



4-H News

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Todd County's 4-H Performing Arts Troupe



The Todd County 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is a 4-H club for middle and high school students who are interested in singing and performing. This club is now accepting new members. New members may join the 4-H troupe by attending the meeting on **Thursday, January 12th from 3:15–4:30 p.m.** at the high school in the auditorium. At this meeting, newcomers will need to perform a 2 minute audition song for the advisors. Call the 4-H office to sign up, email lmccuist@uky.edu or text Lee Ann 270-348-2353. This spring, the club will perform a set list at the Elementary Schools as well as at the Kentucky State Fair.

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4-H Summit



Attention middle school youth! The Kentucky 4-H Summit leadership conference is set for (Thursday), **March 16 - March 18** (Saturday). This conference is for 6th–8th graders across the state of Kentucky and will be held at West KY 4-H Camp. Todd County has limited spots, so its first come, first serve. 4-H Summit is a three day, two night leadership conference just for middle schoolers. This event gives middle schoolers the chance to experience exciting workshops that

will build skills in leadership, communication and team work; participate in a service project, interact with state teen leadership board members and enjoy social and recreation time with middle school students from across the western Kentucky. If you are in the 6th–8th grade and want to sign up for this leadership conference, come by the 4-H Office to fill out an application. The total cost is \$125 due by February 17th. To reserve your spot you can put \$60 non-refundable down ASAP!



4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest

The County 4-H Talk Meet will take place this spring as it has in the past. Any 4-H youth may enter a speech and/or demonstration in the contest by signing up with the 4-H office by March 31st. Public speaking is a great skill to learn and practice at an early age. Send an email to lmccuist@uky.edu no later than **March 31st** with the name of the speech or demonstration, age, birthdate & contact number. Junior age speeches (age 9-14 years) must be between 3-5 minutes long. Senior age 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. Two member team demonstrations are allowed. Anyone participating in the county event will receive a 4-H t-shirt. Check out the Kentucky 4-H Website and look under additional information for demonstration categories at <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day> Here are two YouTube links explaining the 4-H speech program. It also has an example of a 4-H member giving a state level winning speech.

4-H speech video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yStFgtTmmD4&feature=youtu.be>
 4-H demonstration video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzDF2g8uHCk&feature=youtu.be>



4-H School & After School Creative Arts Clubs

Get involved in 4-H in the new year by joining in one of the 4-H creative arts clubs held at South Todd Elementary and the middle school. FRYSC and 4-H provide supplies for the students to create their own project in this after school club meeting. **South Todd Creative Arts Club—Jan. 25 (Wed) from 3-4:15 p.m.** **TCMS Creative Arts Club—Jan. 31 (Tues) from 3-4:20 p.m.** The school clubs will also meet this month with South Todd meeting on **Jan. 25th** and North Todd meeting on **Jan. 27th**. The Middle School club will meet Friday, **Jan. 13th**. The High school 4-H Club will meet on Wed. Jan. 18th during advisory in the auditorium.



4-H Horse Club News

The 4-H Horse Club is a club open to any youth from 9-19 years of age in Todd County who has an interest in horses. You don't have to own a horse to join, you just have to love horses. This winter, the Todd County 4-H Horse Club has been invited to join the Christian County 4-H Horse Club on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th at the Christian County Expo Center** (behind the Christian County Extension Office) for a night of open riding and horse games. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a couple hours of riding. If you don't own a horse, there will be 4-H'ers there who are willing to give a few rides on their horses in this indoor, heated arena. Helmets must be worn. Everyone is welcome!



4-H Camp News & Special Events!

Summer 4-H Camp Dates!

2023 Summer 4-H Camp for Todd County campers is set this summer for **July 10–14, 2023** at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Applications for 4-H camp will be available mid-March from the 4-H office. Camp is for 3rd graders -8th graders. Adult and teen camp counselors are needed, apply through the 4-H office. Teens must be members of the 4-H Teen Council. Camp donations are also needed to assist campers with camp fees. It's going to be a great summer at Camping Through the Decades– Time Warp 4-H Camp!



Now Hiring Camp Staff!!

West Kentucky 4-H Camp is seeking outstanding candidates for program staff, food service, and housekeeping staff.

Program Staff Apply at this URL:

<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/425088>

Application Deadline: Feb.10th, 2023

Food Service and Housekeeping

Apply at this URL:

<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/425089>

We are taking applications until all positions are full.

All job descriptions can be found at this link:

<http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/employmentopportunities>

KY Maple Day at 4-H Camp

Registration and promotional material will soon be available for West Kentucky 4-H Camp's participation in the state-wide **Kentucky Maple Day on February 4th**. We will serve a pancake brunch at 9:00 AM and provide a trip to the "sugar bush" where participants will learn how to identify a maple tree in winter, how to tap a tree, and get a taste for the history of sugaring in the US. This event will have a registration fee. Registration will be available through the camp website or by calling the office at 270-797-8758.

WEBSITE: Check out The Kentucky Maple Day website at <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-day>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with signing guests in, cooking pancakes, and interpretation please email Nicole at nicoleblanzky@uky.edu if you are interested in being a part of this sweet day!



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 \$670 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! If you are a 4-H'er who knows a farmer, be sure to encourage them to make the voluntary donation of \$10.00 when they renew their farm tags! We thank you for your support! Everyone who donates will receive a 4-H farm calendar this year!

4-H Farm Calendars

Todd County 4-H 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 have important 4-H dates listed throughout. The calendars sell for \$10.00 each and are available here at the 4-H office and at the Clerk's office. If you donate the \$10 for AG Tag—you'll receive a calendar.



4-H Teen News



4-H Ski Trip The 4-H Teen Leadership "Ski" Retreat is set for January 19-21, 2023. Todd County 4-H'ers will be traveling to Paoli, Indiana for a leadership weekend full of fun, laughter and team work games. This is a rewards trip for active 4-H Teens involved in the 4-H Teen Council.

Teen Counselors at 4-H Camp If you are interested in attending summer 4-H camp as a teen counselor, you must be a member of the 4-H Teen Council. The next meeting will be held in February TBA. (9th—12th graders only)

Area 4-H Ice Skating Outing Area 4-H teens are heading to Owensboro on Jan. 16th for an all day ice skating and leadership day with other teens from the W3 and W4 neighboring counties. Sign up at the 4-H office no later than Jan. 12th if you plan to attend. If you plan to run for office, don't forget to fill out the QR code intent to run! The cost to attend is \$10.00 which includes 3 hours of ice skating and lunch. (8th - 12th graders are welcome!)

4-H Photography Start Now!

Kentucky 4-H offers some great opportunities to showcase photography skills. Start taking pictures now—here are a few of the categories:

- Forest – Photograph showing Forest
- Water – showing still or moving natural water
- Wildlife – unrestrained and live wildlife in natural habitat; Domestic animals are not permitted



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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