Learn about trees through 4-H Virtual Forestry Field Day

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Forests cover nearly half of Kentucky, and they are natural resources that we all can be proud of. Not only do they provide us with clean water, clean air, wildlife habitats and numerous products, but Kentucky forests are nationally ranked in several areas. We have the second greatest variety of hardwood species in the nation. We are also one of the top three states in the nation for hardwood production.

Forestry is the science and art behind the sustainable management our forests. Young people can learn more about trees, forestry and their natural environment by participating in 4-H Forestry programs. While we cannot meet in person right now, 4-H’ers and their families can learn about Kentucky’s forests from the comforts of home through the Kentucky 4-H Virtual Forestry Field Day.

The field day features seven areas of study and three challenges. Each unit offers hands-on activities and experiences that can help 4-H’ers develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for our forests and natural resources.

Young people can complete these activities on their own or as a group during virtual 4-H club meetings. 4-H’ers or their parents can access this free online opportunity by visiting <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/forestryfieldday>. For more information, contact the (COUNTY NAME) office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Youth, who complete the virtual field day and an online form from the University of Kentucky, will receive a certificate and a copy of “Identifying Kentucky Forest Trees.”

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