

**Simpson County**

**4-H Newsletter**

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**February 2023**

**4-H Concessions**

There will be a meeting on Monday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Downstairs meeting room of the Extension Office for any family or club wanting to work 4-H concessions this summer. If your club or 4-H family even thinks you might want to work any of the concession fundraisers to pay for 4-H fees for camp, teen conference, horse shows, etc. you must attend this meeting or you will not be eligible to work concession fundraisers that can benefit your member account! One adult per household for any youth wanting to fundraise must attend and if a club plans to run any concessions the leader that will be coordinating must attend!!! Call 270-586-4484 or email [cwebster@uky.edu](mailto:cwebster@uky.edu) by Friday, February 24 to let me now you are attending.

**Valentine Card Collection**

Warren County 4-H is collecting cards for the 4-H Valentine Project. This is the 5th year for this service project, where they collect cards for elderly and special needs adults in Warren & surrounding counties. Last year they collected around 1,500 cards. Cards can be made & turned in at the Simpson Co. Extension Office by Monday, February 6. These valentines can be homemade or store bought – just be sure they are all signed or include a message for those that will be receiving them.

We have ten Valentine Card kits at the Simpson Co. Extension Office that include supplies for your family to make Valentines for the project.  These kits are available first come first served so stop by to pick one up.

**Valentine Bouquets**

The 4-H Exchange Club is heading to New York this summer. Please support their upcoming trip by ordering your Valentines from them. The club delivers to schools & businesses in Franklin and also offers pick up from the Extension Office. *An order form is enclosed.*

**Parents Night Out**

On Friday, February 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. a couple 4-H clubs are coming together to host a parents night out at the Ag Building in Jim Roberts Community Park. The cost is $15 per youth ages 5-15. This includes supper, games, crafts, etc. *Registration information is on the enclosed flyer.*

**Winter Project Day**

There will be a project day on Monday, February 20 at the Extension Office, Downstairs Meeting Room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is $10.00 and will include lunch. Participants will make projects that can be entered in the fair exhibit hall this summer. Space is limited to 15, no Cloverbuds. Register by February 13 to 270-586-4484 however spaces will be filled first come, first served.

**Fort Campbell Spring Break Tour**

Please see the attached flyer on a tour of Fort Campbell on Tuesday, April 4 (Spring Break). This is for ages 12 & up and parents are welcome to attend. This is being coordinated by Warren Co. 4-H so you call their office to sign up. I will be attending however transportation is on your own to/from the Warren Co. Extension Office (drop off 6:00 a.m. & pick up 5:30 p.m.). Deadline to sign up is March 15 however space is limited to 50 participants. Cost is $6.15 for lunch (must bring cash). All care package donations must be turned in before March 15.

**Middle School Teen Summit**

Teen Summit is a leadership retreat at 4-H Camp for Middle School youth held March 16-18.  I will be taking our youth - we will leave afterschool on the 16th and return around lunchtime on the 18th.  The event is held at West KY 4-H Camp and the cost is $125 plus money for supper on the way over & lunch on the way home.  Registration packets can be picked up from the Extension office.  Registration with payment is due by Monday, February 20 to the Simpson Co. Extension Office.

**4-H Summer Camp**

Enclosed you will find information on 4-H Camp. Simpson County can take 60 people to camp this year – our largest number ever. Registration opens March 1 and the cost is $200. This can be paid in $50 increments in March, April, May, & June. Fundraising opportunities will also be available including working Concert on the Square summer concessions *(see mandatory concession meeting information above)*.

**County Communications Contests are March 30 at Franklin Simpson Middle School**

*\*\*\*Sign Up by March 17*\*\*\*

If you plan to participate in any of the communications contests and need assistance contact the extension office…we have lots of information to help youth prepare for these contests. If I picked just one program every 4-H member would participate in, it would be giving a speech or demonstration. Both myself and Amber Huggins would love to help youth get started and/or to practice with you ahead of time!

Senior Job Interview Contest: The Senior Mock Job Interview Contest will begin at 5:00 p.m. The categories are ages 14-15 and 16-18. Contestants will be applying for a mock job (vet technician, coffee bar attendant, photographer, or retail sales associate). The interview will be conducted with three judges and should last 8-10 minutes. Participants will need to bring 3 copies of your resume to the contest (select a mock job from above then prepare a resume accordingly). Additional information available at the Extension Office.

Talk Meet: The County 4-H Talk Meet will begin at 6:00 p.m. Categories include: Cloverbud, Age 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and Ages 17-18. Junior speeches must be 3-5 minutes and Senior speeches 5-7 minutes. Seniors are expected to choose a topic, research, and write their own speech. Juniors may have assistance getting started. No visual aids or costumes are allowed. Note cards are optional but allowed. Dress should be professional - no jeans or tennis shoes with dress pants for the guys and dress pants/skirts/dresses for the girls.

4-H Demonstration Guidelines and Rules: The County 4-H Demonstration Contest will also begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are giving both a speech and a demonstration you will give your speech first, then your demonstration. Demonstrations must be five minutes long and cannot be longer than fifteen minutes, with egg having a time limit of twelve minutes. Horse demonstrations must be 9-12 minutes. *Have your category decided when you call to register.*

* Demonstrations focus on the 4-H member telling and actively showing how something is made or a process is conducted. It usually has both summary posters and props used during the demonstration. Most of the steps in the process are demonstrated to the group.
* Demonstrations have 3 divisions: Cloverbud, Junior, & Senior, based on your age as of 1/1/23.
* **15 Categories:** Agriculture, Animal Science, Foods, Clothing & Textiles, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Digital Media Presentation, Shooting Sports, Natural Resources, SET, and Team. Horse and Egg follow different rules.
* Seniors are expected to demonstrate original work, including choosing their topic, researching it, & writing their own demonstration. The internet may be used as a reference but not as a source for a non-original demonstration.
* Participants may have help setting up their demonstration but may NOT have help during the demonstration.
* Professional or appropriate dress is encouraged. Costumes and visual aids ARE permitted for demonstration categories. Demonstrations must have a poster or tri-fold board as aids during their demonstration!
* Live animals and people are not permitted as a demonstration aid. Weapons of any sort cannot be used. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockup, models, or charts must be used instead however they cannot look like an actual gun, bow, arrow or other firearm.
* The judges will ask you simple questions at the end of your demonstration.
* The use of computers and presentation equipment is allowed in the presentation software category only, and electronic devices may be used in place of notecards.

**Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest**

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  + **“What 4-H Means to Me” Essay** (minimum 500 words)
  + **Songwriting** (lyrics only) - Songwriting can be found in the National 4-H Curriculum Picking up the Pieces, page 26.
  + **Poetry** (3 line minimum and 25 line maximum) - Information on Poetry can be found here: Ohio State University the Writer in You, page 32.
  + **Press Release** and **Public Service Announcement**:  National 4-H Curriculum Putting it Together, page 26.
  + **Original Monologue:**  National 4-H Curriculum Theatre Arts Level 1- Beginner, page 17. Contact the Extension Office for a copy.
  + **Press Release** (maximum of 1,000 words)
* Each county may submit two junior and two senior entries per category to the state.
* Each category will have a junior and senior class.  Each writing piece must be original. If there is a question, the participant will be disqualified. A statement of authenticity must be completed and attached to entry.  This is found on the entry form.
* **All entries must be submitted to** [**cwebster@uky.edu**](mailto:cwebster@uky.edu) **by Thursday, February 23.**
* All entries are to be on 8" x 11" paper, with the entrant's class, name, and county on a cover page and last name typed on every page. Please include scoring guide and entry form at the back of the piece (available from the Extension Office).
* Entries are to be double-spaced, typed with Calibri size 12 font white paper. (Songs may be single spaced within verses, chorus and bridge and double spaced between each of these.)
* State winners will be showcased at the Kentucky State Fair.

**February 4-H Club Meetings**

If Simpson Co. schools are out for inclement weather then 4-H club meetings are automatically cancelled

* **Lucky Spurs Horse Club:**  1st Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Upstairs meeting room. Meets February 2. This club is for Horse Lovers, “Whether you own a horse or just dream of horses, there is a place for you to join for some horsing around.” New members welcome! *Horses not provided for riding events. To ride, members are required to own or lease their own horse.*
* **Poultry Club**: 1st Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 6. Learn all about poultry including showing, judging, & much more. New members welcome!
* **Sewing**:  1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Upstairs meeting room. Meets February 7 & 21.  *Club closed for 2022-2023 school year.*
* **Junior Wildcat Chefs** (4th & 5th grades)**:** 1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the FSHS Culinary Classroom, enter door #26. Meets February 7. Members cook a new recipe each month.  *Club closed for 2022-2023 school year.*
* **Gardening**: 2nd Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 9. Members get hands-on experience gardening – new members welcome!
* **Art:** Meets 2nd Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room*.* Meets February 11. Members learn and practice new art techniques and skills from local artists. *Club closed for 2022-2023 school year.*
* **Performing Arts:** Meets 2nd Mondays at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 13. Club explores the basics in music and applying them vocally. Each meeting consists of exploring a new term, an activity, and then the last portion devoted to singing as a group.
* **Pinterest Club**: 2nd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. February meeting will be a kit due to Valentine’s Day. Meets March 14. Members have fun learning the latest craft trends – new members welcome!
* **Photo Cats:** Meets 3rd Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 16. Members learn new photography techniques then put their skills to use taking photos around the community. New members welcome!
* **Clover Cats**:  Meets 3rd Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 18. Members have fun completing hands-on 4-H projects – new members welcome!
* **Helping Hands**: Meets 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 20. Members learn about everything 4-H has to offer, with an emphasis on giving back to the community. New members welcome, including Cloverbuds with a parent.
* **Cloverbuds:**  Meets 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Ag. Building in Jim Roberts Community Park. Meets February 21.  Meetings focus on a different area of 4-H each month with fun, hands on activities! An adult must attend meetings with the youth. *There is also a weekend 4-H Camp just for Cloverbuds and their families June 30-July 2 at West KY 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. Contact the Extension Office for more information.*
* **Senior Wildcat Chefs** (middle & high school)**:** Meets3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the FSHS Culinary Classroom, enter door #26. Meets February 21. Club members learn new skills & techniques while cooking a new recipe each month. *Club closed for 2022-2023 school year.*
* **Outdoor Adventures**: Meets 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs meeting room. Meets February 23. Enjoy learning about the great outdoors and experiencing a variety of outdoor adventures. New members welcome!
* **Shooting Sports:**  Organizational meeting for a youth with parent on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, Downstairs Meeting room.  This club offers youth the opportunity to learn & shoot archery, black powder, shotgun, rifle, bb, and pistol. Discipline practices begin in April/May and continue weekly throughout the summer, as weather permits.
* **SET:** Meets 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin-Simpson EDGE Makers Space. For February only, meeting Saturday February 25 at 2:00 p.m. instead. Science, Engineering, & Technology projects include slime, robotics, plus lots more science themed activities. New members welcome!
* **Scales & Tails**: Meets4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, Upstairs meeting room. Meets February 27. Each month club members will learn about different reptiles and amphibians with hands on experiences. New members welcome!

**Keep Up With 4-H Happenings**

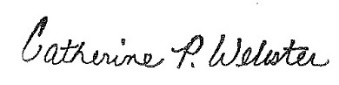
Are you on Facebook? If so *Like* the Simpson County Cooperative Extension Service to stay up to date between newsletters. Are you receiving weekly 4-H emails from [cwebster@uky.edu](mailto:cwebster@uky.edu)? If not email me to be added to the 4-H email list. Email is the primary way Simpson County 4-H communicates with members on a weekly basis, as newsletters are sent quarterly.

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**Save the Date:**

* Simpson Co. Extension Banquet, February 28 at 6:00 p.m., SKYCTC
* Mammoth Cave 4-H Teen Council, March 13 at 5:30 p.m., Warren Co. Extension Office
* SCKY 4-H Horse Camp, April 20-22
* Teen Conference, June 13-16
* Super Star Chef Day Camp, June 21-23
* West KY 4-H Cloverbud Camp, June 30-July 2

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Simpson Co. Extension

Agent for 4-H Youth Development Education

**This March, please make the $10 voluntary donation when you renew each of your farm license plates (Ag Tags) at the County Clerk’s office. It’s an excellent way to support our youth and help fund our 4-H programs!** 

opportunities!



