

Christian County 4-H Youth Development

November 2025 Edition

2025 Christian County Progressive Agriculture Safety Days

Nearly 700 fourth graders from across Christian County took part in hands-on workshops on Internet, Water, Sun, Animal, Tractor, Fire, ATV/UTV, and Electrical Safety. This event was made possible through the partnership of Christian County 4-H, Christian County FFA, Hopkinsville FFA, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Foundation, and the Christian County High School Livestock Learning Lab. Special thanks to our station leaders, the CCPS Technology Team (Chris Tyson Renshaw, Chris Nahlik, and Shea Walker), H&R AgriPower, Pembroke Fire Department, Pennyrite Rural Electric, Ms. Lynne Cohn, Extension Agents Tiffany Bolinger and Matt Futrell, and the many CCHS & HHS FFA members who helped throughout the two days. Thank you all for your support and a great educational opportunity for our youth!



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Congrats!



4-H members Cheyenne and Sahara Peterson were invited to share their 4-H stories with the Kentucky Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture. Yesterday, they had the opportunity to discuss with legislators how 4-H and Extension have positively impacted their lives. Through their 4-H experiences, they gained valuable skills that helped them launch their own businesses. It's inspiring to see young leaders making such a difference. We are always proud of our 4-H members and the work they do! Thank you to Representative Dossett for including our 4-H members in that discussion.

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3. Sign-In to your online Kroger Account or create one
4. Find "Christian County 4-H Council" and click ENROLL

Christian County 4-H will earn rewards on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card!

Jerral Johnson
Mary Anne Dossett
Katie Mills



2025

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6 4-H Horse Club 5:30-6:30 PM	7 4-H Area Homeschool 9:30-10:30 AM	1
9	4-H LEADS 4-H Homeschool 1:00-2:00 PM 4-H Advanced Cooking Club @4:30 PM	11 4-H Sewing 5:30-7:00 PM	12	13 4-H Livestock 6-8 PM	14	15
16	17 4-H Cooking Club @4:30 PM	18 4-H Cloverbuds 4:30-5:30PM 4-H Dog Club @6:00 PM	19 Crofton School Club Smithsonian 4-H Milestone Meeting 3	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Extension Office Closed	28 Extension Office Closed	29
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2025

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Livestock Skillathon Practice 6-8PM	2	3 Agents attending	4 Positive Youth Development Training 4-H Horse Club 5:30-6:30 PM	5	6
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	Livestock Skillathon Practice 6-8PM (This will still happen)					



Christian County 4-H Clubs

2025-2026

Cloverbud

Ages: 5-8

Cloverbuds will have adventures within 4-H and help youth find their spark through hands-on lessons. Spots are full.

Meetings:

September 9	February 10
October 14	March 10
November 18	April 14
January 20	

Meetings begin at 4:30 p. m. at the Extension Office.

Dog Club

Ages: 5-18

Learn all about taking care of, showing, grooming, and breeds of dogs with Christian County 4-H!

Please DO NOT bring dogs to first meeting!

Meetings:

September 16	January 20
October 21	February 17
November 18	March 17
December 16	April 21
	May 19



Meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the Project Room

Beginner Cooking Club

Ages: 9-18

Beginner Cooking Club is for new members of 4-H Cooking Club!

Meetings:

September 15	January 12
October 13	February 23
November 17	March 16
December 15	April 20

Meetings are held from 4:30 to 6:00

*Space is limited and sign up is required to attend**

Advanced Cooking Club

Ages: 9-18

Advanced Cooking Club is for 4-H members with one or more year experience in 4-H Cooking Club!

Meetings:

October 20	January 5
November 10	February 16
December 8	March 9
	April 13

Meetings are held from 4:30 to 6:00

*Space is limited and sign up is required to attend**

Fort Campbell 4-H Clubs & Programs

Throughout the year there are several clubs offered for military connected youth on Fort Campbell. These clubs are coordinated by CYS Staff and housed at:

- Airborne SAC
- Gardner Hills SAC
- Bastogne Teen Center
- Taylor Youth Sports Center
 - Homeschool Sports Program
- Ft. Campbell 4-H Homeschool
 - Contact Ft. Campbell School Liaison Office

For more Info, please reach out to the centers directly or Jeremiah Johnson (Jeremiah.Johnson@uky.edu)

Horse Club

Ages: 9-18

Join in the fun of learning about horse conformation, caring, showing, and safety. You do not need to have a horse to participate.

Meetings:

September 4	February 5
November 6	March 12
December 5	April 2
January 8	May 7

Meetings begin at 5:30 p. m. in the arena

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Christian County 4-H Clubs

2025-2026

Livestock Club

Ages: 5-18

Learn about from animal science, best practices to raising and feeding animals.

You do not need to have animals to participate.

Meetings:

September 11	January 15
October 16	February 12
November 13	March 22
December 11	April 16
	May 14

Meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the Project Room

Sewing Club

Ages: 9-18

4-H Sewing Club develops fine motor skills and sewing skills for youth while also developing their leadership skills.

Meetings:

September 9	February 10
October 14	March 10
November 11	April 14
December 9	May 12

Meetings are held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

*Space is limited and sign up is required to attend**

Shooting Sports Club

The goal of the Sharpshooters 4-H Club is to teach youth to safely use firearms while developing leadership skills. Offering disciplines in archery and shotgun. The club year runs from March-September. If you are interested please check back in the spring.

Photography/Videography Club

More information will be provided soon. To be the first to know, fill out the form located at the QR Code below and stay tuned to our social media channels.

This program will be open to youth 9-18

<https://forms.office.com/r/Lr88h1TerR>



4-H Homeschool Club

Ages: 9-18

Open to all Christian County Homeschool youth to experience all aspects of 4-H like outdoor cooking and learning, service projects, gardening, and arts.

Meetings:

September 8	January 12
October 13	February 9
November 10	March 9
December 8	April 13
	May 11

Meetings are held at 1:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Volunteers Needed

Christian County 4-H Is looking for volunteers to lead additional clubs and project days. If you have skills in any of the following areas, please fill out the QR code to be sent more information.

- Woodworking
- Electricity
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Other



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Age is calculated as of January 1st, 2026

If you are an educator and would like to have us be a part of your classroom please let us know!

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Club Corner

Trailblazers Horse Club



On Thursday night, the Christian County 4-H Trailblazers Horse Club had an exciting field trip to the Todd County Animal Clinic, where Dr. John and Dr. Madie shared their expertise with the 4-H members. Youth learned about equine chiropractic care, the importance of pre-sales exams, dentistry, and overall horse health. It was a fun and educational experience that gave the 4-H'ers valuable insight into equine care. A big thank you to Dr. John and Dr. Madie for taking the time to invest in our youth and share their knowledge!



Cloverbuds

Our Cloverbuds had a fun-filled meeting this month! Members got creative making pumpkin sun catchers, adding a burst of fall color to their windows. After crafting, they rolled up their sleeves and made pumpkin pie in a bag — a hands-on (and delicious!) way to learn about measuring and mixing ingredients. It was a great afternoon of creativity, learning, and fall fun with our youngest 4-H members!

Sewing Club

Our 4-H Sewing members met recently and made coasters while learning to use the sewing machines and practice sewing straight lines. They're building great skills and will soon begin working on a short and shirt set project! Interested in joining? Their next meeting is November 11 at 5:30 PM at the Extension Office. No sewing machine? No problem — the Extension Office has machines available for use!



Beginner Cooking Club

The beginner cooking club learned about trying new foods and experimenting with flavors! Starting with a fun tasting of ingredients and finishing with making gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches

Advanced Cooking Club

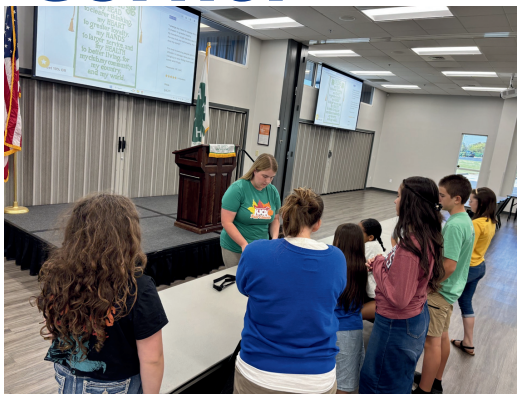
This month kicked off our Advanced Cooking Club! Participants will be cooking through Kentucky this year, and we started by learning about wheat production in Christian County by making rolled biscuits. Malaya Wesley received the Golden Spatula Award!



Club Corner

4-H LEADS

In September, 4-H LEADS met in Muhlenberg County to participate in team building and skill building workshops. Youth from the multi-county area also elected officers. In November 4-H LEADS will be held on November 10 and will focus on additional team and life skill building workshops at 4-H camp. RSVP to attend by emailing jeremiah.johnson@uky.edu
4-H LEADS is open to Christian County 4-H members that are 8th - 12th grade.
Future LEADS dates are: November 10, 2025
January 9, March 9, April 7, May 26-27, 2026.

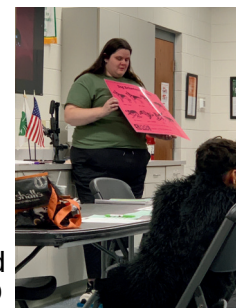


Crofton 4-H Club

In October, the Crofton Elementary School 4-H Club elected officers! Congratulations to:
President, Bristol Crosby
Vice President, Sonora Miller
Secretary, Cynthia Pollina
Treasurer, Emery Lee

4-H Homeschool

The Christian County 4-H Homeschool Club had a fun and educational meeting learning tree identification and creating beautiful leaf imprints! A big thank you to Sahara Peterson for leading this hands-on, nature-inspired activity!



Fundraiser Alert!

The Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council is selling limited edition toiletry bags and sweatshirts. The proceeds from this fundraiser allow STC to provide additional opportunities at the Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference and Summit. Orders can be submitted online, however you will still have to pay in person at the office with cash or check. Money is due by November 6th at the latest.
Toiletry bags: \$10.00
Sweatshirts: \$20.00



4-H State Teen Council Fundraiser
Order form - Christian County



Dog Club

In October, Dog Club met and learned ways to identify dog body language to better understand their animals. In November, the club will make dog treats and hold officer elections!



Livestock Club

In October, Livestock club discussed the impact livestock diseases have on the industry and how to prevent their spread. Club members discussed the schedule for the year and the club will be holding officer elections in November.



Teen Retreat

4-H members Genna Calhoun and Jackson Clark attended the 4-H Teen Retreat at West Kentucky 4-H Camp. They participated in workshops designed to boost leadership skills and develop life skills.



CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H CAMP



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JUNE 15-18, 2026

For youth ages 9-14

(Camper participants at age 8 may attend if they are going into the 4th grade in fall 2026)

Stay tuned for more information!

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accommodated
with prior notification.

Butternut Squash and Turkey Chili

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 pound (1 small) butternut squash — peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chilies
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce) can no-salt-added kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can white hominy, drained
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
2. Stir in the onion and garlic; cook and stir for 3 minutes or until onion is translucent.
3. Add ground turkey. Break into pieces and stir until cooked through and no longer pink.
4. Add the butternut squash, chicken broth, green chilies, tomatoes, kidney beans, hominy, and tomato sauce.
5. Season with chili powder, cumin, and salt.
6. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat to medium-low, and cover.
7. Simmer until the squash is tender, about 20 minutes.

Volunteer Forum

February 26-28, 2026

The Kentucky Volunteer Forum is a developmental and educational conference geared towards 4-H and Extension volunteers from all program areas. Volunteers work to complete requirements necessary for accreditation in Agriculture, Camping, Cloverbuds, Communications & Expressive Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health, Leadership, Natural Resources, and Science, Engineering and Technology

Teen Conference 2026

June 2-5, 2026

The Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference is the premier leadership conference for high school 4-H members. For 2026 the dates have shifted slightly and are listed above. If you are a 4-H member that will be going into 9th grade in fall of 2026, or older, this is the conference for you! Stay tuned for more information!