Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Update

August/September 2015

Kentucky 4-H has had a great 4-H year. Youth continue to learn and develop life skills that are being used now and will be used in the future. Preliminary numbers from our 4-H Online enrollment program indicate that participation in Kentucky 4-H has increased over previous years reaching 36% of our potential youth. This is a great surprise because in the past when we have changed our enrollment system, our numbers have dropped. As each county looks at their year-end ES 237 report, take time to evaluate your successes and see your potential areas of growth.

State Level Contact List and Expectations

Just a reminder that 4-H Agent Contact responsibilities begins September 1. The list can be found at [http://4hguide.ca.uky.edu/sites/4hguide.ca.uky.edu/files/contactagents/District%20Contact%20List%20PY2016%20-%209-1-15%20to%208-31-16.xlsx](http://4hguide.ca.uky.edu/sites/4hguide.ca.uky.edu/files/contactagents/District%20Contact%20List%20PY2016%20-%209-1-15%20to%208-31-16.xlsx) State level agent contacts are essential in planning and implementing our 4-H program at all levels of the organization. The specialists have developed expectations for each of the state level agent contact positions in order to communicate better and clarify each contact’s responsibility and these can be found under C – contact agent expectations.

We value the communication and feedback from county level where the program is being implemented. My expectation is that each district is represented and present in state level 4-H committee meetings and workgroups in order to have input from across the state. In return, state level contact agents should communicate with the agents in their district. There are a few vacancies on the posted list due to reassignments and resignations. We will work with the District Directors to get these filled as soon as possible.

Other Items:

- The State 4-H Livestock Committee has approved the addition of miniature horses (no taller than 38 inches) for the Cloverbud program. This will be discussed at the state agent and volunteer advisory council meetings. Details to come.
- Kentucky 4-H is looking forward to our first 4-H Youth Development Institute for the 4-H Youth Development Agents. Several agents expressed interest in participating in the first class.
- The State 4-H Specialists have been preparing information to assist with your Plan of Work for 2016-2020. Information will be posted on-line to use with your County 4-H Council and to help you write your Plan of Work. More information to come.

Charlene Jacobs, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development

PERSONNEL: 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT POSITIONS

We welcome the following new agents to our ranks:

Vicki Boggs, Leslie County

Vicki came to Extension with 30 years of experience in formal education, teaching middle and high school family and consumer sciences and life skills in Leslie and Lawrence Counties. She served as an Extension program assistant in Leslie County for about 4 years prior to becoming the 4-H agent. Vicki has a BS in home economics from Eastern Kentucky University and has earned master’s degrees in education/supervision of instruction/planned sixth year program from EKU and in education from Union College.

Kelsey Chadwick, Carlisle County
After a lengthy period without a 4-H agent, Carlisle County is happy to welcome Kelsey to the staff. She served as coordinator for W KY Migrant Education Program, providing supplemental educational services for Spanish-speaking youth. She completed a BS in Spanish and English at Murray State and a master’s in social work at the University of Louisville. Kelsey’s husband Matt is ANR agent in Calloway County.

Kaitlyne Davis, Christian County
Kaitlyne grew up in the McCracken County 4-H program and interned two summers in neighboring Ballard County. Her love of animals, especially horses, led her to pursue BS and MS degrees in Animal Science at Murray. After college, Kaitlyne moved to Texas where she served as an Extension 4-H agent for a year and a half. She is happy to be back in Kentucky.

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

State 4-H Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest
The 4-H Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest was held July 11 in conjunction with the State 4-H Communication Day. In the contest the participants demonstrate the preparation of an egg dish of their choosing while discussing the benefits of eggs in the diet. There were junior and senior participants. The winners are:
- Junior Champion: Emma Purcell from Graves County
- Seniors: Champion: Mauri Collins from Crittenden County who will represent Kentucky in the National Egg Preparation Demonstration at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November.

Jacquie Jacob, Extension Associate

4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest
The 4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest was held July 18 in Madison County. There were both junior and senior participants. In the contest the participants grill 3 chicken halves and turn in 2 for judging. They are judged on their skill at starting the fire, grilling the chicken, and the sensory quality of the product turned. There were six seniors and two juniors. The winners were:
- Juniors: Champion: Landon Holley from Montgomery County
  - Reserve Champion: Nicole Fugate from Perry County
- Seniors: Champion: Dakota White from Nicholas County who will represent Kentucky in the National 4-H Chicken BBQ contest at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November.
  - Reserve Champion: Laura Flannery from Montgomery County who will represent Kentucky in the National Turkey BBQ contest

Jacquie Jacob, Extension Associate

Kentucky Team Competes at National 4-H Forestry Invitational
Kentucky was one of 14 state teams that competed in the 36th annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational from Sunday, July 26, through Thursday, July 30. The invitational was held at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center near Weston, West Virginia. While at the Invitational 4-H members competed for overall team and individual awards in several categories. Events included tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, forest evaluation, the forestry bowl and a written forestry exam.
Kentucky was represented by Ben Bolin, Madelyn Bolin, and Stephen Bolin all from Cox’s Creek and Adam Collins from Bloomfield. The team was coached by Danielle Hutchins from Bardstown.

Danielle Hutchins, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Agriculture Mini-Grant Program
We are pleased to announce that the 4-H Foundation has budgeted $40,000 for this year’s mini-grant program for county and club level projects and activities related to agriculture. The information and applications are now available with an application deadline of October 9, 2015. The maximum grant amount is $1,000, but there is no minimum. Grant awards will be announced by October 30th and the project must be completed by August 31, 2016. Dollar for dollar match is required and must be cash or donated in-kind material.

Keith L. Rogers, Executive Director, Kentucky 4-H Foundation

Kentucky State Fair
I want to thank all youth, parents, program assistants, agents, and administration that assisted in making this year’s Kentucky State Fair, the best yet. Without each of you this effort could not have been accomplished! Please note for any changes or suggestions for the 2016 Kentucky State Fair please see your District Fair Contact Agent.

Kimberly Adams –Leger, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

4-H Achievement
When planning for 4-H Achievement program in your county, please review the Agent Resource Guide for Agent Tools and Resources for youth to assist you and understanding the Achievement program. Remember to utilize your district contact agent. The state deadline for the program is December 15, 2015.

Kimberly Adams –Leger, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Marketing and National 4-H Week
National 4-H Week is approaching fast, October 4 – 10, 2015. Please see the following link for the National 4-H Week template. http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/ In addition, if you are looking for your own county proclamation template. You can find it under the Agent Resource Guide in Marketing.

Kimberly Adams –Leger, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Dare to Dairy
Dare to Dairy will be held October 24, 2015 at the UK Coldstream Dairy. This program looks at the science behind animal agriculture and is an excellent way to earn livestock educational hours. The registration is due by October 1st. The cost is $15/person. The registration form and information is located on our website at http://afsdairy.ca.uky.edu/extension/youth/daretodairy. If you have any questions please contact Larissa Tucker. 

Larissa Tucker, Extension Associate for Dairy Youth Programs

Camp
• Camp Day at the State Fair: Saturday, August 22nd from 10 to 2. Join us for games, songs, dances and skits!
• Camp Schedules for 2016 – Forms will be emailed to agents shortly. Deadline to submit each county’s proposed dates is Friday, September 18th.

• State Camp Advisory Committee meeting September 29 at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp beginning at 11 EST (10 CST). Lunch will be provided.

DONNA M. FOX, EXTENSION SPECIALIST 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

SHOOTING SPORTS

• County registrations for the State Competition are posted and updated regularly at https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-shooting-sports-competition

• State Competition – deadline to make any substitutions to the registrations submitted is September 1st.

• State Competition dates – September 12: Bluegrass Sportsmen League, Wilmore; September 13: Central KY Wildlife Mgt. Area, Berea. Visit our webpage for more information https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-shooting-sports-competition

• Check out our Shooting Sports Facebook page: Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports.

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KENTUCKY 4-H CORE CURRICULUM CATALOG (REVISED 8-14-15)

Several changes have been made to the Kentucky Core Curriculum Catalog (8-14-2015) that you’ll want to note as you plan for the new year. The revised catalog is located in the Resource Guide under “Core Curriculum” and “Core Curriculum Catalog.”

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

SOCIAL MEDIA – 4-H WEEK

During 4-H events (especially during 4-H week in October) I would like to ask agents to encourage their youth to take pictures with a sign saying #IAMKY4H and post using that hash tag. This will help market the Kentucky 4-H program and is a fun way to incorporate the trend of “hashtagging” into 4-H events. A template for the sign will be available on the agent resource guide under the “Social Media” page. Post the pictures to twitter, Facebook and other social media sites. We encourage agents to conduct this social media promotion year round.

Mark Mains, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

TEEN CONFERENCE

The 2016 Teen Conference theme is “Fly to New Heights” with superheroes as our inspiration. We are looking for talented individuals who want to design our logo for next year’s event. An information flyer is attached and can also be found on the Teen Conference website at: https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/teenconference under Contests/Other Links. Submissions are due on October 30, 2015. The winners will be announced in late November and will receive a $50 gift card and a full scholarship to 4-H teen Conference. Their artwork will be used to inspire next year’s t-shirt designs and the logo will be used on print and promotional materials.

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2015 4-H ISSUES CONFERENCE

The 2015 4-H Issues Conference is just three months away! The IC Planning Team has been busy planning a program that will be fun and beneficial to all the participants. The goal of the Issues Conference is to strengthen the citizenship skills of participants by giving them experience in dealing with community issues through research, collaboration, and presentation. The participants also have the opportunity to submit a proposal for an issues-based project they want to complete in their county. The 2015 4-H Issues Conference is scheduled for November 19-22 at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Center. Registration information will be coming to 4-H agents soon.

Chuck Stamper, Extension Special Projects Coordinator

4-H HISTORY MAP
You and other 4-H history buffs have the opportunity to nominate sites of historical significance to Kentucky 4-H to the National 4-H History Map project. This map-making effort is led by the 2015 National 4-H Geospatial Leadership Team, made up of youth and adults from CA, IA, MT, NC, NY, MD, and TN. As a result of their effort, 4-H families across the country will use mobile technology to discover and visit historically significant locations where national, state, and local milestones in 4-H history have taken place. I recently submitted two locations—the State 4-H Department at UK and West Kentucky 4-H Camp. I just zoomed in on the map and both have been pinned. It really worked! Join this effort to mark the Kentucky map by submitting locations that are significant to your 4-H experience. To nominate sites, go to http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/History_Map/.

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

**KY Association for Environmental Education Conference – Full STEAM Ahead**

This conference is being held on September 10-12, Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, KY. Register on KERS at http://kaee.org/conference/.

Ashley Osborne, Extension Associate, Environment and Natural Resources

**Over the River and Through the Cave: Project WET and Project Underground Educator Certification**

This certification will be held on May 3-4, 2016, Clay Hill Memorial Forest, Campbellsville, KY. Register via KERS. Join us for a two-day in-service that will train and certify participants on nationally recognized environmental education curricula Project WET and Project Underground. Project WET’s focus is on water resources and awareness, while Project Underground provides information and activities on caves, karst, and underground systems. During the in-service participants will engage in hands-on activities while canoeing the Green River, one of the world’s most biologically diverse river systems, and investigating a cave ecosystem in Taylor County. Each participant will receive one copy of both WET and Underground curriculum guides. Registration fee is $50 per person and includes dinner on day one, lunch on day two, and WET and Underground guides. Lodging is not provided - participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their lodging during the training.

Ashley Osborne, Extension Associate, Environment and Natural Resources

**Volunteer Conference of Southern States**

The Volunteer Conference of Southern States will be held October 1 – 4 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center near Eatonton, Georgia. Registration is now open! Full conference information, including on-line registration and the complete schedule is available at the website at www.vcoss.weebly.com

Registration is $295 ... which includes all meals, breaks and lodging! What a deal!!! Kentucky will be housed in the new, state-of-the-art cabins at Rock Eagle ... featuring double rooms with private baths, wireless connectivity and air conditioning!

Please share this information with volunteers throughout your state.

Ken Culp, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

**Lync/Skype Session for Interested Agents:**

Each month, a one hour Lync/Skype session is hosted by state staff or experienced agents on up-coming events, projects or general 4-H topics. A few days before the session, a message will be sent to all agents by email. You’ll need a computer with a camera and a headset with microphone. For the first year of employment, newer agents are required to participate. 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.

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

**September 8, 2015 (Tuesday) 3:00pm ET/2:00pm CT**; Topics: Issues Conference, Day of Service, and scheduling State Officers for county events by Chuck Stamper and Mark Mains (This was announced earlier as a morning session; be sure to update your schedule.)

**October 5, 2015 (Monday) 9:30am ET/8:30am CT**—Topic: 4-H Achievement Program with Kim Adams Leger
November 2, 2015 (Monday) 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—Topic: What EVERY 4-H Agent needs to know about the 4-H Horse Program with Fernanda Camargo and Amy Lawyer; If you have a horse program in your county, there is some information that you just need to know...even if you have highly engaged and on-top-of-everything horse volunteers.

December 7, 2015 (Monday) 3:00pm ET/2:00pm CT; Topic: What EVERY 4-H Agent needs to know about the 4-H Animal Science Program with Steve Austin; If you have a livestock program in your county, there is some information that you just need to know...even if you have highly engaged and on-top-of everything livestock volunteers. (This was announced earlier as a morning session; be sure to update your schedule.)

Beginning in February, Lync sessions will typically be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am ET/8:30am CT.

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On-line Training-Survey Basics
A seven part on-line series of training is being offered on “Survey Basics”. The culminating event (Session 7) will be an all-day face to face training with Monica Willett and an advanced Qualtrics training. The face to face trainings are limited to 15 people. Two have been scheduled to date (Nov. 5th in Lexington and November 19th in Bowling Green). Additional face to face sessions may need to be added. More information can be found in KERS.

Pam Sigler, Extension Specialist 4-H Youth Development

UPCOMING IN-SERVICES FOR 2015-16
In-services for 2015-16 are still being uploaded to the in-service online catalog. Consider the following list incomplete at this time. Be sure to pre-register for in-services that are of interest to you or youth in your county. 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.)

- **4-H National Youth Science Day:** Sept. 10, Caldwell CES; Sept 14, Madison CES; Sept. 15, Hardin CES
- **4-H Biotechnology & Forensic Camps for Youth:** Oct. 1, Fayette CES
- **2015 Series of In-Services:** Dec. 1-3, 2015, Hyatt Regency Downtown, Lexington
- **4-H Visual Arts:** Oct. 22, Scott CES; Oct 29, Hardin CES
- **Annual 4-H Camp Update:** Jan. 19 or 27, 10:00am ET/9:00am CT, via Lync; required for all agents going to 4-H camp in 2016
- **Camp Basics for New Agents with 4-H Camp Responsibilities:** Feb. 4, Central location TBA; required for all new agents with 4-H responsibilities even if agent has been to camp before.
- **4-H Electric Excitement:** Feb. 23, Clark CES; Feb. 24, Hopkins CES
- **The Dirt on Soils: Soils Education In-Service:** March 16, UK Research Center, Princeton; March 22, Franklin CES; March 23, Robinson Center, Jackson, KY
- **4-H Aerospace Adventures—the Next Frontier:** May 3, Good Barn, campus; May 4, UK Research & Ed Center, Princeton, KY

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