Professional and personal development is a part of life-long learning. Through a career in Extension, individuals have many opportunities to grow and learn throughout your career. Many things that are learned not only help in agent’s professional role but also contribute to life-long learning on a personal level as well. This week, our 4-H Specialist will be attending the Extension Specialist for Youth Development Biennial Conference in Mississippi where they will network with colleagues, learn about programs and issues related to youth development and share information about our program in Kentucky. This is one way Kentucky 4-H stays current in program development and effort. Through sharing of ideas, our system will continue to grow and strengthen as we move forward.

Funds from Monsanto
Congratulation to Christian, Crittenden, Ohio, and Simpson County for being a recipient of the America’s Farmers Grow Communities through the Monsanto Fund. Each county will receive $2500 for participating in this program. This is a great effort that occurs with targeted counties.
Charlene Jacobs, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development

4-H IN KENTUCKY
Youth Members Selected for 2016 4-H Issues Conference Planning Team
Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers who have been selected to serve on the 2016 4-H Issues Conference Planning Team! The members were selected after an application process was conducted. The first meeting for this group will be on April 14, 2014.
Debbie Myers, Campbell County, Conference Co-Chair
Jenny Begley, Washington County, Returning Member
Devyn Martindill, Nelson County, Returning Member
Devin Rogers, Hardin County
Destiney Shelton, Hopkins County
Logan Back, Breathitt County
Mattea Wyatt, Barren County
Dylan Gentry, Green County
These youth members will be joined by the following 4-H Agents on the planning team:
Charles Comer, D1
Jessica Morris, D2
Sherri Farley, D3, Conference Co-Chair
Courtney Brock, D4
Tyrone Gentry & Misty Wilmoth, D5
Lloyd Saylor, D6
Amanda Wilson & Matt Futrell, D7
Chuck Stamper, Special Projects Coordinator/4-H

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION
Connecting • Learning • Engaging • Leading • Impacting- 2016 National 4-H Conference Is Here!
National 4-H Conference is the annual premiere national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates will not only learn while at the conference. Delegates have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills. This year, Kentucky will have two delegates attending
the week of April 9-14. Morgan Askins, Oldham County and Lexi Bergman, Warren County, will be representing KY 4-H at this year’s conference. Be sure to follow the KY 4-H Facebook and Twitter sites for pics from the conference! Chuck Stamper, Special Projects Coordinator/4-H

REGISTER NOW FOR 4-H HOMECOMING!
The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is excited to announce the 6th Annual 4-H Homecoming Celebration! During this year’s Homecoming festivities we will celebrate 40 years of the State Teen Council, and the 1966 and 1991 State Officer Teams. Homecoming will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Campbell House, Lexington. The evening will include a reception, dinner, program, 4-H memorabilia, historic slide show and photos, an opportunity to purchase Kentucky 4-H alumni apparel, and lots more. Tickets are $50 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, May 27th.
To register you may go online to [www.kentucky4hfoundation.org](http://www.kentucky4hfoundation.org) or call Jessica Mayfield at the Kentucky 4-H Foundation office at 859.257.7178 to register and make payment over the phone. Come celebrate with us!

Melissa G. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Camp
Welcome to our new Extension Specialist for Camp and Shooting Sports, Darrell Stillwell.
- State Camp Advisory Committee meeting - April 19th – Lync Meeting
- West KY CIC meeting- April 19th, 5:30 pm CST

Donna Fox, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Shooting Sports
- Shooting Sports Camp- April 6 – 9 Lake Cumberland 4-H Center
- State Shooting Sports Committee Meeting- April 16th CANCELLED

Donna M. Fox, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

IRS Tax Filing
Only a handful of county 4-H councils or clubs have applied for and gotten their own 501 c 3 tax exempt status so most counties are not affected by this message. If you have one of those few entities in your county, be sure that they are aware of tax filing time. For those that function on a January to December financial year, the appropriate 990 form is to be filed between January 1 and May 15. For those with a July 1 – June 30 financial year, the 990 must be filed between July 1 and November 15. Entities that derive their exempt status from the Extension District do not file a 990 form.

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

18 Ways to Enter the State Fashion Revue—It’s more than learning to sew
Its spring and many county sewing clubs are busy constructing garments and plan to present their garments in county fashion shows. While learning to sew is a great way to advance to the state revue, did you know that there are other ways to be in the revue? Teens working on the Fashion Magic, UpCycle or Needlework projects can also be in the revue.
- Members in Fashion Magic coordinate a complete outfit and assemble a notebook of their experiences according to the project book. No clothing construction is required. Counties may advance one teen in each of the Fashion Magic categories—Wardrobe Planning, In the Marketplace, and Clothing Coordination.
- To enter the Fashion Revue through needlework, the member may create a knitted or crocheted garment or embellish a garment with an embroidered design or tatting lace. Accessories such as a scarf, hat or purse do not qualify as a garment. One member from each county may advance to the state revue in each of these categories—crochet, embroidery, knitting, quilting, and tatting.
- UpCycling is another possibility. Teens create a new garment out of previously worn garments.
When you add these categories to the more familiar sewing categories, there are 18 ways to enter the State Fashion Revue.

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development
**Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge**
This year’s Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge is set for June 14 & 15, during Teen Conference. Each district may send one team made up of 3 to 5 teens in grades 9-12 (current program year). All members of the team must be from one county. The deadline to register the district team in the state contest is May 2, 2016. Information is available on the public site at: [http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/Food_Challenge](http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/Food_Challenge) and in the Resource Guide under “Culinary Challenge.”

**Qualifying events:** Within each Extension district, agents need to discuss and determine how the team will be selected to compete in the state challenge coming up in June. Some districts may host a district challenge but other districts may come up with other unique methods. Regardless of the method, the district team will need to be fully prepared for the challenge at the state competition. Contact agents (who also serve as planning committee) are: D1: Sherrill Bentley; D2: Crystal Osborne; D3: Denise Donahue; D4: Rachel Abney; D5: Kendra Ewing Jones and Elijah Wilson; D6: Paula Tarry and Wade Raymer; D7: Kendriana Price and Leslea Barnes.  
*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Dev*

**4-H ATV Safety Training for Agents and Leaders this Fall**
This fall we will be hosting two 2-day workshops on 4-H ATV safety training for agents and leaders to attend. Agents and leaders will be able to sign up for one two day session led by Mike Klumpp, Multi-State 4-H ATV Safety Coordinator. Are you, or do you know a leader who is, interested in leading 4-H ATV programming in your county? If so, please join us or have your leaders join us. Be on the lookout for the announcement of the training dates, locations and registration. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Dvorak, Ph.D. at tcdv222@uky.edu.

*Tanya C. Dvorak, Extension Specialist, Program & Staff Development*

**Teen Board Applications**
Teen Board Applications are Due May 1st. These boards are great opportunities for your Senior 4-H Members. Please see the Teen Boards page on the public website!
[http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/state_teen_boards](http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/state_teen_boards)  
*Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

**Kentucky 4-H State Communications Day**
State Communications day is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2016 at the Whitehall Classroom building. The online registration should be opened soon. You may register volunteers at any time. More information can be found at the website below.
[http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/2015-state-4-h-communications-day](http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/2015-state-4-h-communications-day)  
*Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

**4-H Senior Forestry State Competition**
Congratulations to the Nelson County Senior Forestry Judging Team! They won the State Judging competition on March 25th at Bernheim Forest. Even though the day was rather chilly, teams from Caldwell, Calloway, McQueary and Nelson worked hard and did a great job at the competition. The Nelson County team was made up of Christopher Cecil, Grayson Livers, Jacob Hutchins and Caleb Enlow. The team will represent Kentucky at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational. The National 4-H Forestry Invitational is scheduled for July 31 – August 4, 2016 in Weston, WV.

*Laurie Taylor Thomas, Extension Specialist for Forestry*

**Kentucky Forest Leadership Program**
Do you know a high school student that is interested in the environment and wants to know more about forests, trees, insects, water and wildlife? Then please share the attached Kentucky Forest Leadership Program brochure with them. Students that participate in this hands-on week-long program will get the opportunity to explore the many aspects of our forests as well as learn about college degrees and career options.
This year the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program, in addition to the traditional Forestry program, is offering Entomology and Wildlife options. If a student is seriously interested in insects or wildlife they will get the opportunity to experience a concentrated program in entomology or wildlife while also learning about Kentucky’s forests.

The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program has been held at the University of Kentucky’s Lake Cumberland 4H Education Center for nearly 20 years and is conducted in cooperation with U.K. College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky Division of Conservation. The program has a limited enrollment of 25 students that are either in-coming juniors or seniors that have at least a 2.0 GPA. KFLP will be held June 6 – 10, 2016. Deadline for Registration is May 6, 2016.

The curriculum covered during the week is great review/introduction for anyone involved in Envirothon! Many county teams will send an individual to represent their team.

Here are website for the program: [http://www.kyforestrycamp.com](http://www.kyforestrycamp.com)

Laurie Taylor Thomas, Extension Specialist for Forestry

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### 3rd Monday Monthly Lync Sessions for Interested Agents

Join us for a one hour Lync/Skype session on up-coming events, projects or general 4-H topics hosted by state staff and experienced agents. A few days before the session, watch for an email announcement giving the link for the next session. Participation is open to all agents but required for all first year agents. Recordings of past sessions are available in the Resource Guide under “N”—“New Agent”, then “Additional Resources for Newer Agents.” *Red lettering indicates a change in date or time.*

- **April 12, 2016, (Tuesday), 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—**[SNAP-ed Ideas that Work](http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20Policy%20Guide%204-H%20Professionals%202014.pdf) (This session was originally scheduled for February but was postponed by bad weather.)
- **April 18, 2016, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—**[4-H Rabbit Project; Best Practices of a 4-H Shooting Sports Club](http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf)
- **May 16, 2016, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—**[Preparation for the State Fair; Bicycle Project & Rodeo](http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf)
- **June 20, 2016, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—**[The ES-237 Report](http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf) (how to tell if the data in 4-H Online is accurate, what are you doing when you “sign” the report; how you can use the data in marketing your program).

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

### 4-H Name and Emblem

From time to time, it is a good idea to take a look at documents related to use of the 4-H name and emblem. There are two documents on the NIFA site that describe the guidelines we must follow in using the 4-H name and emblem—one is for Extension professionals and the other is for other entities such as vendors. Here are the hot links:

- **For non-Extension entities such as vendors:** [http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf](http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf)

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

### UPCOMING IN-SERVICES FOR 2015-16

Here’s a quick list of sessions specifically planned for 4-H agents but refer to the catalog in KERS for additional sessions targeted to all Extension agents. (4-H agents are not limited to the sessions below.) If the deadline to sign-up has passed, call the contact. *Please refrain from simply showing up at a session for which you have not pre-registered.*

- **Teen Cuisine**: March 29, Greenup CES office; March 31, Laurel CES office; April 6, Webster CES office
- **4-H Aerospace Adventures—the Next Frontier**: May 3, Gorham Hall, Good Barn, campus; May 4, UK Research & Education Center, Princeton
• **High Ropes Training for Facilitators:** May 5-6, West KY 4-H Camp, Dawson Springs; May 12-13, North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle
• **Low Ropes Training:** May 5-6, North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle
• **Setting the Standard in 4-H Science Education:** May 12 Clark CES office
• **2016 Series of In-Services:** Dec. 6-8, 2016, Hyatt Regency Downtown, Lexington

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

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