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Happy New Year from your county 4-H Youth Development Agent!

Happy New Year to all of our 4-H'ers, families, and friends! Many of you may have noticed my absence through much of the later part of 2023. This is because 2023 was a big year for myself and my family as we welcomed a new baby boy named Benjamin to the family. While I was home with Benjamin many of our clubs continued on and others had to take a pause. You may notice a slightly different timeline in 4-H activities this year as we get back in the groove of things and I appreciate all of your patience!

Here in the new year we're excited to start a new Cooking Club, the start of our Junior Leadership program of the year, and changes to 4-H Camp! We are looking forward to 2024 and all the experiences that are in store for us!

-- *Melissa Richardson*



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Project Clubs

Join for the 2023-2024 project year!

4-H SharpShooters

Shooting Sports Club



Registration for the 2023-2024 year are open! Monthly meetings start January 16th at 6:30 and all youth should have completed the registration packet by that meeting. then weekly practices following spring break.

REMIND: @4htarget24 to 81010

4-H Country Ham Project

Country Ham



Starting Martin Luther King Day we will begin curing our hams for the Kentucky State Fair! Members of the Ham Project should also attend Livestock Club meetings on the last Tuesday of every month.

REMIND: @salty20 to 81010

4-H Best Sew-ers in Town

Sewing Club



These folks have great talent! Get ready to make some beautiful masterpieces in the next couple months! Check that you are interested in this project on your enrollment form to receive a letter when the project starts in the spring!

REMIND: @4hsew22 to 81010

4-H Cooking Club

Foods & Nutrition



This is a BRAND NEW club making its debut on February 1st! We'll learn cooking skills, practice recipes, and host a meal to celebrate with our families!

REMIND: @wc4hcooks to 81010

4-H Hooves & Horns

Livestock Club



Learn about feeding, healthcare, judging, grooming, and showing livestock with the Hooves & Horns Livestock club! Their meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at the Washington County Extension Office at 7:00. **Their next meeting is January 30th.**

REMIND: @salty2020 to 81010

4-H Teen Advisory Council

7th grade & up!



This club is only for Teens devoted to experiencing new things! We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30. This month the area Teen event will be held on January 5th in Shelby County. Contact Melissa to arrange transportation.

REMIND: @wc4hteen to 81010

4-H Young Riders Club

Horse Club



If you love horses this club is for you! You **do not** have to own a horse to participate either! In fact they do tours of the industry and have professional speakers often. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. The membership fee is \$7. Their next meeting is January 15th. Their meeting is at 6:30.

REMIND: @wchorse2 to 81010

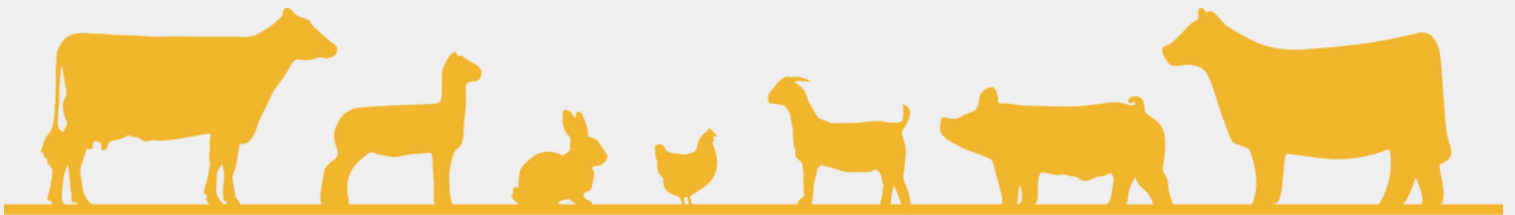
YOUTH QUALITY CARE ASSURANCE

**January
30th
6:30**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. It is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.

Some livestock shows and programs have begun recommending or requiring annual YQCA certification in order to participate. This year, Washington county's YQCA training will be held Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30.

Contact the office to register

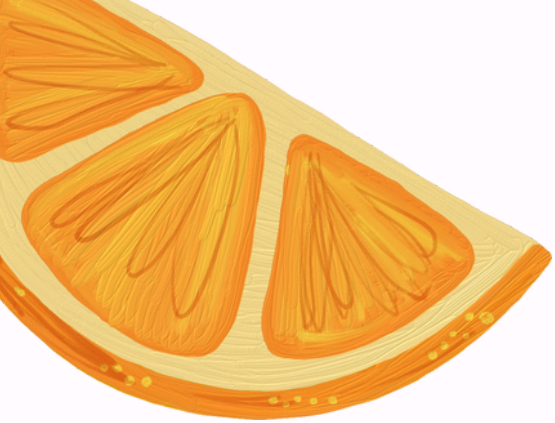


4-H CAMP DATES CHOSEN

Our camp dates have been announced and there are new changes for Camp 2024!

- We're adding a day and night for camp! This year camp will be Monday-Friday and the best part is, this won't raise the cost of camp overall!
- Because of our growing camp numbers we had to change the counties we camp with. Washington County will now be camping at Lake Cumberland (as usual) with our new Camping Group- Spencer County!
- Camp registration packets will be available soon! If you are considering going to camp as an adult go ahead and contact Melissa at melissa.schenck@uky.edu to have your questions answered and learn more!

**July
8-12**



4-H COOKING CLUB



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Meetings will be held at the Washington County Extension Office. Fill out the QR Code to be registered.



- February 1- 5:00
- March 7- 5:00
- April 4- Day Camp
- May 2- 5:00
- June 6- Family Meal



Washington County

Junior Leadership

Purpose

The purpose of the Washington County Junior Leadership program is to provide students the opportunity to learn more about their leadership skills and how to refine and utilize these leadership skills for success in the future. Acceptance to this program is application based. Any 7th grade student within Washington County is welcome to apply.



**Scan this
code to apply**

DUE: February 2, 2024

Scan & complete the Google Form to apply! Please be complete in your answers. A select number of youth will be selected by a committee reviewing these applications.



**This program is free for
participants and held
during school hours.**

- March 12th
- March 19th
- March 28th

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Kentucky 4-H Summit

Middle School Leadership Conference

March 21–23, 2024 | Price: \$125

Make friendships with 4-H'ers from across the state
Service Project | Fun Workshops | Find your spark
Opportunities to learn and grow

Register by 2/1/24 with your county 4-H Agent

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