#### >>> MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION <<<



# **4-H NEWS**







#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

#### **NOTES FROM 4-H STAFF**

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## >>> 2023 was a busy year for **McCreary County 4-H!**

And 2024 will be even better. We have a lot planned already so stay tuned! To stay up-to-date on 4-H happenings, follow us on Facebook and subscribe to this newsletter!

#### What is your 4-H age? <<<

How old were you on January 1st, 2024? That is your 4-H age. Youth ages 9-18 may be involved in Kentucky 4-H. Ages 5-8 may participate in Cloverbuds activities! Contact our office at 606-376-2524 for enrollment info.

## **ENROLL IN MCCREARY COUNTY 4-H**







## **JANUARY CLUB MEETINGS**

January 8th, after school **Creative Writing Club** Pine Knot Intermediate

January 9th, 6:30pm 4-H Jr. Cattlemens Club

January 15th (MLK day), 12-3pm Country Ham Curing @ **Whitley County Extension** 

**Prepare for club meetings!** Do you know the 4-H pledge?



January 17th & 24th Garden Club, after school **Pine Knot Intermediate** 

Wednesdays, after school Art Club **Whitley City Elementary** 

Wednesdays, in-school **Agriscience Club McCreary County Middle School** 

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.





## **Adult volunteers** needed!

It takes a village to give our youth the best 4-H camp experience possible, so we need your help! If you'd like to volunteer at camp this summer, please contact us!

606-376-2524 mccreary.ext@uky.edu





## MCCREARY 4-H **OPPORTUNITIES**



#### Ask us about:





#### SCHOOL CLUBS 2 PROGRAMS

School clubs & programs are held during school hours or directly after school for ages 9-18. **Opportunities include:** 

- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Cooking/Nutrition
- History
- Science
- Communication/Expressive Arts
- Leadership
- Woodworking



Special-interest projects are geared toward entry in the county & Kentucky State Fair and include 6 hours of instruction. **Opportunities include:** 

- 4-H Project Week (variety of classes)
- Woodworking
- Art/Photography
- Horticulture
- Leadership
- Sewing
- Basket-making



Community club meetings are held at the McCreary County Extension Office or other locations after school hours. 4-H clubs focus on a specific skill or series of lessons, for ages 9-18. Current or upcoming opportunities include:

- Woodworking
- Fishing
- Beekeeping
- Jr. Master Gardeners
- Survival Skills
- Shooting sports
- Jr. Cattlemen
- Country Ham





#### YOUNGER YOUTH

We also have programs & activities for families & younger youth!

- Cloverbuds (ages 5-9)
- LEAP (preschool-3rd grade)
- Bookcook (families)
- Cook Together, Eat Together (families)

#### APPLE PIE SMOOTHIE SERVINGS:2, SERVING SIZE:2 CUPS

#### Ingredients:

2 cored and sliced apples (or 1 cup unsweetened applesauce) 1 medium banana (fresh or frozen) 1/4 cup rolled oats 1 1/2 cups skim milk 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 3-4 ice cubes 1 teaspoon honey (optional) Directions: Put everything in the blender and blend until smooth. Enjoy!

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 250 calories; 1.5g total fat; 0g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 5mg cholesterol; 80mg sodium; 56g carbohydrate; 8g fiber; 36g total sugars; 0g added sugar; 9g protein; 10% daily value of Vitamin D; 20% Daily Value of calcium; 6% Daily Value of iron; 15% Daily Value of potassium.



#### **OTHER NEWS...**

## 2024 State Events

Kentucky Volunteer Forum Feb 22nd - 24th Hyatt Regency Lexington

4-H Summit March 21st - 23rd Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp

State 4-H Forestry Judging Contest April 16th Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

> Teen Conference June 11th - 14th UK Campus

### KY DEPARTMENT OF AG POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

Open to Kentucky students, K-12

Submit a poster, essay, or digital image based on the 2024 contest theme "Agriculture for a Better Kentucky". Cash prizes available!

Entries due by Friday, March 8, 2024

For more info, visit: kyagr.com

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## **4-H Spotlight on Leadership**



4-H'er, Joah Mills, took the lead in 4-H Woodchucks Club by demonstrating how to build a wooden candy dispenser. Each participant left with a project they can enter in the county fair. We love to see it!

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