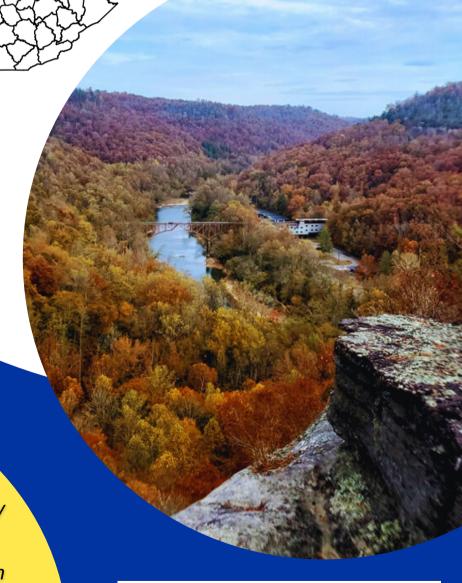
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McCreary County Cooperative Extension Service

Report To The People

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4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement

In 2023-2024, McCreary County Extension reached over **3,000** youth and led over **70** 4-H school and community programs.



Leadership & civic engagement are critical components of 4-H Youth Development programming. The Kentucky 4-H Summit Leadership Conference provides a safe environment for middle school students to explore their strengths and interests while building leadership skills.







In 2023, McCreary County Extension sent five youth to the conference. We received positive feedback from all participants, including: "I had so much fun at Summit. I learned a lot about leadership skills and I am bringing back information and program ideas to share with my fellow 4-H'ers!"

One McCreary 4-H'er eagerly accepted the opportunity to lead a woodworking project upon returning, showcasing how 4-H's opportunities foster leadership development.



In 2023 the group hiked 6 local trails, including Buzzard Rock, Crack In Rock, Buffalo Arch, Princess Falls, Split Bow Arch and Pinnacle Knob Fire Tower. Participants were able to experience the benefits of hiking, both mentally and physically. They explored new areas in the county, which many had not seen before, and gained new knowledge of McCreary County's natural resources. The hiking program consisted of 54 individuals, both new and experienced hikers, including visitors from England and Germany.



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Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) Clubs

Life Skills programs related to Nutrition, Health, Family Life, Financial Stability, Home Safety, Leadership, & Nutrition **Education**

Youth programs for all ages: LEAP. Cloverbuds, Laugh & Learn, 4-H school & community clubs, summer camp, day camps, County & State Fair projects & So Much More!



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