

4-H Hamilton County Update

May 2020



Go Online with 4-H this Summer!

All UT/TSU Extension educational programs—including 4-H—will be held via distance technology (no face-to-face programs) through July 31, 2020. 4-H focuses on learning by doing, and Hamilton County 4-H is providing opportunities to participate in active learning this summer. Read below for details, or visit us at Hamilton.Tennessee.edu, on Facebook or Instagram, or contact us at (423) 855-6113.

Topics Include

Dairy Poster contest
Clover Bowl
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**There's a lot going on in 4-H
this summer!**

**Contests * Virtual Academic
Un-Conference * 4-H Pen Pal
Program * Virtual 4-H
Exchange * Un-Camp * Art,
STEM and animal programs in
online meetings**

4-H Contests this summer:

1. June Dairy Month Poster contest -

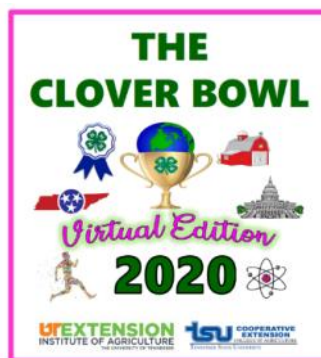
- ◆ Posters are due May 21—email a photo to msabin@tennessee.edu
- ◆ Posters should be created on 14 x 22 posterboard (horizontal) OR on a Powerpoint slide
- ◆ This year's theme is "The Art of Dairy"
- ◆ State winners: 1st place \$550; 2nd place \$300; 3rd place \$200
- ◆ County winners will receive a t-shirt, and all participants receive dairy "bling"



2. Virtual Clover Bowl May 28!

- ◆ Team trivia bowl—Compete in teams by grade level
- ◆ Questions available to study
- ◆ Online quiz to prepare—email us (gyoungin@tennessee.edu) or call the office (423-855-6113) to try out for a team in this year's online Clover Bowl!
- ◆ Deadline to register and take the online quiz is May 22

**THE
2020
CLOVER BOWL**
Is a Reality...
A
Virtual
Reality!



4-H Contests this summer:

3. 4-H Wildlife Judging -

- ◆ Learn to identify 51 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish found in the Eastern deciduous forest, wetlands and urban ecoregions
- ◆ Find out how to increase or decrease the number of these animals in a particular area (this is called wildlife habitat management)
- ◆ Learn from online videos and quizzes, and meet with other County 4-H'ers preparing for the contest in zoom meetings
- ◆ Compete against other 4-H'ers (in your age division) from surrounding counties in the regional contest, to be held online in June
- ◆ Email msabin@tennessee.edu to get started!



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Interested in 4-H Archery? We are taking contact information for those interested in participating in 4-H Archery in the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the Extension office (423-855-6113) or email nrucker@tennessee.edu to be added to the contact list when 4-H Archery registration opens for next year.



What do BINGO, prize packages, office hours and tours of lands far, far away have to do with Junior High Academic Conference?

Find out in this year's Academic UN-Conference!

Register by June 1 ; Event is June 9-11

There is no cost to participate

Must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade as of 1/1/2020

Call the office (423-855-6113) or email

nrucker@tennessee.edu to register by June 1



An opportunity for junior high 4-H members to experience college life virtually. Working with UT professors, specialists and faculty members, 4-H members will learn in-depth knowledge about their project area, explore careers and network with other 4-H members across the state while participating in fun, interactive, hands-on experiences!

Applications are not needed for this year's event. However, a 4-H'er may only sign up for one project area.

4-H Pen Pal Program

Want to get to know 4-H members across the state? Sign up for our pen pal program. Share stories, characteristics about where you live, what you like to do for fun, and fun information with others who are interested in 4-H. Hand-written letters preferred. Email msabin@tennessee.edu for more information. Open to youth in grades 4-8



4-H Virtual Exchange Program

- ◆ Virtual version of the 4-H Interstate Exchange Program
- ◆ Chance to experience a new place and meet new people in a positive environment
- ◆ Gain insight into a community's culture, people, and 4-H programs without having to leave home
- ◆ Zoom conferencing platform will be used for the exchange trips
- ◆ Following activities, youth from each county present on their 4-H experience: farm/ranch/city tours, photography, sharing competition experiences
- ◆ Past exchanges - Youth said they enjoyed learning about a different state and making new friends
- ◆ Youth gain communication skills through talking to one another, develop leadership skills by developing meetings, and experience something they may have never experienced before
- ◆ Open to youth in grades 5-12. Email msabin@tennessee.edu if you are interested in participating. Limited to 12 youth.



4-H Online In Hamilton County

Join Hamilton County 4-H Extension Agents online for

- STEM activities
- Art lessons
- Animal programs — and more!

Zoom meetings will be held regularly, and all 4-H'ers in grades 4-12 are welcome. Want to participate? Call the Extension office (423-855-6113) or check the office website (Hamilton.Tennessee.edu) to find out about the subjects to be covered at the next meeting, then email us (msabin@tennessee.edu) for a link to the meeting.

Coming up September 12 (Saturday)

Competitions in Life Skills (for junior high) and Consumer Decision Making (for senior high). These competitions focus on decision-making skills related to foods, health, finance and purchasing decisions. Youth in grades 6-12 can start learning the material for the September contest now. Contact the Extension Office (423-855-6113) or email msabin@tennessee.edu



Virtual 4-H Camp

Are you missing the fun camp activities from 4-H camp? Join us for 4-H Un-camp!

- ♦ Fun activities with a bit of 4-H camp flavor
- ♦ Online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/logon>

4-H Demonstration Contest Winners:

The Hamilton County 4-H Demonstration and Interactive Exhibit contest was held by video this year. Congratulations to all of the winners!

4th grade: Cooper Higginbotham, Food Science, North Hamilton County Elementary; Chelsee Gulett, Communications, Alpine Crest Elementary; Cash Daniels, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, 4-H Archery Club; Liam Cook, Performing Arts and Recreation, 4-H Archery Club.

5th grade: Aaden Rogers, Nutrition, Health and Fitness, Allen Elementary; Madilyn Vatter, Companion Animal, Allen Elementary; Suzanna Vatter, Performing Arts and Recreation, Allen Elementary.

6th grade Interactive Exhibits: Sophie Cook, Line and Design, 4-H Archery Club, Gracie Sikes, Photography, Hamilton Homeschoolers 4-H Club.

4-H Art Poster Contest Winners:

Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2020 4-H Art Poster contest! Three posters created by Hamilton County 4-H'ers were chosen to go on to the regional and state contests.



Hannah Parr, North Hamilton County Elementary, county winner, region winner, state participant; Michael Murphy, North Hamilton County Elementary, county winner, region participant; Susanna Smith, Allen Elementary, county winner, region winner, state winner.

Congratulations!

Keep in touch with 4-H this summer!

The 4-H Update will be sent out monthly this summer. To receive the update by email, call the office (423-855-6113) or email nrucker@tennessee.edu



4-H Home T-shirts

4-H Home T-shirts: The 2020 4-H theme t-shirts are available now! Order by June 5 at tiny.utk.edu/TN4HHOME Shirts are \$18 + \$2 shipping

***Follow Tennessee 4-H on Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee4H/>)
for “4-H Classroom on the Couch” and more
information on 4-H activities across the state!***

For more information on Hamilton County 4-H, call the Extension Office (423-855-6113) or email the 4-H staff:

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