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**4-H offers hands-on, fun programs and contests (both in-person and virtually) that teach youth in grades 4th through 12th skills that will help them throughout their lives. There is no cost to join 4-H, and clubs are enrolling now!**

**Join 4-H in Hamilton County at [tiny.utk.edu/HC4H](https://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H) or use your smart phone to scan this QR code.**



**Find out more about 4-H at**


**<https://4h.tennessee.edu/>**



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website: [Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](https://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)



# Congratulations!



**Life Skills Judging:** Hamilton County's team finished third in the eastern region in the 4-H Life Skills Judging Contest held in September.

Congratulations to team members Aaron Avelis, Annabelle Avelis, Sophie Cook and Rachel Mosley! They answered questions on human behavior (dealing with toddler tantrums), consumer economics (making change), health (reduce, reuse, recycle), and food safety (Chill it! Cook it! Toss it!). The team members met online once a week during August and September to study for this contest.

**Consumer Decision Making:** Hamilton County's team finished fourth in the regional contest and is now preparing for the state contest to be held on October 17. Team members Drew Johnson, Adeline Rucker and Desha Wilkins have been meeting online since August to study nine different classes of consumer items, ranging from wearable technology (such as smart watches and VR goggles) to carry-on luggage. Congratulations, and good luck at state!

Judging teams consist of three or four 4-H'ers who are interested in learning about a particular subject and then participating in the 4-H contest. Grades 5th—8th (as of January 1) have the opportunity to participate in a Life Skills judging team. Grades 9th- 12th (as of January 1) can be on a Consumer Decision Making team. These contests are part of the 4-H fall judging day.

**4-H Wildlife Judging** (also called Wildlife Evaluation) is coming up! Grades 4th through 12th can participate in the Wildlife Contest (to be held in May). The Wildlife project group will begin meeting in November to prepare for this contest. To sign up, call the Extension office (423-855-6113) or email [msabin@tennessee.edu](mailto:msabin@tennessee.edu). There is no cost to participate in this project group.

# Congratulations!



## 4-H State Council

### 2020 4-H Project Achievement Awards



Desha Wilkins

Desha Wilkins of Hamilton County was elected 4-H State Council Junior Representative for the Eastern Region. She will serve this year as a member of the Tennessee 4-H Council.

In the 4-H Project Achievement Awards, Desha was selected as a Level I Project Finalist in the 4-H Personal Development Project and an alternate Level I Project Finalist in the 4-H Citizenship Project.

Leiah Wilkins of Hamilton County was a Level II Communications/Public Speaking Project Finalist and an alternate Level II Leadership Project Finalist.



Leiah Wilkins

## 2020 4-H Archery Jamboree



Jackson Vatter

The 4-H Archery Jamboree, postponed from last April, took place at the Hyder-Burks Pavilion in Cookeville on September 26 with only senior high 4-H archery participants. Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club members Isabella Laws, Drew Johnson, and Jackson Vatter competed in the contest.

Jackson Vatter finished fourth in the state in the recurve competition and will be eligible to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Nebraska in June, 2021.



## **2020 4-H STEM Challenge—MARS BASE CAMP**

**From 4-H.org: The race to land humans on Mars is on! The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars with the activity *Mars Base Camp*. Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, *Mars Base Camp* is a collection of activities that teaches kids ages 9-14 STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science and agriculture.**

**Hamilton County 4-H community clubs, including the 4-H Citizenship Club and the Hamilton Homeschoolers 4-H Club, will be exploring activities from the 4-H STEM Challenge in October meetings. There is no cost to participate—just sign up for an in-person club meeting or plan to join a virtual club meeting this month!**

***Insight from Mars* is a coding project using the introductory coding program Scratch. It is available to everyone online at no charge. [Click here to try out coding and create a message to Mission Control](#) with *Insight from Mars*.**

### **In-person meeting guidelines**

**UT & TSU Extension—Hamilton County follows the CDC guidelines for all face-to-face (in-person) meetings. For the safety of all 4-H'ers and staff, all attendees at 4-H activities and events held in-person must wear a mask, take temperature, and practice social distancing.**

**If you have questions about the above, please contact the office (423-855-6113) at least 24 hours prior to attending a 4-H event or meeting.**

**4-H community Clubs are meeting now!  
Choose virtual or in-person club meetings.  
In-school clubs are coming up soon**

**Virtual 4-H meetings:**

**Hamilton Homeschoolers—Tues., October 20, 11 a.m.**

**Join the meeting on Zoom:**

**<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/99012883726>**

**4-H Citizenship Club—Thurs., October 29, 4 p.m.**

**Join the meeting on Zoom:**

**<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/92908771502>**

**4-H Honor Club (grades 5-12) - Thurs., November 5, 6 p.m.**

**In-person 4-H meetings:**

**4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club—Mon., November 2, 6:30 p.m.**

**Hamilton Homeschoolers—Tues., October 20, 2 p.m.**

**4-H FTC Robotics (grades 9-12) - Thurs., October 15, 5:30 p.m.**

**4-H Archery—Saturday, October 10**

**Additional information on these 4-H groups is available in this update, at the Extension office website ([Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](http://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)), or by calling the Extension office (423-855-6113)**





# 2020 Virtual 4-H Electric Camp



Activities are FREE and AWESOME!



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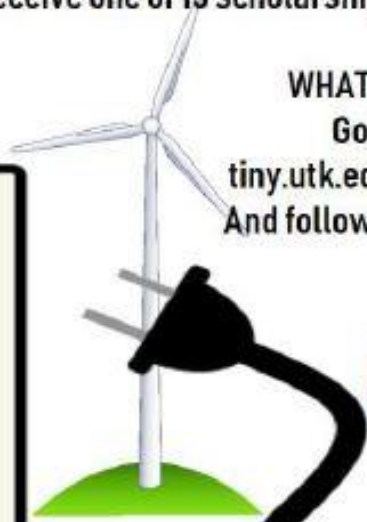
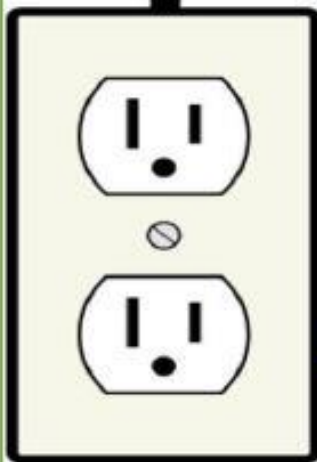
Open to ALL 4-H Members  
4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



The first 500 4-H members who complete all the activities and take the on-line quiz will receive the easy-to-build "World's Simplest Motor" to learn more on how electric motors work!

Tennessee 4-H members who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Jan 1, 2021 who complete all the activities and take the on-line quiz will be entered in a drawing to receive one of 15 scholarships to attend the 2021 4-H Electric Camp.

WHAT TO DO  
Go To:  
[tiny.utk.edu/4HEC20](http://tiny.utk.edu/4HEC20)  
And follow directions



## How do I join a 4-H Community Club?

Enroll online at [tiny.utk.edu/HC4H](http://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H) and add the name of the Club you would like to join in the “Club Name” box. Be sure to include your email and phone. You can also enroll by downloading a paper form at the Extension website ([Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](http://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)). If the Club requires additional registration, Extension office staff will contact you with details.

## What 4-H Clubs are available?



**Mane Attraction 4-H Horse Club**— Participate in the 4-H Horse project through this club. Ownership of a horse is not required. Club meets on the first Monday of each month in Soddy Daisy. Next meeting is November 2 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact 4-H Volunteer Leader Adam Presley

([adampresley383@gmail.com](mailto:adampresley383@gmail.com)/423-595-5409). In-person meetings. Grades 4-12.

**Hamilton Homeschoolers 4-H Club**— Traditional 4-H projects and contests. Games, too! Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, both online and in-person. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 20 at 11 a.m. (online) OR 2 p.m. (in-person). Advance registration required to attend in-person meetings. For more information, email [msabin@tennessee.edu](mailto:msabin@tennessee.edu). Grades 4-12.



## What 4-H Clubs are available? (continued)



**4-H Honor Club**—Statewide 4-H Club providing recognition of junior high and high school 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent leadership ability and have been active members of 4-H. Grades 5-12 can apply to join. The next meeting is Thursday, November 5 at 6 p.m. Contact Nancy Rucker ([nrucker@utk.edu](mailto:nrucker@utk.edu)) for more information. Meetings held online this fall. Grades 5-12.

**4-H FTC Robotics**—Design, build and program a robot, then compete in team robotics competitions. Club meets every Thursday at the Extension office, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A few spaces are available for this year's team. Contact Maria Sabin ([msabin@tnstate.edu](mailto:msabin@tnstate.edu)) for additional information. In-person meetings. Grades 8-12.



**4-H Citizenship Club**—Afterschool 4-H Club open to everyone. 4-H projects and contests. Club meets online at 4 p.m. on one Thursday each month during the school year. Next meeting is October 29 at 4 p.m. Grades 4-12.



**Senior High—Sign up for a virtual dairy farm tour!**

**On Friday, October 9, high school students are invited to learn about multiple career opportunities in the dairy industry during the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow virtual farm tour. Throughout the virtual event, students will meet farmers and industry professionals from two dairy farms in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and will be able to ask questions about today's dairy farming practices and career opportunities.**

**When: Friday, October 9, 2020 - First segment starts at 8:30 a.m. EST**

**[Click here to sign up for the virtual event and to receive notifications](#) from Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow.**



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**Adopt-A-Cow Enrollment open through October 15!**

**Forget the guinea pig. How about adopting an adorable dairy calf as your classroom mascot? Don't worry about finding a pen big enough to hold her. The photos, videos and stories sent to you about her life on the farm will make her "come alive" for your students!**

**Teachers, please contact the Extension Office (423-855-6113) to learn more about the Adopt A Cow Program from the Dairy Alliance.**

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**October 7-18, 2020—4-H Paper Clover Campaign—Add \$1 or more at check-out when you shop at the Tractor Supply Company to contribute to 4-H!**



**For more information on Hamilton County 4-H or to get the 4-H monthly update by email, call the Extension Office (423-855-6113) or email the 4-H staff:**

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**Gabrielle Younginer—GY@utk.edu**

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