

July Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter



Join 4-H and Get Involved Today!

Grades 4th through 12th in Hamilton County are welcome to join 4-H at any time, and there is no cost to join 4-H. Enroll online at <https://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H> or come by the Extension office to pick up the paper enrollment form. Then, pick a club or activity and get involved today!

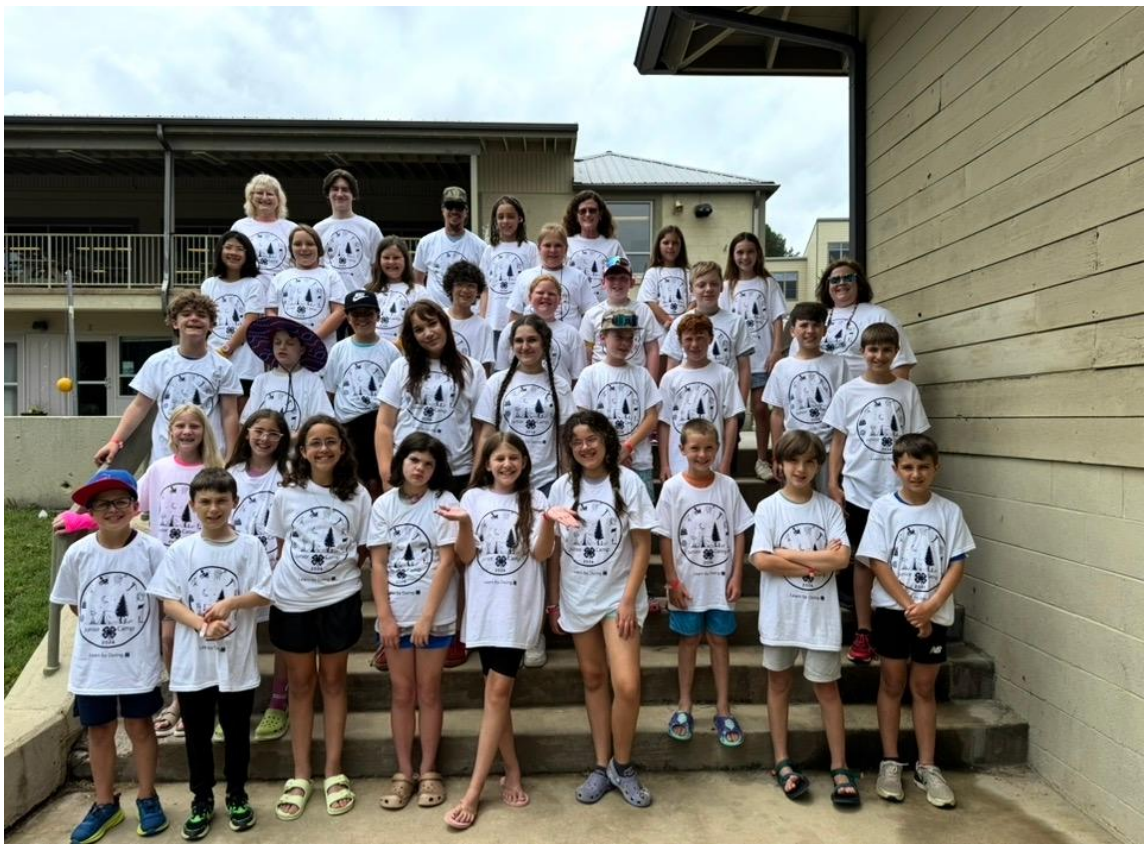
Archery Preview Day

Saturday, August 15, 1-3 p.m. Try out a bow and find out more about the Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club! All prospective new 4-H Archery Club members must attend Preview Day. Sign up for Archery Preview Day by August 7 by calling the Extension Office (423-209-8560) during office hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). There is no cost to participate in Archery Preview Day. A completed 4-H Health Form is required by August 7. The Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club is open to Hamilton County youth in grades 4th-12th.



[Find out more about 4-H Archery](#)

4-H Junior Camp 2026







Hamilton County's junior camp week at Camp Clyde Austin in Greeneville was a hit! Campers had tons of activities to choose from, including Gaga ball, the rifle and archery ranges, the fossil room, wildlife center, fishing, canoeing, lots of swimming, and TSU STEM programs, including learning how to code robotics and drones and trying out virtual reality headsets. Can't wait for next year!

4-H Day Camp







4-H Day Camp 2026 was four days of fun! Campers shot archery (some for the first time), made solar oven s'mores, played board games, made ice cream in a bag and other delicious snacks, learned about the importance of hydration, played 4-square, learned about raising chickens, tie-dyed shirts, learned coding and tried out robotics, learned about wildlife judging and horse judging, and created plenty of art (whew!) A big thank-you to our teen leaders Aaron, Noah, Ananya, Sadie, PJ, Ellie, Sara, Lillian, Rusalina, and Ivy for all of their leadership and help with day camp!

4-H Electric Camp



Participants at 4-H Electric Camp got to experience campus life at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. They stayed in a dorm, traveled all over campus, ate at the Rocky Top dining hall and participated in sessions on the Ag Campus. Youth from Hamilton County attending include Ellie Avelis, Kabir Brahmbhatt, and Aansh Shah. This camp is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

4-H Roundup Readiness Day



Hamilton County's group at Roundup Readiness Day – Sadie Holland, Kaden Bing, Noah Ham, Sophie Cook

Senior High 4-H youth met to prepare for the Tennessee 4-H Roundup and All Star Conference. There were also sessions about Roundup, what to expect and expectations, elections, meeting delegates and other All Stars. Noah Ham ran for the Eastern Region Vice Presidential candidate. He met the delegates and shared his goals along with his speech. At the conclusion of the election it was announced that Noah had won the VP position. Good Luck, Noah, in the state election!

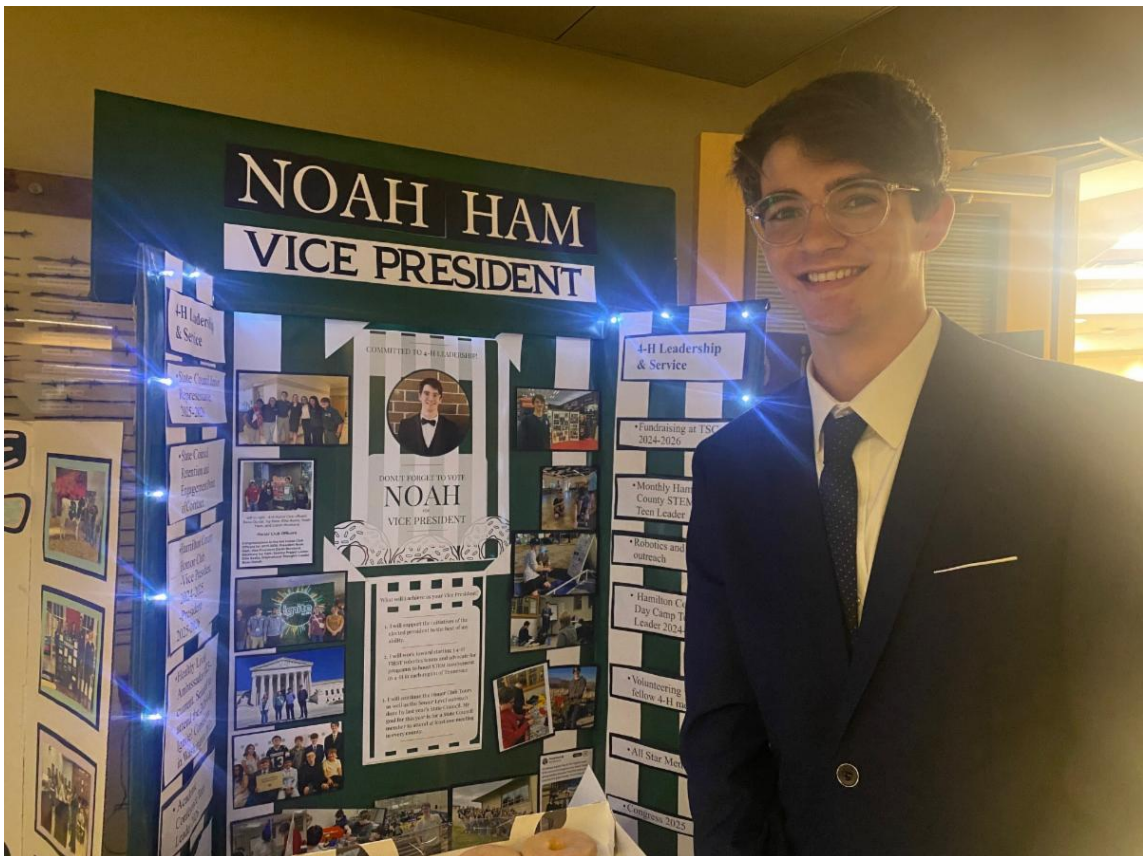
Others preparing to attend Roundup are Kaden Bing, Sophie Cook, and Sadie Holland. The project finalists attending Roundup and competing for a nation trip and scholarships are Sophie Cook in Performing Arts, Noah Ham in Mechanics and Safety Science and Darah Moreland in Entomology and Beekeeping.



Noah presenting his VP speech



Noah's campaign button



Noah with his campaign exhibit

Academic Conference



4-H Junior High Academic Conference was held at UT Knoxville, and Hamilton County delegates Benjamin Horne, Alex Hanning, and Wyatt Taylor attended. Benjamin was a delegate in the Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries track, Alex was in the Outdoor Recreation and Shooting Sports track, and Wyatt was in the Computers and Technology track.

State 4-H Horse Show

The 2026 4-H Horse Show was held at The Celebration in Shelbyville, TN. Youth showed their horse(s) in numerous classes and many brought home placing ribbons. Those who completed for Hamilton County include: Selah Brodie, Brianna Deason, Elizabeth Eller-Martin, Makayla Frye, Landon Gentry, Isabella Hardiman, Alexis Scarborough, Abby-Jo Sweeney and Liam Sweeney. Some are now eligible to attend the National competition to be held in Perry, Georgia.

State 4-H Horse Judging



Hamilton County's competitors at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest – Brooklynn Reynolds, Bella Creek, Beau Duvall, Sadie Holland, Lillian Shank



Judging ring showing 4-H youth judging Halter class



Senior High Team at banquet – Sadie Holland, Beau Duvall, Lillian-Summer Shank

The 2026 state 4-H Horse Judging contest was held in the Cooper Steel Arena at The Celebration. Both Bella Creek and Brooklynn Reynolds competed in the open contest. The Hamilton County Senior High 4-H Team of Beau Duvall, Sadie Holland and Lillian-Summer Shank placed 8th in the state. Judging consists of Performance classes – Ranch Riding, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle and Walking Horse 2-Gait Pleasure. Judging also consists of Halter – Ranch Geldings, Stock Type Mares, Stock Type Geldings and Walking Horse

Model. Both Junior High and Senior High participants had to give reasons as well.

4-H Culinary Camp



4-H Culinary Camp was held at Carson-Newman University in June. Hamilton County's Ava Luangrath and Mikhayla Pickard attended. This is a new Family and Consumer Sciences camp which is open to 6th through 12th grade youth.

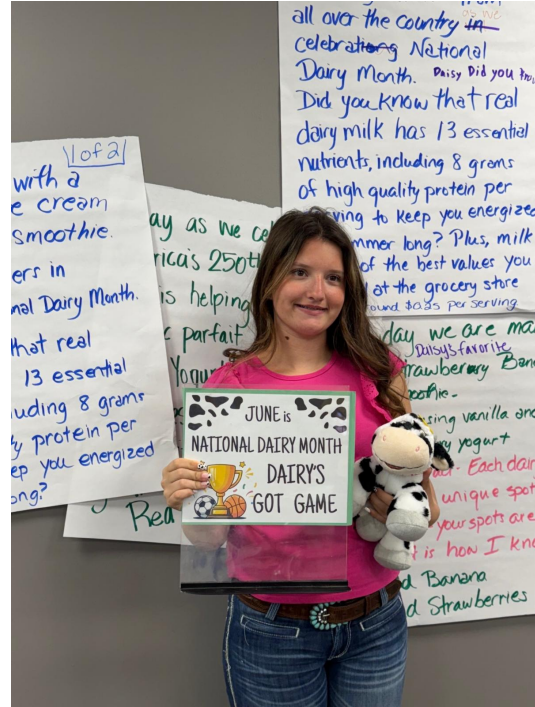
In addition to cooking, participants toured the Walters State Community College Culinary Department to learn about culinary education opportunities and explored the historic Old Mill in Pigeon Forge to experience the area's rich food heritage. Campers also enjoyed a well-deserved break with an evening at the Pirates Dinner Show. The week concluded with a Sweet Treat Reception and Graduation Ceremony, where each young chef was recognized for their hard work, new skills, and accomplishments.

Tennessee 4-H Communications Ambassadors

Congratulations to Sadie Holland and Darah Moreland! They have been selected to serve as state-wide 4-H Communication

Ambassadors. They will be attending training soon in Knoxville, Tennessee. Look for more information from them in the future.

June Dairy Month Spreads the Word about the Benefits of Dairy!



Lillian Summer has been busy this month. Hopefully you got to participate in the Tuesday Dairy Trivia on Facebook. She recorded a variety of videos for Facebook too. She made ice cream in a bag at the Hixson Farmers Market and also at 4-H Day Camp. For more information about June Dairy Month you can go to <https://thedairyalliance.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.

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4-H Gardening Club

Monday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m.



The 4-H Gardening Club's pollinator garden is attracting plenty of beneficial insects - a big thank you to Darah Moreland, 4-H teen, who led the club in learning about and selecting plants to attract bees and other pollinators! The Gardening Club is open to grades 4th-8th and meets every month at the Extension Office (6183 Adamson Circle). The next meeting is Monday, July 27 at 4:30-6:00 p.m. There is no cost to join or participate. New members are welcome at every meeting. Contact 4-H Extension

STEM Mathematical Modeling Camp for High School 4-H'ers



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CLYDE M. YORK 4-H CENTER
62 4-H Center Dr.
Crossville, TN 38572
GRADES 9-12

WHAT TO EXPECT

- EXPLORE REAL-WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES
- BUILD & TEST MODELS TO PREDICT FLOODING CONDITIONS
- INVESTIGATE THE OUTDOORS LIKE A SCIENTIST
- TEAM BUILDING, RECREATION & NEW FRIENDSHIPS
- DISCOVER CAREERS IN STEM & DATA SCIENCE

LIMITED SPOTS! REGISTER BY AUGUST 1
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Apply by August 1. The first 30 registered will be accepted. Thanks to National Science Foundation grant support, this immersive two-day/one-night experience is completely free for participants—including lodging, meals, and all instructional materials.

This camp is designed for high school youth (grades 9–12) who have an interest in STEM and enjoy exploring the outdoors. Throughout the weekend, students will:

- Explore real-world applications of mathematical and computational modeling
- Create a simple predictive model using rainfall and stream flow data to forecast flooding conditions

- Engage in hands-on STEM activities, team building, and recreational experiences
- Learn about career pathways in mathematical and computational modeling

From stream table simulations and pendulum investigations to analyzing real environmental data, campers will experience how modeling helps communities prepare for and respond to challenges like flooding.

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