Happy Spring!
Welcome to Spring in the Kentucky 4-H program! While we will have more than a few days of snow, rain, and cold weather, you can already tell that warmer weather is just around the corner. During this time of renewal and growth, I encourage you to continue to think about your approach to conducting positive youth development focused programming in the upcoming year. As an organization, we MUST do a better job in focusing on PYD and evaluating our impact in our programs. It is our responsibility to steward the resources provided at the county, state, and national level in a way that best meets the needs of our diverse Kentucky population.

During the upcoming year the Kentucky 4-H program will continue to work on providing you with the information and tools you need to do this effectively. This may result in changes for how programs are conducted and evaluated. I appreciate everyone working together to create the best program with high level, measurable outcomes. Thank you!
~ Mark Mains, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development.

General Updates

[REPEAT] Quick Facts about the Program Year
This program year began on September 1, 2018 and the last day of the year is August 31, 2019.
All youth born in 2009 are considered “4-H age” 9 for this program year.
Youth born in the years 2005 - 2009 make up the “junior” division. They are 4-H ages 9 – 13.
Youth born in the years 2000 through 2004 are in the “senior” division. They are 4-H ages 14-18.
~ Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Ag Tag Kick-Off
It’s that time of year again, it’s time to kick off the 2019 Kentucky Ag Tag program! As each of you know, the Ag Tag program is one of the best fundraising opportunities for Kentucky 4-H. This year we are once again, very thankful to partner with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Ryan F. Quarles and FFA Foundation on this program.

You should have already picked up your Ag Tag posters at In-Series in Lexington. If you did not please let me know as soon as possible and we will get them mailed to you. We ask you to place these in high traffic agricultural locations throughout your county.

Included in an email sent to agents are additional items to assist you and your council in promotion of the program . . .
- A memo outlining the program and suggested activities for your county
- Press Release Template
- Template for a “letter to the editor” from a 4-H member
Column or newsletter template from 4-H Agents
- Talking Points to share with your County Clerk and their staff
- Social Media examples
- Print ready 8.5”X11” promotional posters
- An excel spreadsheet detailing the 2018 results from all counties.

The 4-H and FFA Foundation’s will once again provide each County Clerk’s office with two large and five small promotional posters for display in their offices, along with two check writing pads and buttons. All these items are be mailed directly to your County Clerk’s office.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program! The scale of success will be up to ALL of us in the 4-H family in how we promote and encourage our friends, alumni, and communities to step up and support 4-H through the $10 voluntary donation. Let’s make 2019 the best year yet!

Please reach out to myself (melissag.miller@uky.edu) or Ben (ben.carr@uky.edu) if you need any additional information or have questions.

~Melissa Miller, Kentucky 4-H Foundation Executive Director

Transfers:
Brandy Calvert: from Bell Co. 4-H to Clark Co. 4-H
Alison Johnson: from Scott Co. 4-H to Scott County Manager
T J Adkins: from Pulaski Co. 4-H to Pulaski Co. ANR
Jeremiah Johnson: from Henderson Co. 4-H to Christian Co. 4-H
Isaac Hollon: from Estill Co. 4-H to State 4-H Staff

Retirements:
John McQueary, Rockcastle Co., will retire 2/28/19
Martha Welch, State 4-H Staff, will retire 3/29/19
Wanda Paris, Lyon Co., will retire 4/8/19

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

Program Management
Not Sure Where to Find “General” Program Management Information? If you have not been able to find “general” topics like contact agents, professional development, programming guidelines, 4-H age, 4-H name and emblem, charters, cross county participation, financial accountability, risk management, school attendance and much more, go to the Resource Guide, look on the left side for “Program Management.” This one tab provides a wealth of information.

~ Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development
**Monthly Skype Sessions**
Join us for a one-hour Skype session each month. We will have information and idea sharing on opportunities in 4-H. We encourage 2-way communication so think about questions you want to ask and ideas you want to share. A few days before the session, watch for an email announcement giving the link and topic 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 Program Management, “New Agent Resources.” Ideas for future topics are welcome.

- **March 18, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT; Topic: 4-H Charters and Teen Conference 2019; led by Dr. Mains and Rachel Noble
- **April 15, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT
- **May 20, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT
- **June 17, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT
- **July 15, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT
- **August 19, 2019**, 9:30am ET/8:30am CT

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

**Upcoming In-Services**
Here is 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.** Register through KERS by the deadline.

- **Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! Junior Master Gardener Program**: March 5, Clark CES; March 6, Nelson CES; March 19, Muhlenberg CES
- **Environmental Education Camp**: April 9, West KY 4-H Camp (changed from April 18)
- **High Ropes Facilitation**: April 13-14, North Central 4-H Camp; April 27-28, Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp; May 2-3, West Kentucky 4-H Camp; May 4-5, Feltner 4-H Camp
- **Bug Snappers: State Fair 4-H Insect Photography**: May 21, UK Arboretum; July 12, Henderson CES; July 26, Robinson Forest.
- **2019 4-H Update** (previously the Series of In-Services): Dec. 3-4, 2019, Hyatt Regency, Lexington

If you want to sign up for an in-service after the registration deadline has passed, be sure to call the contact to make sure that you can still participate in the in-service before you register.

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

**Agriculture/Natural Resources**

**4-H Camp Canine - Registration Information**

Public Website
Agent Resource Guide Website
State Registration Deadline: April 15, 2019
State Registration Fee (for adults and youth):
$90/person (includes lodging, camp t-shirt, and the following meals: Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast)

Registration Procedure:
1. Forms:
   a. All participants (adults and youth) must complete the registration form.
   b. All dogs attending camp must have the following forms: dog declaration (due March 1 to CES Office), dog health form, and Certification of Veterinary Inspection (from their veterinarian). These forms should be brought to camp with the dog. NOTE: Campers can attend with or without their dog.
   c. CES Offices must complete the County Confirmation and Verification Form (available on Agent Resource Guide) and email/mail a copy to the State 4-H Office (address below).

2. CES Offices: please send a copy of the County Confirmation and Verification Form and a check payable to KY 4-H Foundation with dog camp in memo line to: University of KY 4-H, c/o Ashley Osborne, 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546. County Confirmation and Verification Form and registration payments are due (in-hand) by April 15. (please email me if you need an invoice)

3. CES Offices must submit registration information for all participants online by the April 15 deadline. Online registration will be available in late March – I will send this link out when available.

Promotional/Marketing Items:
Dog Camp Letter
Dog Camp Flyer - - CES Offices will need to input their county registration fee and deadline.
~ Ashley Osborne, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

2019 Kentucky State Skillathon Results
Congratulations to all those who participated and a special thank you to all those who helped with the 2019 Livestock Skillathon Competition.
Roughly, 250 contestants from 35 plus counties attended.
Top three teams by division:
~Steve Austin, Youth Livestock Programs

Help UK POP!
New Pass on Plastics (POPs) Campaign
Agent Resource Guide
The POPs Campaign encourages individuals to pledge to reduce plastic pollution. To participate in POPs, 4-H members complete the POPs pledge card and return the bottom portion of the card to the Kentucky 4-H State Office. Volunteer leaders and Extension personnel are also encouraged to take the pledge! Pledge cards, a flyer, an agent/leader information handout, and news release are available on the Agent Resource Guide. The POPs
campaign can be easily incorporated into existing programs and clubs, and would be a great way to promote Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Month (April).

~ Ashley Osborne, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Academy
Public Website
Agent Resource Guide Website
Brochure
State Registration Deadline: May 1
State Registration Fee: $175/participant (includes lodging and meals at retreat, and educational programming and material fees) - - scholarship opportunities are available

Do you know a fifth grader that is interested in natural resources and the outdoors? The NRESci Academy is a three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. In the program, scholars participate in hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky's natural resources. Applicants must be in the 5th grade at the time of application. For additional information please visit our website or feel free to contact me (I am happy to chat with anyone interested in the program and needing more information).

~ Ashley Osborne, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Save the Date! 4-H Forestry Events
- 4-H Senior Forestry State Contest – **Friday, April 11th, 2019**, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest
- 4-H Forestry Field Day Carter Caves – **Thursday, September 5th, 2019**, Carter Caves State Park
- 4-H Forestry Field Day Pine Mountain – **Tuesday, September 10th, 2019**, Pine Mountain State Park
- 4-H Forestry Field Day Mammoth Cave – **Thursday, September 12th, 2019**, Mammoth Cave National Park
- 4-H Forestry Field Day Land Between the Lakes – **Friday, September 13th, 2019**, LBL Woodland Nature Station
- 4-H Forestry Field Day Bernheim Arboretum – **Tuesday, September 17th, 2019**, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest

~Laurie Thomas, Extension Forester

New KY4H2O Podcasts!
Carmen Agouridis (Extension Associate Profession in Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering), Amanda Gumbert (Extension Water Quality Specialist), and Brian Volland (Agricultural Communications Specialist) are excited to announce the launch of their new podcast series titled KYH2O. KYH2O is a podcast about all things water in Kentucky. They join experts in the field to learn about water-related topics of scientific and/or cultural
interest. You can access the podcast via the KYH2O website at www.uky.edu/bae/kyh2o, via iTunes (search for kyh2o), or through the PodBean app (search for kyh2o).
After listening to the podcast, the team encourages you to learn more about the topics covered through their Explore More section where they feature publications, videos, and websites of interest. Be sure to check out the Episode Transcript which features links to topics discussed during the podcasts.
~Carmen Agouridis, Extension Associate Profession in Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering

North American Association for Environmental Education coming to Lexington!
NAAEE Annual Conference
Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky
October 16-19, 2019
Information is available online at here.
~ Ashley Osborne, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Shooting Sports – Updates
March 1: Deadline to register for the April 3 – 6, 2019 Shooting Sports Camp. All campers, teens and adults planning to attend must be registered online by the deadline. Forms and information are posted on the webpage: https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/shooting-sports-camp. The link to register for camp is https://agentforms-app.ca.uky.edu/.

March 1 – 3: Spring Coach Certification Workshop, Jabez, KY Lake Cumberland 4-H Center.


Counties planning to host a 4-H shoot this year should complete a Host Form posted at https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/shooting-sports-policies-and-rules. The form is to be emailed/faxed to the state office. Each event with information will be posted on the Shooting Sports Calendar of Events. Send all event information to dfox@uky.edu.

You can find dates for county shoots and all state sponsored events for shooting sports on this webpage: https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/shooting-sports-calendar
As county shooting sports clubs start up this spring, please have parents, coaches and club members visit the Policies and Rules webpage for updated 4-H Rules.

These rules must be followed for any 4-H sponsored event.
~ Donna Fox, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development
HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wild Rose Farm - Elizabethtown
(589 Franklin Ln - Elizabethtown, KY 42701)
Cost: $10 includes lunch

SPONSORED BY:
District 5 Horse Council
Kentucky 4-H Foundation

PRESENTED BY:
Craig H. Wood, Ph.D., Interim Assistant Director For AgNR
- American Paint Horse Association current President and Judge
- Coached Collegiate Judging Teams for UK

Ashley S. Griffin, M.S., Program Manager, eXtension Foundation, Inc.
- Judge for American Paint Horse Association (APHA), Pinto Horse Association of America (PHA), and Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA)
- Judged PHA World and PHBA Youth World twice
- Coached Youth Horse Judging Teams for Kentucky 4-H

► WILL COUNT AS TWO (2) EDUCATIONAL HOURS FOR YOUTH IN THE 4-H HORSE PROGRAM
AND FOR CERTIFIED 4-H HORSE CLUB LEADERS ◄

Tentative Schedule:
AM: Conformation
Quality of Movement
Note taking/ Oral Reasons
Lunch: Box lunch will be provided
PM: Judge 3 classes
Jrs. will answer questions
Srs. will practice reasons
Wrap up final comments

** Please bring note paper/ pad and pencil and dress warm—we will be in barn/ arena.

Please fill out and return attached form with payment by March 1st to Jessica Vincent
Any questions please email Bonnie Jolly at bsjolly@uky.edu or Stephanie at smeredith@uky.edu
Or call Hardin CO. Extension Office at 270.765.4121
TO PARTICIPATE:
Please complete the form below and return it with your payment
$10 check per person (includes lunch) ~ Payable to: KY 4-H Foundation
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST to:

Jessica Vincent
Hardin County Cooperative Extension Office
201 Peterson Drive - Elizabethtown, KY 42701 - Phone: (270) 765-4121

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For Directions to facility visit: https://wildroseky.com/ ~ Signs will be posted for Parking

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HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 16, 2019

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________

E-MAIL: __________________________________________________________

Name of Club/ County: _____________________________________________

# PARTICIPATING Youth: ___________________ ($10 EACH)

# Participating Adults: ___________________ ______________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ ________________________________
### 4-H Dairy Jeopardy Contest Registration

**Registration Due: March 15, 2019**

Please Return Form to: Larissa Tucker, 403 W.P. Garrigus Bldg., Lexington, KY 40546 By: Email or Fax

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Cooperative Extension Service agents are responsible for collecting the following paperwork, if applicable, from all program participants. They are asked to check and initial each line to provide documentation that this has been collected. Copies of the Participant Information & Insurance, Medical and Health Information and Code of Conduct Forms should travel to and from the event/activity with the groups chaperone. Excess insurance has been purchased for this state event through the University of Kentucky Office of Risk Management (http://www.uky.edu/EVPFA/Controller/risk.htm).

- Participant Information & Insurance Form _____ (Please Initial)
- Medical and Health Information Form _____ (Please Initial)
- Code of Conduct Form _____ (Please Initial)
- Photographic Release Form _____ (Please Initial)

A photo release statement is on the Participant Information and Insurance form. It is the responsibility of the agent to indicate youth/adults who are not able to be photographed and/or to remove them from photographic opportunities.

- Client Protection/Risk Management _____ (Please Initial)

I certify that all adult participants and volunteers for this program have been fully screened, have completed the CP/RM process as outline by the University of Kentucky and have been accepted as volunteers.

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Communications/Expressive Arts

Communications
Spring is in the air and that means county and district speech and demonstration contests are in full swing! We are excited to see who will be advancing to the state competition on July 13, 2019! You can now enter your participants online here under registration: [https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day](https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day) Registration closes June 1st.

Please remember that this event takes over 100 volunteers to make it run smoothly and effectively! You can sign up your volunteers there as well under volunteer opportunities.

~ Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe
The KY 4-H Performing Arts Troupe & Board is a group of amazing and talented high school teens who love to sing and perform. Members will attend a music camp, perform at various 4-H State level events, learn about careers related to the performing arts and lead a Performing Arts workshop for middle school 4-H members.

Requirements
- Applicants must be in grades 8-11 at the time of application so that they are in grades 9 through 12 during their year of service.
- Must attend Music Camp, 4-H Summit, Board meeting and Teen Conference
- A written letter of explanation MUST be submitted to the director for all missed events.
- 4-H'ers are responsible for their own expenses and travel arrangements to and from the performances. Scholarship for conferences may be available.
- Applications are due May 1st.

~ Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

4-H Written Communications Contest
The 4-H Written Communications Contest is a state level competition for youth who have a passion for writing. Each county may submit two junior and two senior entries per category.

Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Categories:
- Songwriting (lyrics only)
- Poetry (3 line minimum and 25 line maximum)
- “What 4-H Means to Me” Essay (minimum 500 words)
- Original Monologue
- Press Release (maximum of 1,000 words)
- Public Service Announcement

You can find rules and information at this [website](https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day). The deadline is midnight on March 2nd.

~ Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development
Kentucky 4-H Wins State Life Smarts Competition
For the first time in approximately 15 years a team from Kentucky 4-H has won the state Life Smarts Competition. This year over 200 hundred youth tested their knowledge in areas of personal finance, technology, consumer rights, environment, and health and safety. The top two scoring teams that completed all online skills were invited to the state competition. Those two teams were Mason County Varsity 4-H and Webster County 4-H. Both teams started the competition with a twenty five question exam. The team with the top average score gained control of the first question in the head-to-head competition. Both Mason and Webster 4-H Varsity teams competed admirably, and it was a close contest all the way to the final round. Grand Champion of the 2019 Kentucky Life Smarts Competition was Webster County 4-H, and Mason County 4-H was awarded the Reserve Champion. Webster County now proceeds on to the National Competition in Orlando, Florida in April.

Winners are the following:

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Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge
The 2019 Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge is set for Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Boone Co. Extension Enrichment Center, 1955 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY. Each district may send one team made up of 2 to 4 youth. (This number is a change from previous years.) Teens must be senior 4-H members (4-H age 14-18; born in the years 2000 - 2004) and all from one county. The deadline to register the district team in the state contest is July 1, 2019. Information is available on the public site and in the Resource Guide under “Culinary Challenge.” Plans are underway for an optional educational activity on Thursday night.

Qualifying events: Within each Extension district, agents need to discuss and determine how the team will be selected to compete in the Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge. Some districts host a district challenge but other districts have chosen 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 the planning committee through the 2019 contest) are: D1: Sherrill Bentley & Charles Comer; D2: Alissa Ackerman; D3: Denise Donahue; D4: Lois Carter; D5: Elijah Wilson and Meagan Klee; D6: Anna Meador; D7: Amanda Henderson. The Planning Committee members will be present to assist with the state challenge.

What do teens need to know? Take baking out of the picture and concentrate on preparation skills for vegetables, fruits, pasta, grains, potatoes, milk products, eggs, dressings, quick meat cookery, mother sauces, stews, flavor profiles and seasonings. All cooking is done on a butane burner. Teens will create a plate of food using the three secret ingredients, supplemented with items from the pantry. The ingredients may be combined into one dish or some may become sides for the primary feature. Creativity in flavor and appearance on the plate are also considered. Teams will present their creation to the judges, explain their decisions and the preparation skills involved, talk about the nutritive value of the food on the plate and determine the number of servings (or portions of a serving) for the food groups included.

Food Recipes for Kentucky Fairs
Food recipes to be used in the Kentucky State Fair have been available on the Kentucky 4-H public website since last fall. A new version of the recipe book with pictures was released by email and on the website on February 13. We hope youth find the pictures useful.
Fashion Leadership Board
The Kentucky 4-H Fashion Leadership Board is a group of amazing and talented high school teens who love to sew, design, and create. They love fashion, sewing and textiles. Board members teach a workshop at 4-H Teen Summit, plan and direct the State 4-H Fashion Revue during Teen Conference and participate in skill building sessions at each meeting. During the February board meeting, members finished half-scale dress forms and designed a garment using the design technique draping; shot a video introduction for the 2019 State Fashion Review and planned the sessions they will teach during the 4-H Summit.

If members in your county have high interests in fashion, sewing, needlework, textiles, image, or consumerism, AND want to put their leadership skills into practice, the FLB is the place! The deadline to apply is May 1. It’s for guys and girls who are currently in grades 8-11. The application process is outlined on the KY 4-H webpage: http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/fashion-leadership-board. Letters of reference are no longer required but parent and agent signatures are required. Being a board member requires commitment so applicants need to check their calendar before they apply. Dates to hold are included on the application. Agents are asked to email the completed paperwork to Marjorie at Marjorie.baker@uky.edu no later than May 1.

~Marjorie Baker, Extension Associate for 4-H YD – Clothing and Textiles

Leadership/Citizenship

April 2019 Designated as 4-H True Leaders-In-Service Month
Kentucky 4-H will join 4-H programs across the nation this April as we celebrate the excellent service projects being done by our local and state 4-H Clubs and Councils. This will mark the third year for the 4-H True Leaders-In-Service initiative and we are excited to see the wonderful examples of service our KY 4-Hers will do!

The goal of True Leaders-in-Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact on our country. Each 4-H club or program will choose how best to ignite their spirit of service as they offer help in hundreds of ways across the nation throughout the month of April and/or on the National 4-H Day of Service.
True Leaders-in-Service is open to everyone in the community: 4-H and non-4-H members, their parents, club leaders and volunteers. Depending on how big your service project is, you could even invite other youth to join you. What a great way to recruit new members to 4-H! Through one day of service, the youth in your community can see first-hand what 4-H does, how it serves others, and how much fun you have when everyone works together. Make your day of service special for someone else by extending an invitation!

The 2019 KY 4-H True Leaders-In-Service initiative will begin April 1 and will culminate in the 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28. We had amazing examples of service from KY 4-Hers last year, and we hope that will continue this year. For more information, please go to https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#/toolkit, or contact Chuck Stamper, cstamper@uky.edu.

~ Chuck Stamper, Ed.D., Extension Special Projects Coordinator/4-H Youth Development

2019 KY 4-H Issues Conference Planning Team Selected
The KY 4-H Issues Conference will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year as one of the premier KY 4-H experiences. The dates for this year’s KY 4-HIC are Thursday, November 21 - Sunday, November 24. The planning team has been selected for this year and are already generating ideas to make this the best 4-HIC ever! Congratulations to the 2019 4-HIC Planning Team!

| Conference Co-Chairs | Courtney Brock, Lincoln Co. 4-H Youth Development  
| Justice White, Lincoln County |
| Program Chair | Bo Langley, Hardin County |
| Youth Team Members | Abigail Daniel, Johnson County  
| Deja Hatchett, Jefferson County  
| Allison Keeton, Morgan County  
| Cheyenne Lamb, Estill County  
| Zoe Millan, Warren County  
| Evan O’Neill, Breathitt County  
| Emma Stamper, Johnson County |
| Agent Team Members | Lacy May, District 1  
| Jessica Morris & Jan Gibson, District 2  
| Paul Adkins, District 3  
| Courtney Brock & Quen Neal, District 4  
| Toni Humble, District 5  
| Lindsey Boone, District 6  
| Bernita Cheirs, District 7 |
Kentucky 4-H Issues Conference Service Project Grants Selected

One of the ways we can tell the success of a state-wide 4-H event is what happens after it is over. That can definitely be seen with the KY 4-H Issues Conference. Each year, the KY 4-HIC offers mini-grants to 4-Hers who have attended the conference to design, implement, evaluate, & sustain a local service project using the skills learned during the conference. We are happy to announce the recipients of the grants from the 2018 KY 4-HIC. We are excited to see what changes they will make in their communities!

- Laura Hanna, Alexa Deaton, & Ava Dixon, Perry County 4-H
- Justice White, Lincoln County 4-H
- Elissa McCormick, Greenup County 4-H
- Hannah McGhee, Pulaski County 4-H
- Shayla Branham & Paris Newell, Cumberland County 4-H

Applications will Open March 1st for KY 4-H Youth Development Institute Cohort 3

The Kentucky 4-H Program is excited to announce that the application process for the KY 4-H Youth Development Institute will open March 1. This will be the third cohort for 4-H YDI and Dr. Mark Mains, Asst Director for 4-H Youth Development, is pleased we can offer this year-long professional development program to KY 4-H Agents & Agents with 4-H Responsibilities. The YDI will begin in September 2019 and will run through August 2020. Twenty-five KY 4-H Agents have completed the YDI since its inception in 2015. Agents must have completed at least one year of employment, have permission from his/her Direct Supervisor, and have completed/submitted the application before being considered. Applications will be sent to Agents via email and placed online as of March 1. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, YDI Coordinator, at cstamper@uky.edu.

UK Field Day

April 18th at Kroger Field! Please support the NEW 4-H Events at UK Field Day! There will be a Citizenship Bowl, LifeSmarts Competition, STEM Challenge, and Performing Arts Workshop! There are plenty of competitions that 4-Hers can participate in!

~ Rachel Noble, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

International Program

We continue to need your assistance in promoting the International Program. Please share information posted on Facebook on the Kentucky 4-H page and share information sent out over Agent Listserv. We have 26 young people who are excited to explore Kentucky this summer July 23-August 17!

~ Rachel Noble, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

State Officer Applications and Slating

State Officer applications are due no later than March 29th! Officer slating will take place on April 18th and 19th.
State Teen Council Applications
State Teen Council Applications are now available. All districts must have district spots submitted to Rachel Noble by May 1st. Vacant district spots will be put into a state-wide pool, any youth may apply for this if they meet the criteria by May 6th. Please review requirements. At-Large positions apply by May 1st, please review the requirements.
~ Rachel Noble, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

4-H Summit
THANK YOU for promoting 4-H Summit 2019! We are thrilled with the outlook of numbers and look forward to a great time at the 4-H Lake Cumberland Educational Center in the month of March!
~ Rachel Noble, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Teen Conference
Begin promoting the 95th Annual 4-H Teen Conference now! There is a Facebook event on Kentucky 4-H’s page you can share to get the word out. Marketing and registration materials will be made available by the end of March.
~ Rachel Noble, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Kentucky 4-H Teen Leadership Boards
Leadership development, career exploration, decision-making skills, youth voice and personal development are important parts of the Kentucky 4-H Youth Development program and are offered through state 4-H Teen Leadership Boards. The 4-H Teen Leadership Boards in Kentucky are:

- Fashion
- Performing Arts
- Science, Engineering and Technology
- Natural Resources
- Shooting Sports

Applications and more information are available online at each board’s website.

Applications must be entered online by midnight on May 1st. https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bClBegbKG2qZrdX
~ Jennifer Tackett, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

4-H: A Capitol Experience
The 4-H: A Capitol Experience Program is planned for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Capitol in Frankfort. A special thank you for the support of the Legislators, UK Cooperative Extension Administration, KY 4-H Foundation, KAE4-HA Legislative Relations Committee and Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. This educational program for our 4-H’ers, volunteers and professionals gives an opportunity to see our Kentucky government in action while visiting with our legislatures and state officials.
Previous year’s programs have been a success due to YOUR tremendous efforts to rally 4-H’ers, volunteers and supporters to attend. The committee is asking for your help in making the 2019 program another successful event. *(With so many new legislators, we need to show the impact that 4-H and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has on our communities!)* The MORE 4-H members and volunteers that we have present on March 21st will send the loudest message!!!

Details are being finalized as to the day’s schedule of events and will be forward to you as soon as they are available. **The assembly for a picture and presentations with government officials will be held around 1:20 pm in the Rotunda.** Please email (*ptarry@uky.edu*) the number attending from your county by February 25th so we can mail you the 4-H: A Capitol Experience stickers to your Office. **Please ask YOUR Representatives and Senators to have the Floor Citations prepared for your delegation!!!**

Many of you may be planning on attending the Legislative Session on another day- please email (*ptarry@uky.edu*) the number of youth and adults who attended (so we can evaluate the total program for the future!) You may find more information at Kentucky’s Legislative Home page at [www.lrc.state.ky.us/home.htm](http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/home.htm). Start recruiting today!!! If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please feel free to contact me.

~Paula Tarry, Barren County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development
Kentucky 4-H International Exchange Programs

Families Needed to Host Summer 2019!

Host a delegate in your home this summer, save credits for your child to travel abroad! No prior 4-H involvement required! Dates: July 23-August 17

Invite an international youth into your home for 3.5 weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family’s cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too! Host parents reported that, “this experience was life-changing and shifted family priorities in a positive direction.”

Open your home to an international student and open your lives to the world!

HOSTING PERIOD: 3.5 weeks from July 23-August 17

- Hosts are needed for youth aged 12-18 and adult chaperones
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a child of the same gender and within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 10+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone or an academic year long student
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- This is a voluntary program, no stipend will be provided
- Families receive credits if their children would like to travel abroad!

For more information, visit http://www.states4exchang.org
or contact us by email at rachel.noble@uky.edu or by phone at 1-859-218-0991

Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/states4exchangefacbook/ Instagram @states4hinternational

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
4-H: A Capitol Experience
March 5, 2019– Frankfort, KY

Possible Activities
- Visit Legislators, Committees, Agencies
- Presentation to the Governor
- Tour of Governor’s Mansion
- Visit Frankfort Historic Sites
- Visit House of Representatives and Senate Sessions
- Tour of the Capitol
- Legislative Visitor Galleries

Highlights
- Discover how to be actively involved in influencing policy decisions
- Explore careers in public policy
- Learn how decisions at the state level impact local communities
- Network with 4-H’ers, volunteers and professionals from throughout the Commonwealth
- Discuss public policy issues impacting local communities!

Contact:
Your County Extension Office
For Details

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FREE WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP
We are running our free week of camp promotion again this year! We have increased the scholarship to providing one per camp. The promotion will run during the month of March, and we will announce the four winners in April.
~Darrell Stillwell, Ph.D., Principal Specialist

2020 CAMP FEE
There will not be an increase in camp fees from 2019 to 2020.
~Darrell Stillwell, Ph.D., Principal Specialist

2020 THEME
Due to some copyright and trademark law concerns, we have changed the 2020 camp theme from Olympics to WORLD GAMES.
~Darrell Stillwell, Ph.D., Principal Specialist

JANE BRUMLEY, INTERIM CENTER DIRECTOR
Adam Lybarger, Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center Director, will be leaving his position in Kentucky to run a camp/conference center out of state. We appreciate Adam's work at the Center during his tenure with Kentucky 4-H and wish him and his family much success in their new endeavors. Jane Brumley, currently with the Center, will be assuming the role of Interim Director while we develop a strategy for hiring someone in this position permanently. Many of you have had a chance to meet Jane when you have visited. We appreciate her stepping forward. She will begin her new role with the Center on March 1st to allow time for transition.
~Darrell Stillwell, Ph.D., Principal Specialist

Feltner Camp Updates
Volunteer Work-Days
I have created 2 new events on Facebook. Volunteer Work Day #1 is taking place on March 23rd from 9am-4pm here at camp. We will serve breakfast and lunch to our volunteers who come out to help us! Our second day is May 4th (yes, it is "Star Wars day" so will be screening Star Wars at both meals in the dining hall, if someone has a copy I can borrow) The details of the 2nd volunteer work day are the same as the 1st. Both work days have a form to register for online. Please make sure your camp people know about these days, we really need help getting the grounds ready - and they may even get to check out some upcoming improvements early too! I have asked for shirt sizes on the form, I am working on a special volunteer camp shirt, if we get enough volunteers signed up. (Stay tuned)
~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director
**Camp Planning Meetings**

Hopefully you’ve figured out that I love camp. Shoot me a message and invite me to your next planning meeting and I'll be there! Whatever you’ve got going on, I'd love to come chat about camp with your camping group anytime this Spring.

~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director

**Required Pre-Camp Meetings**

I have 2 camping groups scheduled for Pre-Camp Meetings, I would love to get the remaining 8 of you on the calendar so I can incorporate you into the staff training schedules. Here are some available dates that staff will be available for pre-camp meetings. May 15, 16, 23, 24, 27, & 28. If you camp anytime in June, those are the best days to come out to camp for a meeting. We do not have many days open in June for you to visit if you are a July group. There may be some times later in the day on June 14 or 21. If you camp in July, these dates are also open, although some program staff may be unavailable: July 1 or July 2. Remember - your camp meeting can be more than 10 days before your arrival as long as you have a schedule and the Pre-camp form ready. You can E-mail me final numbers and meal selections 10 days out if you meet early with me.

~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director

**GIRLS BATH HOUSE UPDATE**

We have received approval to continue our progress on the girls bathhouse, phase 1 and phase 2. We have lined up plumbing, concrete, and electrical for the coming weeks and we are very excited to get this moving. Last month we brought maintenance teams from all 4 camps together to take out the concrete floor and walls in the bathhouse and cut some of our new doors out of the existing walls.

#Saving$$ (1 photo attached - Follow Camp on social media for more photos!)

*If you have an Environmental Education camp scheduled - please reach out to me about a week before your arrival so we can discuss our exact progress on the bath house. Our goal is to have it up and running for our EE Camps, but there is the very real possibility for delays and issues as we get moving. I have a contingency plans ready for our EE and rental groups, should any delays occur.

~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director

**CABIN CAPACITIES**

I can now update you all on our cabin capacity for Summer Camp 2019:

*Cabins 1-9 will have a new capacity of 16 guests.* These cabins will all have hooks and benches as well.
**Cabins 10-11 will have a new capacity of 28 guests.** (New changing areas, hooks, and benches in 2020)

**Cabins 12, 14-18 (Boys Side) do not plan on an increase** in these cabins for 2019. Due to a longer than expected shipping lead time on the beds, we simply do not know if we will be able to get the new beds delivered, built, and installed in the boys cabins before the first day of camp. June camping groups should still expect the boys side cabins to hold 24 as they have in years past. There is a possibility of adding beds in July, so later groups may have more, but to be safe, **only plan on 24 beds in all boys cabins.** (Same as 2018)

*Just like the bathhouse project, the cabin bed capacities are fluid for our Environmental Education groups, please check with me if you have specific cabin requests - some cabins are currently bed-less.*

~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director

**AMERICORPS SERVICE MEMBER**

We are still searching for a new Americorps Service Member, if you know someone who may be interested, please reach out to me with their information. The new position will still serve through until next fall, but due to the shorter time table, will serve fewer hours, and therefore be offered a slightly smaller living stipend. **NOTE:** Without this person, we will not be able to offer the additional outdoor class that is listed on the class size limits chart.

~Kevin Pettigrew, J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp Director

**Volunteerism**

**Volunteer Screening**

In December, 2018 and January, 2019 Mark and I, with the cooperation of several 4-H Agents, ran a comparison between three companies that conduct criminal record checks, including IntelliCorp, Administrative Office of the Courts (KY), and Verified Volunteers. To conduct the comparison, we ran a check using all three companies, on individuals who had previously been classified as “yellow.” We determined that Verified Volunteers could best serve our needs.

Between January 1 and April 30, 2019, District 3 is due to update all of their criminal record checks. Therefore, District 3 has been encouraged to utilize Verified Volunteers during the month of February. Beginning on March 1, Verified Volunteers will be the only vendor that is accepted for criminal record checks for Extension volunteers.

You do NOT need to rerun criminal record checks that were conducted by IntelliCorp. You simply can no longer use IntelliCorp after February 28, 2019.

Verified Volunteers provides two options (Level 2 and Level 3.) **All volunteers who will be transporting youth or serving as overnight chaperones must complete Level 3.**

**One note of caution:** It may be prudent to conduct Level 3 on all volunteers. If a Level 2 check is initially run on a volunteer, and that volunteer later agrees to go to camp, or transport youth, a Level 3 check will have to also be run, at the full cost. No discount is given for the previous Level 2 check.

A number of webinars have been presented previously. There are currently three more scheduled. A recording is also available. The information is as follows:

Here is a link to the recording: [*Training Recording 2-1*](#)
Monday February 25, 3-4pm EST
Wednesday February 27, 10-11 EST
Friday March 1, 12-1pm EST

The login and call in details are the same for each meeting.

Meeting URL:  https://sterlingts.zoom.us/j/230384385
Dial:  408 638 0968
Meeting ID:  230 384 385

Our customer service representative is Laura Stroud. If you have questions, please contact Laura directly at laura@verifiedvolunteers.com
~Ken Culp, III, Ph.D., Principal Specialist for Volunteerism

National Extension Conference on Volunteerism

The 20th biannual NECV will be held May 15 – 18 in Billings, MT. This is absolutely the best professional development opportunity for Extension professionals related to volunteerism. I encourage everyone to participate. Complete information can be found on the conference website at http://necv.msuextension.org/
~Ken Culp, III, Ph.D., Principal Specialist for Volunteerism

National 4-H Volunteer Conference

The second annual National 4-H Volunteer Conference, sponsored by the Volunteer Conference of Southern States, will be held September 26 – 29, 2019 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, GA. Workshop proposals are still be accepted! Complete information is available at: https://www.4hvcoss.com/
~Ken Culp, III, Ph.D., Principal Specialist for Volunteerism

Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum

The 20th anniversary of the KVF will be held February 13 – 15, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency and Lexington Convention Center. Please like us on Facebook at 2020 KY 4-H Volunteer Forum and 2020 Kentucky Volunteer Forum.

Please start promoting this opportunity to your volunteers! Also, it’s not too early to build the 2020 KVF into your 4-H Council budget, and also add a “Volunteer Development” line item into your county Extension budget.
~Ken Culp, III, Ph.D., Principal Specialist for Volunteerism