

4-H Hamilton County Update

March 2019

March is Extension Month!

March is Extension Month! You can learn more about all of the Extension programs, including Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H Youth Development. Check out our website and Facebook page. We hope you take the time to learn more about Extension and the programs offered in Hamilton County.

Go to <https://hamilton.tennessee.edu>

Photo Contest

Youth (4th—12th grades) and Adults can enter the Extension Month Photo Contest. Entries are due March 27th. Categories include: People, Places, Animals/Insects/Reptiles, Plants/Flowers/Trees, Human Interest / Other.

The procedure and guidelines can be found on our website. Submit photos by Saturday, March 30th.

Topics include:

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Dairy Month Poster Contest
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4-H Summer Camps
UT Vet School Open House

For more information call the Extension office, 423-855-6113, or contact:

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4-H Congress

The 72nd Tennessee 4-H Congress

Hamilton County 4-H youth attended 4-H Congress. Leah Wilkins, 4-H State Council member was selected to serve in the state 4-H headquarters during the event. She was selected for her service and leadership. Desha Wilkins and John Watts represented Hamilton County and served as Senators. They participated in Know Your Government in the House and Senate legislative chambers. They discussed and voted on bills and resolutions learning more about state government. They also heard from Governor Bill Lee, 4-H Alum, during an assembly. The delegates also watched the state 4-H History Bowl, visited with their local state legislators, participated in a state service project, had lunch on the General Jackson and attended the Congress Governors Banquet and Ball.

Special thanks to LaTina Wilkins, volunteer leader, who attended with the Hamilton County delegation and served as a volunteer for the Eastern Region during the state event. Look for a full report from Desha Wilkins in the next 4-H Update.



4-H Public Speaking winners

Congratulations to the youth who represented Hamilton County in the Regional and multi-county contests. Desha Wilkins, 9th grader, competed in the Eastern Region 4-H Public Speaking Contest and presented a prepared speech and competed in the extemporaneous portion of the contest.

Caroline Burns, 8th grade 4-H member, placed 2nd in the Multi-County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Sophie Cook, 5th grader, and Joe Brown, 4th grader, also represented Hamilton County in the multi-county contest and both received participation. This year 476 youth presented speeches in their 4-H Club.



4-H Portfolio due dates

One component of the 4-H program is portfolios. These are records that build each year and 4-H youth keep a record of all they do in their project area, leadership and citizenship. Junior High and Senior High youth can win trips for their portfolio work. Senior high youth compete for scholarships and national trips based upon their project work.

Portfolio due dates for Hamilton County are below. If you need to schedule a work session for your portfolio, call the Extension office. Please note that the Junior High and Senior High portfolios will be part of a website this year.

Junior (4th & 5th) Explorer Book (4th) or project sheet (5th) due April 8, 2019

Junior High (6th, 7th, 8th) portfolios due April 8, 2019

Senior High (9th – 12th) portfolios due April

(trip to 4-H Roundup – competition for scholarships and National 4-H Congress trip)

2019 June Dairy Month Chairperson

We are looking for someone to serve as the 2019 June Dairy Month Chairperson. You must be middle school or high school age. You will represent Hamilton County at the June Dairy Month Luncheon to be held in June and plan events for the month of June to highlight June Dairy Month. Deadline for those interested is Friday, April 6th. Send Nancy Rucker an email or letter noting your interest and share why you want to serve in this position.

Tractor Supply Company 4-H Paper Clover

The TSC 4-H Paper Clover drive will be held March 27th—April 7th at the Soddy Daisy, Signal Mountain Road, and Ooltewah TSC stores in Hamilton County.

These funds support the local program by providing funds to support youth attending camps and conferences. Go and support 4-H and purchase a 4-H Paper Clover at TSC. Look for our 4-H exhibit there as well.



Dairy Month Poster Contest

All 4-H youth may enter the 2019 Dairy Poster Contest. Rules: poster must be 14 X 22 inches; poster may be horizontal or vertical; include “Dairy is in our DNA”; no glitter; add your name, grade, and school to the back of the poster.

The state first place prize is \$550. Submit your poster!

Deadline to submit your poster is at your club meeting or by April 16th to the Extension office. If you are in a school club, turn your poster into your teacher by April 16th.



Clovers for Kids—Joann

Joann Fabrics is partnering with 4-H.

You can sign up for a 4-H discount of 15% on your purchases by going to

<https://www.joann.com/4-h/>

Purchase a clover March 1st to April 30th and support Hamilton County 4-H

**CLOVERS
FOR KIDS**

MARCH 1 - APRIL 30

Help support & inspire kids to do for themselves and their communities by donating \$1 or \$4 to 4-H at the checkout in-store

SHARE YOUR 4-H PROJECTS WITH US

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2019 4-H Summer Camp Schedule

There are many opportunities for you to attend camp in the summer. We have overnight camps and day camps available. Below are the overnight camps offered. If a 4-H Scholarship is needed, contact the Extension office. Check out the coming 4-H Updates for more information.

Junior 4-H Camp: May 27-31, Austin 4-H Center, Greeneville, TN

Junior High 4-H Camp: July 8-12, Austin 4-H Center

Fashion and Design Conference, June 4-6, Sevierville, TN

This conference is full

4-H Academic Conference: June 11-14, UTK campus

4-H Electric Camp: June 25-28, UTK campus

Quilting Camp: July 9-11, Austin 4-H Center

4-H Target SMART Camp: October 3-6, Ridley 4-H Center (New date)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

April 6, 2019

Saturday

9a.m. — 4p.m.



TENNESSEE is home to one of only 30 veterinary colleges in the country.

University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine Open House

Open House will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theme is “The Secret Lives of Vets”

There will be a Teddy Bear Clinic (stuffed animal hurts here form required); Canine Parade of Breeds, Equine Parade of Breeds, Farm Animal Parade of Breeds, Information about Wildlife and Exotic animals, So you want to be a Vet presentation, Learn about physical rehabilitation for animals (large and small), and much more!

This is free of charge to the general public through support of sponsors. If you have questions, see the site below:

<https://vetmed.tennessee.edu/specialevents/Pages/Open-House.aspx>



Tennessee 4-H
A Roadmap to Success



Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.