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SHINING A BRIGHT LIGHT ACROSS ALL KENTUCKY 4-H CAMPS

Spending a week at 4-H camp — a right of passage for nearly 40,000 Kentucky youth each year — is a brighter experience following lighting upgrades provided by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

“Campers are more engaged and receptive which allows counselors to be more effective.”

- Camp Director, Joey Barnard

Summer camps are the largest program 4-H offers in Kentucky to develop youth. Throughout June and July, week long sessions at the camps featured fun and games along with education. Campers participated in activities ranging from shooting sports to forestry classes. Camps also host a variety of school groups for environmental day camps during the school year. For many 4-H'ers, both

past and present, 4-H camp has made a life changing impact on their lives – giving them a place where they can learn about themselves, make new friends, and grow into leaders.

To ensure 4-H camps remain a fixture in the lives of Kentucky youth, the Kentucky 4-H Foundation partnered with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to replace the aging and dim fluorescent lighting at four camps with new, energy-efficient LED (light-emitting diode) lamps. The change has dramatically improved the lighting and boosted morale while also sharply reducing energy costs at the following 4-H camps: J.M. Feltner Memorial, North Central, Lake Cumberland and West Kentucky.

The co-ops provided the engineering, funding, and materials to recycle fluorescent lights. Now, dining halls, multi-purpose buildings, cabins and outdoor areas are illuminated by LED lights.

“[These lighting upgrades] really enhance the experience for campers, volunteers, and staff” said Joey Barnard, director of the North Central 4-H Camp in Carlisle. “Campers are more engaged and receptive which allows counselors to be more effective.”

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(L to R) Tom Castle, Touchstone Engineer, Sha Phillips, Touchstone Marketing & Brand Supervisor, Dr. Mark Mains, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development, Benjamin Carr, Kentucky 4-H Foundation Director of Advancement, Darrell Stillwell, Principal Specialist for Kentucky 4-H Youth Development

"The new lights will also save money for the 4-H program," said Ben Carr, Director of Advancement for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, who coordinated with the co-ops to complete the lighting makeovers. "Switching to LEDs will reduce lighting costs at the camps by about 70 percent, which translates into at least \$13,000 a year on their electric bills – money which can now go directly to programs."

In addition to saving money and improving the learning environment, the upgrades will reinforce lessons being taught in many of the camps environmentally focused classes.

"Using LEDs sharply reduces carbon emissions,"

said Tom Castle, an engineer with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. "It's the same as eliminating carbon dioxide emissions from 13,200 gallons of gas annually. And there's no problem with disposal of the bulbs, which you have with the mercury in fluorescents."

The project was a labor of love for Tom who fondly recalls spending time at the North Central 4-H camp as a boy.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is proud to see 4-H camp alumni like Tom giving back to the 4-H camping community and fortunate to have a partner in Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives that is dedicated to

supporting the growth of young people across the Bluegrass.

Thank you Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives for being a shining example of a company giving back to its community and investing in the lives of Kentucky youth!

For more information about Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives visit www.touchstoneenergy.com.

To learn more about Kentucky 4-H camps, please contact your local County Extension Office.



Phillips accepts a special 'Thank You' gift from campers



Castle testing light levels in the North Central Dining Hall

Glen S. Kinder IV



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Glen S. Kinder IV currently serves as a Procurement Analyst and Program Manager for the USDA Forest Service, while supporting the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior in shaping a new process for incident procurement. Mr. Kinder joined as a 4-H'er in Illinois where he grew up near McLeansboro, IL in the Clever Clovers

and Piopolis Busy Bees 4-H clubs.

Following his youth involvement in 4-H he became a chaperone for youth trips and volunteering as a Kentucky 4-H camp chaperone in 2004 with Marshall County. He earned a Bachelor's in economics and finance at McKendree University and a Master's in Business Administration at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

In 2015, Mr. Kinder was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame for his continued service in various 4-H programs. He has previously served on the National Board of Direction for Alpha Phi Omega in the program areas of Service and Finance & Operations.

In addition, he currently serves as the Vice President of Lyon County Farm Bureau, Treasurer for the Eddyville Riverport & Industrial Development Authority, President of the Marshall County 4-H Council, member of Marshall County Extension Council, and member of the West KY 4-H Camp Improvement Committee. He resides in Eddyville, KY with his wife Becky and son Quin.

Please join the Foundation in welcoming Glen to our Board of Directors!



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KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

Lead fund development for the Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program and advance support by alumni and other stakeholders to ensure 4-H remains a vital center of excellence in the Commonwealth



Deborah Myers - President

I am proud to be a third generation 4-H Member. My Grandfather was a 4-H Youth Development Agent, my mother a 4-H'er and National 4-H Congress delegate, and then, our 4-H family tradition passed to me. During my eight years in 4-H, I have participated in a variety of programs: serving on the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council, receiving the Emerald Achievement Award, coaching archery, showing horses and livestock, and attending National 4-H Conference and Congress. 4-H has changed my life by developing my leadership, communication, and citizenship skills. Equipped with these strengths, I am honored to serve as the Kentucky 4-H President and strive to advance our 4-H program.



Noah Carter - Vice President

I got my start in 4-H through the 4-H Community Service Club. This club introduced me to my true passion—the 4-H Horse Program. I have been showing horses since I was nine-years-old. In my ten years as a 4-H Member, I have truly expanded myself. Through 4-H, I have participated in speeches, demonstrations, horse shows, the Kentucky 4-H State Teen council, and many southern regional events. This year, I am attending the University of Kentucky studying Community Leadership and Development to one day become a 4-H Agent. While on this crazy journey we call life, I look forward to helping the 4-H program make the best better.



Mattea Wyatt - Secretary

Ever since I was a young Cloverbud attending the Kentucky State Fair, I have admired the individuals wearing the famous green jackets and dreamed of one day wearing one of my own. For my family, 4-H is a tradition: my great-grandmother was a 4-H'er, my grandfather was President of the local 4-H Club, just as I now am, my mother was involved in the State Fashion Revue, and my Uncle was on the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council. Now, here I am: a 4th generation 4-H'er. Some of my favorite programs I was always actively involved in and still currently try to be are the Country Ham Project, Horticulture Judging, Demonstrations, and Lawnmower Driving. I cannot wait to connect with individuals from across Kentucky during my term!



Brandon Darby - Treasurer

I got my start in 4-H showing pigs in Michigan as a Cloverbud. When my family moved here to Kentucky, I took up showing goats around the Commonwealth. I've also entered numerous photography and woodworking projects in the state fair, and through 4-H I had the opportunity to take woodworking as far as starting my own business. This past year I had the opportunity to serve as the President of the District 5 Teen Council, and serve under the previous officer team as their State Program Assistant. I will be attending the University of Kentucky while having the honor of serving as a State Officer.

Annual Appreciation Breakfast Includes Several Exciting Announcements

Foundation Establishes Cumulative Giving Program

The Foundation unveiled the formation of its first ever cumulative gift program – the Clover Heritage Society. The Society, which consists of 4 levels of giving, honors individuals who have demonstrated their passion and love of Kentucky 4-H by making cumulative financial contributions of over \$10K throughout their lifetime. The four levels are as follows -

- Bronze Clover - \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Silver Clover - \$25,000 and \$49,999
- Gold Clover - \$50,000 and \$99,999
- Emerald Clovers - \$100,000 or more

The Foundation was proud to honor the inaugural members of the Society and present a Clover Heritage Society display, which will recognize these individuals in Cloverville.



Bronze Clovers (L to R): Pam Rowsey Larson, Dennis Cannon, Melanie & Steve Kelley, Paul Hall, Holly & Keith Rogers, Jake Fink Not Pictured: Brenda Bandy, Helen Horton, Christine Riley, Carol G. Taylor, and Joe B. Williams



Not Pictured: Gold Clovers, Jerry Westerfield, M.D., and P.W Lawrence Emerald Clover, Larry Addington



Silver Clover David Wallace accepting award from Foundation Director of Advancement, Benjamin Carr Not Pictured: George & Ruth Duncan and Steve Wilson & Laura Lee Brown

'Ag Tag' Donation Total Revealed; Money To Be Disbursed Throughout Commonwealth

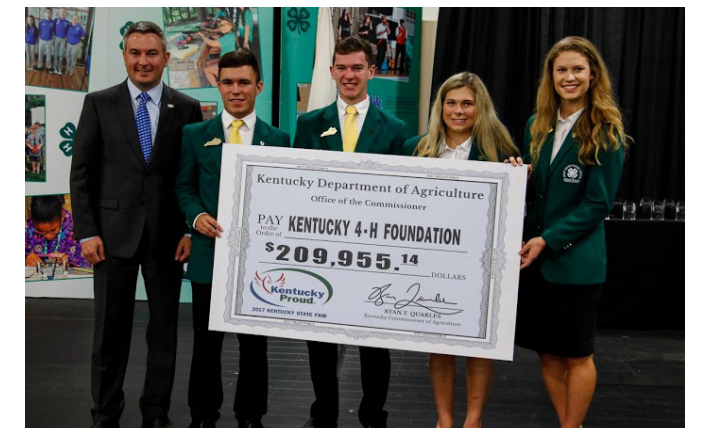
The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce its acceptance of funds raised through the statewide 2017 'Ag Tag' campaign. Since 2009, the AgTag program has raised funds that are split equally between FFA, 4-H, and Kentucky Proud by asking Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates (or "ag tags") to make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund.

This year Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles announced that voluntary "ag tag" donations in the 2017 fiscal year that ended June 30 amounted to \$629,865.43, setting a record for the largest amount donated since the program began!

"This number is a testament to the giving spirit of farmers all over the state and demonstrates the support Kentuckians have for Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and Kentucky's agriculture community," Commissioner Quarles said. "We're grateful to everyone who gave to the 'ag tag' program."

"Without a doubt, 4-H councils across the state benefit from the generosity of each and every individual who purchased an ag tag," said Melissa Miller, Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "On behalf of 4-H, I would like to thank Commissioner Quarles, the KDA, and drivers throughout the Commonwealth for proudly supporting 4-H."

When you donate to the Ag Tag fund, you're investing in Kentucky's future. The Foundation's third of these funds equals \$209,955. The Foundation is excited to disburse these funds equally between the counties from which the funds originated and the Foundation itself. County 4-H councils will use the 'Ag Tag' funds for local programming, paying for leadership and citizenship opportunities, and funding 4-H camp scholarships. The Foundation uses its portion to support statewide programs such as engineering events, the Issues Conference, the Performing Arts Troupe, and the 4-H Summit.



(L to R) Commissioner Quarles, Brandon Darby, Noah Carter, Mattea Wyatt, and Deborah Myers

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT



Deborah Myers, State 4-H President

Hello Kentucky 4-H friends, alumni and supporters - it is an honor to be writing to you as this year's State 4-H President. The 2017-2018 Kentucky 4-H State Officer Team is beyond motivated to serve the Kentucky 4-H Program and anticipate an eventful and impactful year striving to make the best better.

As Kentucky 4-H President, it is my honor to serve on the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and collaborate with the dedicated individuals

who make 4-H possible for nearly 300,000 youth across the Commonwealth.

This year, I am joined by my fellow officers; Noah Carter, State 4-H Vice President, Mattea Wyatt, State 4-H Secretary, and Brandon Darby, State 4-H Treasurer from Grayson. We are excited and eager to spend the rest of the year representing Kentucky 4-H!

Each officer has a unique 4-H background that has shaped them into the leader they are today and I invite you to get to know them better on page 6!

Each year the Officer Team collectively establishes a vision and goals for our term of service. This year our vision is -

"To be committed to developing as knowledgeable and reliable leaders, incorporating authentic 4-H values which inspire youth to transform into active citizens."

Additionally we have set the following goals for our year of service -

1. Share Kentucky 4-H with 20,000+ individuals
2. Make connections to counties not visited in

recent years by State Officers

3. Collaborate with five youth-serving organizations

August was an eventful and impactful month for our team.

At a four-day training in early August, we established our aforementioned vision along with team and personal goals for our term of service. We also met with Kentucky 4-H Staff; Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, Dr. Nancy Cox; and Interim Associate Dean and Director of Extension, Dr. Gary Palmer.

Next we were fortunate to spend 14 days at the Kentucky State Fair, representing and serving Kentucky 4-H. Some highlights were meeting donors at the Foundation's Appreciation Breakfast, meeting and congratulating many hardworking 4-H'ers, speaking with Governor Bevin, and connecting with 4-H members from across the Commonwealth.

On behalf of the entire Officer Team, thank you for the amazing opportunity to serve Kentucky 4-H.

EMERALD AWARD WINNERS

Kentucky 4-H Awards Its Highest Honor At Teen Conference



The Kentucky 4-H Foundation along with Kentucky 4-H proudly presented the high honor of Emerald to four outstanding 4-H'ers at the 2017 Teen Conference. This year's winners were chosen from a pool of 20 semi-finalists and 7 finalists, each of whom went through a rigorous interview process.

The Emerald Award is the highest honor for Kentucky 4-H's Achievement Program, which includes non-competitive and competitive levels. To qualify for the Emerald Award, 4-H'ers must be at least a sophomore in high school, have reached non-competitive Level V and be chosen as one of the top 10 Gold Award winners for the current year or a past year's Gold Award recipient. The Gold Award is a competitive level of the Achievement Program that requires 4-H'ers to work with stakeholders in their community to identify a community issue and develop a solution.

Each winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. and \$1,000 college scholarship. Congratulations Wyatt, Evan, Lilli, and Corey - we know you are destined to do great things!

Meet the 2017 Emerald Award recipients -

Wyatt Banks - Harrison County



A 4-H'er from Harrison County, Wyatt appreciates how Kentucky 4-H has made him a well-round leader. Primarily participating in Livestock Judging, Wyatt feels 4-H has opened many doors and given him unimaginable opportunities including access to mentors who he calls "life changing."

Evan Foster - Boone County



Evan credits 4-H for giving him the opportunity to learn, lead, and grow. Participating in Boone County 4-H, Evan has used his passion for serving others to develop and lead a statewide Habitat for Humanity/ 4-H collaborative project. Evan also participates in the Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe.

Lilli Hanik - Spencer County



As the first Kentucky 4-H exchange student to Japan, Lilli's passion for the 4-H International Exchange Program is evident. A freshman at Murray State University, Lilli hopes to one day become the ambassador to Japan. She credits 4-H for giving her opportunities to gain a broader perspective.

Corey White - Mercer County



Now a Freshman in college, Corey credits 4-H for teaching her about professionalism, expanding her views, and giving her opportunities to lead. Her goals are to break down barriers and build bridges wherever she goes and to attend Law School at the University of Kentucky.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CLOVER



Dr. Mark Mains, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development

Hello and welcome to the new 4-H program year!

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone in Kentucky 4-H Youth Development! We have wrapped up another amazing state fair and I have to express my

gratitude to the agents, volunteers, staff, and youth who were involved. The Kentucky State Fair is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate the mastery that they have developed in their program area over the year. It's truly inspiring to see the project work that is created by the 4-H members in Kentucky.

As we look forward to the new year, I'm excited to say that during the next 12 months, the Kentucky 4-H program will be "Charting our Course" through 2025 via the creation of a comprehensive strategic plan. This effort will enable us to clearly articulate where we are going, how we are going there, and allow us to report on our successes. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide your input as we conduct online and in person information gathering sessions around the state.

The goal of Kentucky 4-H is to continue to provide high quality positive youth development experiences to our 4-H members through experiences and project work. Developing these life skills allows 4-H youth to be more successful. Through their

experiences in 4-H, members are four times more likely to give back to their communities and twice as likely to make healthy choices. Those kind of results are what enables us to know that 4-H makes a difference in the lives of Kentucky youth. Your support of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation provides us the necessary finances to continue to create these high quality impacts.

Thank you for your investment in the youth of Kentucky 4-H!

