



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 17th 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 April 9th 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 that will take place in May in Madisonville, KY. TBA

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 throughout the summer and the grand finale state shoot will be held on September 12 and 13, 2025. 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 **Friday, February 28th**. 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



2024 Summit

set for **March 20-22** at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp in Jabez, KY. Todd County has six youth attending the conference. The youth will gain leadership and team work skills and attend workshops on adulting classes during the 3 day event.

Summer 4-H Camp

Summer 4-H Camp dates are set, so mark your calendar! Come on out and join the fun on **Monday, July 14–Friday, July 18, 2025** 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 and passed out at the schools. 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! Cost for camp is \$340 per camper. Scholarships will be available to those needing financial assistance. Donations are accepted anytime 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 South Todd 4-H After School Creative Arts Club will meet on **Wednesday, February 26th**. The craft is a button flower arrangement. (pictured on right)



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. Teens are always needed to assist.



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.

- Area 4-H Teen Ice Skating Outing—**Feb. 17th** \$10 per teen. Meet at 8 a.m. at 4-H office. **Sign up by Feb. 10th.**
- The **4-H Teen Council** will meet this month on **Thursday, February 27th** at the 4-H office in the conference room from 3:15-4 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 14th—18th, 2025!**
- *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 this spring on the following Wednesdays in the high school auditorium from 3-4:30 p.m:

Feb. 19th, Mar. 19, Apr. 16th, Apr. 30th.

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.

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.

4-H Horse Club



The 4-H Horse Club will travel to Murray State on **Tuesday, Mar. 11th** for a 4-H horse judging clinic. 4-H Horse Club members need to sign up with the 4-H office no later than **March 6th**. It's \$8 per person

to attend. Youth will be excused from school!

The 4-H Horse Club members are also invited to attend a **4-H Horse Sorting Clinic on Saturday, March 29th** at the Christian County Expo Center. The horse and rider fee will be around \$50.00. Youth who don't have a horse may attend for \$10.00. More details coming soon! Mark your calendars!

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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4-H Youth Development



Important 4-H Dates to Remember

February 7	North Todd 4-H School Club 8:40 – 10:15 a.m.
February 14	4-H Livestock Club Quiz Bowl - WKU Ag Center
February 15	4-H Livestock Club Skillathon—WKU Ag Center
February 17	Area 4-H Teen Meeting & Ice Skating - Depart at 8 a.m.
February 18	4-H Homeschool club 9-11 a.m.
February 19	4-H Performing Arts Troupe Mtg. 3-4:30 p.m. HS Auditorium
February 26	4-H Creative Arts Club Mtg. - 3-4:15 p.m.
February 27	4-H Teen Council Mtg.—4-H office 3:15-4 p.m.
February 28	Ag Appreciation Breakfast—7:30 a.m. Elkton Baptist

Important 4-H Spring Dates

March 11	4-H Horse Judging Clinic
March 13	Farm Family Expo—Extension Office (for families)
March 20-22	Middle School 4-H Summit
April 9	4-H Speeches & Demo Titles Due to 4-H office
April 17	4-H Talk Meet Contest - Elkton Baptist @ 11 a.m.

Farm Family Ag Expo

The Farm Family Ag Expo's goal is to show appreciation to Todd County's Farm Families. If you live on a farm or your grandparents live on a farm, please share the enclosed flyer with them and invite them to attend on March 13th from 8 –10:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. Everyone in attendance can make an omelet, and pick up a bucket and a hat after attending the educational stations!

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 \$1200.00 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!

Farm Family Ag Expo

March 13, 2025



**FREE Cap and
5-gallon Bucket
While They Last***

8:00 - 10:30 am, Todd County Extension, 240 Pond River Road, Elkton, KY

8:00 am - Welcome & Guest Speaker

8:30 am - Omelet Stations, Safety Talks, WEKT Live Broadcasts,
Kids Zone, Petting Zoo, Health Screening, Vendors, Door Prizes

Featuring:

- *Confined Spaces & Grain Bin Safety*
- *First Aid on the Farm*
- *Tractor Rollover/ROPS*
- *Spray Drone Safety*
- *PTO Safety*

Vendor & Sponsor Information on Back Page!

- * Attend 3 safety talks for a free bucket
- * Attend 4 safety talks for a free cap
- * Attend all 5 and enter grand prize drawing



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