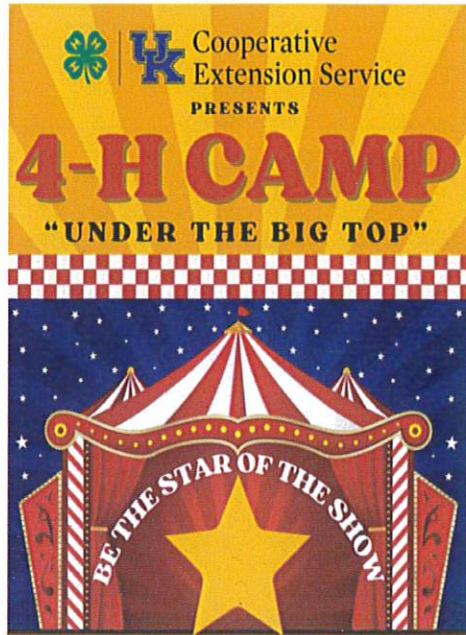


## 4-H News February, 2024

*Hello, 4-H Families:*

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**CAMPERS**  
(Ages 9-14) will  
**REGISTER beginning**  
**March 1st, 2024**  
Space will be  
**Limited**  
You will need the Sign  
up Genius link to  
register. Call or email us  
at 859-498-8741

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CONTACT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 859-498-8741 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

**Who:** Montgomery County 4-H Youth  
**What:** 2024 4-H Camp  
**When:** June 3-7, 2024  
**Cost:** \$150 for youth  
**Where:** North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle, KY  
**Register:** March 1st through 15th or until we are filled up—  
Register through Signup Genius,  
**Theme:** Under the Big Top

Camper spots will go fast and are on a First Come First Serve basis. Sign up begins at 8 am on March 1st. The link will be posted on **Facebook and on our Webpage** late in February. Last years participants will receive an email reminder.



**Save the Date**  
**4-H SUMMER**  
**CAMP:**  
**\*JUNE 3-7, 2024\***  
**5 Days, 4 Nights**

**Registration Begins 03/01/2024**

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# 4-H Speech & Demonstration Contest

## March 14, 2024

If you are interested in participating in the Montgomery County 4-H Speech & Demonstration Contest this year, you can register at the Montgomery County Extension Office at 106 East Locust Street, Mt. Sterling, Or Call 859-498-8741. Give us your name, category and title of your speech or demonstration.

⇒ Registration Deadline is March 10– NO late registration will be taken this year.

\* There is no cost to compete in this contest.

\* Contest begins at 6:00 pm

\* Contest takes place at the Extension Education Center.

If you need to see the category list, contact the office.

⇒ The County Contest will be held at the Montgomery County Extension Education Center meeting room.

⇒ All County Champions will advance to the District Contest.

**All county winners will receive a ribbon.**

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**TEEN RETREAT**  
C1-C4 2023

**FRI, MARCH 8 - SUN, MARCH 10**  
**FELTNER 4-H CAMP - LONDON, KY**

**Cost: \$80**  
**Deadline: February 26**  
**For grades 9 - 12**  
**Contact your county 4-H Agent for details**

**County Info:** DEADLINE TO REGISTER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS FRIDAY, FEB 23

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Addison Arnett, Grand Champion Market Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

***Please see below information shared between 4-H and FFA:***

The 2024 Livestock Validation Process has changed for 2024 as follows:

All youth who wish to exhibit market livestock and/or breeding swine at either KDA District Shows or the Kentucky State Fair must complete the Livestock Validation Process. This process requires in-person tagging at one of the official validation sites. A list of sites is included in the February edition 4-H newsletter.

New validation forms have been developed and are available at the Montgomery County Extension Service office. These forms must be completed in advance and brought to the validation site.

Breeding animal nomination forms are no longer required for any species. Please note that all swine, breeding and market, must be validated and receive a KUIP tag.

All exhibitors are required to have a National Premises ID before coming to the Validation Site. If the location where the animal will be housed has a National Premise ID, that number will be used. If the location where the animal will be housed does not have a National Premise ID, please follow the steps in the attached document to secure one prior to travel to the Validation Site. No animals will be tagged without a National Premise ID.

**Specific to 4-H members:**

To show livestock as a 4-H member, a student must complete 6 Hours of education before attending a Validation Sites to validate their animal for showing, competing in livestock contests or shows outside of the county.

**6-Hour Verification for 4-H members:**

- a. Youth need to have 6-hour education before participating in any Validation Site, KDA event, and competitive 4-H livestock events outside of the county.
- b. Market Forms still need agent signature before youth go to Validation Site.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS REPORTS

### Kellan—MSE 5th Grade 3rd Block News...

The meeting started off as usual. The names were called, 16 students were here. Mr. Comer then began talking about a quick exercise by giving us questions for a 4-H Pencil!. I then went up and said the announcements. After that the Vice President told us about the nutrition of soda. While this happened I passed out sign up sheets for summer camp.

After this, the Vice president introduced the program “pass the plants”. It was explained which was the fruit, seed, root, leaf.

The game leaders now introduced the game charades. The game was fun but we didn't have many, after that the meeting was adjourned.

### 4-H Club Meeting #3

At the beginning of the meeting we learned about the 4-H Cooking Club. Today, we are churning our own butter. Doing this we also will learn how to make it. (by churning I mean shaking). After we talked about butter we began to speak about excerpts and begin our normal intro. The Vice President began. We talked more about the whipping cream used in our butter for a minute, then we did our pledges as normal.

We had 17 people present today, the secretary then stated the minutes of the last meeting. I then stated the announcements in front of the classroom. Mr. Comer then talked about the cap of age from going to 4-H Camp. He then talked about my announcements and the camp itself. We also started the next part of making butter. Soon after more speaking, we finished making our butter and putting some on crackers. They were delicious, (some people had 4). After we ate, the president adjourned the meeting.

### 4-H Teen Club Report

The Montgomery County 4-H Teen Club met on January 4th 2024. After having the regular meeting the Teens were honored with three professionals who shared about his/her current job positions. And what it took for each of them to be successful.

Guest speakers were Mindy Jordan, teacher at Montgomery County Schools; Mr. Rob Amburgey, Bath County Ag Extension Agent; and Mr. Jeff Oldfield, Farm Specialist.

Each guest speaker shared with the group how he or she was lead to the career path he or she choose and their vision for life. Participants discussed steps they took to prepare for their current job as in what qualifications they needed for their current position and what they actually perform as their job duties in their current job.

Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and give the speakers time to answer. The question and answer time sparked some of the students (teens) interest.

Talking to these professionals about their careers for a couple of hours gave the teens a general idea of a job industry that could be right for them. Written by Jackie Evans, Teen Leader





**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON THE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
4-H PROGRAM**

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**4-H  
TEEN  
COUNCIL**

Meets on  
**1st Thursday**  
@ 6:00 PM

**4-H  
SADDLE CLUB**

Meets on  
**3rd Mondays**  
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H  
LIVESTOCK  
CLUB**

Meets on  
**3rd Tuesdays**  
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H  
SHOOTING  
SPORTS CLUB**

Meets on  
**4th Tuesdays**  
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H  
Clover Bud  
CLUB**

Meets on  
**2nd Wednesdays**  
@ 5:00 PM

**District 4-H  
Teen  
C1-C4 Council**

Meets  
**EACH MONTH**  
@ 5:00 PM

**4-H PLEDGE**

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.



Sincerely,

Charles M. Comer,  
Montgomery County  
Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development



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## 2024 Livestock Validation Site Schedule

### Large Animal Locations:

*(time zones same as location)*

Bourbon County Fairgrounds: Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Pendleton County Fairgrounds: Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Kentucky Beef Expo, Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00-12:00p.m.

Laurel County, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Green River Beef Show, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

### Small Animal Locations:

*(time zones same as location)*

Boone County Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Clark County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bourbon County Fairgrounds, Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds, Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Laurel County Fairgrounds, Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hardin County Fairgrounds, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Warren County (Expo Center), Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Spencer County High School, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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## 2024 Livestock Validation Process

**Youth who wish to exhibit market livestock (or breeding swine) at either KDA District Shows or the Kentucky State Fair must complete the Livestock Validation Process as outlined below. Please note that this does include commercial does and commercial ewes that will be shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Livestock Show.**

1. Obtain a National Premise ID Number (PIN) for the physical location where show animals will be housed this year. This will be required information you need when attending a Livestock Validation Site and tagging your show animals.
  - a. Before beginning this step, look over the Frequently Asked Questions document.
    - i. If the farm where animals will be housed already has a National Premise ID Number (PIN), you will use that same PIN.
    - ii. **Beef exhibitors** may begin requesting their National Premises ID Number on Monday, February 5th 2024.
    - iii. **Small animal exhibitors (swine, sheep and goat)** may begin requesting their National Premises ID Number on Monday, March 18th, 2024.
    - iv. If the farm where animals will be housed does not have a National Premise ID Number (PIN), one must be obtained through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Office of the State Veterinarian. There are two ways to complete this request, please select **ONE**:
      1. A fillable PDF form (attached) can be emailed to [statevet@ky.gov](mailto:statevet@ky.gov) (*Subject line: Livestock Exhibitor Premises ID Request*). This is the preferred option if there are more than 3 exhibitors with animals housed at the same farm, or if exhibitors from multiple families have animals housed at one shared location, such as show teams and school farms, **OR**
      2. A Google Form found here (*This will require you to have ALL information for ALL exhibitors with animals at this site.*) This option is best for families with only their own children showing at the same physical address.
    - v. You will receive back your National Premises ID via email within 1-3 business days, so check junk or spam folders after submitting a request. Keep this information in a safe place, once this is complete for this location, it is permanent and can be reused in future years as long as show animals are kept at that physical address.
2. Choose a validation site from the list available.

3. Download the appropriate validation form(s).
  - a. Ensure that the physical address where the animals will be housed has a National Premises ID Number prior to arrival at the Validation Site.
  - b. Complete the top portion of the form and secure the signature of the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.
  - c. Bring the form to the validation site with the top portion completed.
  - d. Each exhibitor must have a separate validation form even if co-tagging
  - e. Before coming to the validation site please be aware of the following:
    - i. Steer exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
    - ii. Sheep exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
    - iii. Lambs and goats must be scrapie tagged before arrival at the validation site.
    - iv. If pigs have registration papers or a bill of sale, this paperwork may be brought to the validation site.
4. Complete a Google form available here prior to arrival.
  - a. [Market Steers and Heifers](#)
  - b. [Sheep, Swine, Goats](#)
5. Bring the completed validation form with you to the validation site along with \$5 per head. Cash, money order, or check is acceptable. Payment will be processed through the host site 4-H Council.
6. At the site, present the completed validation form to the Division of Shows and Fairs staff.
7. Animal(s) will be tagged and DNA will be pulled by KDA Animal Health staff. Staff will write tag numbers on the form as animals are tagged.
8. Exhibitor will observe the tagging process and sign the form after all animals are tagged.
  - a. If an exhibitor under 18 is present without a parent or guardian, a Hold Harmless Form must be brought to the validation site.
9. Exhibitors will then park their vehicle and proceed to the check out table with the completed validation form and payment. The exhibitor will receive a copy of the validation form for their records and the original will be retained by KDA. This step must be completed for the animal to be eligible to show.



10. All Swine must be tagged as part of the validation process.
11. Swine exhibitors who have a closed herd, may contact the KDA Office of the State Veterinarian to schedule an on-farm tagging for their animals.
12. All goats that will shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Show must complete the validation process. This includes commercial does.
13. All sheep that will be shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Show must complete the validation process. This includes commercial ewes.
14. Breeding cattle and dairy cattle are not required to complete the validation process. Breeding goats and breeding sheep that will definitely not show in a market show are not required to complete the validation process.

### **Request for Retagging**

If an animal loses a KUIP tag, the following steps must be followed to secure a new tag.

1. Contact the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Office of the State Veterinarian (KDA OSV) with the request for a retag by email at [statevet@ky.gov](mailto:statevet@ky.gov) (*Subject line: Livestock Exhibitor Retag Request*) or by phone at 502-573-0282 (*ask for the Office of the State Veterinarian, ADT program coordinator*).
2. KDA OSV field staff will then communicate directly with the Exhibitor and guardians to meet at the next district show they plan to attend. The Exhibitor will bring the animal to be retagged to the agreed upon site where KDA OSV staff will complete the official retag of the animal. The official retag form must be brought to the site.
3. KDA OSV staff will process the retag form with ADT office staff, and then report the retag to KDA Shows and Fairs for their records.

### **Deadlines for Livestock Validation**

- Beef animals must be validated no later than March 16, 2024.
- Small animals (swine, sheep and goats) must be validated no later than May 15, 2024.

Livestock must conform to the Livestock Possession and Care Rules as stated on the validation forms for each species.

Please review KDA District Show and Kentucky State Fair guidelines for specific information on ownership deadlines for breeding animals and dairy cattle.

In order to show at the Kentucky State Fair, animals must show at a KDA District Show. [Click here](#) to view the schedule for these shows.

Rules for the Kentucky State Fair Youth Livestock Shows will be available on the Kentucky State Fair website.

Completion of the Livestock Validation process does NOT register an animal to show at the Kentucky State Fair. Youth exhibitors must register for the Kentucky State Fair by July 10. A registration link will be posted on the Kentucky State Fair website in early spring.