



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 Tuesday, January 14th from 3:00–4:30 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 and other performances as requested.

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4-H Summit



Attention middle school youth! The Kentucky 4-H Summit leadership conference is set for (Thursday), March 20 - March 22 (Saturday). This conference is for 6th–8th graders across the state of Kentucky and will be held at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp. Todd County has 2 female spots and 2 male spots, so it's 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 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 \$200 due by January 31. Transportation will be provided to Summit from the Todd County Extension Office.



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 April 9th. Public speaking is a great skill to learn and practice at an early age. Send an email to lmccuist@uky.edu no later than **April 9th** 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 North Todd Elementary. FRYSC and 4-H provide supplies for the students to create their own project in this after school club meeting.

North Todd Creative Arts Club—Jan. 16 (Thurs) from 3-4:15 p.m.

South Todd 4-H Creative Arts Club—Jan. 22 (Wed) from 3-4:15 p.m.

The school clubs will also meet this month with **South Todd** meeting on **Jan. 22nd** and **North Todd** meeting on **Jan. 10th**. The **Middle School** club will meet **Friday, Jan. 31st**. The **High school** 4-H Club will meet on **Fri. Jan. 17th** 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 to be a part! The Horse club has plans to get together for a 4-H Horse Judging Clinic in January. If you aren't a member of the horse club “Remind” group, be sure to call the office to get signed up. The horse judging clinic date will be set based on the weather forecast in January. In March, the club will travel to Murray for another horse judging clinic on **March 11th**. The 4-H Horse Sorting Clinic is set for **Saturday, March 29th** at the Christian County Expo. Lots of great horse happenings coming up in the new year!

4-H-FCS Homeschool Club

4-H-FCS Home-school club will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at the Extension Office from 9-11 a.m.



4-H Camp News & Special Events!

Summer 4-H Camp Dates!

2025 Summer 4-H Camp for Todd County campers is set this summer for **July 14–18, 2025** 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 4-H Camp! Mark your calendar now for the best week ever!

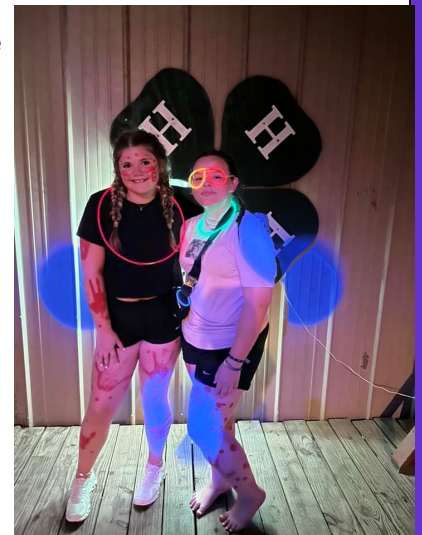


4-H Teen Council News



4-H Ski Trip The 4-H Teen Leadership “Ski” Retreat is set for **Jan. 23-25, 2025**. Todd County 4-H’ers will be traveling to Lawrenceburg, Indiana for a leadership weekend full of fun, laughter and team work games. The teens will be excused from school on Thursday afternoon and Friday to participate in this educational, leadership retreat. 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 25th** at the 4-H Office from 3:15-4 p.m. 4-H Camp is set for July 14-18, 2025!



Area 4-H Teen Leadership Outing– Mon. Feb. 17, 2025

The Area 4-H teens will travel to Owensboro on Monday, **February 17th** for a day of ice skating and the W3/W4 Area teen meeting. The cost to attend is \$10.00. Sign up with the 4-H office if you plan to attend. Transportation will be provided and it's Presidents Day—so no school is in session!

Todd County Youth Entrepreneur Boot Camp



Attention Todd County youth in grades 4th–12th: Do you have a product or service to sell and want to learn skills for success? Apply now to attend the **Entrepreneur Boot Camp at the Extension Office on February 4th** from 8:30 a.m.—2 p.m. Youth will be excused and counted present at school. If you have a product (bracelet, succulents, eggs, etc. or a service that you are already selling or want to sell, plan to bring that with you that day. Applications to attend are due by **January 15th**. Cash prizes awarded & more!

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 \$1200 from the voluntary donations made by farmers when they renewed their farm tags. This was almost double of what we brought in last year! Thank you for your support of 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud! 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! Everyone who donates at the Clerks office 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 at the Clerk's office—you'll also receive a calendar. (check out who made the front cover this year! We have some brand new farm families featured this year, so be sure to check it out and support 4-H!

4-H Photography

Capture important moments, communicate your perspective and show how life appears through your lens with 4-H photography. It's never too early to start capturing that perfect picture in the 4-H Photography project. You can take the pictures now and through the winter season to capture some really awesome shots! For the next few months, this newsletter will feature the general photography categories you can capture. This summer, bring your 8 x 10 shots or 4 x 6 in a group shot to the 4-H office to enter in the 4-H Fair.



- Natural Resource Category Classes:
- 764A - Forest (large area with trees)
 - 764B - Water (still or moving water)
 - 764C - Wildlife (unrestrained or live wildlife in natural habitat.
 - 764D - Natural Scenic (natural scene—manmade object not as subject)
 - 764E –Native Plants - 1-5 photos (4x6 in size) of KY native flora in natural area (not in a garden)
 - 764F - Insect—Unrestrained & live in habitat

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!

Lee Ann McCuiston

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County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development



**Application
Due
Jan 15th, 2025**


**Selected participants
will receive marketing
and promotional materials,
and a monetary sponsorship
for start up.**


Top 3 "Kidpreneurs"


- 1st : \$250
- 2nd: \$200
- 3rd: \$150
plus more


TODD COUNTY YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR BOOT CAMP

*Do you want to be the next "Kidpreneur"?
You will learn how to create a business plan,
market your brand, pitch your idea like a pro,
and so much more!*

GRADES 4TH - 12TH 

TUESDAY
04 FEBRUARY 

8:30AM - 2PM 

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MORE INFO

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*Students selected will be
excused from school.

Todd County Youth Entrepreneur Boot Camp Application

Due Date: January 15, 2025.

Applications to be dropped off at the

Todd Co Extension Office, 240 Pond River Rd Elkton KY 42220

About You

Name: _____ DOB: _____
First Last

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Student: Email _____ Phone Number: _____

Guardian: Email _____ Phone Number: _____

Business Proposal

Do you already have a small business started? YES NO

If yes, what type of business do you have?

If no, do you have an idea of a business you would like to start?

Tell us why you would like to participate in the Entrepreneur Boot Camp.

Who is a mentor that inspires you, and why?

**** Please note the following dates will be mandatory:**

February 4th : Boot Camp Day ; 8:30am – 2pm (Todd County Extension Office)

Get ready for an action-packed day of presentations and hands-on workshops with local business professionals! You'll learn everything you need to know to build a successful business – from marketing and branding to business planning, budgeting, and communication. Its all about turning your ideas into reality with expert tips and fun activities. Don't miss out on this opportunity to level up your entrepreneurial skills!

April 16th : Down to Business Day ; 8:30am – 2pm (Todd County Extension Office)

Its your time to shine and show off everything you've learned in Boot Camp! On this day, you'll display your product, network with community members, And put your business skills to the test. Plus, you'll have the chance to pitch your business "Shark Tank" style to a panel of judges for a shot at winning a cash prize and other amazing business opportunities!

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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