



Blount County 4-H

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BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING

You are eligible to participate in the Blount County 4-H Public Speaking Exposition. The Exposition is a fun way to share your ideas with others. Everyone receives an award for participating! 4-H members with top speeches are invited to participate in the sub-regional public speaking expo. To participate, call the 4-H office and leave your name and grade so we may reserve you a spot. The date is set for Thursday, January 22, 2009 and will be held at the Heritage Middle School. Registration will start at 6 pm.



4-H POSTER and ART CONTEST

Blount County 4-H conducts the Poster and Art contest annually to teach the importance of communicating visually. Here are the rules:

1. Only one member may work on a poster for county competition.
2. The poster must measure 14x22 inches and be formatted horizontally.
3. Your poster must say something about 4-H. It should be short and catchy. Include in your art work, the name or 4-H clover.
4. Put your name, class or club name, school and grade on the back of the poster.
5. All posters MUST be in the 4-H office by Monday, **February 2, 2009**.



Do Not...

- Use well-known cartoon figures.
- Add anything that sticks out more than 1/8"
- Use loose glitter
- Use small pictures that are hard to see
- Crowd your lettering & artwork
- Print your letters vertically
- Enter a poster with no color or coloring..

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.

~ *Leo Buscaglia*

The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give to others.

~ *Author Unknown*

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

~ *Author Unknown*

I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.

~ *Author Unknown*

POULTRY PROJECT GROUP

Those wishing to participate in the annual Chick Chain program may get an application form at the 4-H Office, by asking their 4-H Agent or going on line at: <http://blount.tennessee.edu/>. Then forms should be completed and returned as instructed on the application.



2009 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

"The Dance Language of Bees"

This year's essay contest invites participants to learn about the honey bee's dance language, how it was discovered, how it works and how it provides colonies the ability to find and exploit floral resources. For a complete set of rules, go to: <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/beeessay/index.htm>



TENNESSEE 4-H CONGRESS ESSAY CONTEST

For 9th - 10th Graders Only

Blount County 4-H will send a small group of 9th-10th grade 4-H members to Nashville for an unbelievable experience at our state's capitol. 4-H Congress will be held March 29- April 1, 2009. The cost of the trip is only \$165.00 plus transportation. Full scholarships will be awarded to the top two essays. To participate, follow the essay guidelines. **NO PUBLIC SPEAKING INVOLVED!!!!**

RULES:

1. Each delegate to TN 4-H Congress will prepare an essay of no more than 500 words on the Congress theme... "Tennessee 4-H: Your Voice is the Driving Force."
2. Each essay will be judged on the following scale:
 - Subject matter content - 50 points
 - Grammatical composition - 30 points
 - Originality-creativity - 15 points
 - Neatness - 5 points

3. All essays are due in the County 4-H Office by **February 6, 2009**.

AWARDS:

1. Regional winner: Pen and pencil set & \$50 U. S. savings bond.
2. State winner: Desk set.

Check out the Congress website <http://4h.tennessee.edu/stcong/> The site is designed to acquaint 4-H members and volunteer leaders with Congress and the events that are associated with it.

SUMMER CAMP!!!

Start thinking about what you want to take to CAMP! This summer already proves to be a fun filled adventure! 4-H has many camps for you to choose from. Check them out on-line at: <http://www.uteasternregion.org/4h/> then click on the camping opportunities button. Here are the most popular camp dates and more will be coming in the next few months.

Junior Camp - (4th-6th grade) June 15-19, 2009, Greeneville, TN.

Junior High Camp - (6th-8th grade) July 6-10, 2009, Greeneville, TN.

Junior High Wildlife Conference has been put on hold, indefinitely.

2009 4-H YOUTH CORNBREAD COOK-OFF CONTEST



Fourth grade 4-H members get ready to bake! It is time to enter a recipe in the National 4-H Cornbread Cook-Off sponsored by Martha White and Lodge

Cast Iron. Past winning recipes have been unique, creative and of course very tasty.

Enter today by sending in an original recipe. Each recipe must be cooked in Lodge cast iron and prepared with at least one cup of Martha White corn meal or one package of Martha White corn meal mix. Recipes will be judged and ten finalists will be invited to prepare their recipe at the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg, TN on April 25, 2009.

First place is \$400 cash prize. The 4-H teacher and 4-H agent of the winning student will also each receive \$50.

Second prize is \$200 and third place will receive \$100. All others will receive \$50 and all ten finalists receive special gifts from Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron.

Mail recipes by March 2 to Vicki Lofty, 2009 4-H Cornbread Cook-off Contest, 302 Betsy Pack Drive, Jasper, TN 37347.

For more info and complete contest guidelines, visit www.nationacornbread.com. Adults can also find out how they can enter at this same web site.

Last year's winning recipe was "Justin's Country Cornbread Dressing" prepared by Justin Crittenden from Decatur, TN.

Also, youth traveling more than 100 miles to the competition will receive \$100 travel money.

The entry form can be found at:

<http://4h.tennessee.edu/ideas08/attach/cornbreadrules09.doc>

DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST IS FEBRUARY 9

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 7th- to 12th-grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "Agriculture - Every Day in Every Way," and the deadline is February 9. Teachers are asked to encourage their students to participate.

This year, the theme highlights the importance of agriculture in everyone's lives. From the clothes you wear to the food you eat, agriculture is a part of every day for everyone. Though row crops and livestock are still very much a part of the foundation of the industry, agriculture today has multiple touch points in our daily lives and offers many career opportunities.



This year's national winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., to be recognized during the March 12 Celebration of Ag Dinner held at the Whitten Patio. State winners of the contest will receive a \$100 prize.

This is the 36th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry the first of each spring (National Ag Day), to help consumers understand not only how food and fiber products are produced, but to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

All entries should be sent to: Ag Day Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210 or submitted by email to essay@agday.org. Entry applications and official rules for the contest can be found at <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay>.

4- H CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Jan 19 Holiday Martin Luther King Day

Jan 21 State Market Hog Show, Murfreesboro

Jan 22 County Public Speaking Contest 6pm

Jan 24 Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology, Knoxville

Jan 26 BeeKeeping Essay Due, County 4-H Office

Feb 2 4-H Posters Due, County 4-H Office

Feb 6 Congress Essay Due, County 4-H Office

Feb 9 Regional Public Speaking for 9-12 grade

Feb 9 Ag Day Essay Due in Kansas

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