



# Mercer County 4-H September 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## MEET MERCER COUNTY 4-H



### ABOUT

- For youth 5 and up!
- Over 20 clubs
- Free to join and participate
- Certified Leaders
- In school clubs for all 3rd -8th graders
- Overnight camps
- Retreats and weekend overnights
- Speech, demonstration, written communication competitions
- Scholarships & Community Service
- County and State Fair
- And More! Find out everything we do by getting involved!

### CONTACT INFO

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MercerCounty4H>



Call us at  
(859)734-4378



### What We DO

Arts and Crafts  
Shooting Sports  
Livestock/Animals  
Science, Engineering, Technology  
Natural Resources  
Communications  
Leadership  
Community Service  
And so much MORE!



Interested in starting your own club? We provide it all! Background checks, Transportation for youth, Supplies, Learning materials, Training, and more We need more leaders like YOU! Ask us how you can become a 4-H leader today!

### Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Staff:

*Dana R. Anderson*

**Dana Anderson, Mercer County Extension  
Agent for 4-H Youth Development**

*Beth Maddox*

**Beth Maddox, Mercer County  
Extension 4-H Program Assistant**

## Join Mercer 4-H To Do List



Join us on Facebook for updates -  
Mercer County 4-H (KY)

FOLLOW



Fill out enrollment forms for each child (5-18 years Old)



Join Text Reminds for interested clubs



Read the 4-H newsletter each month for information



Call the office before the club meeting for van transportation from school to Mercer Co. Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Road Harrodsburg 859-734-4378



Enjoy a variety of activities within 4-H!



### AFTERSCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TO EXTENSION OFFICE

Please notify the Extension Office if you need a ride to 4-H Club Meeting/Activities after school. Elementary youth must also send a note to school. **YOU MUST CALL 734-4378 PRIOR to the Event.** The

Extension Van will make runs to pick up student at schools.



# CLOVERBUDS AFTERSCHOOL



## 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2  
SEPTEMBER 30  
NOVEMBER 4  
DECEMBER 2

JANUARY 6  
FEBRUARY 3  
MARCH 3  
APRIL 14  
MAY 5 **3:30- 5:00**

**Ages: Kindergarten to Third Grade**

Text to 81010 with message  
@clovermer to join Cloverbud  
Afterschool text remind and RSVP  
for club meetings or scan qr code.



**AT THE MERCER COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE**

1007 LEXINGTON ROAD  
HARRODSBURG

**MUST RSVP TO ATTEND  
FREE TO ATTEND  
SNACK PROVIDED**

**FOR QUESTIONS  
CALL (859)734-4378**

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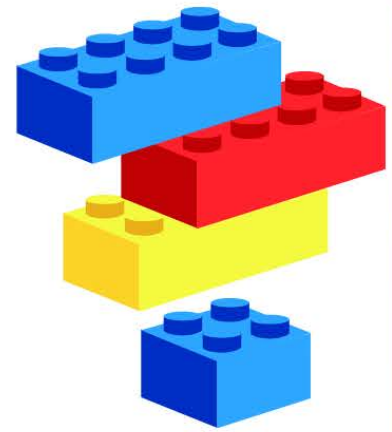


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# LEGO BUDS

Youth will use Legos to build  
a specific item each month.  
Youth will then share their  
design with the entire group



Open to youth K-3rd grade

MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT THE MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
3:30-5:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 8  
OCTOBER 20  
NOVEMBER 10  
DECEMBER 8  
JANUARY 12

FEBRUARY 9  
MARCH 9  
APRIL 13  
MAY 11



TO JOIN TEXT  
REMIND SCAN  
THE QR CODE

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# 4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING



**3rd Monday  
of each month @  
Mercer Co.  
Extension Office  
6:00 p.m.**

**SEPT 15    FEB 16  
OCT 20    MAR 16  
NOV 17    APR 20  
DEC 15    MAY 18  
JAN 19**



**Youth will learn the basics of  
horsemanship, horse health,  
equine related careers and more.  
Open to youth 9 -18 years old**

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# Mercer County 4-H Livestock Club



- Open to all youth 6-18 years old
- Focus on: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat & Swine
- Youth **MUST** have 6 hours of classroom instruction through 4-H activities to show livestock or compete in livestock events

**Sept 16**

**Jan 20**

**Oct 21**

**April 21**

**Nov 18**



Scan code to join text remind notification or  
text @livemer to 81010

**Any adult interested in being a livestock leader,  
please contact the  
Mercer County Extension Office 859-734-4378**

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# Mercer County 4-H Poultry Club



**Monday, September 22  
6:30 p.m.**

**Mercer County Extension Office**

- Open to all youth 6-18 years old  
Cloverbuds must have a parent  
with them at the meetings
- Youth **MUST** have 6 hours of  
classroom instruction through  
4-H activities to show poultry  
or compete in 4-H poultry  
events

**Learn about different poultry and  
how to care and show them.**

**Scan code to  
join text  
remind  
notification  
or text  
@poultrymer  
to 81010**



**September 22  
October 27  
November 25  
January 26  
February 23  
March 23  
April 27  
May 25**





# MERCER COUNTY 4-H

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CLUB

Join us as we explore the outdoors throughout the year!

Meeting dates: Sept 29, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2,  
Mar 2, April 6, & May 4

Add this group on remind to get updates on where  
we'll go next!

Open to all  
ages!  
(6-8 year old's  
must have an  
adult with  
them)

→ Hiking  
→ Water Activities  
→ Tours  
→ Cooking  
→ Challenges  
→ And More!



Scan the QR Code to  
join the text remind  
group or text 81010  
with @mercerox



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# Cloverbud Cooking Club

## 4-H Foods Club

Open to youth 6-8 year olds  
The club meets monthly on the 3rd  
Tuesday of the month after school @  
Mercer Co. Extension Office  
Starts September 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

**FREE**

SEPT 16  
OCT 21  
NOV 18  
DEC 16

JAN 20  
FEB 24  
MAR 17  
APR 21  
MAY 19

**RVSP by calling the office at  
(859)734- 4378, or by  
responding to the remind.**

Scan the code to join the text remind



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# 4-H TEEN CLUB



OPEN TO ANY YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

SEPT 3, OCT 1, NOV 5, DEC 3, JAN 7,  
FEB 4, MAR 4, APRIL 15, MAY 6

3:30-5:00 PM @

MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
1007 LEXINGTON ROAD,  
HARRODSBURG



SCAN QR CODE OR  
TEXT 81010 AND  
ENTER @TEENMER  
TO JOIN TEEN REMIND

IF YOU NEED A RIDE FROM SCHOOL CALL 859-734-4378

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# MERCER COUNTY 4-H RABBIT CLUB



SEPTEMBER 11      FEBRUARY 12  
OCTOBER 16      MARCH 12  
NOVEMBER 13      APRIL 9  
JANUARY 8      MAY 14  
MERCER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
6:30 P.M.

WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH KING MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA.  
THE CLUB WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE CARE OF RABBITS,  
SHOWMANSHIP, AND MORE.

OPEN TO ALL AGES - CLOVERBUDS MUST HAVE A PARENT  
WITH THEM FOR THE MEETINGS



**to receive club updates please text  
@rabbitmer to #81010**



**If you plan on  
showing  
rabbits at the  
4-H Show, you  
MUST have 6  
hours of  
classroom  
instruction  
through  
approved 4-H  
activity.**



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# Mercer County 4-H Natural Resources Club

Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 29,  
Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 14

Mercer County Extension Office  
6:00 p.m.

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Food and Environment  
University of Kentucky.

Open to  
youth 9-18  
years old



Youth will focus on forestry project:  
Leaf prints, Leaf Collections, Compass and Pacing, and more

Youth will also have the opportunity to compete at State  
competitions.

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## RSVP by Calling 859-734-4378

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Join

# 4-H ART CLUB

**SEPT 15**

**DEC 15**

**MAR 16**

**OCT 20**

**JAN 19**

**APR 20**

**NOV 17**

**FEB 16**

**MAY 18**

**5:00-6:00**

**Mercer County Extension Office**  
**Open to youth 9 years old and up**

**MUST RSVP TO THE REMIND TEXT**  
**JOIN THE REMIND BY SCAN THE QR**  
**CODE OR TEXT@4HART25 TO 81010**



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# CAT CLUB



**September 4    February 5**  
**October 2        March 5**  
**November 6      April 16**  
**December 4      May 7**  
**January 8**

**@ 6:00 p.m.**



**Mercer Co. Extension**  
**1007 Lexington Rd**  
**Harrodsburg, KY**  
**859-734-4378**



**You will get to have hands-on  
experiences while learning  
about domestic cats and their  
wild cat cousins as well  
Scan QR code to join the remind  
or text @cat4hclub to 81010**

**Open to both Cloverbuds and  
regular 4-H Members**

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4-H

# PUMPKIN DAY



CONTEST



OCTOBER 2-4, 2025  
MERCER CO. EXTENSION  
OFFICE

OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH  
PREMIUMS WILL BE  
AWARDED

PLEASE REFER TO THE  
ATTACHED DOCUMENT  
COMPLETE LIST OF  
CATEGORIES








## 4-H Pumpkin Day Celebration

Entry Check in Thursday, October 2, 4-6PM and  
Friday October 3 @ 9am- 12PM – Judging to follow Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Items will be on display Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-2  
@ Mercer County Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Rd, Harrodsburg KY



All participants will receive ribbons and premiums - Blue ribbon - \$3.00, Red Ribbon - \$2.00 and White ribbon - \$1.00 (awarded at the 4-H banquet). The categories are as follows:

### Pumpkin Contest:

- ✓ Best Jack-O-Lantern (carved)
- ✓ Best Painted pumpkin
- ✓ Best decorated pumpkin
- ✓ Ugliest Pumpkin (decorated)
- ✓ Oddest shaped pumpkin
- ✓ Smallest pumpkin
- ✓ Biggest pumpkin (By weight)
- ✓ Carved & Painted pumpkin

### Foods Competition:

- ✓ Best Pumpkin Pie
- ✓ Pumpkin Cookies (3)
- ✓ Decorated Pumpkin Cookies
- ✓ Pumpkin Bread/muffins
- ✓ Decorated Cup Cakes
- ✓ Decorated Pumpkin Cake
- ✓ Pumpkin bars
- ✓ Halloween Candy (homemade)
- ✓ Roasted pumpkin seeds
- ✓ Pumpkin Cake (must have pumpkin in ingredients)

### Pumpkin Photos:

Photos subject should relate to horticulture/fall crops/pumpkins.

The photos should be mounted on matte or poster board.

- ✓ Single photo (can be enlarged)
- ✓ Single black and white. Horticultural subject or activity
- ✓ Sequence of 4 -color photos
- ✓ Horticulture collection (Black & White or Color) consisting of 6 photographs

### Arts & Crafts:

- ✓ Decorated T-shirt
- ✓ Door Decoration
- ✓ Home Decoration
- ✓ Table decoration
- ✓ Trick or Treat Bag or bucket
- ✓ Picture Frame
- ✓ Wearable decoration (no T-shirts, can be decorative pens, hats, etc.)
- ✓ Miscellaneous (4-H can only have 1 item in this category)

**There will NOT be any additions to the entry list.**





# September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>Cloverbuds</b> 3:30-5 @ Extension	<b>3</b> <b>County 4-H Teen Club</b> 3:30 @ Extension Office	<b>4</b> <b>Cat Club</b> 6:00 @Extension Office	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Legobuds</b> 3:30-5:00 @Extension Office	<b>9</b> <b>Livestock Sale</b> 6:00 @The Stable Mercer County Fairgrounds	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Rabbit Club</b> 6:00 @Extension Office	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Art Club</b> 5:00-6:00 @ Extension <b>Horse Club</b> 6:00 -7:00 @ Extension Office	<b>16</b> <b>Cloverbud Cooking</b> 5:30-6:30 @ Extension <b>Livestock Club</b> 6:00 -7:00 @ Extension <b>Country Ham Sale</b> 6:00 @ The Stable	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Fall Harvest Festival @ Shaker Village</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Fall Harvest Festival @ Shaker Village</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Poultry Club</b> 6:30 @Extension Office	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Natural Resources</b> 6:00 - Extension Office	<b>26</b> <b>MCIS School Clubs</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Outdoor Explorers</b> 3:30-5 @ Extension	<b>30</b> <b>Cloverbuds</b> 3:30-5 @ Extension				





# MERCER COUNTY YOUTH INVESTMENT SALES

## ***Livestock Sale Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Mercer County Fairgrounds "The Stable"***

Linden Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY  
Preview & meet youth @ 6:00  
Complimentary Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Auction & Donor  
Recognition at 7:15 p.m.

2025 Sale Includes  
7 Market Hogs  
2 Market Goats  
1 Steer



## ***Country Ham Sale Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Mercer County Fairgrounds "The Stable"***

Linden Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY  
Preview & meet youth @ 6:00  
Complimentary Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Auction & Donor  
Recognition at 7:15 p.m.

2025 Sale Includes  
47 Country Hams







Mercer 4-H

# Holiday One Stop Shop



The Stable at Mercer County Fairgrounds  
560 Linden Ave  
Harrodsburg, KY



NOV 8

9AM- 3PM

VENDORS SCAN  
FOR APPLICATION



**\$6 LUNCH AVAILABLE**

VENDORS WANTED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 859-734-4378 OR EMAIL  
BETH.MADDOX@UKY.EDU



*Join Us and get  
ahead on Holiday  
Shopping*

[bit.ly/onestopshop25](http://bit.ly/onestopshop25)







# Fall HARVEST FESTIVAL

AT SHAKER VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER 20-21

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



College of Agriculture,  
Food and Environment  
Mercer County

Work fun interactive game stations  
and assist with other booths.

Festival will run from 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Volunteer times are 3 hour slots

Scan QR code or go to  
link to sign up!



**[tinyurl.com/harvestfest2025ky](https://tinyurl.com/harvestfest2025ky)**

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859-734-4378





# WHAT'S YOUR SUPER POWER??



**Mercer County 4-H is looking  
for superhero's like YOU to  
lead once a month clubs in  
something you are  
passionate about for youth!**

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email  
[dana.anderson@uky.edu](mailto:dana.anderson@uky.edu)**

**Sewing  
Knitting  
Crocheting  
Cooking/Breads\*  
Woodworking  
Homeschool\*  
Small Engine\*  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Club  
STEM  
Livestock  
Lego Buds  
\*biggest need for**

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