

August Hamilton County 4-H Update



100th Annual 4-H Roundup!



At the 2023 4-H Roundup, Logan Johnson of Hamilton County was inducted into Vol State, the highest level of recognition in Tennessee 4-H.



New Vol State initiates at 4-H Roundup

The 100th annual Tennessee 4-H Roundup and All-Star Conference was a week-long event held on the UT Knoxville campus in July. Project finalists, 4-H All-Stars, 4-H alumni, and volunteers gathered from across the state. This year was very special, as it marked the Centennial anniversary of Tennessee 4-H Roundup!

Vol State initiations take place at Tennessee 4-H Roundup. Vol State is the highest level of recognition for a 4-H'er and is awarded to 11th and 12th graders who are nominated by their 4-H Agent and who are members of 4-H Honor Club and All Stars.

In addition to being inducted into Vol State at 4-H Roundup, Logan Johnson won an award for his project interview and also won a trip to National 4-H Congress! Logan's thoughts on Roundup:

"Tennessee 4-H Roundup has given me the stepping stones needed to further my education and career goals in a fun, community driven environment.

From attending college tours, to receiving the Vol State award, to demonstrating the skills that I have acquired throughout my previous years in 4-H to excel in my project interviews, Tennessee 4-H Roundup has given me the tools that I need to advance into my adult career, and I could not be more thankful

for the opportunity to attend, and I cannot wait to pursue more knowledge and experience at National 4-H Congress later this year."

4-H Academic Conference 2023



The Veterinary Science project group at 4-H Academic Conference included Beau Duvall of Hamilton County



The Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries group included Kaden Bing, Darah Moreland, and Nora Aslinger of Hamilton County



The Food Science, Nutrition, Health and Fitness group included Hamilton County's Kevin Lawrence





4-H Academic Conference was held in June on the UT Knoxville campus. Five Hamilton County delegates were selected to attend, based on their applications (which are due by the end of March each year). They stayed in the UTK dorms and received hands-on training in their chosen project areas from university scientists and specialists, in addition to attending fun events off campus as a group. This event is open to youth in grades 6th through 8th.

Darah's thoughts on Academic Conference:



"First off I want to say to anyone thinking this conference might be boring, you are wrong! You get to have a roommate and stay in your own dorm room and basically experience the independence of college! You meet people from all over the state with similar interests. My project area was Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife. We did some really cool things like learned about deer tracking collars and how to track them using triangulation. Not only was it interesting, it was also turned into a competition between members in the group, and our team won! We also waded into the creek and learned about riparian forests. Overall, it was a super exciting and memorable

experience and I strongly encourage anyone thinking about it to go for it."

Ag Night at the Lookouts!



Ag Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts!

August 11 at 7:15 p.m
 **at the AT&T Field** 

Take me out to the Ballgame! Join us for the Annual Agriculture Night at the Lookouts on **Friday, August 11**, with the first pitch thrown at 7:15 p.m. This event is presented by Chattanooga Tractor, and 4-H will have a booth at the event. The theme is agricultural education. Don't miss the petting zoo! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the [Chattanooga Lookouts website](http://ChattanoogaLookouts.com).

4-H Club Meetings

4-H is open to all Hamilton County youth in grades 4th-12th, whether they are in public schools, private schools, or are homeschooled. Come to a club meeting and get involved!

Join 4-H at any time; there is no cost to join.

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

4-H Robotics

August 10 and 24 at 5:30 p.m.



4-H Robotics

The Hamilton County 4-H Robotics team, the Gear Grinders, is open to grades 7th-12th. This is a competitive FTC robotics team. The group meets every Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., September through February/March, at the Extension Office (with days off for holidays). Competitions are held on Saturdays and may require travel and additional meetings in the weeks leading up to them. Potential new team members are welcome to attend the August 10 and 24 meetings (at the Extension Office, 5:30-7:30 p.m.) to learn about the club. Be sure to complete a 4-H Activity and Event Acceptance form (600A) and bring it with you to the meeting. FTC season Kick-off is September 9, and weekly group meetings will begin after this date. Questions? Please email HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu.

4-H Citizenship Club

Tuesday, August 15 at 5:00 p.m.

4-H Citizenship Club

Helping
students
become
involved
members of
their
community



The 4-H Citizenship Club is a general interest 4-H club which meets once a month and is open to all 4th-12th grade students in Hamilton County. The first meeting of the school year is Tuesday, August 15 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (6183 Adamson Circle in Chattanooga). At this meeting, learn how youth can get involved in the 2023 Hamilton County Fair! Later meetings this fall will focus on a wide variety of 4-H projects and contests. There is no cost to join or participate. New members are welcome at every meeting. Contact 4-H Extension Agent Maria Sabin with any questions (msabin@tennessee.edu).

4-H Gardening Club

Monday, August 28 at 4:30 p.m.



4-H Gardening Club

Interested in gardening, horticulture, and crafts? Come to the August 28 meeting of the 4-H Gardening Club! This is a registered Junior Master Gardener club for grades 4th-8th which meets once each month at the Extension Office (6183 Adamson Circle). 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). Meeting time is 4:30-6:00 p.m.

4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club

Monday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.



The 4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club is for grades 4th-12th. This is a great club to join if you are interested in animals and in veterinary science! You do not need to own a horse to join or to participate in the 4-H Horse Club, which meets every month on the first Monday of the month at Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy. If you have questions, Volunteer Leader Adam Presley can be contacted by text at 423-595-5409.

Opportunities with 4-H!

Consumer Decision Making Contest - Sept 16

If you like to shop, this is the 4-H contest for you! Open to grades 5th through 12th, the Consumer Decision Making Contest focuses on deciding on the best items needed in a given scenario. This year's contest will

take place on Saturday, September 16 on the UTK campus, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Categories for this year's contest are Activewear, Carry-on luggage, Fast food, and Lighting. A first study meeting will be *Thursday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m. on zoom*. For more information or to receive a zoom link for the August 17 meeting and a copy of the study materials for the contest, contact 4-H Agent Maria Sabin (msabin@tennessee.edu) or call the Extension office (423-209-8560).

4-H T-Shirt Design Contest



**WINNING DESIGN
WILL BE SOLD
AT PARTICIPATING
CO-OP & STOCKDALE'S
STORES!**

**PROCEEDS FROM SHIRTS SOLD WILL
GO TO LOCAL 4-H CLUBS.**

Calling all young artists! Turn in your designs *by September 30* to participate in the Co-op 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest. Winners will receive an iPad and Apple pencil, in addition to 5 t-shirts in their winning design. More information and contest rules are [available online](#).

4-H Virtual Shooting Sports Project Group

4th-12th grade Tennessee 4-H members who have an interest in hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, or conservation are invited to join the new

VIRTUAL OUTDOOR RECREATION & SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT GROUP

BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 2023, MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY ZOOM ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM 6:30-7:30 P.M. EST/5:30-6:30 CDT.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY ON DEER
TROUT, CRAPPIE, & BASS FISHING
RABBIT & SQUIRREL HUNTING
TRAPPING

KNOT-TYING
FISHING LURES
TURKEY CALLS
CAMPING

TO REGISTER FOR THE TENNESSEE 4-H VIRTUAL OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT GROUP, VISIT [TINYURL.COM/42CCMVXM](https://tinyurl.com/42CCMVXM) OR SCAN THE QR CODE THE RIGHT.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, EMAIL LMIDDLE2@UTK.EDU.

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The new 4-H Virtual Shooting Sports project group is open to 4th-12th graders who are enrolled in Tennessee 4-H and may be interested in the project areas of outdoor recreation & shooting sports as well as forestry, wildlife, and fisheries. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning in October, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. EST. The *deadline to register for the club is September 30*. There is no fee to participate. To register, scan the QR code above or fill out the Google doc form.

Tennessee Valley Fair Photo Competition



Enter the 4-H Photo Contest at the TN Valley Fair!
Entries are due to the UT/TSU Extension Hamilton County office *by August 23*. For complete rules, see pages 24-25 of the TN Valley Fair Exhibitor Catalog. Submit your entries to the Extension office by email to HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu

4-H Archery Club Preview Day



There are a few spaces left for the August 19 4-H Archery Club Preview Day at Chester Frost Park. To participate in this event, youth must:

- 1. Sign up for Preview Day online (space is limited),**
- 2. Have a completed 600A medical form on file at the Extension office *by August 11* and**
- 3. Be enrolled in 4-H *by August 11, 2023*.**

Find out more at the Extension Office website, and sign up for Preview Day.

Registration forms for the 2023-2024 4-H Archery Club will be sent out on August 20 to returning families and to families who have participated in Preview Day. Questions? Please call the Extension office (423-209-8560) or email HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu. Space is limited. The 4-H Archery Club meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon in the fall, and twice a month in the spring. Come join the fun!

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