

4-H Youth Development

4-H Teen Leadership Academy

Purpose- The Teen Leadership Academy (TLA) is a program designed to enhance leadership skills both inside and outside of 4-H. TLA will provide participants with many opportunities to strengthen leadership and communication skills and allow them to be an important part of our community's positive development.

TLA is a combined effort between five Pennyrile Area 4-H counties including Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. Eligible applicants must be 6-8 graders. Applicants are reviewed and selected by designated members of the Caldwell County 4-H Council and approved. Four applicants will be selected from each county to comprise a group of approximately 20 middle school students for the class.

TLA typically meets one Thursday each month starting in October and will meet through April 2026. Each meeting will be held in a different county, which will give the participants an opportunity to learn about their own community as well as surrounding counties.

All participants and their parents will sign a commitment form and agree to the following guidelines.

- -100% attendance is required at all sessions including graduation to be held in May. If a delegate misses two or more sessions or the graduation delegates will be responsible for refunding the council the additional \$75 fee.
- -Delegates will be responsible for paying \$75 toward the \$150 registration fee. The 4-H Council pays the balance of \$75.
- -Develop and present an oral presentation at the end of year graduation service.
- -Plan and lead a county 4-H program or project as a county group, under advisory of the county agent.
- -Practice responsibility and respect for others and present themselves as a leader and 4-H ambassador.

DATE	TOPIC	HOST COUNTY/LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
October 24, 2025	Opening event- Oliver Farms	Trigg County	
November 14, 2025	Agriculture & Leadership	Caldwell County	
December 11, 2025	Manners and Etiquette Lesson	Livingston County	
January 8, 2026	Par4 Plastics & Mineral Museum	Crittenden County	
February 12, 2026	Government (City & County) & Motivational Speaker	Lyon County	
March 12, 2026	LBL, Tourism	Trigg County	
April 28, 2026	Vulcan & Service Project	Livingston County	
May 7, 2026	Graduation & Project Presentations	Lyon County- Lee S. Jones Convention Center	Parents invited

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