4-H Newsletter / November 2026



Fall is full of 4-H fun! Join in! Click on the 4-H clover below to join 4-H. Open to all Hamilton County youth in grades 4th through 12th.

Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair
November 6-8



Don't miss the 2026 Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair! The Fair will include 4-H events, as well as a rodeo, singers, and rides. Visit the 4-H tent, see the 4-H Chick Chain chickens, and **be sure to come to the Chick Chain Auction, 4-H Mane Attraction Horse Show and the 4-H Robotics Exhibition on Sunday afternoon!**

Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair Info

4-H Chick Chain Auction

Sunday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Bidder check-in at 2:00 p.m.



The 4-H Chick Chain Auction will include Rhode Island Red hens raised by 4-H'ers. These are great egg-layers!

4-H Club Meetings in November

4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club

November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Grades 4th - 12th can join the 4-H Horse Club and learn about horses. The club meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Saddle Pals Riding Club in Soddy Daisy. This club focuses on learning about horses and preparing for 4-H competitions that test your knowledge of horses. For more information or to get answers to questions about 4-H Horse Club activities, text 4-H Horse Club Volunteer Leader Adam Presley (423-595-5409)

4-H Honor Club
November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The 4-H Honor Club is open to all 5th through 12th grade youth in Hamilton County who have shown leadership and have been active members in their club and community. Those considering membership are welcome to attend meetings while they work on their membership applications. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the UT-TSU Extension Hamilton County office (6183 Adamson Circle in Chattanooga).

The Honor Club focuses on both developing leadership skills and on providing service in the community. At each meeting, members will learn about opportunities for service. For information on the next meeting, please call the Extension office.

4-H Veterinary Science Club Meeting
November 16 at 6:00 p.m.



Grades 4th through 12th with an interest in veterinary science or wildlife management are welcome to come to meetings of the 4-H Veterinary Science Club! There is no cost to participate in this club. The Monday, November 16 meeting is 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (6183 Adamson Circle in Chattanooga). The meeting will focus on reptiles and will be led by 4-H Volunteer Leader John Clemmons.

At each meeting, club members learn about both domestic and wild members of particular species and prepare for the 4-H Wildlife competition coming up in May. Please email 4-H Agent Maria Sabin with any questions.

4-H Goat Club Meeting
November 20 at 5:00 p.m.



The 4-H Goat Club is open to grades 4th through 12th. There is no cost to participate, and club members do not have to own a goat. At the November 20 meeting, the club will learn about dairy goats with Volunteer Leader Jennifer Grosskreutz and her goats. The Goat Club meets once a month at the Extension Office

(6183 Adamson Circle in Chattanooga) at 5:00-6:00 p.m. (no meeting in December). Parents/guardians are welcome to attend meetings with their club members.

4-H Gardening and Crafts Club Meeting
November 23 at 4:30 p.m.



The 4-H Gardening and Crafts Club is open to all youth in grades 4th - 12th in Hamilton County. At the November meeting, club members will create holiday wreaths. To participate, please complete **the Craft RSVP form** **by November 16 and bring a wreath form** of your choice and a few items to add to your wreath to the meeting. Ribbon, tools, and instruction will be provided. The club will also hold its **4-H public speaking contest** at this meeting - 4-H club members new and old are welcome to participate! The Gardening and Crafts Club meets at 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

Congratulations!

Consumer Decision Making



Congratulations to the Hamilton County 4-H Senior High Consumer Decision Making Judging team, which competed at the State 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest on October 10 at UT Knoxville! Team members Lillian Summer Shank, Liam Cook, and Sophie Cook were coached by awesome 4-H volunteer leader Teresa Shank!

Fall 4-H Volunteer Celebration



Adam Presley (above, right) was recognized at the Fall Volunteer Celebration as the 2026 Eastern Region Friend of 4-H.



Those pictured include Agent Nancy Rucker, PJ Tolbert, Binta Tolbert, Jennifer Presley, Adam Presley, Reggie Lane, Kristen Holland, Sadie Holland, Teresa Shank and Sandy Flippo.

The Eastern Region hosted a Fall Volunteer Celebration for region volunteers. During the evening Adam Presley was recognized as the recipient of the 2026 Eastern Region Friend of 4-H Award. Adam is the leader of the 4-H Mane Attraction 4-H Club and serves on the region Horse Advisory Committee and volunteers at the Eastern Region 4-H Horse Show. The featured speaker for the evening was Reggie Lane with University of Tennessee Football and Athletics Department. He made the volunteers feel appreciated and encouraged them to continue to serve and be present for someone.

Honor Club Officers Elected



Honor Club officers Noah Ham, Ivy Ham, Sara Alexander, and Darah Moreland. Not pictured, Lillian Summer Shank

Congratulations to the 4-H Honor Club Officers for 2026-2027: President Noah Ham, Vice President Sara Alexander, Secretary Lillian Summer Shank, Service Project Leader Darah Moreland, Inspirational Thoughts Leader Ivy Ham.

Archery Club Officers Elected



Archery Club officers Emme Avelis, Garrett Kropf, Liam Cook, and Atharva Kolappan

The 4-H Archery Club has selected officers for 2026-2027: President Liam Cook, Vice-President Garrett Kropf, Secretary Atharva Kolappan, Inspirational Thoughts Leader Emme Avelis.

National 4-H Congress

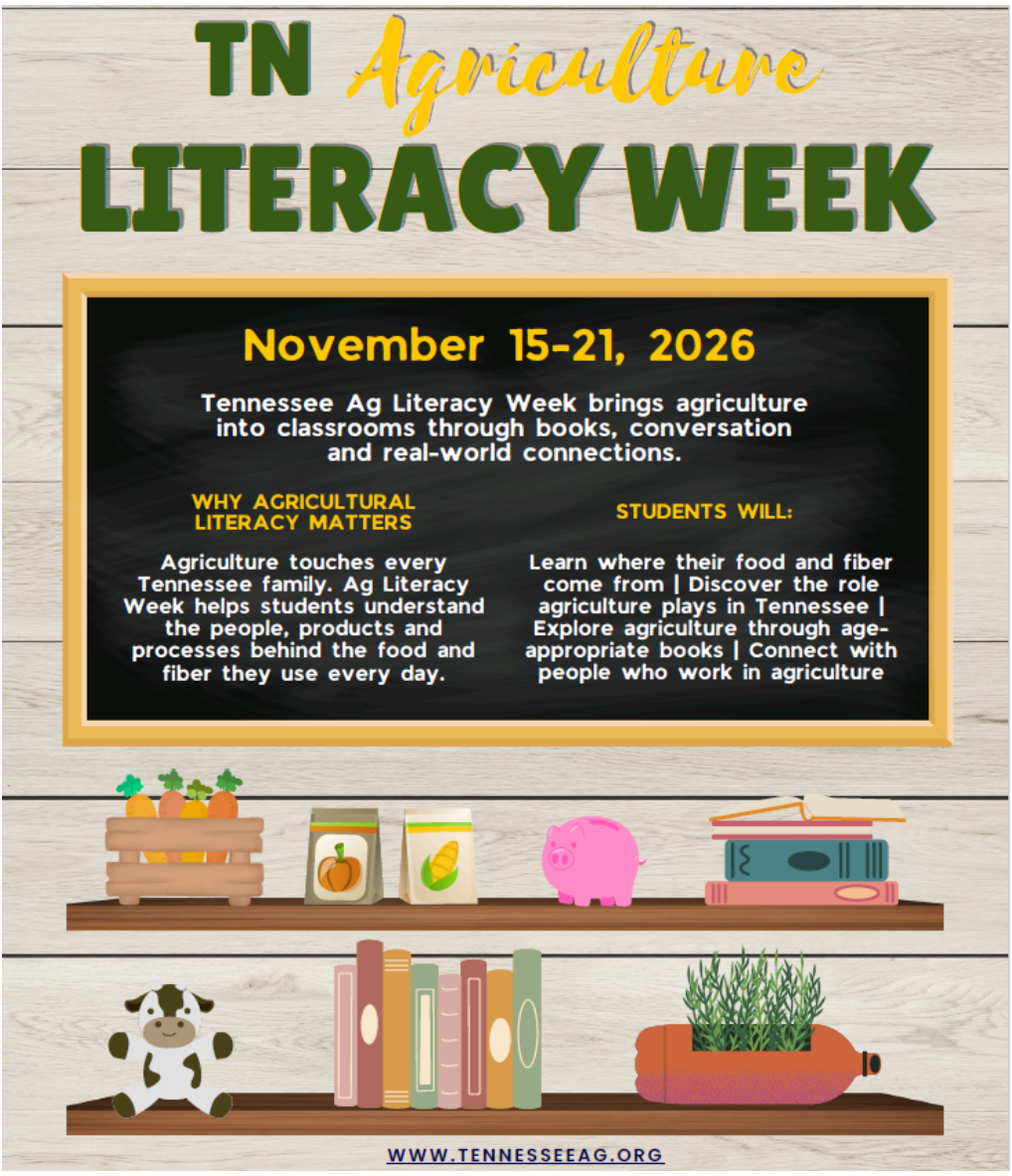
Congratulations to Sophie Cook and Noah Ham. These 4-H youth will be attending the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, with more than 500 youth from throughout the United States. The best of the best will be there. The conference is filled with new friends, brunch at the Ritz Carlton, national speakers, service projects and area experiences. Sophie has also been selected to perform on this national stage.

Opportunities in 4-H

4-H All-Star Service Project

Senior high youth attending the 4-H All Star Conference in November are collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, combs, deodorant, soap, hats, gloves, and blankets to be given to those in need. If you want to support this effort, you can **drop off these items at the Extension office by Thursday, November 16th.** Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Volunteer for Ag Literacy Week!



Ag Literacy Week is November 15-21. Adult and 4-H teen volunteers are invited to participate by reading a book about agriculture to elementary school students. A visit to a school can take as little as 20 minutes but gives kids a chance to learn where their food, fiber, and fuel come from!

If you are able to participate, call the Extension Office (423-209-8560) to let us know where and when you will be volunteering and what group you will be working with. It is up to volunteers to find a classroom or other audience. Volunteers and teachers can submit feedback forms for a chance to win gift cards and other prizes from Farm Animal Care Coalition and Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. Books, activities, and other resources are available at www.tennesseeag.org.

Tennessee 4-H Congress

Register by December 1



4-H Congress will be held March 6-10, 2027, in Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tennessee. This is the premier 4-H event for citizenship and leadership. It is open to 9th and 10th graders in Hamilton County (priority given to 4-H Honor Club members). We do have a limited number of youth who may attend and we need an adult leader to attend with the county delegation. If you are interested in attending, contact the Extension office. The deadline to register is December 1, 2026. Additional information is available at the state 4-H website.



Summer Camp Dates!

Save The Date!

Clyde Austin 4-H Center, Greeneville, TN







June 14 - 18, 2027
4-H Junior Camp
(Grades 4th-6th)

July 12 - 16, 2027
4-H Jr High Camp
(Grades 6th-8th)

Registration for 4-H Junior Camp (grades 4th-6th) is now open! Go to tiny.utk.edu/4HJrCamp to pay the Junior Camp registration fee ($425) online and secure a spot at Camp!

2027 4-H camps that we know a date for at this time include:

- Quilt Camp (grades 7th-12th) February 11-13 at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport, TN
- Angler Adventures (grades 4th-8th) April 17-18 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN
- 4-H Target SMART Camp (grades 5th-9th) May 31-June 4 at Clyde York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN
- Fashion & Design Conference (grades 6th-12th) June 8-10 at Ramsey Hotel in Pigeon Forge
- 4-H Academic Conference (grades 6th-8th) June 8-11 at UTK
- 4-H Junior Camp (grades 4th-6th) June 14-18 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN
- Culinary Camp (grades 6th-12th) June 15-17 location TBD
- 4-H Jr High Camp (grades 6th-8th) July 12-16 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN
- Electric Camp (grades 6th-8th) July 12-16 at UTK

4-H Portfolios

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Your Record of Experiences in a 4-H Project

If you are 6th – 12th grade and are planning to turn in a portfolio this year, now is the time to be completing it! Portfolios are due to Hamilton County 4-H Extension staff by December 15th. If you want to set an appointment to meet with Nancy or Maria to get help as you work on your portfolio, contact one of them (see contact information at the end of this newsletter).

TSC 4-H Paper Clover



The Tractor Supply Company Fall 4-H Paper Clover drive will be held November 27 – December 13, 2026. You can go to any

Tractor Supply Company store and support Hamilton County 4-H. There are stores in Chattanooga, Ooltewah and Soddy Daisy.

4-H Youth can volunteer and stand at the 4-H exhibit / check-out area and share your 4-H story and ask customers to support the 4-H program. You must have a total of 3 hours or more to count towards receiving funds to underwrite another activities registration fee ($30+). Send an email to Nancy Rucker and let her know where you volunteered and how long.

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