



MURRAY COUNTY 4-H

NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome to 4-H!

Our new member newsletter has come to an end. This will be our last edition. I hope these newsletters helped in some sort of way. If you ever feel like there is something we can ever do to improve them please let us know. We would love to do whatever we can to help new families out in any way possible! If you ever have any questions, feel free to stop into the office or reach out to any of us and we would be more than happy to help in any way we can!

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Murray County Fair

Don't forget the Murray County Fair is coming up in the next few weeks. Make sure to get some sleep and get ready for all the fun things we have in store for this year's fair. For the 4-H calendar of events please visit our website. To see the fair board's fair calendar please visit <https://www.murraycountyfair.com/schedule>

Planning for your next year in 4-H

The first year of 4-H is a time to explore and experience. 4-H offers a lot of projects and activities. You can't do them all in one year. That's why 4-H is for kids from kindergarten through one year past high school. There is something new for you to do each year that you are a 4-H member. Beginning in the Fall, your 4-H club will be having an organizational meeting. This is a time for you to think ahead to your second year of 4-H. Each year, you will be asked to re-enroll in the 4-H Program. This is a simple process that can be done in October, online.



What project areas do I want to explore?

Would you like to be on any club committees? What about being a club officer? Recreation chair, reporter, or historian are good offices to start with. You'll have some leadership responsibility, but not too much. Also, start thinking about speeches and demonstrations that you could give this year. You have the first one under your belt, and they get easier the second time.

Would I like to get involved at the County level?

The county 4-H program offers lots of different activities during the year. You can try workshops to learn more about your projects. You can take part in project learning workshops, service projects, and more. You could join our STEM or one of our project bowl teams. You could participate in a summer camp! And you can learn more about other projects at the fair or compete for awards. There are so many options to get involved!

Get the most out of 4-H by trying new things and having fun! If you want to know more about projects, events, or activities, ask your leader, a member of your club or call your local Extension office.

Consider other new 4-H opportunities:

Now that you've got this first year under your belt, we hope you will consider new opportunities in 4-H both at the club and county level. Here are some great county level opportunities for you to become involved with.

- 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet – Murray County 4-H celebrates the achievements of its members and leaders and numerous awards are handed out.
- 4-H Ambassador Program - This leadership program for youth in grades 7+ is a wonderful opportunity to meet youth from across the county. Learn about personal growth, teamwork, and organizational skills. The group prides itself as being the voice of Murray County 4-H. They provide leadership to many different activities and community service events.
- 4-H Federation meetings are held several times a year and are open for anyone to attend. These meetings are where 4-H policy and decisions take place (i.e. the 4-H Programs Budget, and so on).

There is so much more! For more ideas or questions please feel free to talk to your club leader or contact the Extension Office.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

Federation council is the overall governing body of the Murray County 4-H program. They oversee all of the finances, make decisions on events and programming opportunities for our youth, develop guidelines, promote youth in learning and leadership exploration, and more!

They meet on the 4th Monday of certain months in the Courts meeting room at 7:00 pm. To find what months we meet check out the Extension website or download the Murray County 4-H app! The Murray County Federation Council is made up of Murray County 4-H Members 6th grade and older and screened volunteers. Parents that are not screened volunteers are always welcome to attend meetings, but they are not considered voting members. Federation meetings are facilitated by the elected officers.

OFFICER ROLES

President

- Preside at all meetings.
- Work with the Program Coordinator to know/understand the content of the agenda.
- Introduce and welcome guests.
- Appoint and work with committees as needed.
- Ensure the election of officers.

Vice President

- Assist President in his/her duties.
- Act as President in his/her absence

Secretary

- Keep accurate minutes of meetings.
- Present the minutes at meetings.
- Keep a complete list of clubs and roll call (number of adults & youth from each club and specifically which officers were in attendance)
- Handle all correspondence.
- Email 4-H Office minutes from each meeting

Treasurer

- Keep an accurate record of all money received and spent by Federation.
- Make a report for each meeting including all money collected, spent, and balanced in the treasury.
- Sign and verify all account transactions.
- Complete a monthly bank reconciliation.

Historian

Officer at Large

Committees

Murray County 4-H has several committees has several committees you can be a apart of if you ever would like to be more involved.

- Fundraiser Committee
 - Assist with planning our annual winter fundraiser.
- Clothing Committee
 - Assist with planning Fashion Revue at County Fair

- Livestock Committee
 - o Assist with planning of rules and guidelines of livestock projects at County Fair. Also assist with setting up at County Fair and checking in animals at County Fair,

If you are ever interested in joining any of these committees, please contact the Extension Office

Re-Enrollment

The new 4-H year begins on October 1st and runs through the end of September! Each year as a youth you must enroll to participate in 4-H for that year.

To enroll in 4-H log into 4-H online and on your family member list selected enroll on the youth you want to enroll again. You must do this every year. When enrolling for the 4-H year make sure to select all the projects your child may be interested in. This helps us send out the proper information to the correct families list animal Id information, fashion revue, and much more! Never select "Not sure yet (for new families)" or "undecided."

You will receive an email and or something in the mail reminding you to enroll your child again and with more information on how to re-enroll. If you ever have any questions or need help with enrollment, please contact the Extension Office!

Once again, we would like to welcome you to Murray County 4-H!! We are so happy to have you join us and be a part of this amazing organization. Please contact us if you have any questions!

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