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Hello Fayette County!



Welcome to October! Enrollment for 4-H is still open- all you need to do is fill out the enrollment form at <https://bit.ly/fayettecoenroll> and then sign up for clubs at bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25. During September we had our Livestock & County Ham Sale which went amazing! We also brought 6 teens to the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference in Crossville, Tennessee. Our clubs at the office as well as our school clubs have started up, and we're loving getting to see familiar faces and welcome new members into 4-H! In this newsletter you'll find information on clubs, Issues Conference, Bluegrass Gives (a non-profit donation opportunity to support our 4-H Council), how to add Fayette County 4-H as a beneficiary to your Kroger Community Rewards, a save-the-date for Breakfast with Santa, as well as a youth entrepreneurship opportunity with Breakfast with Santa. We're excited to see what all October brings!

The Fayette County 4-H program is a branch of the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service that focuses on youth development. Our office is also the host of many programs that are geared towards adults. We highly encourage you to check out our website (fayette.ca.uky.edu) to see what other programs are offered for the whole family!

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October 4-H Events

OCTOBER 7TH

Achievement Program
Meeting
6pm
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 8TH

Horse Club meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 9TH

Livestock Club meeting
6:30PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 9TH

Cloverbud Club
meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 14TH

Horse Club meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 15TH

Poultry Club meeting
6:30PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 21ST

Jr. Homemakers Club
meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 22ND

Nature Club meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 23RD

Art & Craft Club
meeting
6PM
@ Fayette County
Extension Office

OCTOBER 24TH

Issues Conference
registration closes
12PM
Email Ally Keeton for
more info

OCTOBER 31ST

Breakfast with Santa
youth vendor
applications close
11:59PM
Apply here

FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H NATURE CLUB

The 4-H Nature Club offers fun, hands-on, seasonal outdoor activities for curious minds of all experience levels to explore, learn about, and connect with the natural world.

6-7PM

October 22nd

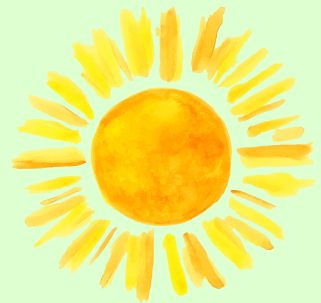
November 12th

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th

May 13th



Join us in October to learn about birds!

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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Fayette County 4-H Teen Club

Join the Teen Club and be part of a dynamic group of young leaders making a real difference! Through hands-on leadership opportunities, meaningful community service projects, and fun social events, members build lasting friendships while growing into confident, capable leaders. Whether you're planning service activities, leading younger members, or working on personal development, Teen Club empowers you to make an impact—in your community and in your future.

November 11th 6pm–7pm

December 9th 6pm–7pm

January 13th 6pm–7pm

February 10th 6pm–7pm

March 10th 6pm–7pm

April 14th 6pm–7pm

May 12th 6pm–7pm

Meeting at the Fayette County Extension office

For 13 and up

Dinner will be provided

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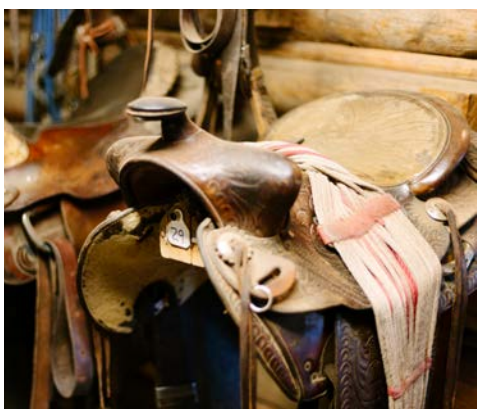
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4-H Horse Club

If you love horses, the 4-H Horse Club is the perfect place for you to learn more about caring for horses, breeds, and safety while making friends who share your passion. Ages 9-18.



Dates:

**All meetings start at 6 pm at the
Fayette County Extension Office**

September 2

October 8

October 14

November 18

December 2

For more information contact:

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4-H Poultry Club

From backyard chickens to fancy show birds, the Poultry Club helps youth learn all about raising and caring for poultry. Topics include breeds, egg production, nutrition, health, biosecurity, and how to prepare for poultry shows. A great fit for animal lovers of all experience levels!

✓ Ages 9-18

**All meetings start at 6:30 pm at the
Fayette County Extension Office**

September 17th

October 15th

November 10th

December 10th



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<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16x54DofMZ/>



Ages 5-8
Are
Welcome to
join us



CL^{VER}BUDS

Learn about
4-H in a fun
environment

2025-2026

Registration
begins
September 1st!

Fayette County

Meetings will begin at 6 pm
at
1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, KY

Meeting dates:

Oct 9th
Nov 6th
Dec 11th
Jan 15th
Feb 5th
Mar 12th
Apr 9th
May 7th

For any additional information,
questions or RSVP contact:

Robin Grace

robin.grace@uky.edu

Fayette County 4-H Youth
Development Program Assistant

Register at

bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25



FAYETTE COUNTY

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION DUE
DATE: NOV 20TH

DATES:
SEPTEMBER 16TH
OCTOBER 7TH
NOVEMBER 4TH

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6 PM AT THE
FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



Build your 4-H resume and get recognized for your achievements! These workshops help youth ages 9–18 complete the Kentucky 4-H Achievement Application to track leadership, service, communication, and more —opening doors to awards, scholarships, and leadership opportunities.

Please fill-out this form to participate:

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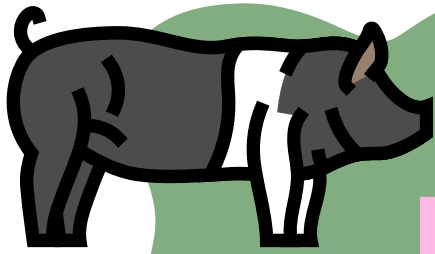
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Fayette County 4-H Livestock Skillathon



AGES: 9-18

**State Livestock Skillathon
February 21, 2026**

The Kentucky 4-H Livestock Skillathon is a hands-on, educational contest held annually, typically in February, at Western Kentucky University's L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center. It's designed to test youth on practical livestock knowledge and skills. Weekly and/or Biweekly practices (Sept.- Feb.) held at the extension office and farm visits to practice for the contest.

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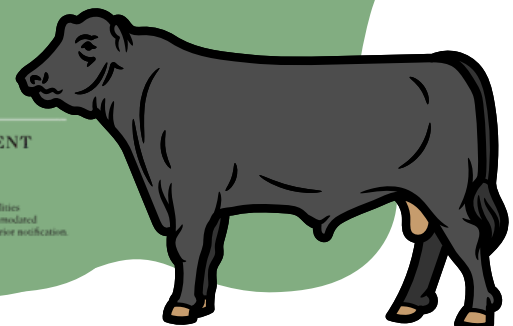
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LIVESTOCK CLUB

October 9, 2025
6:30 pm

Fayette County Extension Office

Interested in animals and agriculture? The Livestock Club is your chance to get up close with sheep, goats, pigs, and cattle. Learn how to care for, feed, show, and manage livestock through hands-on workshops, barn visits, and shows. Open to ages 5-18, this club builds confidence, responsibility, and leadership—both in and out of the ring!

Dates will be available soon!

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FAYETTE CO. ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP CLUB

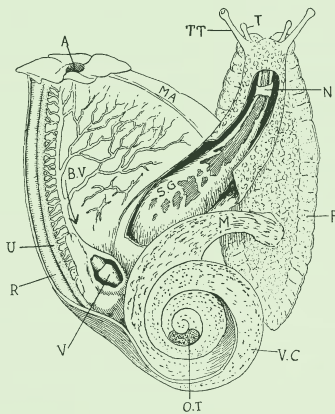
A vibrant, stylized illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing an orange t-shirt, teal shorts, and a yellow baseball cap. He is carrying a large yellow backpack and is depicted in a dynamic pose, running or jumping with his right arm raised in a fist. The background features a lush green landscape with rolling hills, several dark green evergreen trees, and a bright yellow sun with rays in the upper right corner. In the lower right foreground, there is a simple orange tent. The overall color palette is warm and inviting, using shades of green, yellow, and orange.

SIGN UP HERE: [BIT.LY/FAYETTECOCLUBSIGNUPS](https://bit.ly/fayettecoclubsignups)
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: LONDON.WITHERS@UKY.EDU
MUST BE IN 6TH GRADE OR UP TO PARTICIPATE
DATES AND ACTIVITIES TBD IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

A HANDS-ON, OUTDOOR-BASED PROGRAM THAT HELPS YOUTH GROW AS CONFIDENT LEADERS WHILE EXPLORING THE NATURAL WORLD. THROUGH OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, MEMBERS LEARN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMBUILDING IN REAL-WORLD SETTINGS. BY CONNECTING WITH NATURE AND OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TOGETHER, YOUTH DEVELOP RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND A DEEPER RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

STEM WORKSHOPS

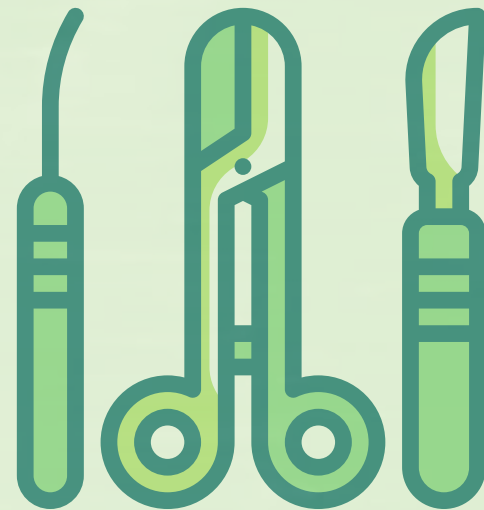
These hands-on STEM workshops inspire future healthcare professionals by exploring anatomy, medical tools, and careers through interactive, real-world activities that highlight how science and compassion keep us healthy.



Topics will include stop the bleed, dissections, IVs, and more!



Exact dates will be released in future newsletters!



Contact MG at mgacooke@uky.edu with any questions

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Fayette County 4-H Jr. Homemakers Club

Looking for fun volunteer opportunities? Interested in bettering your community? Wanting to explore different cultures and learn new skills?

Jr. Homemakers is the club for you!



6-7PM

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

May 26th



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October's meeting will be
all about nutrition with a
hands-on cooking
activity!

ART & CRAFT

CLUB

Activities include

- Clay
- Decoupage
- Painting
- Sun Art

1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, Ky

Contact:
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robin.grace@uky.edu
for additional
information.

Monthly

Oct 23rd

Nov 20th

Jan 29

Feb 19th

Mar 26th

Your skill doesn't improve
consistently but in steps

6 pm -
7 pm

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Kentucky 4-H Issues Conference

Dates:

November 20-22

Location:

Paradise Valley
Conference Center in
Burkesville, Kentucky

Registration:

Open to grades 9-11.
Fayette County
registration is open until
October 17, 2025.

To register contact:
Allison Keeton
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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.



Issues

CONFERENCE

SUPPORT FAYETTE 4-H

Simply give back to Fayette County 4-H by adding
Fayette Co 4-H Council
to your Kroger Community rewards.



Enroll through your Kroger app!

Steps:

1. Open Kroger App
2. My Info
3. Click: Rewards
4. Click: Community Rewards
5. Type: Fayette Co 4-H Council

SAVE THE DATE

Bluegrass Gives 2025



Giving Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025
Event runs from 6am to Midnight
Online giving event

What is Bluegrass Gives?

Bluegrass Gives (Formerly the GoodGiving Challenge) is an annual online giving event hosted by the Blue Grass Community Foundation.

It makes it easy and fun to give to local nonprofits throughout the Central & Appalachian regions of Kentucky.

Since 2011, the event has raised \$26 million for regional nonprofits.

How to support Fayette County 4-H:

- Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 2nd starting at 6am
- Go onto the Bluegrass Gives website at <https://www.bggives.org/>
- Search for “Fayette County 4-H Council”
- Choose “view” then “donate”!



Fayette County Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way

Santa BREAKFAST

DEC
13

9AM-
NOON



*Animals * Music * Vendors *
Gingerbread Houses * Crafts
Photos with Santa*



Breakfast with Santa Youth Entrepreneurship

FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL'S 2025 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH) WILL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH VENDORS FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT, 9AM-12PM. THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL ALLOW FOR YOUTH 9-18 (4-H AGE) TO EARN ABOUT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & PRICING, PACKAGING, MARKETING, MONEY HANDLING, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, ALONG WITH BEING ABLE TO SELL THEIR GOODS TO CUSTOMERS AT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA.

BUSINESSES ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO 3 YOUTH AT THEIR TABLE, AND EACH CHILD MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. EACH FAMILY IS ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF 1 VENDOR SLOT, BUT IF THIS FAMILY HAS MORE THAN 3 CHILDREN THEN ALL CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY MAY BE AT THE TABLE. TABLES CONSISTING OF YOUTH AGED 16 OR UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

YOUTH MUST BE ABLE TO:

- TABLE FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE EVENT
- ATTEND BUSINESS EDUCATION AND PLANNING SESSIONS AT 6:30PM ON NOVEMBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 24TH, AND DECEMBER 10TH (ALL SESSIONS WILL BE ON ZOOM)
- ARRIVE ON DECEMBER 13TH BY 8:30AM TO SET-UP (SET-UP ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12TH MAY BE AN OPTION)

APPLY HERE

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