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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 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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Hamilton County website at
Hamilton.Tennessee.edu**

Be sure to bookmark our new site!





Wildlife Habitat
Education Program



Wildlife Wednesdays

Are you interested in animals, land management, biology or hunting? Learn to identify wildlife found locally in Tennessee and to manage land for wildlife in the 4-H Wildlife Project Group on Wildlife Wednesdays!

Grades 4th-12th have the opportunity to join this group and compete in the 2021 4-H Wildlife Evaluation competition coming up in the spring. Meetings held weekly on Wednesdays at Chester Frost Park in Hixson. First meeting is Wednesday, November 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. Sign up for 4-H and enroll in the wildlife group at tiny.utk.edu/HC4H (write “wildlife” as club name). For more information, contact the Extension Office at 423-855-6113 or email msabin@tennessee.edu. Additional information on the Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is available at <https://www.whep.org/>

4-H Public Speaking Contest



Everyone is Welcome to Participate!

Grades 4th-12th throughout Hamilton County can participate in the 4-H Public Speaking contest. Even if your 4-H club is not meeting right now due to the pandemic, you can participate. Just create a speech following the guidelines below and send it in by December 15.

If you are not already a 4-H member, join at tiny.utk.edu/HC4H. Winners in each grade level will have the opportunity to compete at the Countywide contest in January.

Guidelines:

- 1. Create a speech with an introduction, body and conclusion. If you are in grades 6th-12th, be sure to include some information on 4-H or your 4-H experience in your speech**
- 2. Follow the time limits by grade level:**
 - 4th grade—up to 2 minutes**
 - 5th grade—up to 3 minutes**
 - 6th-8th grade—up to 4 minutes**
 - 9th-12th grade—up to 7 minutes**
- 3. Practice your speech in front of family and friends**
- 4. Create a video of yourself giving your speech (phone videos are fine)**
- 5. Send your video to msabin@tennessee.edu. You can use the UT vault for large files—<https://vault.utk.edu/> or post your video as an unlisted Youtube video and email a link.**

Questions? Contact the Extension Office at 423-855-6113.



4-H Hippology and Horse Bowl

Hippology is the study of the horse. Can you identify the breeds of horse? Can you identify the parts of a horse? Can you identify the muzzle and the withers? Do you know the difference in breeds between a Palomino and an Arabian? If so, this contest is for you! If not, you will learn about these and other things related to horses.

You do not have to own a horse to compete in these contests. These two contests will be held virtually this year in January 2021. Hippology will contain a series of multiple choice questions, matching and placing classes (watch a couple of videos and rank the 4 horses). Individuals or teams of 3 to 4 youth compete in Hippology.

The 4-H Horse Bowl is a quiz bowl type contest. Youth will have a system to buzz in using a smart phone and a team is made up of 3 to 4 youth. Competition divisions include: Juniors are 4th and 5th graders, Junior High are 6th – 8th graders and Senior High are 9th – 12th graders. If you want to compete, contact Nancy Rucker.



Fall 4-H All Star Conference



Calling all 9th – 12th graders – there is an in-person Fall 4-H All Star Conference scheduled for you! This conference is open to all senior high youth (you do not have to be an All Star to attend). If you are interested in being initiated into the Eastern Region 4-H All Stars, contact Nancy Rucker for an application (due date November 30th).

Hamilton County is part of the SEC multi-county group in the Eastern Region. Each multi-county group will have a meeting. The SEC will meet on Saturday, December 19th at Rhea County Ag Center. The conference will start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The conference schedule will include workshops, service projects, initiation and Senior recognition. The cost is \$25 which will include lunch and a gift pack and really cool conference t-shirt.

Registration fee of \$25, payable to University of Tennessee, and t-shirt size is due to the Extension office by Monday, November 30, 2020. A brochure should be out soon. You may begin sending in your payment at this time by mail or deliver it to the office (call before you arrive and let an employee know you are coming to the office to pay your fee; you will receive instructions at that time). You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from this event. Contact Nancy Rucker for more information.

4-H Portfolio

Want to know more about the 4-H Portfolio? Any 4-H youth in 6th – 12th grade may submit a portfolio for competition. Junior high youth compete at the region level. The senior high youth compete on the state level for college scholarships and national trip. The 4-H portfolio is now online. This is a great way to keep track of your 4-H involvement and honors. Set up a virtual meeting with Nancy Rucker to review the process and begin work on your portfolio. Exact due dates should be available in December. Senior high Citizenship and Leadership portfolio due at the end of January, Junior High portfolios due in March/April, Senior High portfolios due late April for Roundup and state competition.



4-H Archery Club Adding Monday Practices

The Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club is re-opening registration to add an archery practice on Monday afternoons, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Chester Frost Park. Monday practices will be held once a month in the fall and twice a month in the spring. First practice: Monday, 11/16 3:30-5:00.

To receive the registration packet for the Monday afternoon group, please contact the Extension Office (423-855-6113). Registration forms and fees (\$50) must be returned to the Extension Office prior to participating in a practice.

Club members attending Monday practices will learn archery basics and have the opportunity to prepare for the 4-H Jamboree in the spring. Participants will need their own bow, arrows and armguard.

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, practice social distancing, and complete health-screening questionnaire.

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.

Join a 4-H Community Club!

Enroll online at 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). If the Club requires additional registration, Extension office staff will contact you with details.



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 at Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy. Next meeting is December 7 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact 4-H Volunteer Leader Adam Presley

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

Hamilton Homeschoolers 4-H Club

4-H projects, contests and games. Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 17 at 11 a.m. (online) OR 2 p.m. (in-person at Chester Frost Park). For more information, contact Extension Agent Maria Sabin (msabin@tennessee.edu). Grades 4-12.

Zoom link for 11/17 virtual meeting at 11
<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/92065533937>

Virtual or in-person meetings.





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) for more information. Meetings held online this fall. Grades 5-12.

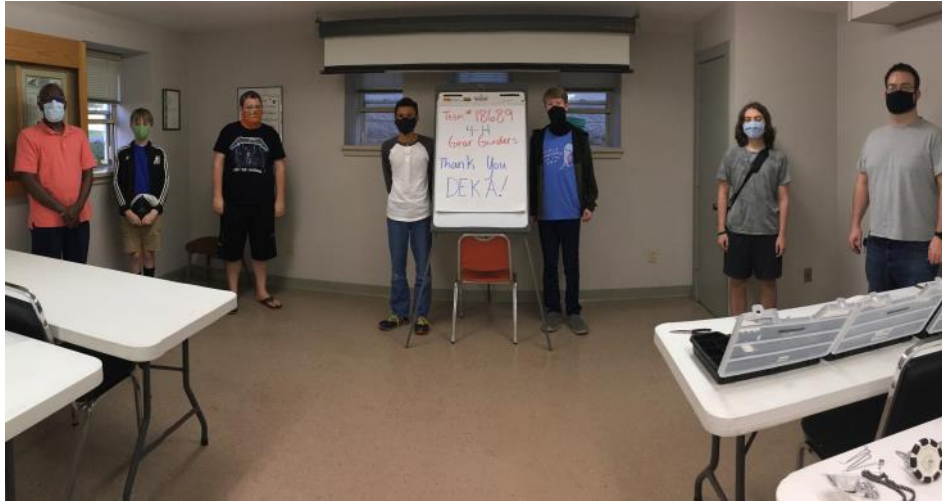
4-H FTC Robotics—Design, build and program a robot, then compete in team robotics competitions. Club meets every Thursday at the Extension office, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A few spaces are available for this year's team. Contact Maria Sabin (msabin@tnstate.edu) for additional information. In-person meetings. 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 November 19 at 4 p.m. Grades 4-12.



Zoom link for Nov 19 meeting at 4 p.m. :
<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/93869512206>
Meetings held online this fall.



4-H Robotics Club

The 4-H Gear Grinders, Hamilton County 4-H's new high school FTC robotics team, was recently awarded a \$500 grant from the DEKA Foundation to pay the cost of team registration for the year with the FIRST program. Part of the grant was also used to purchase robotics parts. Thank you to the DEKA Foundation for supporting this 4-H team, and thank you to TN Valley Robotics for the robotics parts kit currently in use by the team!

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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