



Kentucky 4-H Foundation

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Calling All 4-H Alumni & Friends! Come to the Kentucky 4-H Homecoming and connect with friends, old and new. Help build the future of Kentucky 4-H, while enjoying an evening of fun, food, and the sharing of 4-H memories. Don't miss a great opportunity to revisit youth.

Kentucky 4-H is over 100 years old and throughout its history has been a positive influence on thousands of 4-H members. It's likely you are one of them. To celebrate 4-H's past, present and future, the first Kentucky 4-H Homecoming is being held on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the E. S. Goodbarn in Lexington, KY.

The 4-H Foundation is proudly hosting the event and invites all 4-H alumni, friends and supporters. The evening will begin with a Kentucky 4-H Past, Present & Future Reception at 6:00 p.m., there



will be 4-H memorabilia, slide shows and photos – you may need to protect your reputation.

The Homecoming will continue with dinner where you will enjoy a Kentucky Cattlemen's Association famous Ribeye Steak with all the fixings, topped off with Strawberry Cheesecake for dessert. You will have a chance to meet the current State 4-H Officers and State Teen Council. There will be several surprising fun-filled contests recognizing those attending.

The evening will wrap-up with time to visit and

mix & mingle with old friends and new ones you make that evening, all with a passion for 4-H.

The Kentucky 4-H Homecoming is sponsored by the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Central Kentucky Ag Credit and Central Kentucky Radiology. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance, additional information and a reservation form can be downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.kentucky4h.org/foundation.

This is your invitation. Your support and attendance is essential to mak-

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is the premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members who are actively engaged in 4-H programs across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by 4-H National Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This experience upholds a tradition dating back to 1927. Known then as the “National 4-H Club Camp”, delegates slept in tents on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Held annually, except for several years during World War II, the camp served to develop the next generation of leaders.

Delegates attended training workshops, became acquainted with government and had the opportunity to meet with state leaders. In 1958, the event name was changed to National 4-H Conference and, in 1959, the meeting moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

The purpose of this conference has, from the beginning, been to engage



Kentucky State 4-H Vice President Nick Yeast leads one of the intensive workgroups during National 4-H Conference.



The 2011 Kentucky 4-H delegation to National 4-H Conference meeting with Congressman Ben Chandler (6th – District Kentucky), from left to right Nick Yeast (Mercer County), Elijah Wilson (4-H Agent, Cumberland County), Congressman Ben Chandler, Aubrey Carman (Jessamine County), Whitney Crume (Nelson County), and Abby Orange (Lyon County).

4-H youth in personal development, discuss topics that affect youth and 4-H programming and empower and mobilize the delegates to create positive social change. Through this experience youth will learn, practice and apply skills that help them improve their community, country and world.

At the 2011 National 4-H Conference, participants took part in intensive workgroups on a variety of topics. Whitney Crume (Nelson County, D-5) was in the Bullying Awareness workgroup. While in this group, they reviewed a government curriculum and offered their input on its effectiveness as a national curriculum. Whitney Crume reported that she was “... happy to say that the State 4-H Teen Council Anti-bullying program was mentioned several times. I’m happy to say that the program in Kentucky addressed every single reason on why bullying is a problem”. She

had a great week and has brought several new ideas back to Kentucky.

Aubrey Carmen (Jessamine County, D-4) said that “... National 4-H Conference is difficult to describe. It is so different from any other conference that 4-H offers, and at the same time it is 4-H so it is similar in many ways. The benefits of this conference are numerous. From day one, 4-Hers are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones.” Aubrey participated in the Social Media workgroup and found that being able to discuss this topic, and then share it with a panel of individuals from the government, really helped her become a better leader and presenter.

National 4-H Conference also gives youth across America, Puerto Rico and Canada a chance to meet like-minded teens. National 4-H Conference encourages youth to step out of their comfort zones in many ways including meeting lots of new people and making new friends and public speaking.

For the past three years Farm Credit Services of Mid-America has sponsored the Kentucky delegation to the National 4-H Conference. Being selected as one of the four delegates for this trip is considered to be a top honor for Kentucky 4-H’ers.

Kentucky 4-H and the Foundation would like to thank Farm Credit Services of Mid-America for this tremendous support.



Board Chairman

Paul E. Hall

What made you who you are.... your parents, your teachers, sports, church?

While my parents and church were vital in my development, 4-H gave me the discipline and confidence to tackle any issue or project. My guess is 4-H was instrumental in your life as well. For that reason, I am asking you to "step up" and help the Kentucky 4-H Foundation to "Make the Best Better."

It has been my honor to serve on the Foundation Board for nearly 10 years, the last three as chairman. In that time, the Foundation has grown into a fully functioning, fundraising organization.

In these tough economic times, we have increased our donations for four con-

secutive years. Unfortunately at the same time, we have lost many sources of program funding. Interest rates are much lower, and government funding and grants have been reduced. This is why we need you to write a check to insure we have the funds to properly continue our efforts to make Kentucky 4-H the best in the nation.

As Chairman, what I am most proud of is our new awards funding. In recent years, when a 4-H'er represented Kentucky 4-H at a national event, they also received an invoice to pay for the trip. If one of our best represents Kentucky at National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference or Livestock Judging, we should provide much, but not all the financial resources to make the trip an honor, not a bill. We have initially started this change



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and have much of the funding in place, but we need more financial support to complete this project.

So, did 4-H help make you who you are? If the answer is yes, then I encourage, plead, even beg that you write a check, so the next generation of 4-H'ers will have it as good as we had, and who knows, maybe even better!

Making the Best Better!

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Kentucky 4-H
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4-H Teen
Conference
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June 21 - 22
State 4-H Livestock
Judging Contest
Madison County

June 28
State 4-H Dairy
Judging Contest
Lexington

August 18 -28
Kentucky
State Fair
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Guest Column

Dr. Jimmy Henning

The camping program is a signature part of the Kentucky 4-H program, with attendance at summer camps topping 8000 and total year-round participation approaching 30,000.

Soon after I became Director of UK Cooperative Extension, the needs of the camps became apparent. Built in the 1950's and 60's, major investments in structures and repairs had in many ways been deferred or only partially addressed. As a result, UK started a slow and steady process of addressing camp infrastructure needs, beginning with the 'Bathhouse Blitz' camp work days in the spring of 2008.

The 4-H Foundation has been a solid partner all the way during this process. Keith Rogers was present at every work day putting his sweat equity into improving camps. Most recently the Foundation

has been an integral part of the receipt of \$2 Million appropriated by the Kentucky General Assembly in the state budget, as well as helping to secure and facilitate additional funds for cabins or camp renovations.

As a result, there are new bunks in all camps. We have new or renovated cabins at all camps, and the possibility of more to come from individual/private donations.

In addition, the college has redirected funds internally to support new programs at camps, including high ropes courses, additional physical activity equipment, paddle boats and water slides.

The college has also been conducting a strategic planning study of the 4-H camping program. The planning committee has identified 5 major action areas: Leadership devel-



Take time to attend 4-H Camp open houses this summer.

opment (Camp Improvement Committees), Fund Raising, Programming, Facilities, and Marketing. Each of the camp improvement committees has been informed of these major action plans and have taken steps to systematically carry out the plans for individual camps.

The take home message is that the college values the positive impact of 4-H camps on the future of Kentucky. Even in these challenging economic times, investments are being made for needed improvements and additions. It is an exciting time in the 4-H camping program. Want to see for yourself? Attend the 4-H Camp open houses later this summer.

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4-H Camp Open Houses

The Kentucky 4-H family will host Open Houses this summer at each 4-H Camp to say thank you and showcase the improvements at camp. To attend or get additional information, please contact Keith L. Rogers at

270-735-6130 or KeithL.
Rogers@uky.edu

Open House Dates

West Kentucky
Dawson Springs
Monday, June 20th

North Central
Carlisle
Monday, June 27th

Lake Cumberland
Jabez
Monday, July 11th

J. M. Feltner Memorial
London
Friday, July 29th

Board Spotlight

Evelyn Wood

Evelyn Wood vividly remembers the first time she participated in a 4-H Talk Meet while in her early years in Williamstown in Grant County. That public speaking training has had a major impact on her career.

Today, Evelyn is the director of Public Relations at Hazard Community and Technical College. As the “voice” of the college, Evelyn can be heard on television and radio commercials throughout the state. It isn’t just her job where Evelyn has put to use her 4-H training, her public speaking experience comes in handy at a multitude of events where she is called upon to speak.

Prior to her present job, Evelyn spent ten years in the news business working at WYMT-TV in Hazard as the Assignment Editor and Producer; more than two years as News Director at two

radio stations, and her first job after college at UK was at The Commonwealth-Journal in Somerset.

“Being in 4-H was a tremendous asset to my youth development, and a foundation for my career,” said Evelyn. “My 4-H involvement assisted me a great deal when I went to UK because so many of my 4-H friends were there at the same time.”

Evelyn’s positive experiences as a State Teen Council member, Northern Kentucky Teen Council member, 4-H Camp Counselor, State Record Book winner, and participant in numerous other 4-H activities has inspired her to work to ensure that 4-Her’s today have the same opportunities as she did in her youth.

“I remember at every turn I had wonderful 4-H leaders and we had extremely dedicated 4-H agents,”



I hope that we can encourage others to remember the foundation and pay it forward!

said Evelyn. “I just have been so blessed because all those people that were in my life and I want others to have that experience.”

Evelyn’s desire to see the 4-H program thrive in the future is one of the reasons she felt honored to be asked to serve on the Foundation’s Board.

“It is wonderful to work with people from so many walks of life that are all focused on 4-H and youth development,” said Evelyn. “I hope that we can encourage others to remember the foundation, their experiences in 4-H, and encourage them to help pay it forward for the next generation.”

KY 4-H Homecoming *cont...*

ing this a grand evening. Please make your reservations NOW, deadline is June 3rd, and join many

of your 4-H friends to help make the first Kentucky 4-H Homecoming an evening to remember.

Get your tickets at www.kentucky4h.org/foundation!



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For all the youth of the state, it is time to stop counting the weeks and start counting down the days until State 4-H Teen Conference! The time is fast approaching for yet another fantastic conference. The officer team, the State Teen Council, and countless state staff along with numerous volunteers have been planning this event since the final closing strike of the gavel last year. However, it is the delegation that will be in attendance that will make this event one of the best we have ever had.

It is at this Conference that the current officer team

will step down, and allow the newly appointed team to experience the best year of their lives. My officer team and I will definitely have a hard time letting our offices go, but knowing that somebody else will have the same countless opportunities we were granted makes it a little easier. I speak for my fellow officers when I say these past twelve months have been nothing less than amazing.

The skills that every active 4-H member is taught is exactly what allowed us to complete this year with success. We all have been faced with an experience



You are truly molding the future of our youth!

that has demanded more than what we thought we had to offer. 4-H has taught us all that those situations are only learning experiences, and in the end they help shape ourselves into who we really are.

Yes, some of the experiences of being a State 4-H Officer can be demanding, but at the end I can only say thank you to all of you that have made each one of my experiences possible. No matter what your involvement in the program may be, you are truly molding the future of our youth.



The 2010-2011 State 4-H Teen Council

Supporting KY 4-H

The 4-H Foundation goal this fiscal year was to raise \$3.00 per 4-H'er and we are closing in on this goal of \$705,000.00.

Yes, \$3.00 seems like a small amount, but these funds go a long way when coupled with support of local 4-H programs,

thousands of volunteer leaders and the 4-H professional staff.

We know you value what Kentucky 4-H has done for you and is doing for young people today. Please help us reach this record setting goal by the end of our fiscal year June 30th.

You may designate your gift to an area that most interests you or leave it unrestricted to be used in the area of greatest need.

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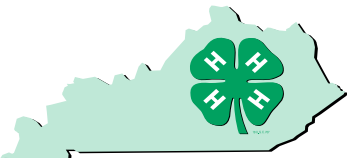
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My HANDS to larger Service, and My HEALTH to better living,
For My club, My community, My country, And My world.





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History Corner

Tractor Maintenance

The tractor maintenance program was one of the most elaborate 4-H training programs combining the expertise of professionals from Land Grant Universities and private business.

Doris Clifford from Harrison County was Kentucky's contest winner in 1949 achieving a trip to National 4-H Congress, sponsored by Standard Oil Company.



Doris Clifford showing off her tractor maintenance project in 1949.

Doris also served as Kentucky State 4-H Vice President in 1948.

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