



4-H News

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Todd County 4-H Talk Meet (Speeches & Demos)



The County 4-H Talk Meet will take place this spring on **Thursday, April 18th at Elkton Baptist Church**. Any 4-H youth may enter a speech and/or demonstration in the contest either through their classroom teacher or by calling the 4-H office to sign up. Public speaking is a great skill to learn and practice at an early age. If you would like to enter in the County 4-H Talk Meet, sign up before March 29th by submitting your speech or demonstration title to lmccuist@uky.edu. Junior speeches (age 9-14 years) must be between 3-5 minutes long. Senior 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. Call or email the 4-H office for a complete list of demonstration categories. Two member team demonstrations are allowed. Participants in the county event will receive a 4-H Talk Meet t-shirt just for participating. Division winners will receive a trophy and move onto the Area 4-H Communications Contest Event set for Thursday night, May 9th in Madisonville, KY.

4-H Shooting Sports Coming this Spring



The Todd County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will start up this spring with an organizational meeting at the first practice (early May—watch for the date). Youth between the ages of 9 and 18 interested in shooting trap (12 or 20 gauge shotgun), air and 22 pistol, .22 rifle, and/or archery should attend the organizational meeting with at least 1 parent or guardian. The Shooting Sports season runs May through September with practices held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the gun club between Elkton and Trenton. There are area shoots held through out the summer and the grand finale state shoot will be held on September 14 and 15, 2024. Come on out and get involved in a great 4-H club!



Ag Appreciation Breakfast 4-H Teen Summit



The Todd County Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast is set for **Tuesday, February 20th**. This breakfast

and celebration of Ag is sponsored by our Todd County Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place at Elkton Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 a.m. If your parent(s) plans to attend, and you would like to as well—contact the 4-H office to see if there are spots available.

The 4-H Teen Summit is a leadership conference for 6th–8th graders! The conference is set for March 21-23 at 4-H Camp. The cost to attend is \$75.00 Todd County may still have a few spots available, so call the 4-H office at 270-265-5659, email lmccuist@uky.edu or come by the Extension office to fill out a form and make a payment. Transportation is provided!



Summer 4-H Camp Forms will be out in March!



Summer 4-H Camp dates are set, so mark your calendar! Come on out and join the fun on **Monday, July 15–Friday, July 19, 2024** for an exciting week at camp at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Applications for 4-H camp will be available in March from the 4-H office. Camp is for 3rd graders -8th graders. Adult and Teen camp counselors are always needed! Sign up at the 4-H office located at 240 Pond River Road in March. Don't miss the fun at 4-H camp! Scholarships will be available to those needing financial assistance. Donations are accepted any-time through out the year if you would like to make a donation to the 4-H Camp Scholarship fund to help send kids to camp!

After School 4-H Creative Arts Club

The 4-H After School Creative Arts Clubs will meet during the month of February for North and South Todd.

South Todd Creative Arts Club—Wednesday, Feb. 21st

North Todd Creative Arts Club—Tuesday, Feb. 27th

Any 3rd - 5th grade student is welcome to attend the elementary school meetings. Pick up time is 4:15 p.m. . Be sure to bring a note the day you plan to stay for parent pick up. Crafts are free and all supplies are provided.



4-H Teen News (Teen programs are for any 8th-12th graders!)

4-H Teens between 8th through 12th grades are invited to get involved in the 4-H Teen events this spring.

- The **4-H Teen Council** will meet this month on **Thursday, February 29th** at the 4-H office in the conference room from 3-4 p.m.
- **Summer 4-H Camp** dates are set and teens are able to serve as teen camp counselors. You **must** be a member of the Teen Council to even apply. **Camp is—July 15th—19th, 2024!**
- *Teens who are 15 years of age, may attend camp as a counselor in training, but must pay \$150.00. Teens 16 & 17 years of age may attend as teen counselors (cost to attend is also a \$150.00 fee.)*

4-H Performing Arts Troupe



The 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is meeting every Monday in **February (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th)** in the high school auditorium from 3-4:30 p.m.

The Todd County 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is a group of middle and high school youth who are interested in singing and performing as a show

choir. This group will perform for the North & South Todd Elementary School students in May and travel to the Kentucky State Fair in August! We still have room for new members to join. We'll be doing "The Best of Glee" for our set list! Dancers will also be needed—starting Feb. 19th!

4-H Horse Club

The 4-H Horse Club will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, March 7th**

at the Christian County Expo Center (behind Chr. Co. 4-H office) from **6-8 p.m.** Leaders will present an equine lesson and there will be open arena ride time. If you don't have a horse, there will be time to ride on the lead. Helmets required!



4-H Farm Calendars

Todd County 4-H office 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 or at the County Clerks office and will be given out to anyone who gives \$10 for the Ag Tag License program.



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!

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Important 4-H Dates to Remember

February 5	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3 - 4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 8-10	4-H Leadership "Ski" Retreat - leaving at 1 p.m.
February 12	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3 - 4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 13	4-H Hockey Leadership Night - leaving at 10 a.m.
February 16	North Todd 4-H School Club 8 – 9 a.m.
February 16	4-H Teen Club at High School - 6th period
February 19	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3 - 4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 20	Ag Appreciation Breakfast—7:30 a.m. Elkton Baptist
February 20	4-H Cloverbud Club - 3-4:30 p.m.
February 21	South Todd 4-H School Club 1:15-2:15 p.m.
February 21	South Todd 4-H Creative Arts Club - 3-4:15 p.m.
February 22-24	Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum - Lexington
February 26	4-H/FRC Adult Council—noon
February 26	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3-4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 27	4-H/FCS Homeschool Club—9-11 a.m.
February 27	North Todd 4-H Creative Arts Club—3-4:15 p.m.
February 29	4-H Teen Council Mtg. 3-4:15 p.m.

Important 4-H Spring Dates

March 21-23	Middle School 4-H Summit
March 29	4-H Speeches & Demo Titles Due
April 18	4-H Talk Meet Contest - Elkton Baptist @ 11 a.m.

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 \$750.00 from the voluntary donations made by farmers when they renewed their farm tags. Let's double that number this year and bring more money to support our future farmers and leaders! Be sure to encourage our farmers to make the voluntary donation of \$10.00 when they renew their farm tags! We thank you for your support! Every farmer will receive a 4-H calendar for donating! Special thanks to the Todd County Clerks Office for collecting monies for this program!