

4-H CAMP

REGISTER NOW

4-H JUNIOR CAMP - JUNE 5-9
JR HIGH ACADEMIC CONFERENCE - JUNE 13-16
SR HIGH ALL-STAR CONFERENCE - MARCH 31-APRIL 2

Registration Information:
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Time to Sign up for 4-H Junior Camp!

4-H Junior Camp - June 5-9, 2023



4-H Junior Camp, for students in grades 4th through 6th (as of 1/1/23) is June 5-9 at Camp Clyde Austin in the mountains in Greeneville, TN. Enjoy canoeing, swimming, archery, group games, and much more. Transportation, lodging and dining (all air-conditioned) is included in the \$350 camp registration fee.

Pay online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/4HJrCamp>.

You can also pay by check (payable to "University of Tennessee"). Download the registration packet and find out

more about camp at the link below. Scholarships are available - the application for camp scholarships can be found at the website below.

4-H Camp Info

4-H Junior High Academic Conference June 13-16. Applications due March 31!



Now is the time to apply for 4-H Junior High Academic Conference! Applications are due to the Extension office by March 31. Youth in grades 6th - 8th (as of 1/1/23) stay on campus at UTK and work with professors and staff in their chosen project area. Only 12 youth will be selected in each project area. Cost is \$100. [Download the information and application packet](#) and get started on your application! Call the Extension office with any questions (423-209-8560).

Junior High Camp - July 10-14



Grades 6th-8th as of 1/1/23

Enjoy a fun week at Camp Clyde Austin in Greeneville, TN. Activities include swimming, fishing, geo-caching, horses, and trips to the

zoo, Bays Mountain ropes course and zipline, and canoeing down the Nolichucky River. [Download the camp](#)

brochure for more information. Registration begins in May.

Spring 4-H All-Star Conference Senior High - Apply by March 13!

Spring All-Star Conference is March 31 - April 2 at Clyde York 4-H Center in Crossville. Grades 9th-12th can attend. 8th graders who are working on their portfolios can also attend this year! **Registration deadline is March 13 at noon**, so get your registration in now! [Download information and registration brochure.](#)



Senior High - Tennessee 4-H All-Star Camp May 26-28

Grades 9th-12th

First Annual Tennessee State 4-H All Star Camp

York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN



Senior high students can enjoy the first ever All-Star Camp - filled with fun shops, networking, dancing, and lots of service! More information available soon. Learn more about 4-H All-Stars at the Tennessee 4-H [Recognition webpage.](#) Interested in joining the 4-H All-Stars? The next initiation ceremony is at the Spring All-Stars Conference. Initiation is held twice

each year - in the fall and the spring. Joining the 4-H Honor Club is the first step in becoming a 4-H All-Star.

More 4-H Camps:

Find out more at the 4-H Camps webpage

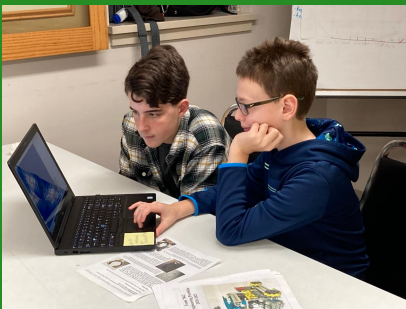
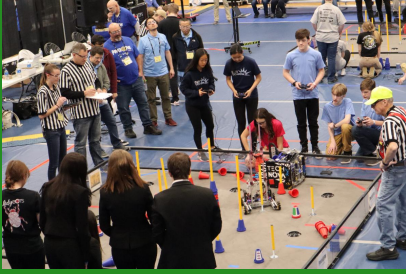
- **Day Camp** - grades 4th-6th - June 19-23
- **Electric Camp** - grades 6th-8th - June 26-29
- **Target SMART shooting sports camp** - grades 5th-9th - May 29-June 2
- **Performing & Fine Arts Camp** - grades 9th-12th - July 5-7 (apply by March 31, 2023)

March is Extension Month!



What is Extension? Extension is an outreach branch of UT and TSU, providing research-based information and education programs to the citizens of Tennessee. There is an Extension office in all 95 counties in Tennessee! Programs include 4-H for grades 4th-12th, Agriculture and Natural Resources (Horticulture, Animal Science), and Family and Consumer Sciences (Nutrition, Wellness, Financial Literacy). The UT/TSU Extension Hamilton County Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Find out more about Extension at [the Extension website](#).

Congratulations to the 4-H Robotics Team!



The 4-H Gear Grinders Robotics team had a successful state championship, finishing 10th out of 29 teams in their second state competition.

This group is open to all Hamilton County students in grades 7th - 12th. Space is limited.

Team members design, build, and program a robot for competition. Adult volunteers serve as mentors to the students.

Robotics will pick back up in the summer, as the team prepares for the next competition season.

To be added to the list to receive registration material for robotics for next season, email Extension Agent Maria Sabin
msabin@tnstate.edu

Join 4-H Honor Club!



**Next meeting is Thursday,
March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the
Extension Office**

There is a new 4-H Honor Club Application now available. Become a Tennessee 4-H Honor Club member now! You may belong to the group in county if you are in 5th-12th grade. The state level is open to 6th – 12th graders. Come to the next meeting to learn more. Contact Nancy Rucker (nrucker@tennessee.edu) to request the form or make an appointment to work on

the application.



**4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club - Horse Judging
Competition Coming Up!**

**Next meeting is Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at
Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy.**

The 4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club is for grades 4th-12th. You do not need to own a horse to join or to participate in the 4-H Horse Club. Volunteer Leader Adam Presley can be contacted by text at 423-595-5409.



4-H Gardening Club - Plant people!

**Next meeting is Thursday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m.
on the first floor of the Extension Office**

At the March meeting the 4-H Gardening Club will learn about using a soil sampling probe in soil testing and will seed warm-season vegetables for the 4-H garden. Everyone will go home with a veggie seed in a cup and a plant person to grow at home! This is a registered Junior Master Gardener club for grades 4th-8th. There is no cost to join or participate. New members are welcome at every meeting. Activities are led by Master Gardeners. Contact 4-H Extension Agent Maria Sabin with any questions (msabin@tennessee.edu).



Creative Arts Club

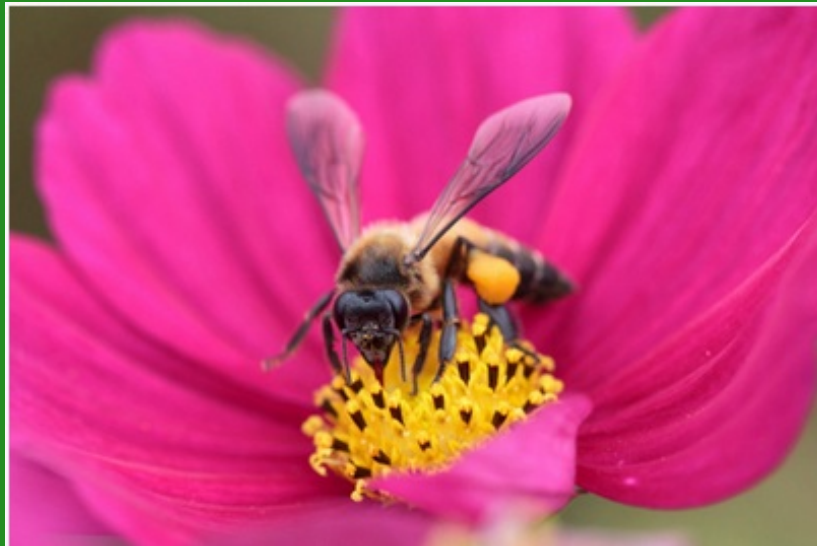
Next meeting is Tuesday, March 28 at 11 a.m. on the first floor of the Extension Office

A guest artist will lead the activity at the March meeting - paper art! The 4-H Creative Arts Club meets at the Extension office, 6183 Adamson Circle, Chattanooga. Grades 4th-12th are welcome. There is no cost to join or to participate.

Contact 4-H Extension Agent Maria Sabin with any questions about this club msabin@tennessee.edu

2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Entries due March 15



The Beekeeping Essay Contest allows 4-H'ers to use their writing and research skills in developing an essay on a beekeeping-related topic. Cash awards are available to winners on the national and state level. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees (click on the image above to learn more). All essays are to be submitted to beeessay@utk.edu. The submission deadline is scheduled for March 15, 2023.

2023 Topic: The Importance of Beeswax

Although honey bees are much-beloved for honey, bees also produce beeswax that can be used in many ways. For this essay, a 4-H student should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the

dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps, or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'er's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions.

More information and guidelines are available at the Tennessee 4-H Beekeeping and Entomology webpage.

2023 4-H Art Poster Contest - 2nd place in County



Handmade poster by
Everleigh Parker, North
Hamilton County Elementary
School



Handmade poster by
Savannah Terrell, Hixson
Elementary School



Handmade poster by Mia
Shelley, Chattanooga School
for Liberal Arts



Handmade poster by Mason
Scott, Hixson Elementary
School



Digital poster by Carolina Shank, 4-H Robotics Club



Digital poster by Ashley Plamvirge, North Hamilton County Elementary School



Digital poster by Lillian Shank, 4-H Gardening Club

Extension Month Photo Contest



Extension Month Photo Contest - enter now! Email your photos by March 24 to take part in this fun competition. There are youth AND adult divisions. Read more about the competition and find out how to enter at the [Extension Office website](#).

4-H Piggy Bank Pageant!



Photos (well-lit, clear photos, please!) of 4-H piggy banks are due to the Extension Office (HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu) by March 30, 2023. Read the guidelines at the Hamilton County 4-H website and start your piggy bank today!

Invasive Species Poster Contest 4th-8th grade. Entries due July 1



We are pleased to announce the **2nd Annual Tennessee Invasive Species Youth Poster Contest** hosted by Tennessee 4-H, the Tennessee Invasive Plant Council, Weed Wrangle, and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. The goal of this contest is to spread awareness and knowledge among youth and adult audiences through science-based information and individual creativity to educate others on the impacts of invasive species in Tennessee and beyond. All students in grades 4th-8th in public, private, or home school in Tennessee are eligible

to participate.

The event website holds all the information needed to participate. Deadline for entries is July 1, 2023, and we have prizes for individual student winners as well as for the class with the winning entry.



Host a Japanese Exchange Student this Summer

Tennessee 4-H is hosting students from Japan July 23 - August 18, 2023. Host families are needed! Find out how you can be a host family at the state 4-H website.

JOANN Loves 4-H!



Did you know you can save 15% at JOANN by being a 4-H club member, alumnus, or parent of a 4-H'er? Read more about the 4-H discount program at JOANN's website.

Through the end of April, customers at JOANN can donate or round up their purchases to donate to 4-H!

4-H Scholarship Applications due by May 1, 2023

4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Tennessee 4-H has 26 college scholarships from which 4-H members can select when they submit a college scholarship application. Applicants can select more than one scholarship.

Apply now for a 4-H scholarship to college by following the instructions at the [state website's scholarship page](#). Visit the [page](#) and select "Scholarships" for information and application.

Join 4-H - Grades 4th-12th in Hamilton County can join 4-H at any time, and there is no cost to join.

<https://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H>

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