



# 4-H News

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## Todd County 4-H Talk Meet (Speeches & Demos)



The County 4-H Talk Meet will take place this spring on Thursday, April 20th at Elkton Baptist Church. Any 4-H youth may enter a speech and/or demonstration in the contest either through their classroom teacher or by calling the 4-H office to sign up. Public speaking is a great skill to learn and practice at an early age. If you would like to enter in the County 4-H Talk Meet, sign up before April 14th by submitting your speech or demonstration title to [lmccuist@uky.edu](mailto:lmccuist@uky.edu). Junior speeches (age 9-14 years) must be between 3-5 minutes long. Senior speeches (age 15-19) must be 5-7 minutes long. Members may also enter a 4-H demonstration, which is a "how to" speech using props, posters, visuals, etc. Call or email the 4-H office for a complete list of demonstration categories. Two member team demonstrations are allowed. Participants in the county event will receive a 4-H Talk Meet t-shirt just for participating. Division winners will receive a trophy and move onto the Area 4-H Communications Contest Event set for May 11th in Hopkins County.



## 4-H Shooting Sports Coming this Spring

### Trap



The Todd County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will start up this spring with an organizational meeting at the first practice in April (date to be announced). Youth between the ages of 9 and 18 interested in shooting trap, air and 22 pistol, .22 rifle, and/or archery should attend the organizational meeting with at least 1 parent or guardian. The Shooting Sports season runs April through September with practices held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the gun club between Elkton and Trenton. There are area shoots held through out the summer and the grand finale state shoot will be held mid September, 2023. Come on out and get involved in a great 4-H club! Eligible youth must be 9 as of Jan. 1, 2023. Spring coaches certification is coming up in March. Volunteers, sign up at the 4-H office.

### Archery



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# Ag Appreciation Breakfast 4-H Teen Summit

The Todd County Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast is set for Thursday, March 2nd. This breakfast and celebration of Ag is sponsored by our Todd County Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place at Elkton Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 a.m. Last year, our 4-H Teens celebrated Todd County Agriculture. Plan to attend the February Teen Council meeting to find out how you can be involved!



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The 4-H Teen Summit is a leadership conference for 6th–8th graders! The conference is set for March

16-18 at 4-H Camp. The cost to attend is \$125.00 Todd County still have a few spots available, so call the 4-H office at 270-265-5659, email [lmccuist@uky.edu](mailto:lmccuist@uky.edu) or come by the Extension office to fill out a form and make a payment. Transportation is provided!

# Summer 4-H Camp

Forms will be out in March!



Summer 4-H Camp dates are set, so mark your calendar! Come on out and join the fun on **Monday, July 10–Friday, July 14, 2023** for an exciting week at camp at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Applications for 4-H camp will be available in March from the 4-H office. Camp is for 3rd graders -8th graders. Adult and Teen camp counselors are always needed! Sign up at the 4-H office located in the Courthouse starting in March. Don't miss the fun at 4-H camp! Scholarships will be available to those needing financial assistance.

## After School 4-H Craft Club

The 4-H After School Creative Arts Clubs will meet during the month of February for South Todd and TCMS.

**South Todd Creative Arts Club—Wed. Feb. 22nd**

**Middle School Craft Club—Tues. Feb. 21st**

Any 3rd - 5th grade student is welcome to attend the elementary school meetings while any 6th - 8th grader is invited to attend at TCMS. Pick up times are 4:20 p.m. for TCMS and 4:15 p.m. for South. Be sure to bring a note the day you plan to stay for parent pick up. Last month, the craft was a boho wall hanging (see right).



# 4-H Teen News (Teen programs are for any 8th-12th graders!)

4-H Teens between 8th through 12th grades are invited to get involved in the 4-H Teen events this spring.

- The **4-H Teen Council** will meet this month on **Wednesday, February 15th** at the 4-H office in the Courtroom from 3-4 p.m.
- **Summer 4-H Camp** dates are set and teens are able to serve as teen camp counselors. You **must** be a member of the Teen Council to even apply. **Camp is—July 10th—14th, 2023!**
- *Teens who are 15 years of age, may attend camp as a counselor in training, but must pay \$150.00. Teens 16 & 17 years of age may attend as teen counselors (cost to attend is also a \$150.00 fee.)*

## 4-H Performing Arts Troupe



The 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is meeting on Thursdays in February and March on the following dates and in the high school

auditorium : Feb. 16th from 3-4:30 p.m. March 9th and 23rd from 3-4:30 p.m. The Todd County 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is a group of middle and high school youth who are interested in singing and performing as a show choir. This group will perform for the North & South Todd Elementary School students in May and travel to the Kentucky State Fair in August!

## 4-H Horse Club

The 4-H Horse Club will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, March 7th**

at the Christian County Expo Center (behind Chr. Co. 4-H office) from **6-8 p.m.** Leaders will teach a barrel racing clinic and hoof care lesson along with games on horseback. Bring your horse to ride if you have one. If you don't, there will be horses available.



## 4-H Farm Calendars



Todd County 4-H office is selling 4-H Farm Calendars this year to raise money for leadership trips and conferences in 4-H! The calendars feature Todd County farm families each month and has important 4-H dates listed throughout. The calendars sell for \$10.00 each

and are available here at the 4-H office or at the County Clerks office and will be given out to anyone who gives \$10 for the Ag Tag License program.

## Check out 4-H @

<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/todd/youthdev/>  
We are on facebook too—"Todd County 4-H" like us to join!

Hope to see you soon!

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4-H Youth Development



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## Important 4-H Dates to Remember

February 15	4-H Teen Club at High School—Club Day
February 15	4-H Teen Council at 4-H Office - 3-4 p.m.
February 16	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3 - 4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 17	4-H Summit Due
February 20	W3 & W4 Area Teen Outing - Tour Todd Co. & City Forum
February 21	Middle School 4-H Creative Arts Club 3-4:20 p.m.
February 22	South Todd 4-H Creative Arts Club 3-4:15 p.m.
February 24	North Todd 4-H School Clubs at school
February 24	Middle School 4-H School Club—last period

## Important March Dates

March 2	Ag Appreciation Day Breakfast—Elkton Baptist
March 6	4-H Summit Orientation for youth—Zoom
March 7	4-H Horse Club—Chr. County Expo 6-8 p.m.
March 9	4-H Performing Arts Troupe 3-4:30 p.m.
March 14	4-H Camp Improvement Committee Mtg. 5:30 p.m. at camp
March 15	4-H Teen Club (club day)
March 16-18	4-H Summit Trip at 4-H Camp
March 22	South Todd 4-H School Club
March 23	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Club 3-4:30 p.m.
March 24	North Todd 4-H School Club Meetings at school
March 30	6th Grade Ag Day at TCMS



# The Kentucky Ag Tag Program



It's that time of year again to renew your farm license plates. Last year Todd County 4-H programs received over \$750.00 from the voluntary donations made by farmers when they renewed their farm tags. Let's double that number this year and bring more money to support our future farmers and leaders! Be sure to encourage our farmers to make the voluntary donation of \$10.00 when they renew their farm tags! We thank you for your support! Every farmer will receive a 4-H calendar for donating!