



MEADE COUNTY 4-H CHATTER

APRIL & MAY 2025



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Dear 4-H Family,

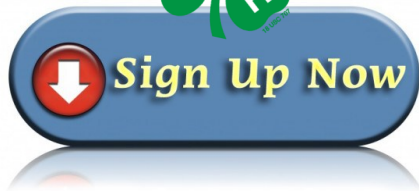
By now you have probably heard that Deana K. Reed has transferred to Hardin County to continue her extension career. This leaves a vacancy here, but the Extension District Board has approved funds to hire a new 4-H Youth Development Agent. The position has been posted, and applications are being accepted through April 9. You or someone you know who is interested in the position, can find information and a link to apply at:

<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/575964>

In the meantime, we will continue the 4-H program until a suitable person is hired. If you have questions, feel free to contact the office at 270-422-4958.

Extension Agent for Family and Consumer
Sciences Education Meade County

Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural
Resources Education Meade County



2025 4-H Summer Camp – Basic Information

There are just a few weeks left of school and WHAT have you planned for your summer activities? Don't fret, SUMMER will be here before you know it and we still have spots available for both male and female campers to attend 4-H Camp with us! Meade County will be attending 4-H summer camp in 2025 at the WKY 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. **SAVE THE DATES: June 10 - 13, 2025.** ANY Meade County youth, ages 8 (entering 4th grade Fall 2025 - age 18) can attend camp! The cost for camp in 2025 for *Meade County residents and*

students is \$167.00 and out of county youth will pay \$325.00. THANK YOU to the Meade County Extension District Board, 4-H Council and several community Friends of Meade County 4-H for their generous sponsorship of this life-changing 4-H program. **Deadline to register for camp is May 9!** Spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Congratulations to Case, Cale & Cash Redmon, Hadley Stanger and Evie Humphrey for being the top sellers for our 4-H Hanging Basket Fundraiser. Each will receive a monetary award. Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

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4-H County Communications Night

Country Ham Project Youth: this is a requirement of your project, so please call the office with the title of your speech before the deadline.

Youth, ages 9-18, are invited to compete in the county level speech and demonstration Contest on **April 29** at the Meade County Extension Office. **Check in begins at 5:30 pm. Contest begins at 6:00 pm.**

This contest teaches youth the parts of a good speech or demonstration, how to write the text, effective delivery techniques and gives lots of opportunities to practice in front of others. Category champions will go on to represent Meade County at the West 5/West 6 Area competition in Grayson County on May 6.

SIGN UP: Call the office (270-422-4958) to register (be prepared to give the title of your speech/demonstration and your birthdate). **DEADLINE to register is: Monday, April 21.**



Speech Categories (by age): No visual aids are allowed for speeches (costumes are considered a visual aid). No dramatic readings, dramatic monologues or recitation of poems is allowed. Speech must be youth's own original work.

NOTE: "4-H age" is how old youth was on January 1, 2025.

Juniors (ages 9 - 13): The 4-H'er may have assistance in writing and preparation based on age level. Speeches must be 3 to 5 minutes long.

Seniors (ages 14 - 18): Because this is an educational learning experience, the Senior 4-H'er is expected to choose a topic, research and write their own speech. A participant may have assistance with practicing the speech. Speeches must be 5 to 7 minutes long.

Demonstrations: Junior/Senior categories are same as speeches but broken into subject specific categories (i.e. foods, wood working, etc.). The time limit for demonstrations (juniors and seniors) will be 5 to 15 minutes. Call the office to receive a complete list of demonstration categories for the 2025 program year.

Demonstrations



AT THE SENIOR LEVEL, the 4-H'er is expected to demonstrate original work. The internet may be used as a reference source but NOT as a source for non-original speech or demonstration materials.

It's Time To Be Thinking About... 4-H Fair Entries

If you haven't already been working on projects for the county fair... NOW is the time to begin planning for your 2025 4-H Fair entries. The 4-H Fair Catalog is now available in hard copy format. It will be available online soon – we will let you know when that status changes. To receive a copy of the 4-H fair catalog, stop by the Extension Office to pick up a copy. Our **4-H entry date is still to be decided**. Entries will be taken at the 4-H/FFA exhibit building at the fairgrounds. We can't wait to see your wonderful hard work and put it on display for all of Meade County to see!



Did you Know?

All youth are eligible to enter items in Open Class categories in the Home and Garden Building (next door to the 4-H Building). For more information, check out the fair section at www.ca.uky.edu/Meade under the FCS tab.



FIND YOUR SPARK AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS



**10th - 13th June
2025**

About Our Event

Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference is a comprehensive leadership development event tailored for high school 4-H members. This conference is designed to provide youth with a multifaceted experience that combines educational workshops, leadership training, community service, and social activities.

JOIN US!

Event Highlights

Majors

These workshops are held on the University of Kentucky campus, offering a unique opportunity for youth to experience college life and explore the academic resources available at UK.

Leadership Minor

Focuses on developing essential leadership skills through targeted activities and discussions

Day of Service

Participants engage in community service projects throughout Lexington

Social Activities

These activities include CLOVER Fest, a formal dance, dorm life experience, and area night-out events. These events provide a fun and relaxed environment for youth to connect with their peers.

**CONTACT YOUR
COUNTY 4-H AGENT**

WEBSITE
extension.ca.uky.edu



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MEADE COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP



**4-DAY OVERNIGHT
CAMP AT WEST KY 4-H
CAMP FOR YOUTH,
AGES 8 - 15 YEARS**



Camp Dates
**JUNE 10-13,
2025**

Mandatory
Orientation
**MAY 22
4 OR 6 PM**

Camper Fee
\$167

Activities

- ✓ Variety of Classes
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Games
- ✓ Sally Down the Alley
- ✓ S'mores & Campfire

**For more information - request
application**

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POP CLUB

POWER OF PRODUCE



Join Teri King, Senior Nutrition Education Program Assistant and Jennifer Bridge, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences as we explore the foods we eat!

When: Every Tuesday in June & July

Who: Ages 3-17

What: Fun activities, in-season food samples, and up to \$5 in market cash each week to spend at the Meade County Farmers' Market

Parents: Welcome to taste the recipes, but only kids earn tokens

Come learn, taste, and support local farmers



Program Dates: Tuesdays

Week 1: June 10

Week 2: June 17

Week 3: June 24

Week 4: July 1

Week 5: July 8

Week 6: July 15

Time:

11 am - 2 pm
Meade County
Extension Pavilion



Youth ages 6-18 are encouraged to participate in the King Arthur Baking Contest held as part of the Meade County Fair. The contest will take place at the Meade County Extension office (more room and air conditioning). Contact the Extension Office for more details and registration form.

King Arthur Baking Contest



OPEN TO:

Junior/Youth (Ages 6-18)

Adults (Ages 18 and Up)

July 22nd @ 1:30 PM

Location: Meade County Extension Office

Entry form and rules will be released soon!

TOGETHER WE GROW: YOUTH ART CONTEST

In celebration of National Agriculture Week, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Offices are excited to invite youth from our communities to participate in a fun and creative art contest! This contest is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativity while learning about the important agricultural commodities that are represented in their county. Each participant will receive a coloring page that features various local commodities, with plenty of space to add their own personal touch and imagination. A copy for Meade County is included in this newsletter and an electronic copy will be provided by request to the Meade County Extension office.

Participants will return their design to the extension office no later than **April 29**. Judging will take place that evening with the winning design submitted to the state coordinator and will represent Meade County on a special map at the 2025 Kentucky State Fair. Feel free to contact the extension office with questions you might have.



3-DAY COOKING CAMP SHINE IN THE KITCHEN WITH YOUR NEW COOKING SKILLS!



Have you dreamed of having your own restaurant or cooking show? Maybe you just want to learn how to make a tasty afterschool snack for friends. Join us for the Super Star Chef cooking camp for participants ages 9 to 12. No previous cooking experience required for this free program, where you will receive cooking tools and learn how to:

- Master a variety of cooking techniques, like chopping, dicing, blending, folding and whipping.
- Make homemade meals like fiesta dip, fruit and yogurt parfaits, pizza, carrot muffins and more!
- Discover foods that fuel your body and energize you.
- Learn how to read a nutrition facts label and what it takes to be "food safe"!



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DATE: July 15 - 17, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Meade County
Extension Office

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Bridge,
Extension Agent for Family and
Consumer Sciences

**Registration required, space is
limited to 20 so register early.**

CALL TO REGISTER:
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