



BACK TO SCHOOL WITH 4-H

Fall is full of opportunities for fun and learning with 4-H!



Click on the clover to join 4-H!

Hamilton County 4-H is open to all youth in Hamilton County in grades 4th - 12th. There is no cost to join 4-H, and you can join at any time.

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Coming up in September

4-H Horse Club
September 2 at 6:30 p.m.



Monday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy. Grades 4th-12th. Horse ownership is not required. There is no cost to participate. Learn about horses and horse care and compete in 4-H contests based on your knowledge of horses. Horse Club members prepare for the Eastern Region 4-H Hippology and Horse Bowl contests at University of Tennessee - Knoxville. Youth in 4th-12th grades compete in different divisions. This club focuses on preparation for contests involving knowledge of horses, not horseback riding. Contact volunteer leader Adam Presley by text with questions (423) 595-5409.

4-H Citizenship and 4-H Honor Club Meeting

September 10 at 5:00 p.m.



Meets Tuesday, September 10th - 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (6183 Adamson Circle). Participation in the Citizenship Club is a great way to get involved in learning about your community, country, and world. The Club emphasizes group service activities, participation in community events, and getting involved in all things 4-H! The Honor Club meets in conjunction with the Citizenship Club and is open to 5th-12th graders. We will work with you to get the points needed to join the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club.

Veterinary Science Club

September 12 at 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, September 12 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the UT-TSU Extension Hamilton County Office, 6183 Adamson Circle, on the 3rd floor. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Grades 4th-12th with an interest in veterinary science will learn about a wide variety of animals. New members are welcome at every meeting, and there is no cost to join this Club, although some club trips may have a cost for the members attending. Possible Club trips include the Chattanooga Zoo and the College of Veterinary Medicine at UTK. Volunteer Leader John Clemmons will lead the Club this year. Questions? Email HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu

4-H Gardening Club

September 30 at 4:30 p.m.



Meets Monday, September 30 at 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the UT-TSU Extension Hamilton County office, 6183 Adamson Circle, Chattanooga. Grades 4th-8th. There is no cost to participate. Learn about plants, gardening, soil, insects and more in this fun, hands-on club. Activities are led by Master Gardeners. New members are welcome at every meeting. At the September meeting, club members will plant cool-season vegetables in the 4-H garden and make a new Gardening Club sign for display in the garden bed. Questions? Please contact 4-H Agent Maria Sabin at msabin@tennessee.edu

Virtual 4-H Clubs



This year there are three virtual classes being held for 4-H youth. These are online clubs that you can join – see the specifics for grades and details.

Virtual Outdoor Recreation/Shooting Sports

This group is open to 4th-12th graders who have an interest in hunting, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, hiking, and camping. The program consists of four meetings: Tuesday, October 8 (intro to Hunting); Tuesday, October 22 (Dove Hunting); Tuesday, November 5 (Waterfowl Hunting); and Tuesday, November 19 (Bear Hunting in Tennessee). Meetings will be held by Zoom, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate.

The club will be led by Aaron Spurling, 4-H Shooting Sports Extension Specialist, with assistance from Tennessee Wildlife Federation (TWF) and Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) staff. Deadline to register is September 30th. To register, go to – <https://forms.gle/irq7Hhg7P48XwGcB9>

Virtual Communication and Debate

This club is open to 6th-12th graders who want to advance in the communication & public speaking project or learn about debate. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The first meeting of the year will be Monday, October 7, 2024. There is no cost to participate. This club will be led by Lynne Middleton, State 4-H Curriculum Specialist, with assistance from members of the Eloquence Academy. The deadline to register is September 30, 2024. To register, go to –

<https://forms.gle/U5qCEJyw2L5tUhsW7>

Session Topics include:

Speech vs Debate

Public Speaking Tips and Tricks

Ethos, Pathos, Logos

Argumentation and Claim-Warrant-Impact

Rebuttals and Responses

Weighing and Comparing Your Argument

Reliable Research Tips

Virtual Creative Arts and Design

This club is open to 6th-8th graders who are interested in learning about Creative Arts and Design. There will be hands-on lessons taught during each of these meetings. Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The first meeting of the year will be held on October 22, 2024.

This club will be led by Lori Gallimore, 4-H Youth Development Extension Specialist, and special guests. Deadline to register is September 30th. To register, go to – <https://forms.gle/VWwSGZrU7xNbpoWd6>

If you register for this class, let us know so we can send you the list of needed supplies. The Virtual Creative Arts and Design Group is going to require a number of supplies and materials.

Hamilton County Fair



Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 8-10
McDonald Farm
16705 Coulterville Road, Sale Creek

The Fair will be held November 8th – 10th at the McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, Tennessee. You can find more information about the Fair at -

<https://hamiltontnfair.com/>

You can find the competition entry information at -

<https://hamiltontnfair.com/fair-competitions/>

There are entries open to both youth and adult. The list of entries and guidelines are on the competition page. The mail-in deadline is October 23rd and the online registration deadline is October 30th.

Check out the entries, you can enter – pumpkins, eggs, poultry, most unique entry, apples, canning, crafts, art, clothing, decorative arts, quilts and more. We will have a 4-H booth at the Fair. If you want to volunteer, contact Nancy Rucker or Maria Sabin.



4-H AgVentures

4-H AgVentures will be held in conjunction with the Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair on **Thursday, November 7th**. During this program, 4th grade youth (invited schools) will rotate through agriculture learning stations. We are in need of teen and adult leaders to assist with groups and stations during the program. **If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please contact Nancy Rucker by September 15th.**

4-H All-Star Conference

The 2024 Fall 4-H All Star Conference will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, **November 22nd – 24th**. Youth will stay at the Edgewater Hotel. This year's theme is Jive Junction – Let's go to the Hop! The weekend will be filled with fun from the 50's. 4-H youth will enjoy games and mingling, scavenger hunt, service projects, banquet, Sock Hop, All Star initiation and more. There will be space for about 225 to attend this conference. **This conference is open to all 9th – 12th graders** (you do NOT have to be an All Star to attend). The full cost is \$165. There are four \$50 scholarships for the first four who register that have not



attended an All Star conference previously. **The registration deadline is October 27th by 4:30 p.m. for Hamilton County.** No refunds after the deadline. The conference brochure and video will be posted soon on the Eastern Region All Stars site - <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/eastern-region-4-h-allstar/>

Ag Night at the Lookouts!





It was a great night for baseball at the 2024 Ag Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts Game sponsored by Chattanooga Tractor. There were animals, recognition, booths providing education and a fun night of baseball and fireworks. Special thanks to the youth who assisted with the Extension and 4-H booth. They shared agricultural information and asked questions of the fans related to agriculture. Both adults and youth stopped by the booth to learn more about 4-H, Agriculture and Extension. Those assisting with the booth – Lillian Shank, Darah Moreland, Sophie Cook, Ivy Ham, Layla Clemmons, Noah Ham, Kaden Bing, Liam Cook and John Clemmons. 4-H member Beau Duvall assisted with the animals in front of the stadium and also was a mascot for the night.

Hamilton County 4-H All Star Recognition



Beau Duvall and Nevaeh Lane accepted a certificate of recognition for the Hamilton County 4-H All Stars. Counties who participated in service projects during the year were recognized at the 2024 4-H Roundup held at the University of Tennessee – Martin. All Stars in Hamilton County reported working over 1,000 service hours valued at more than \$32,000 to the community.

4-H Volunteers



There are three opportunities approaching for adult 4-H Volunteers.

Shooting Sports Training – get certified in a shooting sports discipline. Training will be held November 2nd at York 4-H Center. This is a day long training. There are also online trainings required for certification. More information is available at the [state 4-H website's shooting sports page](#).

4-H Volunteer Conference – Spark Ignite and Thrive is open to adult leaders and held at Rock Eagle, Georgia. Join other volunteer leaders from across the southeast at this conference to be held October 3 – 6, 2024. Registration is now open. Cost is about \$400 – scholarships are available while funds last.

Tennessee 4-H Volunteer Jam – is open to adult leaders and held in Lebanon, TN – Wilson County Fairgrounds, February 28 to March 1, 2025. There will be more details to come.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call the Extension office 423-209-8560.



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