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Breckinridge County 4-H



4-H NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There's no hibernation when it comes to 4-H activities! We are active all year long with club meetings, workshops, and activities.

This New Year, let's set some goals! Whether it's learning a new skill, becoming more involved in your 4-H club or community, exhibiting your favorite projects, or simply spending more time with your loved ones.

Despite the changing seasons, 4-H remains active all year long! Check out this newsletter for more.

JUST HATCHED!

4-H Poultry Club, which kicked off in December, invites others to join the fun in 2024!



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IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 1- New Years Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 8- Virtual Photography Club Zoom
- 11- Poultry Club Meeting
- 12- Crochet Workshop
- 13- Hunter Safety Class
- 15- MLK Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 15- Country Ham Cleaning Day
- 15- Virtual Photography Club Zoom
- 16- District Board Meeting
- 18- YQCA Training
- 18- Rabbit Club Meeting
- 22- Virtual Photography Club Zoom
- 29- Virtual Photography Club Zoom


Country Ham Club Meeting



Country Hams will be arriving on January 15th (MLK Day)! We will be picking out our hams, preparing them, and curing them starting at 1:00 PM CT. Expect to be there roughly 30 minutes.

February

- 5- Virtual Photography Club Zoom
- 15- Rabbit Club Meeting
- 20- Livestock Club Meeting
- 22- Kentucky Volunteer Forum
- 23- Kentucky Volunteer Forum
- 24- Kentucky Volunteer Forum



SERVICE PROJECT

FLEECE TIE BLANKET DRIVE

Help Breckinridge County 4-H Donate blankets to those in need within our county for a Winter Service Project!

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Donate 2 yards of fleece fabric
- Donate a NEW fleece blanket
- Donate your time on February 8 at 5:30 PM CT to tie fabric into blankets

For more information or to donate, please contact the Breckinridge County Extension Office:

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



WANTED 4-H Camp Leaders

Gear up to be a hero in a young person's life and sign up as a 4-H camp leader! Sure, it's frosty outside, but the planning for 4-H Camp starts right now. Get ready to rock the West Kentucky Camp in Dawson Springs from July 22 to 25 and inspire young minds.

To make the magic happen, we need one adult for every eight campers, so don't leave us hanging! To submit an application, please contact the Extension Office at 270-756-2182 or email Anna at Anna.Denny@uky.edu



Certified Volunteer Leaders

If you are already a CVL for an Animal Science Program (livestock, poultry, rabbit, country ham), you must update your certification annually. The annual update will be available March 1st and must be completed by April 30th.

If you are a new CVL for an Animal Science Program information on a volunteer orientation course will be coming soon! You must complete this certification course specific to your program area you are leading.

If you are a Certified Shooting Sports Leader you must have 2 hours of CE each program year (Sept 1st through Aug 31). Reach out to Anna about opportunities for achieving your hours.

Kentucky Volunteer Forum

Registration is still open for single day registrants for the Kentucky Volunteer Forum! The Kentucky Volunteer Forum is a developmental and educational conference geared towards 4-H and Extension volunteers from all program areas. The forum offers 220 workshops in 25 content tracks, professional development sessions, seminars on wheels, networking opportunities, a trade show, and three recognition events. Volunteers work to complete requirements for accreditation in Agriculture,

Camping, Cloverbuds, Communications & Expressive Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health, Leadership, Natural Resources, and Science, Engineering, & Technology. Additionally, volunteers, community partners, and 10-year 4-H members are recognized for their contributions to the Kentucky 4-H Program, and their impact on the lives of Kentucky youth. **Special shoutout to Will Tucker and Carla Nash for registering to lead rabbit workshops at the Kentucky Volunteer Forum!**

To register, please contact Anna at Anna.Denny@uky.edu or 270-756-2182

BARNYARD BULLETIN

PREMISE ID

What is a Premise ID?

A Premise ID is a unique identifier assigned to a specific location in where livestock is housed, bought, or sold. Each premise is assigned a distinct number.

Is a Premise ID Mandatory?

Kentucky State Law requires premise ID's for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the state of Kentucky.

What is the Purpose of a Premise ID?

This is a National Animal Traceability Program that helps track and manage livestock movements to control diseases and prevention. This is an important measure to safeguard health of livestock, and locate any animals exposed to disease, stopping its spread.

How do I register for a Premise ID?

How do I look up my Premise ID?

Contact the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Office of State Veterinarian at 502-782-5902 or email ADT Program Coordinator, Molly Morrow, at Molly.Morrow@ky.gov



Mandatory: YQCA

What is YQCA?

The Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

Who needs to take the YQCA?

4-H members 9 to 18 who are showing livestock (excluding rabbit and poultry) must complete the YQCA program.

How can I take my YQCA?

There will be a YQCA Training on January 18 at 6:00 PM CT. Please RSVP by calling 270-756-2182. More trainings will be available. You can go to yqcaprogram.org to find a list of trainings.

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

To register, please contact Anna at Anna.Denny@uky.edu or 270-756-2182

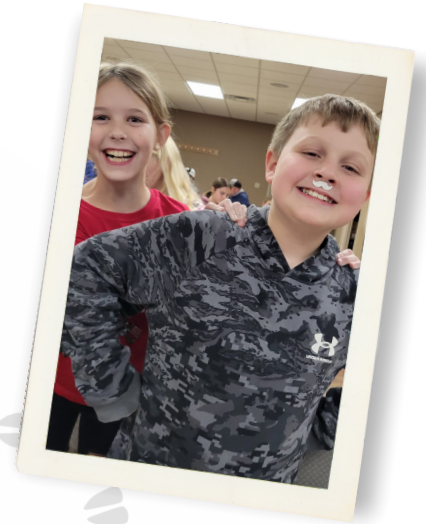


Livestock Club Meetings



Livestock Club 4-H Members planning to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair must complete **6** hours of 4-H approved education. If you're new to 4-H, there's still time to join the Livestock Club! You don't have to show or have animals to join.

January 18- YQCA (Mandatory)
February 20- Ethics & Premise ID
March 28- Anatomy & Dissection
April TBA- FIELD TRIP!



Poultry Club

Next Meeting: January 11 at 6:00 PM CT

Whether you have an entire flock, just starting out, or just enjoy learning about chickens, we welcome your family to join us! Last month, we got together to hatch out some club goals, created a chicken ornament, and enjoyed some treats. Throughout the year, we will learn about chicken anatomy, showmanship, embryology, and so much more!



Rabbit Club

Next Meeting: January 18

The 4-H Rabbit Club covers all things bunnies! Anatomy, nutrition, showmanship, you name it! All 4-H members are encouraged to join regardless of their experience or ownership of rabbits.



If you are wanting to enroll in 4-H, or if you are a 4-H member wanting to join an additional club, please contact the Extension Office at 270-756-2182 or email Anna at Anna.Denny@uky.edu

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST



Categories

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

Eligibility

- Exhibitors must have an enrollment form on file at the Extension Office
- Junior: 4-H members 9 to 13 as of January 1st of 2024
- Seniors: 4-H members 14 to 18 as of January 1st

Contest Rules

- Each writing piece must be original
- A statement of authenticity must be completed and attached to the entry
- Entries are to be on 8.5" x 11" paper
- Must have a cover letter that includes entry class, name, and county, with the 4-H member’s last name typed on every page
- Entries are to be double-spaced, typed with Calibri size 12 font on white paper
- Entries must be family-friendly & age appropriate

Submit all Entries by February 15:

In person at:

Breckinridge County Extension Office
1377 S Highway 261, Hardinsburg KY

Or via email at:

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Song Writing

- A stanza is similar to a paragraph in a book. One or two stanzas make up a verse in a song and usually gives details of the song. A song usually contains 2-3 stanzas. Sometimes stanzas contain rhyming elements like poetry; rhyming words usually occur at the end of the lines, but not always.
- The chorus is a section of lines that are generally the “catchy” part of the song. The chorus often contains the title of the song.
- Songs can be written to original music you compose. Songs could also use the format and music of another song.

Press Release

- A press release is a written account of the 5 basic elements of a news story along with details: **Who** the story is about; **What** happened; **Where** did this take place; **When** did this happen; **Why** or **How** did it occur.
- A press release is printed in a newspaper or magazine and may or may not have a photo.
- Share most important information first, then work your way down to the details.
- The top left side of the page you should start with FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE followed by a few spaces and a date of the writing. Always include the name, email, and phone number of the contact person.
- The press release should be a maximum of 1000 words.

What 4-H Means to Me Essay



- An essay is a short piece of writing on a particular subject.
- A general guideline is to have 5 paragraphs in an essay in the following format:
 - Paragraph 1- Intro to grab the readers attention with a “hook”. Then highlight your thesis (statement of what you want to discuss) and the main points that you want to write about.
 - Paragraph 2- expand on the 1st main point.
 - Paragraph 3- expand on the 2nd main point.
 - Paragraph 4- expand on 3rd main point
 - Paragraph 5- conclusion to give an allusion to the “hook” in the introduction and restate your thesis. A conclusion should be about 4 sentences.
- This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.

Original Monologue

- A Monologue is a speech in a story, movie, or play given by a performer (such as a comedian), or a speech made by a performer where he/she is the only main character talking. An example is where you are only hearing one side of a telephone conversation, or an actor talking to someone not visible on stage or directs the conversation to or over the audience. A monologue could also be a letter or diary entry. When writing a monologue, try to answer these questions before you begin:
 - What can the character reveal through the monologue?
 - What does the monologue tell us about the character or the situation that they are in?
 - What can the monologue tell the audience about their personality?
 - What is motivating the character?

Public Service Announcement

- A PSA is a short version of a press release that just includes the vital information of **Who, Where, When, and Why?**
- PSA's are transmitted electronically, via radio or television, in a short spot of 10-60 seconds.
- When writing a PSA, the words PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT should be written at the top middle of your paper followed by a few spaces, then the date you would like the PSA to air. Include information for a contact person. Skip a few lines and title your announcement, in bold letters, by the name of the event, followed by a short, complete explanation of what you want aired.

STAY CONNECTED



The Remind system is to help 4-H Families stay connected with events, updates, and information regarding Club, County, and Kentucky 4-H. Families can sign up for as many Remind notification systems as they want, but are encouraged to sign up for the General 4-H Remind system.

Club/Category	for info on:	Text to 81010
General 4-H	All things Breck County 4-H!	@general4-h
4-H Council	Council Meetings & updates for Club Leaders & Adult Volunteers	@council4
Arts	Arts, Crafts, and Needlework	@artcultura
Natural Resources	Entomology, Outdoors, Forestry, Soil, Etc.	@4hnatural
Cloverbuds	4-H Members 5 to 8	@4hbud
Livestock	Livestock, Ham, Horse	@4hlives
Small Animals	Poultry, Rabbit	@4hsmall
Shooting Sports	Trap, Pistol, Archery	@4hsho
Performing Arts	Treble Chorus, Music, Theater	@4hmusik
Leadership	Teen, Leadership, Career	@4hteencar

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