



4-H Update - April

Spring into 4-H! Many activities and competitions are coming up this month - plus, it's time to register for summer day camps!

[Visit the Extension Office Website](#)

Upcoming Events

April 5 - [4-H Day camp registration opens](#)
April 6 - [4-H Homeschool Club Demonstrations & Interactive Exhibits Day/Awards Day at 2](#)
April 6 - Portfolio Workshop at 4
April 12 - Jr High Portfolios due
April 16 - Demonstration/Interactive Exhibit contest videos due for County contest
April 22 - 1st meeting of the 4-H Gardening Club at 4
April 24 - 4-H Wildlife Evaluation County contest at 10
April 25 - Registration deadline for Fashion & Design Camp (scroll down newsletter for details)
April 26 - Jr High Academic Conference applications due
May 3 - Sr High Portfolios due



[Link to Additional Information](#)

[Join 4-H!](#)



Airplane bank by Douglas Sawyer, Hixson Elementary School



Moneyeater 2000 bank by Gracie Sikes, Homeschool 4-H Club

4-H Piggy Bank Pageant Winners

Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2021 4-H Piggy Bank Pageant! These banks will represent Hamilton County in the state contest. There will also be an online voting opportunity April 19-26 at <https://voteforthepig.tennessee.edu/>



4-H Gardening Club

A new 4-H club in Hamilton County for grades 4th-8th, using the Junior Master Gardener curriculum, will begin meeting on Thursday, April 22 (Earth Day!) at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office. Meetings will continue through the summer. Days and times for summer meetings are being determined now. If your children may be interested in participating in this new 4-H club, please complete the survey below:

[Link to survey of summer meeting times](#)

4-H Public Speaking Contest Winners

Congratulations to all of the participants in this year's 4-H Public Speaking Contest! Hamilton County winners who will compete at the sub-regional level include Brody Russell (4th grade - Hixson Elementary), Liam Cook (5th grade - Archery Club), and Gracie Sikes (7th grade - Homeschool 4-H Club). Hamilton County winners who will compete at the regional contest at UT Knoxville this summer include Annabelle Avelis (9th grade - Archery Club), Caroline Burns (10th grade - Archery Club) and Drew Johnson (11th grade - 4-H Honor Club).

Register for Summer Day Camps Now



Two summer day camps - one for grades 4th-6th as of 1/1/21 and one for junior high (grades 6th-8th) - will be held at the Extension office. Registration is now open. Completed forms and fees (\$40) are due by April 30, or until full. Space is limited.

Activities planned for the Juniors 4-H Day Camp (for grades 4th-6th, June 14-18) include archery (weather permitting), arts & crafts, engineering challenges, gardening and backyard STEM.

Activities planned for the Junior High Survival Skills Day Camp (for grades 6th-8th, June 28-July 1) include outdoor survival skills, orienteering, wildlife, and archery (weather permitting).

We are unable to offer overnight camping this year. So, the Clyde Austin 4-H Camp Traveling Road Show is coming to Hamilton County. This one-day event is for grades 4th-8th and will be offered on July 8 (location TBA). Registration fee is \$40. There will be multiple camp activities offered throughout the day, snack and lunch provided. Space is limited. Registration form and more information will be available soon.

4-H Junior High camp - there will be a one-day event planned at Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN. More information and registration forms to be provided soon.

[Link to forms and registration info](#)

County Wildlife Evaluation Contest April 24

Test your knowledge of wildlife and wildlife management practices! The Hamilton County 4-H Wildlife Evaluation Contest will be held online on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. to noon. This contest is open to all county 4-H'ers! Sign up by emailing HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu. Space is limited.

The regional 4-H Wildlife Judging contest is May 20 at Holston Farms in Knoxville. This will be an in-person event. Let us know if you would like to compete in the regional contest.



Do you know which animal's skull is shown above? If so, you should compete in the county 4-H wildlife contest!

Portfolios - Your ticket to all that 4-H has to offer!



Junior High 4-H portfolios are due by April 12; Senior High portfolios are due by May 3. Sign up for a portfolio workshop now to get information on completing yours!

4-H portfolios are your CV (*curriculum vitae* - a summary of experience and skills) of the activities and events you have done in your 4-H project area. They contain information on your activities both through 4-H and through other venues.

Completing a 4-H portfolio makes youth eligible for honors, conferences, scholarships, and more! Find out more about 4-H portfolios by emailing HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu. Extension agents are standing by to assist youth in completing a portfolio this month!



4-H All Star Conference and Mini-Conference

Calling all 8th – 12th graders (current 8th graders may attend with certain requirements completed). There will be two days of All Star Conference this spring. Both days are planned to be held face to face. Youth may attend one or both days. One day will be with sub-groups and Hamilton County is part of the SEC and will meet April 17th, Rhea County Fairgrounds, cost is \$30. The other day is June 5th at the Austin 4-H Center, cost is \$25. Call the office for a brochure.

THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER SUB-REGION FASHION & DESIGN CAMP

JULY 13, 2021
9 AM TO 5 PM
TRI-STATE EXHIBITION CENTER
(200 NATURES TRAIL, MCDONALD, TN)
6TH - 12TH GRADES

Must have completed 6th Grade

In this one day sub-region camp we will be creating new projects. Different sessions and classes will be held including sewing and craft projects.

Total Cost: \$25
Must be paid to reserve your spot

Cost includes lunch.

If there is a special dietary need it is recommended to bring your own snacks and lunch

Registration Deadline: April 25, 2021

4-H Fashion and Design Camp

Grades 6th-12th can apply for this fun camp, which will be held as a one-day event on July 13 this year. Download the application at the [UT/TSU Hamilton County Extension Office \(click here\)](#) and apply today. We have three spaces for youth from Hamilton County to attend. Registration and fees paid holds the spot for this camp.



4-H Horse Judging

The Eastern Region 2021 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held virtually on May 4, 6:00 p.m. This contest is open to all 4th – 12th grade 4-H youth. Contact Nancy Rucker if you want to compete. County registration deadline is April 30th.



4-H Dairy Poster Contest - Deadline Extended

The deadline for entries for the 4-H Dairy Poster Contest has been extended to April 16. For more information, [visit the Extension office website \(click here\)](#). The theme of this year's contest is "Dairy Potter"



4-H Paper Clover

TSC will have 4-H Paper Clovers for sale from April 28th to May 9th. You can purchase a 4-H Paper Clover at the TSC in Soddy Daisy, Ooltewah or Chattanooga. Each clover sold provides funding that supports Hamilton County 4-H youth camping and leadership opportunities.

4-H Spring Service Project

Service to the community is an important part of 4-H! This spring, 4-H club members are holding a donations drive to supply the Humane Educational Society with needed items for their work with animals. Check the list of what is needed and donate items through April 16. Want to help deliver the donations to the Humane Society - and tour the facility while we're there? Email HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu

[Link to List of Needed Items](#)



Click the Humane Educational Society logo above to visit their website and learn more about the mission of the Humane Society!

4-H and JOANN

JOANN is proud to partner with 4-H to empower and inspire kids and provide them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential. JOANN helps 4-H, and its many community-related programs, through product donation and discount programs for current and alumni members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff. Sign up for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card today to start saving, learning and inspiring! Find out more on the site: <https://www.joann.com/4-h/> and get 15% off on most items (there are exclusions).



4-H Electric Camp - Coming in June and July

4-H Electric Camp is coming up. Youth currently in grades 6th and 7th are eligible for this one-day camp. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Learn about Robotics, Drones, High Voltage Safety, UTK Engineering Virtual Reality, & Electric Motors

4-H Quilting Camp

4-H Quilting Day Camp – July 14th and July 21st, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tri-State Exhibition Center, McDonald, TN. This camp is open to 6th – 12th graders as of 1/1/2021. Cost is \$25. Participant must be able to use a sewing machine. Call for registration packet (423-855-6113). Spaces are limited.

**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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