

Simpson County 4-H Newsletter



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Welcome to Simpson County 4-H

I am so excited you have joined 4-H this year! We have 19 fun 4-H clubs, each led by some amazing volunteer leaders that are excited to welcome you. To attend club meetings you must have an enrollment form on file at the Extension Office. If you haven't completed one stop by or call for an online link to enroll before your next meeting.

Email is the primary way Simpson Co. 4-H communicates with members on a weekly basis and sign-up genius is how we know you are coming to monthly club meetings as newsletters are mailed out quarterly. You will receive a link via email from Simpson Co. 4-H to let us know if you are planning to attend your upcoming club meeting. This helps leaders in planning for supplies and ensures everyone is staying active once enrolled. We have several clubs with waiting lists so if you find you can't make the meetings of a club you joined please let us know so we can reach out to those waiting!

Are you on Facebook? If so *Like* the Simpson County Cooperative Extension Service to stay up to date between newsletters. Some clubs also have closed Facebook pages and/or use the Remind app. Your club leader will have this information at your meeting.

It's National 4-H Week

1. We have a LARGE 4-H Week Candy Jar at the Extension Office. Stop by this week to guess how many pieces of candy are in the jar. The closest guess will be announced on Monday, October 10 and win the jar of candy. Anyone may take one guess.
2. Simpson County 4-H is having a coloring contest this week...enclosed are a Scarecrow sheet for Cloverbuds, a Clover full of projects for Members, and a Fall Pumpkin for Adults. We also have copies of each coloring sheet in a flyer box outside the Extension Office backdoor so you can stop by to pick more copies if needed. Please only color and submit the correct entry sheet for your age group! All entries must be turned in by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 10. There is a mail slot on the back door of the Extension Office for drop off anytime.
3. See the enclosed 4-H Flat Clover Project – I can't wait to see where you take the 4-H Clover!
4. A family 4-H scavenger hunt is enclosed. We have 10 clovers hid throughout Franklin for families to hunt for over Fall Break. Instructions are included for participating and submitting photos by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 10. We even included a local service project you can contribute to help out on behalf of 4-H!
5. Beginning Wednesday, October 5 thru Sunday, October 17 our local TSC store is selling Paper 4-H Clovers. Stop by and purchase a clover for \$1.00, with the proceeds coming back to Simpson Co. 4-H. Paper Clovers is a national 4-H campaign that we encourage everyone to participate in. You can also stop by the Extension Office if you'd like to sign out some clovers to take & sell to friends & family!

Sewing Club Leader Needed

Do you sew well? Are you a great seamstress? Do you know someone that is? The 4-H Sewing Club is in need of extra hands to help our more advance sewers. The club meets from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly. If you are interested or know someone that is please contact Catherine at the Extension Office or Nell Jordan.

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Ribeye Sale

See the enclosed flyer for our upcoming 4-H Ribeye & Burger sale on Friday, October 14. Please share and encourage friends & family to buy lunch to support Simpson Co. 4-H on this day. Volunteers are needed to help from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no school this day so teens can help out too! We need help grilling, wrapping, selling, and delivering meals. Please let the Extension Office know if you can help out!

West KY 4-H Teen Retreat

See the enclosure for a Teen Retreat being held at West KY 4-H Camp October 21-23. The cost is \$90 and is due to the Extension Office by October 7. Teens must have an adult to transport and chaperone. This retreat is being hosted by agents in the Western part of the state and I had other programs already scheduled for this weekend (Boofest on the Square is October 22). I will cover registration for one adult willing to go – contact me ASAP if you are willing to go. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

4-H Issues Conference

If you are a high school student, have issues you are passionate about, and want to impact your community then mark your calendar for November 17-19 for Kentucky 4-H Issues Conference. This 3 day experience is your chance to connect with other young leaders from across Kentucky, discuss issues important to you, and learn how to impact your community. Issues Conference 2022 will take place at Feltner 4-H Camp just outside of London, Kentucky. The cost to attend is \$190 and registration packets are available at the Extension Office. The deadline to sign up is Monday, October 17. Catherine will not be attending this event so parents may be needed to transport & chaperone.

Fundraisers for Member Accounts

Simpson County 4-H fundraiser policy: Any youth enrolled in Simpson County 4-H can set up a member account. When you work a 4-H fundraiser the proceeds are divided equally among those working and put into your member account for future 4-H activities. For example, if five 4-H members work a bake sale that makes \$500, then \$100 is deposited into each member's account. These funds can be used to pay for 4-H Camp, Cloverbud Camp, Teen Conference, Aerospace Camp, Horse Camp, etc. If it is a fundraiser where you are selling something then you receive the profit from what you sell. For example, if you sold 10 donut certificates last month that had a profit of \$4.50 each then you earned \$45 into your account.

County 4-H Banquet

On behalf of the Simpson County 4-H Council, I am pleased to invite you to the Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet, Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Ag Building in the Jim Roberts Community Park. We will be recognizing our 4-H club members for their outstanding accomplishments throughout the past year. We hope you will make plans to attend the banquet to help celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H members and volunteers. Please make your reservations by calling the Extension Office at 270-586-4484 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet on November 3rd.

There is silent auction held during the banquet to help offset banquet expenses since there is no charge to attend. Please consider donating new items with a minimum value of \$10 to the silent auction. You can ask friends, family, and local businesses to donate. Gift cards, themed baskets, holiday décor, toys, & items for men always sell well!

~ Be sure to vote online for the Extension Office entry in the Simpson Co. Hay Bale Trail...thanks to the Meador family for creating our bales of hay 4-H clover entry ~

4-H Achievement Applications due Thursday, October 13

- If you've never completed an application before and have been active in 4-H for at least one year contact me...I will help you get started!
- I can't stress enough how important it is for active 4-H members to complete an achievement application. Once you have it started you simply add to it year after year. You can also stop by the Extension Office and pick up a paper copy or we can email you a Word version.
- For those that have completed one before, Nancy emailed you our most recent file copy to update – use this version, it has corrections we made last year!
- Remember you are keeping a record of everything you have done in 4-H since 4-H age 9.
- These are due to the Extension Office on Thursday, October 13. They are being judged on November 17 so the deadline cannot be extended!
- All youth completing an application will be recognized at the 4-H banquet on November 3. The applications will also be used to select most of our banquet award recipients.
- Cloverbuds...you can complete an application with your Cloverbud activities to be recognized at the banquet with a 4-H gift!

Tips for completing your application:

- I can email you a sample application with yellow highlights to assist you in where to put your activities, for those unsure.
- Do not count activities in more than one location throughout the application.
- Applications must be typed and submitted electronically or on a flash drive. We cannot accept hand written copies.
- Please note under the Civic Engagement section, the places visited must have been done in conjunction with 4-H. They are not asking for places your family has been on vacation or your school has gone. The only way to turn a "school or family trip" into a "4-H experience" is to give a 4-H speech over it for the Talk Meet. Then it may be counted and becomes a 4-H experience.
- On the Involvement/Participation section feel free to list anything that isn't in the application elsewhere. Just realize points are limited and some may not count but it's ok to have extra in there. 4-H clubs count for 1 point per year (not one point per meeting). Again, do not count every club meeting you've been to!

October 2-8: National 4-H Week
October 8: Farmer's Market Fall Festival
October 11: FSC Welcome Reception 3:00-5:00 p.m.
October 13: Achievement Applications due to the Extension Office
October 14: Ribeye Sale
October 21-23: West KY 4-H Teen Retreat
October 22: Boofest
November 3: Simpson Co. 4-H Banquet
November 14: Mammoth Cave 4-H Teen Council in Warren Co. at 5:30 p.m. (open to teens in 8th-12th grades)
November 17-19: 4-H Issues Conference
December 3: Hometown Holiday Bazaar
December 12: Mammoth Cave 4-H Banquet at the Corvette Museum
July 17-21, 2023: 4-H Camp

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