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Hello Fayette County!



Happy September! We hope everyone had a great summer! We had a great time at our county fair, teen conference, 4-H camp (where we brought a record breaking number of people!), cloverbud camp, and the state fair! We also are a fully staffed team once again, with new 4-H agents MG Cooke & Ally Keeton joining back in June! MG & Ally's intros will be on the next page.

We are so excited to be back in schools and to begin clubs soon! September 5th will be the date you will be able to sign up for clubs and programs. Please remember you must enroll your child through 4-HOnline before you register for clubs. More detailed information on registration will begin on page 3 of the newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are so excited for the new year! Throughout this newsletter you will find information for our clubs, as well as pictures and information from teen conference, camp, and our county and state fair!

The Fayette County 4-H program is a branch of the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service that focuses on youth development. Our office is also the host of many programs that are geared towards adults. We highly encourage you to check out our website (<u>fayette.ca.uky.edu</u>) to see what other programs are offered for the whole family!

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

Lexington, KY 40506

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Hi! I'm Allison Keeton, the one of the new 4-H Extension Agent in Fayette County. I'm a proud graduate of Morehead State University, where I earned my degree in Agriculture Education and Agribusiness. During college, I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as a UK Extension Intern in Elliott County for two summers, and I also gained valuable classroom experience as a student teacher in Menifee County.

I'm incredibly excited to be part of the Fayette County
4-H team! My passion for 4-H runs deep—I was
actively involved as both a youth member and an
adult volunteer in Morgan County. I'm looking forward
to bringing that passion and experience to serve the
youth and families of Fayette County.

Hello! I'm MG Cooke, a new 4-H Extension Agent in Fayette County! I went to Berea College and received a degree in Education along with minors in Appalachian Studies and Theatre, and have so far focused on working with neurodivergent adolescents, as well as outdoor/environmental education. I've recently worked at J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp as an environmental education intern, as well as being on camp staff for the past 3 summers.

As someone who grew up in Lexington and participated in Fayette County 4-H, I'm extremely excited to be a part of our 4-H team and work for the program that did so much for me as a youth in 4-H. Can't wait to meet and work with everyone!







Fayette County 4-H

🎉 Get Ready for the 2025-2026 Program Year! 🎉

Enrollment Opens September 1st Visit: https://bit.ly/fayettecoenroll

Fill out the PIE form to enroll your child(ren).

Next Steps After Enrollment:

✓ Our newsletter with all club and workshop offerings will be available September 5th.

Join newsletter here: bit.ly/fayetteconewsletter

Once your child is enrolled, you'll receive a link to sign up for clubs and workshops on September 5th.

A Please only sign up for clubs and workshops you are able to attend.

? Questions?
Reach out to Manda at amanda.clark@uky.edu

KENTUCKY 4-H PROGRAM YEAR 2026

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025-AUGUST 31, 2026



HOW OLD WILL YOU BE ON JANUARY 1, 2026? THAT IS YOUR 4-H AGE!

FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H NATURE CLUB

The 4-H Nature Club offers fun, hands-on, seasonal outdoor activities for curious minds of all experience levels to explore, learn about, and connect with the natural world.



6-7PM
September 10th
October 22nd
November 12th
January 14th
February 11th
March 11th





CONTACT MG AT MGACOOKE@UKY.EDU \
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

May 13th

sign up here: bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25



Fayette County 4-H Teen Club

Join the Teen Club and be part of a dynamic group of young leaders making a real difference! Through hands-on leadership opportunities, meaningful community service projects, and fun social events, members build lasting friendships while growing into confident, capable leaders. Whether you're planning service activities, leading younger members, or working on personal development, Teen Club empowers you to make an impact—in your community and in your future.

September 9th 6pm-7pm November 11th 6pm-7pm December 9th 6pm-7pm January 13th 6pm-7pm February 10th 6pm-7pm March 10th 6pm-7pm April 14th 6pm-7pm May 12th 6pm-7pm

Meeting at the Fayette County Extension office For 13 and up

Dinner will be provided
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MG Cooke mgacooke@uky.edu



4-H Horse Club



If you love horses, the 4-H Horse Club is the perfect place for you to learn more about caring for horses, breeds, and safety while making friends who share your passion. Ages 9-18.

Dates:

All meetings start at 6 pm at the Fayette County Extension Office

September 2

September 30

October 14

November 18

December 2

For more information contact:

Ally Keeton

allison.keeton@uky.edu (859)257-5582

sign up here: <u>bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25</u>

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4-H Poultry

Club

From backyard chickens to fancy show birds, the Poultry Club helps youth learn all about raising and caring for poultry. Topics include breeds, egg production, nutrition, health, biosecurity, and how to prepare for poultry shows. A great fit for animal lovers of all experience levels!



All meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Fayette County Extension Office

September 17th
October 15th
November 10th
December 10th



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(859)257-5582

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FAYETTE COUNTY

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION DUE DATE: NOV 20TH

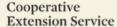
DATES: SEPTEMBER 16TH OCTOBER 7TH **NOVEMBER 4TH**

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6 PM AT THE **FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE** sign up here: bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25



Build your 4-H resume and gain recognition for everything you do in 4-H! These workshops help youth complete the Kentucky 4-H Achievement Application, a tool used to track and showcase leadership, service, communication, and more. Perfect for motivated youth ages 9-18 who want to work toward state-level awards, scholarships, and leadership roles. Great for building skills—and your future!

> For more information contact: **Ally Keeton** allison.keeton@uky.edu (859)257-5582



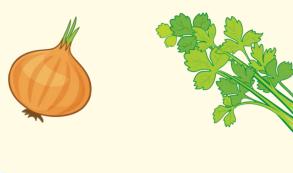
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COOKING CLASS CLOVER CHEF I

ONLY \$30 LIMIT 12 PARTICIPANTS PARTICIPANTS AGES 5-8



DATES

OCT 4TH NOV 15TH DEC 6TH JAN 10TH FEB 7TH MARCH 14TH



Questions Contact: Robin **Grace** robin.grace@uky.edu

REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPT 1ST!

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE
FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
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CLOVER CHEF 2

Come enroll your kids in Clover Chef 2 and let them learn while having fun!







Meeting time: 10:00-11:00am

Meeting Dates:

Oct 4th

Nov 15th

Dec 6th

Jan 10th

Feb 7th

Mar 14

Requirements to Register:

- 1 year of Clover Chef
- Instructor approval

To register or for additional information, contact Robin Grace, Fayette County 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant robin.grace@uky.edu

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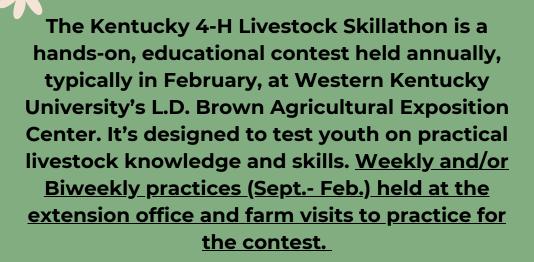
4-H Livestock Skillathon



AGES: 9-18



State Livestock Skillathon February 21, 2026





Please fill-out this form to participate: https://bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25



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Interested in animals and agriculture? The Livestock Club is your chance to get up close with sheep, goats, pigs, and cattle. Learn how to care for, feed, show, and manage livestock through hands-on workshops, barn visits, and shows. Open to ages 5–18, this club builds confidence, responsibility, and leadership—both in and out of the ring!

Dates will be available soon!

Please fill-out this form to participate: https://bit.ly/fayettecoclubs25

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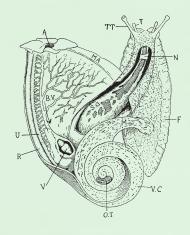






STEM WORKSHOPS

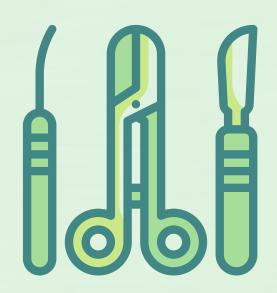
These hands-on STEM workshops inspire future healthcare professionals by exploring anatomy, medical tools, and careers through interactive, real-world activities that highlight how science and compassion keep us healthy.



Topics will include stop the bleed, dissections, IVs, and more!



Exact dates will be released in future newsletters!



Contact MG at mgacooke@uky.edu with any questions

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CLUB

Activities include

- Clay
- Decoupage
- **Painting**
- Sun Art

1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington, Ky

Contact: Robin Grace robin.grace@uky.edu for additional information.

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Monthly

Oct 23rd

Nov 20th

Jan 29th

Feb 19th

Mar 26th

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JUNIOR CHEF

HANDS-ON FUN IN THE KITCHEN-KIDS LEARN SAFETY, COOKING BASICS, AND CREATIVITY WITH FOOD!

AGES: 9-13
LIMITED SPOTS
MUST SIGN UP TO ATTEND
COST: \$40

DATES:

9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 6PM-7PM

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PAY HERE:

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When: 10am -11am

October 9th
November 6th
December 11th
January15th
February 5th
March 12th
April 9th
May 7th

Where:

Fayette County
Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington KY 40504

In a rut with what to feed children?

Let's explore resources for planning and preparing delicious, nutritious meals and snacks for children of all ages! Kids will gain hands-on experience in the kitchen, while adults learn tips from each lesson topic.

- Spaces are limited to 10 children
- An adult must accompany each child
 - Children must be ages 5-8

For additional information, contact:
Caroline McMahan
caroline.mcmahan@uky.edu
or

Robin Grace robin.grace@uky.edu

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Fayette County 4-H Jr. Homemakers Club

Looking for fun volunteer opportunities? Interested in bettering your community? Wanting to explore different cultures and learn new skills?



Contact MG at

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questions

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May 26th



Teen Conference 2025

The 2025 Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference truly amplified youth development—through campus life immersion, hands-on academics, leadership skill-building, service, and community engagement. It not only fostered personal growth and friendships but also paved pathways toward college and leadership roles.









4-H Camp 2025

312 campers
42 CITs and JCs
39 Adults





























BLUE

- · Annalise Bacon-Food, Three Brownies
- Annalise Bacon-Food, Single Layer Cake
- Annalise Bacon-Food, Three Soft Pretzels
- Caroline Bacon Food, Three Cornmeal Muffins
- Caroline Bacon-Food, Three Brownies
- Caroline Bacon-Food, Oatmeal Muffins
- Mia Delgado- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Caroline Dieruf- Home Environment, Simple Clothing Item
- · Karsten Dvorak- Photography, Forest
- Claire Ellis- Sewing, Clothing Option ages 9-13
- Delaney Klarer- Needlework, Quilting Small Patchwork
- Pinkie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Oil Pastel
- Pinkie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Color Pencil
- Pinkie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Computer Drawing
- Pinkie Lin- Needlework, Crochet Novelty Yarn
- Pinkie Lin- Needlework, Crochet Shaping/ Fitting Pieces Together
- Pinkie Lin- Needlework, Advanced Crochet Skills to Creating Your Own Design
- Rainie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Oil Pastel
- Rainie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Computer Drawing
- Rainie Lin- Arts & Crafts, Junior Color Pencil
- Rainie Lin- Needlework, Crochet Medium Yarn
- Rainie Lin- Needlework, Crochet Novelty Yarn
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- Will Lin- Needlework, Crochet Shaping/ Fitting Pieces Together
- Juliana Maxwell- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Carolina Mullins- Sewing, Non-Clothing Option 9-13
- Ellie Quisehualt- Sewing, Stretch Your Knit Skills
- Isabella Quisehuatl- Sewing, Clothing ages 9-13
- Liliana Robinette-Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Elsie Thompson- Sewing, Stretch Your Knit Skills
- Kedley Zimmerman- Arts & Crafts, Senior Jewelry
- Kindle Zimmerman- Arts & Crafts, Junior Jewelry
- Kindle Zimmerman-Arts & Crafts, Junior Art Trends Mixed Media
- Kindle Zimmerman-Clothing Option, 9-13
- Kindle Zimmerman- Home Environment, Baby Shower Invitation
- Kindle Zimmerman-Food, Brownies
- Nora Reichert- Sewing, Creative Expression Clothing Complete Outfit





RED

- Lilian Cowan- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Evelyn Delgado- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Anna Joy Donker- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Porter Gumbert- Forestry, 1st Year Leaf Collection
- Madison Krift- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Molly McGonigle- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Lily Rogers-Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13
- Esme Weber- Sewing, Non-Clothing 9-13

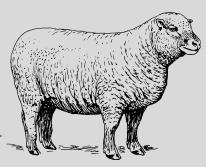
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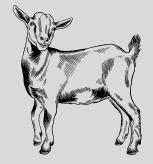
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Reserve Champion Market- Anna-Grace Groth Fayette County Grand Champion Market- Anna-Grace Groth Fayette County Reserve Champion Market- Carrie Wagoner

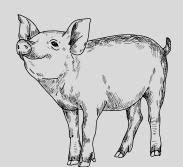
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Novice Market Reserve Champion- Asher Hagerman
Fayette County Grand Champion Doe- Lena Durbin
Fayette County Reserve Champion Commercial Doe- Lena Durbin
Reserve Grand Champion- Lena Durbin
Fayette County Grand Champion- Lena Durbin
Fayette County Reserve Champion- Oliviah Coy

Novice Market Reserve Champion- Hank Robinette Fayette County Grand Champion Market- Reed Robinette Fayette County Grand Champion Commercial Gilt- Liliana Robinette









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CHAMPION

Harmony Litteral-Rabbits, Sr. Doe Class 4



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- Harmony Litteral-Rabbit, Senior Showmanship
- Lacy Nall-Poultry Showmanship, Junior Standard-Size Chicken
- Kolton Zimmerman- Country Ham and Speech
- Liliana Robinette- Country Ham and Speech
- Sam Quintero- Country Ham and Speech
- Kindle Zimmerman- Country Ham and Speech
- Gunner Fink- Country Ham and Speech
- Flora Christensen- Country Ham and Speech
- Karsten Dvorak- Country Ham and Speech
- Kedley Zimmerman- Country Ham and Speech
- Rainie Lin- Country Ham and Speech
- Catriona Lafferty- Country Ham and Speech
- Carolina Mullins- Country Ham and Speech



RED

- Landon Watts- Country Ham and Speech
- Colton Jones- Country Ham and Speech
- Savannah Mullins- Country Ham and Speech

10 Ways to Volunteer with 4-H

No matter how much time you have, volunteering with 4-H makes a difference by helping youth explore and discover the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. There are lots of ways to get involved! To learn more, visit 4-H.org/Volunteer, or contact your local 4-H office listed below.

Please note, your volunteer experience and/or opportunities may be happening virtually or in-person. Contact your local 4-H office listed below for more information.

Help youth lead a club

- Assist a youth club leader with organizing meetings, speakers, and other logistics.
- Assist and/or mentor a 4-H volunteer who is serving as a project leader.

Teach a skill

 Organize a club, or share your skills by teaching a club meeting workshop, devoted to your area of specialty.

Judge projects

 Serve as a judge for 4-H exhibits, competitions or performances, providing encouragement and suggestions for improvement.

Plan or help at an event

 Volunteer at a county/parish special event; from set-up or clean-up to serving food or taking registrations, there are a lot of ways to get involved.

Serve on an advisory board/committee

 Sit on a local advisory or county governing board to help determine program priorities.

Help with a specific 4-H project

 Advise a 4-H member in their project work: help youth identify and set goals, create and implement a plan, and reflect on what they learned and would do differently next time.

Assist with program delivery

 Volunteer at an after school program, a summer program, camp program event or club meeting.

Volunteer on a fair organizing committee

- Volunteer at a local fair be inspired by the talents and creativity of the next generation while promoting the country's largest positive youth developmen organization!
- Work in the food booth or help in the 4-H exhibit hall or at the 4-H show ring.

Utilize your professional skills

- Share your technical skills and knowledge to develop subject matter for curriculum/project sheets.
- Utilize your professional skills to assist with with creating marketing tools, graphic art, word documents, webpages, videos, online training modules, etc.
- Intern at your local Extension office with the 4-H program, a great resume builder.

Share your experiences

- Share your hobby/passion inspire a young person as a guest speaker or short-term instructor.
- Share your career path invite a 4-H'er to shadow you for the day.
- Share your educational path/give a testimonial – how did you get to where you are? (If you are a college student – how did you choose your school, what are you pursuing, what are you aspiring to do?)

Provided by:

Program Leaders Working Group, 4-H Volunteerism Committee

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DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH YOUTH AND HAVE A SKILL YOU COULD TEACH?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS WITH A PASSION FOR:





DOG

SURVIVAL SKILLS



FITNESS AND NUTRITION









LEADING A CLUB ENTAILS A MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE FOR YOUTH 9-18. MEETING TIMES MAY ALSO VARY, BUT MUST TOTAL 6 EDUCATIONAL HOURS OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM YEAR. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COMMIT TO A YEAR LONG CLUB THEN YOU COULD ALSO CONSIDER LEADING A WORKSHOP SERIES. CONTACT MANDA CLARK AT AMANDA.CLARK@UKY.EDU IF INTERESTED.