



**Congratulations to Hamilton
County's 4-H Public Speaking
Winners!**

Eastern Region Public Speaking SENIOR FINALS



**Eastern Region Senior High 4-H Public Speaking Contest
February 3**

Congratulations to Carolina Shank, first-place winner overall and first-place winner prepared speech, 12th grade, in the Senior High 4-H Regional Public Speaking Contest at UTK! Carolina advances to the State competition at 4-H Congress in March.



Congratulations to Edith Provence (3rd from left in photo), who finished 5th overall and 2nd in extemporaneous speech in the 10th grade at the Senior High 4-H Regional Public Speaking Contest! Darah Moreland also participated in the contest in the 9th grade division.

Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contest January 19 and January 28



4th grade Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contest: Kaylee Woida, Gabriel Smith, Emily Murr, Vera Sanders, Kai Satterfield, Alexa Maldonado, Rylan Lewis, Henley Fryar, Jane Farrell, Landon Ford, Kady Chids, Kabir Brahmabhatt, and Anushree Bhagyaraj.



5th grade Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contest: Tala'Catori Varnell, Sam Moffitt, Layla Ratliff, Joel Seo, Atharva Kolappan, Samantha Langston, Kael Bryant, Arhaan Jamani.



4th grade: 3rd place - Vera Sanders, 2nd place - Landon Ford, 1st place - Anushree Bhagyaraj.



5th grade: 1st place - Joel Seo, 2nd place - Atharva Kolappan, 3rd place - Kael Bryant.



6th-8th grade Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contest: Kaden Bing, 7th grade (2nd place winner), Hunter Provence, 6th grade (2nd place winner), Evelyn Bowers, 6th grade (1st place winner), Lillian Shank, 7th grade (1st place winner).



9th-12th grade Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contest: Heidi Provence, 9th grade (1st place winner), Sophie Cook, 10th grade (2nd place winner), Edith Provence, 10th grade (1st place winner), John Wood, 11th grade (1st place winner), Carolina Shank, 12th grade (1st place winner).

Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Public Speaking Contests! First-place winners at the County level in the 9th through 12th grade competed at the Regional Competition held at UTK February 3. First-place winners in 4th through 8th grade at the County level will compete at the Southeast Corner Multi-county 4-H Public Speaking Contest March 22 at the McMinn County Higher Education Center.

Congratulations to winners of Classroom and Community Club 4-H Public Speaking Contests, some of which are listed below!

Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences:

4th grade - Clark class - 1st - Kabir Brahmabhatt

4th grade - Ezell class - 2nd - Lillian McNeely, 3rd Tie Vivienne Aslinger, Joshua McConnell.

4th grade - Preston class - 1st - Emily Murr, 2nd - J'Nayla Irvin

5th grade - DiNitto class - 1st - Kael Bryant, 2nd - Audrey Clark, 3rd - Sara Millbank.

5th grade - Johnson class - 1st - Arhaan Jamani, 2nd - Auden Shaw, 3rd - Teniya Tumlin.

5th grade - Whaley class - 1st - Sam Moffitt, 2nd - Eden Duguay, 3rd - Emilie Look.

Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts:

4th grade - Dalton/Langley class - 1st - Kai Satterfield, 2nd - Mila Rivers, 3rd - Brady Billington.

4th grade - DuBose class - 1st - Jane Farrell, 2nd - Syna Patel, 3rd - Adam Anteneh.

4th grade - Gellerman class - 1st - Anushree Bhagyaraj, 2nd - Johnny Goulart, 3rd - Eshan Rous.

4th grade - Roth class - 1st - Landon Ford, 2nd - Corey Muckle, 3rd - Brooke Lammon.

5th grade - Greene class - 1st - Layla Ratliff, 2nd - Anderson Barger-Howell, 3rd - Samuel Spann.

5th grade - Johnson class - 1st - Samantha Langston, 2nd - Nyree Shropshire, 3rd - Beau Brandon.

5th grade - Varnell class - 1st - Baron Hicks, 2nd - Georgia Ashby, 3rd - Kase Finch.

5th grade - West class - 1st - Joel Seo, 2nd - Aniyah Johnson, 3rd - Ayden Jones.

Harrison Elementary:

4th grade - Burgtorf class - 1st - Kady Childs, 2nd - Roselia Bernal, 3rd - Kylan Moon.

4th grade - Carver class - 1st - Journi Evans, 2nd - Q'Shiah White, 3rd - Ariel Martin.

4th grade - Leath class - 1st - Bentley Wilson, 2nd - Samantha Prasomsri, 3rd - Mikah Crowder.

4th grade - Stewart class - 1st - Kamiyah Daniel.

5th grade - Brewer class - 1st - Levi Howard, 2nd - Maliyah McMillan, 3rd - Kassidy Long.

5th grade - Isztojka class - 1st - Tala'Catori Varnell, 2nd - Arian McGhee, 3rd - Geryn Appleton.

5th grade - Massaquoi class - 1st - Brandon Joynes, 2nd - Mia Rodriguez, 3rd - Jacques Bell.

5th grade - Wampler class - 2nd - Amelia Dorton, 3rd - Ilya Hostos.

Hixson Elementary:

4th grade - Clark class - 1st - Gabriel Smith, 2nd - Alduvi Arias Chavez.

4th grade - Driscoll class - 1st - Alexa Maldonado, 3rd - Aria Malwood.

4th grade - Olsen class - 1st - Henley Fryar, 2nd - Travalor O'Connor, 3rd - Callie Scruggs.

5th grade - Durham class - 1st - Liam McKinney, 2nd - Yaxiri Gomez, 3rd - Riley Anderson.

5th grade - Howard class - 1st - Emily Jimenez, 2nd - Tyce Taylor, 3rd - Jaden

Ramirez.

5th grade - Smith class - 1st - Eli Hawkins, 2nd - Aubrey Stewart, 3rd - Alex Cain.

North Hamilton County Elementary:

4th grade - Barkley class - 1st Rylan Lewis, 2nd Riley Daniels, 3rd Haley Schoneck.

4th grade - Benefield class - 1st Benjamin Paasonen, 2nd Kinsley Hunt, 3rd Harmony Banks.

4th grade - Kennedy class - 1st Kaylee Woida, 2nd Katie Beth Huchings, 3rd Paisley Adkins.

5th grade - Cianciolo class - 1st Everleigh Clark; 2nd Karina Lopez-Garcia; 3rd Roger Taylor.

5th grade - Hutcherson class - 1st Tabor Simmons; 2nd Cole Vine; 3rd Brylee Money.

5th grade - Taylor class - 1st Everleigh Parker; 2nd Every Harris; 3rd Miler Arnold.

Soddy Elementary:

5th grade - Cook class - 1st - Mason Blanton, 2nd - Parker Sacharewitz, 3rd - Logan Qualls.

5th grade - Johnson class - 1st - Jack Vetch, 2nd - Isabella Trimby, 3rd - Emy-Kate Hudson.

5th grade - Karpinko class - 1st - Zaiden Goodine, 2nd- Baylee Cash, 3rd - Hunter Varnell.

5th grade - Lillie class - 1st - Eva Green, 2nd - Myleigh Dill, 3rd - Lilly Miller.

Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club: 5th grade – 1st Atharva Kolappan, 2nd Alex Hanning, 3rd Bobby Carlson.

6th grade – 1st Hunter Provence, 2nd Riley Davis, 3rd Nathan Kirby.

9th grade – 1st Heidi Provence, 2nd Roman Medina.

10th grade – 1st Edith Provence.

Hamilton County 4-H Citizenship Club: 6th grade - 1st - DeMitrius Davis.

8th grade - 1st - Liam Cook.

10th grade - 1st - Sophie Cook.

11th grade - 1st - John Wood.

Hamilton County 4-H Gardening Club: 6th grade - 1st - Ellie Avelis.

7th grade - 1st - Zoe Netusil.

Hamilton County 4-H Honor Club: 7th grade – 1st Kaden Bing

Hamilton County 4-H Robotics Club: 7th grade - 1st - Lillian Shank, 12th grade - 1st - Carolina Shank.

Hamilton County 4-H Veterinary Science Club: 6th grade - 1st - Evelyn Bowers.

Congratulations to the Hamilton County 4-H Art Poster Contest Winners!



1st place digital poster



1st place digital poster



1st place digital poster
by Sarah Germ



1st place regular poster
by Alex Byard



1st place regular poster
by Emily Murr



1st place regular poster
by Audrey Clark

Good luck to Hamilton County's 2024 4-H Art Poster Contest winners! All of the first-place posters, shown above, have been sent on to the Regional Contest. Photos of second and third place winning posters will be posted in the March update.

Opportunities with 4-H in February!

4-H Chick Chain

Register now, through February 15



Youth in grades 4th-12th can learn how to raise poultry and can then participate in poultry judging and showing through 4-H Chick Chain! **Register now through 2/15/2024 - \$60 for 12 chicks (\$65 if paid by credit card at tiny.utk.edu/4Hchickchain)**. A required orientation will be held in March. Youth will pick up 12 day-old chicks in late April or early May, raise them through the spring and summer, and bring 3 hens to the Hamilton County Fair in the Fall for the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Sale. Learn more at the website of the Extension Office or by calling or visiting the Extension Office during business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) 423-209-8560.

**Chick Chain Info and Registration - Form and Fees
due by February 15**

4-H Camps and Conferences Registration Now Open!

4-H offers camp opportunities for juniors (grades 4th and 5th), junior high/middle school (grades 6th through 8th), and senior high (grades 9th through 12th). Registration is open now. Many 4-H camps are expected to fill up quickly, so **check out the [Hamilton County 4-H website's camp page](#) for more information** today!

4-H Junior Camp

June 10-14 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center

Grades 4th - 6th

Registration Open Through May 15, or until full

4-H Junior Camp is June 10-14, 2024 at **Camp Clyde Austin** in Greeneville, TN! Grades 4th through 6th as of 1/1/2024 can attend this week of fun and learning. Make plans now to be there! Registration is open through May 15 or until full

(space is limited, and the camp is expected to fill up). Cost is \$360, which includes transportation, payable at the Extension Office, by mail, or online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/4HJrCamp>. We are also looking for adult and teen (9th - 12th graders) leaders to attend.



Get Junior Camp Information

4-H Junior High Academic Conference

June 11-14 at UTK

Grades 6th - 8th

**Applications due to the Extension Office by
March 25**



4-H members in grades 6th through 8th (as of 1/1/24) can apply for 4-H Academic Conference, to be held at UTK June 11-14, 2024. Youth who are chosen as delegates for this Conference will receive extensive, hands-on training in project

areas under the supervision of university scientists and specialists at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. They will stay on campus in the UTK dorms with other 4-H youth from across the state and will be chaperoned by adult 4-H volunteer leaders. The application process includes a summary (**on a Section A form**) of the youth's activities for the past year in a particular project area.

Available project areas are Beef, Citizenship, Communication/Public Speaking, Companion Animals, Computers & Technology, Consumer Education, Creative Arts and Design, Dairy Cattle, Food Science/Dairy Foods, Forestry/Wildlife/Fisheries, Goat, Horticulture/Gardening, Horse, Nutrition/Health/Fitness, Outdoor Recreation/Shooting Sports, Performing Arts, Poultry, Sheep, or Swine.

Get started on your Section A now - these are due in March. Contact the Extension Office with questions, or for assistance in filling out the Section A - 423-209-8560 or **HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu**

Get Academic Conference Info & Application Form

Eastern Region 4-H All Stars Conference

**April 12-14 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center
Grades 9th-12th**



April 12-14 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN. This conference is open to all 9th – 12th graders (you do not have to be an All Star to attend). Cost is \$145 for the full conference, \$125 for Friday-Saturday, or \$90 for Saturday only. If you have never attended an All Star Conference, the first four Hamilton County first time attendees registered will get \$50 off the registration fee. Go the website for more information.

<https://eastern.tennessee.edu/eastern-region-4-h-allstar/>

Other 4-H camp opportunities with registration now open include 4-H Junior High Camp, 4-H Fashion & Design Conference, and Target SMART shooting sports camp. Information on these camps is available at the Extension Office website: HamiltonCounty4H.org and at the **Hamilton County 4-H Camps website page**.

4-H Camps Page

What's Going on with 4-H Clubs

in February?

Hamilton County youth in grades 4th through 12th can participate in 4-H! Join 4-H at any time - there is no cost to join. To join, complete [the online 4-H enrollment form](#). Then, come to a 4-H meeting this month!

Join 4-H!



4-H Honor Club

The 4-H Honor Club meets at the Extension Office once a month. 4-H Honor club is open to grades 5th-12th in Hamilton County. The application is easier than ever to complete, and youth can attend Honor Club meetings while working on an application! Contact the Extension office for information on the next meeting, or contact Extension Agent & County Director Nancy Rucker with questions 423-209-8560.

4-H Citizenship Club meets February 13 at 5:00



4-H Citizenship Club members helped with the wreath retirement at the Chattanooga National Cemetery in January. This club for grades 4th - 12th focuses on service to the community. The club meets February 13 at 5:00 p.m. At the February meeting, club members and guests are encouraged to bring supplies for the Tennessee 4-H Congress service project, "Love on Wheels." Items needed include colored pencils, mechanical pencils, baby wipes, black no-show socks or black calf-length socks for men and women, regular mint toothpaste, hairbrushes, wide-toothed combs, men's solid deodorant, band-aids, body lotion, hair ties, barrettes, and toothbrushes. These items will be given to children entering foster care. [Learn more about Love on Wheels online.](#)

We will have pizza for those staying for the 4-H Wildlife program (see below), which will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. on February 13. It would be great to know how much pizza is needed, so please [RSVP to 4-H Agent Maria Sabin](#) by February 12 if you plan to stay after the Citizenship Club meeting for the wildlife program.

Citizenship Club meetings are held at the Extension Office, 5-6:30 p.m. 6183 Adamson Circle in Chattanooga, just off Bonny Oaks Drive. Questions? Call the office 423-209-8560.

4-H Wildlife Program meets Feb 13, March 19 & April 9

at 6:30



Are you interested in wildlife found in Tennessee? Come to the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program meetings February 13, March 19, and April 9 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office to learn about more than 50 wild animals and their habitats. The Regional 4-H WHEP contest will be held May 10, 2024. Youth in grades 4th through 12th can participate in teams or individually. There is no cost to participate in this program or in the competition. Study information will be available at the meetings, but attendance at these meetings is NOT required in order to participate in the contest. Questions? [Email 4-H Agent Maria Sabin](#).

4-H Gardening Club meets February 26 at 4:30



The 4-H Gardening Club will make paper pots to start out seeds for the spring garden at the February 26 club meeting. The club's demonstration and interactive exhibit contest will also be held at this meeting. Youth in Hamilton County in grades 4th-8th are welcome to participate in this club, and there is no cost. Meetings are held 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call the office with any questions 423-209-8560 or [email 4-H Agent Maria Sabin](#).

4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club meets March 4 at 6:30



The 4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy. Meetings focus on the study of horses, rather than horseback riding, and help members prepare for competitions through 4-H that test knowledge of horses. Hamilton County youth in grades 4th-12th are welcome to participate. Interested in attending the next club meeting? Call the Extension Office 423-209-8560 or text the Club's volunteer leader, Adam Presley (423-595-5409).

4-H Veterinary Science Club meets March 7 at 6:00



Interested in animals and veterinary science? Hamilton County youth in grades 4th-12th are invited to join the 4-H Veterinary Science Club, Chattanooga Chapter. Not that most activities are geared toward grades 4th through 8th. This club participates in the monthly Tennessee 4-H Virtual Vet Science Club, led by state 4-H Specialist Lynne Middleton. The club is a collaboration between Tennessee 4-H and the UTK College of Veterinary Medicine. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, through April, on the 3rd floor of the Extension Office, 6183 Adamson Circle, at 6:00-7:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate, and no advance registration is needed. Questions? Call the office 423-209-8560.

Coming Up - March Extension Month Photo Contest Entries due by March 21

Turn in your photos for the 2024 March Extension Month contest! There are separate categories for youth and adult photos. Contest entry procedure are available at [the Extension Office website](#).

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