

## 4-H Youth Development



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# MEADE COUNTY 4-H CHATTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

**What is 4-H?** 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H members in Meade County are given the opportunity to learn in many areas including Agriculture, Fine Arts & Communication, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health, Leadership, Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) and Natural Resources. We strive to offer you the 4-H experience of a lifetime! We look forward to meeting you and your family and helping you to ...



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4-H Youth Development Education

**“Make the Best Better!”**



## 2025 4-H Summer Camp - June 10 - 13, 2025

Chilly weather is here for a little longer, but don't fret SUMMER will be here before you know it! Meade County will be attending 4-H summer camp in 2025 at the WKY 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, KY. **SAVE THE DATES: June 10 - 13, 2025.** ANY Meade County youth ages 8 (entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade Fall 2025 – age 18) can attend camp! The cost for Meade County campers in 2025 will be **\$167.00** and can be paid in installments. Have friends that don't live or go to school in Meade County but might be interested in attending camp? Please call Ms. Deana at 270-422-4958 for “out of county camper” details.

We are also in need of teen and adult (male and female) volunteers to attend camp with us. **WITHOUT ADULT LEADERS**, we cannot take campers! **Adults attend for FREE and can take one age eligible child to camp (ages 8-15) with them for FREE as well!** If you are interested, please contact Deana ASAP. All volunteers attending camp must complete the client protection process, background check and attend all trainings prior to attending camp. Applications to apply for a counselor (teen or adult) are ready for us to mail to you or to be picked up at the Extension Office.

### Camper Registration Packets

Registration will open in February and we would LOVE to help get YOU registered to attend 4-H Camp this summer! Call the office at 270-422-4958 to request a camp registration packet; these can also be picked up at the Extension Office during regular office hours of M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

## 4-H Camp Kick Off Event

Interested in learning more about what happens at summer 4-H Camp before you register your child? We are hosting our 2025 4-H Camp Kick Off event on **Thursday, February 27** at the Extension Office from 5:00 -7:00 pm. Join us to review paperwork, ask questions and participate in some hands-on activities similar to those from 4-H Camp!

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# MEADE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB

Leader: Brandon Watts

### Meetings Held:

4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Meade County Extension Office  
1041 Old Ekron Rd, Brandenburg

### RSVP or for more info:

270-422-4958

### Meeting Dates:

2024  
October 10  
November 14  
December 5

2025  
January 9  
February 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8

For youth,  
ages 5-8  
AND their adult



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It is time for our youngest members to get together for some learning & FUN! Clover Buds are ages 5 - 8, or in grades K-3, and meet monthly to do activities that involve hands-on learning!

Mr. Brandon Watts is our Clover Bud Club Leader, and he wants to invite anyone interested in 4-H Clover Buds to attend the meeting on:

**Thursday, February 13 from  
4:30 - 5:30 pm.**

A parent/adult must attend with their Clover Bud. Please call 270-422-4958 to RSVP – this will help us with gathering supplies!



## 4-H Communications Contest



Becoming a better communicator takes practice. Public speaking is the #1 fear of most adults, so as a 4-H youth, participating in the 4-H communications contest will help you to overcome this fear now! **The Meade County 4-H Communications contest will be taking place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.**

Now is the time to start planning for this exciting opportunity! If you are interested in learning more about this contest, please contact Ms. Deana to learn more about what all is involved in writing and presenting a speech or demonstration, and the area and state level competitions. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 11, 2025.**

## Come 4-H With Me: Button Art By Hand



Join us for an evening workshop designed for a 4-Her's and their adult on **Tuesday, February 11!** We will be learning how to sew on a button and will create a handmade art project using buttons! Once completed, this project will be eligible to enter as a 4-H project at the county fair in July! Cost is \$5 per pair; additional children are \$5 each and for ages 9-18. Call 270-422-4958 to pre-register ... spots filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## 4-H Council

Did you know that as a 4-H parent you are welcome to attend the 4-H Council meetings? Well, you are and we welcome any new faces for the upcoming program year. The 4-H Council is made up of 4-H parents and volunteers who provide guidance and support for the overall Meade County 4-H Youth Development program. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 17, at 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please JOIN US and become an active adult volunteer for the program!

## 4-H Volunteers NEEDED...Could it be You?



Become a 4-H Volunteer today and help create life-changing experiences for youth in Meade County! **We are currently seeking 4-H Volunteers to fill the following roles: camp leaders (male adults and male & female teens), STEAM program leaders, Cooking program leaders and Sewing project leaders.**

All volunteers must complete a volunteer application and successfully pass all background checks. Please contact the Extension Office to receive an application and to talk to Deana about volunteering.



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to  
Remember

# MEADE COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP



4-DAY OVERNIGHT  
CAMP AT WEST KY 4-H  
CAMP FOR YOUTH,  
AGES 8 - 15 YEARS



Camp Dates  
**JUNE 10-13,  
2025**

Mandatory  
Orientation  
**MAY 22  
4 OR 6 PM**

Camper Fee  
**\$167**

### Activities

- ✓ Variety of Classes
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Games
- ✓ Sally Down the Alley
- ✓ S'mores & Campfire

### For more information - request application

Meade County Extension Office  
1041 Old Ekron Rd  
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270-422-4958

**JUNE 10 - 13, 2025**

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## Meade County 4-H Members ACHIEVE!

Three Meade County 4-H members are achieving at the state level with their 4-H Achievement applications. Samantha Hacker and Addie Moore's hard work in 4-H has led them to receive their Bronze awards. Hadley Stanger has been invited to take her 4-H Gold Achievement application to the next level of an in-person interview in early March. These 4-H members have worked hard over the years to track their 4-H involvement and to find ways to develop their leadership skills along the way. Below is a little bit about each of these great youth leaders in their own words.

# LEADERSHIP



### **SAMANTHA HACKER**



What has made my 4-H story unique is my agent, who has pushed me outside of my comfort zone at every chance she got, even when I haven't been the most cooperative. For example, when I got to go with Jr. & Teen Leadership Academy to Georgia, she told me that if I wanted to help her out more with experiences like this, I would have to make friends outside of her. She would ask me questions on who I had met and that scared me, but I wanted more than anything to help her out on fun trips, so I worked on it. Eventually, I got over my fear of talking to new people and this skill has helped me tremendously throughout my life, whether it is breaking the ice at 4-H events, not being scared to answer questions in class, welcoming new members of the color guard or just overall being myself around new people. I cannot thank her enough for pushing me out of my shell. She has helped make me who I am today, in and outside of 4-H.

### **ADDIE MOORE**



My 4-H participation experiences range from horticulture to agriculture and cooking to crafting. I exhibit both leadership and mentoring skills in all the clubs and projects that I participate in. My skill and knowledge levels vary from just learning to being well educated in some areas. I enjoy knowing that all the skills that I am learning in 4-H will serve me well as a teen and an adult. I plan to share these skills with other members as well as school classmates.

### **HADLEY STANGER**



My love for 4-H has helped me gain the knowledge and confidence to become a leader, not only in 4-H, but in my school and community as well. 4-H has given me the opportunity to excel in many areas. Through 4-H, I have found my spark in communication, horse club and leadership. I started 4-H as a shy 9-year-old and now I am eager to take on new 4-H tasks and tell everyone I know about how great the program is!

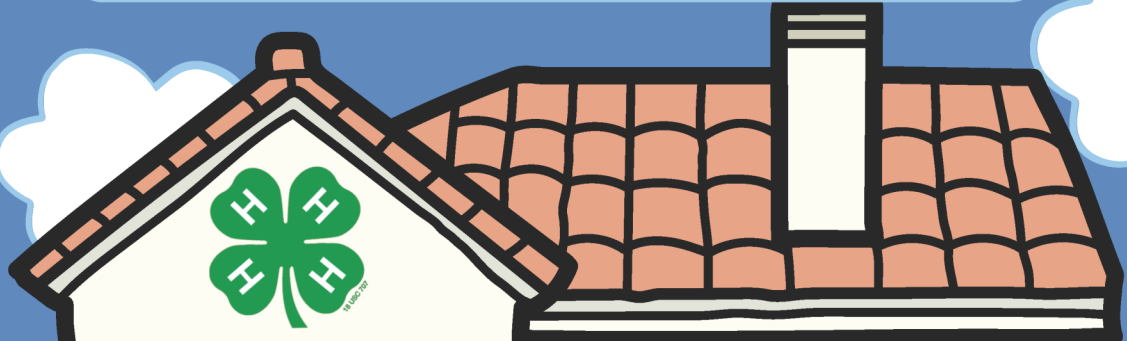
## 4-H Homeschool Experience

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 19** from **10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. We will be focusing on 4-H Hobbies to Keep Your Hands Busy. This group is for any Meade County homeschool youth, ages 5-18. Parents of ages 5-8 are required to stay to assist their child with activities. To RSVP for this meeting, call the office so Ms. Deana can plan for enough supplies.

**Our February meeting Focus will be:  
Hobbies To Keep Your Hands Busy**

# MEADE COUNTY 4-H HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE

**JOIN US!! For youth, ages 5-18**



### DATES

11-6-2024  
12-18-24  
1-15-25  
2-19-25  
3-19-25  
4-16-25

### TIME

10 am - 12 pm  
(except 12-18-24 = 10 am - 1 pm)

### LOCATION

Meade County  
Extension Office  
  
1041 Old Ekron Rd  
Brandenburg, KY

### WHAT WE DO

Do fun & hands-on learning  
  
Meet new people  
  
Learn more about Meade  
County 4-H programs

### RSVP

270-422-4958  
for each meeting  
your child will  
attend.



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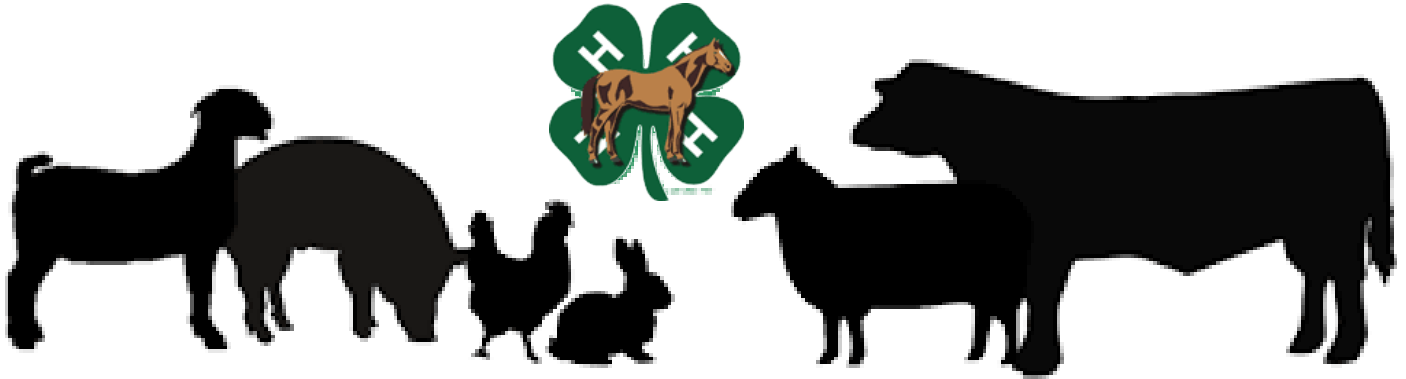
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## **ANIMAL SCIENCE 4-H CLUBS**

See below for upcoming **2025** club meetings.

**All meetings held at the Extension Office at 6:00 pm unless otherwise stated.**

### **SWINE CLUB**

February 20 (Club meeting)  
March 20 (**MANDATORY** Skillathon) 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### **SHEEP CLUB**

February, 24, March 24 (**MANDATORY** Skillathon) 6:00 - 8:00 pm, April 28 (if needed)

### **BEEF CLUB**

**MANDATORY** Skillathon February 25, 6:00 pm

### **GOAT CLUB**

February 11, March 11, April 15 (**MANDATORY** Skillathon) & May 13 (if needed)

### **HORSE CLUB**

February 5, (meeting), February 8 (clinic-time/location TBD)  
March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4

### **SMALL ANIMAL CLUB (RABBIT/POULTRY)**

February 13 (Showmanship), February 18 (Club Meeting), March 18, April 10 (Showmanship), April 15 (Club Meeting), May 8 (Showmanship), May 20 (Club Meeting), June 12 (Showmanship)



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# 4-H COUNCIL FUNDRAISER 2025

**LET'S COME  
TOGETHER TO  
SUPPORT OUR  
4-H YOUTH!**



## About Our Event!

Celebrate the coming of SPRING by participating in the Meade County 4-H Council Hanging Basket Fundraiser to raise money to support a variety of 4-H programs and events!

We will be selling \$20.00 gift cards to shop at Hardesty Farms & Greenhouses just in time for Mother's Day!

Cards will be valid to use from April 15 - May 23, 2025 and can be used towards any green or black 10" hanging basket (excluding ferns). Shop multiple greenhouses!

## Timeline

### Selling the cards! ◀

February 1 through March 21, 2025  
Payment should be collected at time of order.

### DEADLINE to submit orders ◀

March 21, 2025  
Order form AND payments.

### Pick Up Card Orders ◀

April 7 - 11, 2025  
Deliver to your buyers

### Top 3 Seller Prizes ◀

1st - \$75  
2nd - \$50  
3rd - \$25



For additional information, call:



270-422-4958

*\*It is the responsibility of the customer to keep up with their vouchers to redeem.  
(We will not keep lists of names who purchase.)*







# MEADE COUNTY 4-H Team Reach LISTS

2024-2025 Program Year

Follow these instructions to subscribe to Meade County 4-H Program Team Reach lists.

1. Download the Team Reach App.
2. After opening the app, you will see a box at the top titled "Group Code."
3. Type in one of the group codes from below of the club/activity you would like to receive information/updates from for this program year.

Club/Program	Group Code
General 4-H Youth Development	mc4h24-general
Beef Club	mc4h24-beef
Clover Buds	mc4h24-cloverbuds
Country Ham	mc4h24-countryham
Goat	mc4h24-goat
Home School	mc4h24-homeschool
Horse	mc4h24-horse
Small Animal (Poultry & Rabbit)	mc4h24-poultryrabbit
Sheep	mc4h24-sheep
Summer Camp	mc4h24-summercamp
Swine	mc4h24-swine



# **BUTTON ART BY HAND**

*February 11, 2025*

*6:00 - 7:00 pm*

*Youth, ages 9-18*

*20 spots available  
(child/adult pairs)*

*Cost: \$5 per pair  
(additional child \$5)*

*Learn how to hand sew a button  
and then make a beautiful piece of  
artwork!*

*Registration Opens:  
January 13, 2025*



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