## **Prepare for the Fair**

Class



March 26, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Marshall Road Location

For ages 9-18

No Cloverbuds please.

# 4-H Communication Event

**March 20, 2025** 

6:00 p.m.

**Marshall Road Location** 

**Register by March 13** 

## EVERYONE MUST RE-ENROLL/ENROLL EACH YEAR ADULT VOLUNTEEERS, 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**



## **KY FOREST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Are you interested in the environment and want to know more about forests, trees, insects, water and wildlife? Then consider the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program where you can explore the many aspects of forestry and related fields. If you like hands-on learning in the great outdoors this program is for you. This week-long, residential program is for high school students completing their sophomore and junior years. For more information and to download an application go to: https://kflp.ca.uky.edu/.

Please Note: Registration deadline is April 18, 2025.



## Durr Foundation Scholarship Deadline: Mar. 7, 2025

#### ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must:

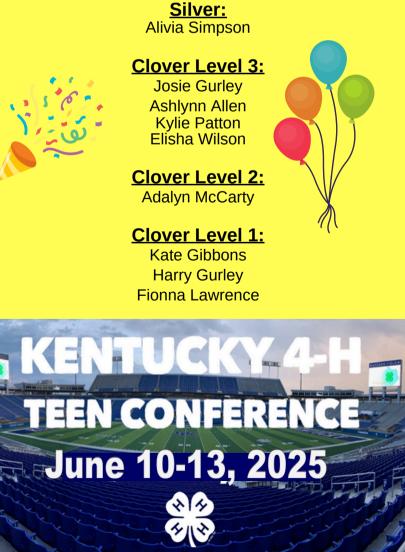
- be incoming first year college students who enter one of the qualifying universities the fall following high school graduation
- be enrolled full-time on the campus
- be high school graduates from a school in one of the following 12 counties and must have been active members in a 4-H program in that county for the last 4 years: Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Mason, Owen, Pendleton, or Robertson
- maintained a 2.5 GPA their last 2 years of high school
- submit their high school transcript
- submit their ACT or SAT scores
- submit 2 letters of recommendation, from an extension agent and from a counselor, teacher or principal
- submit an essay stating why you would like to be the recipient of this scholarship and including your interests and/or goals for the future
- fill out this application independently and appear for an interview if needed
- electronically sign the application

Up to 5 scholarships are awarded, maximum award is \$6,000. Scholarships are paid to any 2 or 4 year Kentucky College or University. Scholarships are paid at \$1,500 per semester. Grades are checked at the end of the first year and students maintaining a 2.0 or better grade point average will receive the scholarship for their second year.

Students will enter code 2025 to access the scholarship. Go to the Durr Foundation website application page and hit the apply button at the bottom.

## **4-H Achievement Awards - 2025**

Kentucky 4-H would like to recognize and congratulate the 4-H members that received Silver, Bronze and Clover Level Awards. Gold applicants were interviewed on February 22 and will be announced at a later date. Kenton County Winners are:



# 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!

# Congrats to out state 4-H Quizbowl and Skillathon Teams!



#### **Farm Visits**

If this is your first year showing livestock, or if you didn't show last year, I will be

reaching out this month to schedule a farm visit for April or May.

If I've had a farm visit with you before, I will not request a farm visit with you this year, but please feel free to request one, and we'll schedule a time to meet!

## 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. Any 4-H or FFA Member in Kentucky may apply in the statewide contest. For a complete list of rules and applications, please check the Dustin Worthington memorial website at <u>www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org/</u>. **The application deadline is** March 3rd.



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.

### Results:

<u>Quizbowl</u> Junior Quizbowl Team- 5th overall Senior Quizbowl Team- 4th Overall <u>Skillathon</u> Junior Team- 10th overall Senior Team- 9th overall Skillathon Individual Awards:

- Ellie Brockman
  - 8th Quality Assurance
  - 4th Identification
  - 15th Overall
- Addy McCarty
  - 20th overall
- Anna Beth McCarty

   16th overall

For more information, or to ask questions, contact Anna Meyers: anna.meyers@uky.edu (859) 356- 3155



# Volunteer Orientation and Re-orientation

All 4-H Volunteers must be re-certified each year. This is a requirement implemented 9/1/2023 and discussed with volunteers and 4-H Council.

Volunteers complete the (re)orientation in-person. See leader email for additional mailing instructions.

# **4-H Volunteer Orientation &**

# **Re-Orientation**

<u>Date:</u> Monday, March 31 and Thursday, April 3 <u>Location:</u> 10990 Marshall Road

> <u>Supper (provided):</u> 6:00 pm <u>Start:</u> 6:30 pm

## <u>Agenda (6:30-7:30 pm):</u>

Volunteer requirements, financial procedure, club travel, insurance, certification, re-certification hours

Please call, email, or register on PACE for meal preparation

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Lexington, KY 40506

**VOLUNTEER** 

## **4-H OPEN SEWING**

## 4-H Open Sewing will be on April 10 & 11, 2025

9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marshall Road office.

## \*Bring Lunch & a Drink \*Must register in PACE \*Learn about fair entries

\*No experience required \*Limited spots (6) - Register early \*Must be 9-18 years of age

\*Bring an unfinished project or start a new one that we will provide.

## **STATE HORSE UPDATES**

The State Horse Show is scheduled for June 18-July 2, 2025 at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds.

The State Horse Contests will be June 17 & 18 - Locust Trace Ag Center; Lexington, KY

The Qualification system for the 2025 State Show will be same as for 2024, which is to attend a horse show or horsemanship clinic, and provide proof to your leader/agent.

The Educational hours deadline is May 15.

Horse Eligibility Form deadline is May 15.

Multiple horses can be used in shows. All horses need to qualify and have correct paperwork on file.

The 2025 Horse Show Rules can be found at: https://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/horse/show-rules-regulations-resources 2024 Horse Show results can also be found on the above website.

**STATE HORSE FORMS- May 15.** On-line forms are due on May 15. It is each 4-H'ers responsibility to make sure these forms are completed. Youth must participate in a local show or horse camp in order to participate in the state contest. Six education hours required. Check with your horse club leader for more information.

## 4-H Recognition Points Log -Due September 4, 2025

The Kenton County 4-H Recognition Points Log is a system for each 4-H'er to record everything they've done throughout the program year. A designated number of points are awarded for a variety of activities.

These logs are used to determine the outstanding boy and girl award that is presented each year at the 4-H Recognition Banquet. They are also helpful when applying for 4-H Achievement Forms. The 4-H Recognition Points Logs are available at the Extension Office in the foyer next to the record books.

Recognition Points Logs for the 2024-2025 year will cover from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. All Recognition Points Logs are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2025.

## 4-H Record Books - July 7, 2025 Deadline

All record books must be logged in by a secretary, agent or record book committee volunteer before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024. Record books will be accepted at the Kenton County Extension Office, 10990 Marshall Road. As always, record books will be accepted during office hours in the weeks prior to the deadline.

Reminder: the stories must be the child's original work. Record books are available on the web site at: www.kentoncountyextension.com or in the front lobby of the extension office.

## Feeling better happens one small step at a time.

We know, because that's what we've done – and we're here to show you how you can do it too. A step here, a step there and soon you'll be eating well, planning good meals, and moving



more. Most of all, you'll be feeling good. So take a look at some of our useful tips and maybe even take a free class for free tips. You can do it! Small steps make a world of difference.

> Check out some of our favorite recipes: https://www.planeatmove.com/



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6:00 pm supper 6:30-7:30 pm program

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# **BLUEGRASS BEGINNINGS BOUNDLESS FUTURES**

Your \$10 Ag Tag Donation Grows Agriculture & Leaders Across Kentucky



# KENTUCKY AG TAG

Your Ag Tag grows agriculture & youth in your community. Contributions are divided equally between Kentucky Proud, Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA. Local 4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters receive half of those funds.

100% of the funds are used to support FFA, 4-H and Kentucky Proud members

Sincerely. **County Extension Agents** 4-H Youth Development Education - Kenton County

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# March Is Ag Tag **Renewal Month**

**Every March, when** renewing farm tags, farmers have the opportunity to make a \$10 donation to the Ag Tag program which directly supports Kentucky 4-H.

Historically, the Ag Tag program has been one of Kentucky 4-H's most rewarding fundraising opportunities.

Thank you in advance for supporting this initiative.



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