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### Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website

- 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 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
- Nov 1 4-H Chick Chain applications are available for distribution ask or go online
- Nov 8 4-H Honor Club Initiation at the 4-H office and live on ZOOM
- Nov 9 Officer Training and Leadership Workshop at the 4-H office 5 p.m. in person or by ZOOM
- Nov 19-21 ER AllStar Conference in Gatlinburg
- Nov 25-26 4-H office closure for Thanksgiving Holiday

# Blount County 4-H October Newsletter

## Club Officer Elections This Month!

Those looking for leadership opportunities, I hope you have checked it out with your parents and teachers. We are looking high and low and around the globe for the few, the proud, the 4-H officer youth to lead the club into 2022. Here's your chance. If elected, plan to attend the officer/leadership training scheduled for November 9 at the 4-H office. If you cannot make it in person, you will be able to ZOOM attend. Just ask for the link.



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

Get ready to write and give a Speech at your local 4-H club meeting in November! To have a great speech, you need three things 1) an Introduction, 2) a Body and 3) a Conclusion. Entire rules & scorecards for all grades can be viewed online at <https://blount.tennessee.edu/4-h-public-speaking/>. Time limits for speeches are as follows: \* 4th Grade **1-3 Minutes** \* 5th Grade **3-5 Minutes** \* 6th-8th Grades **3-7 Minutes** \* 9th-12th Grade **5-7 Minutes**. High school (9-12 grade) speakers must present a 4-H speech.

Ask for help if needed.

## 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.



**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"

### Dad Jokes of the Day:

What did the GRAPE do when it was stepped on?

He let out a little wine. :)

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What did the beaver say to the tree?

It has been nice gnawing you. :(

## 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 an application if interested in joining.

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

**OCTOBER:** 4-H enrollment continued / Election of club officers. There's a workshop to help officers with their responsibilities November 9. There will also be a public speaking workshop to help members develop head turning and award winning speeches on 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.

### A SPECIAL PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP SCHEDULED with the Great Mitch Beaty

He is calling it a boot camp. He is going to get in the trenches with you and show you the beautiful underbelly of portfolio building. You will stand in awe with open mouth when you see how simple and easy it is to assemble. The hard part is collecting the information that goes in a portfolio. And that is easy if you watch my ZOOM recording of "Getting Started". I answer the question—Now What?

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EfrvcV8DEOm-flQ2iu1Mmi8PS9U8iqns/view?usp=sharing>

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself"

~ Harrison Ford ~

## Attention All High School Members

Fall All-Star Conference is just around the corner. The All-Star web page is now updated and includes links to the brochure as well as the promo video - **CLUE the Conference!** This year's fall conference is going to be the biggest whodoneit in the world East TN! The event will be November 19– 21 at the Edgewater Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN. The registration brochure can be found here: <https://extension.tennessee.edu/eastern/Pages/4-H-AllStars.aspx>. All attendees must be registered by 10/25/2021. Don't delay and miss out!



### Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

Fall All Star Conference (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

November 19-21, 2021. Ask for flier.

State 4-H Congress (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 20-23, 2022

Spring All Star Conference (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

April 8-10, 2022

Junior 4-H Camp (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

June 27-July 1, 2022

Junior High Academic Conference (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

June 13-17, 2022

Junior High Electric Camp (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades)

June 28-July 1, 2022

Junior High/Target Smart/Quilt Camps

July 11-15, 2022

State 4-H Roundup (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

July 18-22, 2022 (Qualify to Attend)

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Amy Berger

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James McMillion