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# Blount County 4-H September Newsletter

## What You Can Expect From Your 4-H Experience?

- \*To have loads of FUN!
- \*To make a ton of new friends—that's 200 when they average 100 pounds each,
- \*To learn new things about yourself you may have never known before,
- \*To become more familiar with your surroundings and environment than ever before,
- \*And finally, to win a boat load of ~~money~~ confidence.

## I pledge my head to Clearer THINKING!

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking," is a **way of saying that 4-H members will dispel all the thoughts and ideas that will only hold them back as an individual growing in today's society.** ...



## Club Officers to be elected in October

Those looking for leadership opportunities. Here's your chance. Some offices are figure heads, some are the real McCoy. Some will see real live action in the trenches, while others due to time constraints will serve their time with little to no stress or strain.

## Local 4-H Speech Contests to be held in Nov!

More on speeches to come next month.

## 4-H Summer CAMP in 2022

We have started to promote 4-H camp for the summer of 2022. We have the dates and have started to make plans. Please mark your calendars for

June 27-July 1, 2022. It is later than normal, but it may prove to be the best week of your summer break ever. More details to follow.



## Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website

- Sep 2 Horse Project Group Meeting 7pm
- Sep 2-3 ER Sheep Show
- Sep 4 County Poultry Show 3pm
- Sep 6 Holiday Closing -Labor Day
- Sep 10-19 TN Valley Fair Knoxville
- Sep 20 Honor Club Meeting 5pm
- Sep 28 4-H Project Workshop (Getting Started) 5pm
- Oct 3-9 National 4-H Week Find Your Spark
- Oct 4-8 & 11 County School Fall Break
- Oct 6-17 Paper Clover Sales @ Tractor Supply
- Oct 12-16 Target SMART Camp Columbia, TN
- Oct 14 Horse Project Group Meeting 7pm
- Oct 18 Honor Club Meeting 5pm
- Oct 19-20 State Dairy Show
- Oct 22-23 State Sheep Show
- Oct 25 Deadline for All Star Conference Registration
- Oct 26 County Public Speaking Workshop 5pm

## PLEDGE:

I Pledge-

My HEAD to clearer thinking,  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living  
For my club, my community,  
my country, my world

## MOTTO:

"To make the Best Better"



TODAY IS GOING TO BE  
**THE BEST**  
TOMORROW WILL BE  
**EVEN BETTER**

## The 4-H Honor Club!



The Tennessee 4-H Honor Club is a program designed to provide recognition and leadership development for Jr. High and Sr. High 4-H members. Traditionally it has been a very important service organization. Members must be 6th-12th grade as of date of initiation. They must have completed at least two years of 4-H work. And they must be serving as local leaders in their club or county wide.

Ask for a brochure if interested in joining.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

**SEPTEMBER:** 4-H enrollment / There is a planned 4-H workshop designed to help new and old members to have a more successful year.

**OCTOBER:** 4-H enrollment continued / Election of club officers. Talk it over with your teacher, parent or friend and determine if you should run or not. There's a workshop to help officers with their responsibilities (November). There will also be a public speaking workshop to help members develop head turning and award winning speeches (Oct 26).

**NOVEMBER:** Poultry Chick Chain applications will be available for members (Nov 1). There will be an opportunity for you to give a speech at your local club.

**DECEMBER:** There will be a planned 4-H Project Portfolio workshop to assist members with record keeping ideas and how to assemble the portfolio (Dec 16). There will be a large service project that we want as many members to participate in as possible.

### I pledge my hands to Larger SERVICE!

"I pledge my Hands to larger service"...I'm thankful that the community service projects that are carried out in each club entitles you to make someone's life a little brighter .



#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Some people create their own storms, then get upset when it rains.

~ Unknown

## Join a Project Group

Consider participating in one or more of the following project groups. They have been established to assist 4-H members in completing their project work.

**Horse** – meets the first Thursday of the month 7pm @ the BC Library (Oct meeting - second Thursday due to Fall Break)

**Livestock** – meetings TBD @ 7:00pm

Chickens / Oct; Swine / Oct—Dec;

Beef / Jan-Apr; Dairy & Goats / Jun-Aug;

Sheep / Aug—Sep

**Shooting Sports** – TBD shortly

**Other groups** will organize as needed.

## I pledge my heart to Greater LOYALTY!

"I pledge my Heart to greater loyalty"...I'm grateful that continual 4-H club involvement provides youth an opportunity to build caring relationships with members of the club as well as the adult volunteer leaders.



## Let's Plan a Successful 4-H Year Together

Get started by finding a folder or maybe a box. Decorate and use it for your 4-H project pieces. This is a great way to keep all your 4-H materials, including ribbons, reports, papers, photos, etc., together.

Visit <https://4h.tennessee.edu/what-interests-you/>, then follow these five simple steps.

**Step 1:** Find and click on your 4-H project. Open the project sheet and determine the skills you wish to learn/gain.

**Step 2:** Create your plan - click to open Project Plan. Complete this after choosing 3-5 goals you wish to accomplish. List resources available to you and also things that you do not have, but may need.

**Step 3:** Next, click on the project ideas button and determine service ideas you can do.

**Step 4:** Now, get started by focusing on the skills you chose. Work on your plan, plus complete the activity sheet and other project materials you have.

**Step 5:** When you have completed the activity sheet, fill out the "Looking Back" portion of the project plan. Then turn in your 4-H project folder to your agent or leader for evaluation.

Come to the 4-H Project Workshop "Getting Started" September 28, 2021, at the 4-H office, 1219 McArthur Road, Maryville, TN 37804, or join us by ZOOM. Call or email James or Amy for the ZOOM link.

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