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Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website:

<https://blount.tennessee.edu/>

- Nov 1 4-H Chick Chain applications are available for distribution ask or go online
- Nov 4 4-H Horse Project Group Meeting 7 p.m.
- Nov 8 4-H Honor Club Initiation at the 4-H office and live on FaceBook
- Nov 9 Officer Training Workshop at the 4-H office 5 p.m. in person or by ZOOM
- Nov 19-21 ER All-Star Conference in Gatlinburg (High School Only)
- Nov 25-26 4-H office closure for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 10-11 Regional Hog Show
- Dec 16 Special Project Portfolio Workshop w/Specialist Mitch Beaty (Knoxville 1-6 p.m.)
- Dec 17 Deadline for submitting Poultry Chick Chain Applications
- Dec 20 4-H Honor Club Celebration Gathering 5 p.m.
- Dec 24-31 4-H office closure for Christmas Holiday Season
- Jan 3 4-H office closure for New Year Observance

Blount County 4-H November Newsletter

Club Officer Training!

Club Officers elected last month are invited to a training to learn how to do their new jobs. On Tuesday, November 9 there will be a hybrid training offered. You may attend in person or by ZOOM. The session is scheduled from 5-6:30 p.m. If you miss the training, there will be a recording available for viewing by mid-November. Ask for the link or the recording by emailing jmcmilli@utk.edu or james.mcmillion@blountk12.org.

Local 4-H Speech Contests!

You have had a month to write and practice your speech and now is TIME to deliver. If you receive a GOLDEN TICKET today, you are invited to the Blount County 4-H Public Speaking contest. Be sure to complete the bottom of the ticket and return it to your agent/leader before the end of the meeting. Good Luck!

County Wide Service Project!

During the month of December, all clubs do not meet because of the holidays. So, for December we are asking all 4-H members to help us collect "HotHands" hand warmers by the 13th. We will donate them to the Sheriff's Office the week of the 20th. It was a big hit last year. Let's see if we can't beat what was given last year and donate even more.



4-H Summer CAMP in 2022

Mark your calendars for summer camp. Our dates are June 27-July 1, 2022 for Junior Camp and July 11-15, 2022 for Junior High Camp. We hope to have an application with cost available after the first of the new year and more details as to the theme, etc. See page 2 for more camp dates.



Dad Jokes of the Day:

Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?

In case they get a hole in one!

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth.

Then it's a soap opera.

4-H Honor Club Initiation!



We are welcoming 7 new members to the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club ranks on **Monday, November 8**. These members have met all requirements and completed all paperwork. They will be duly installed at 5 p.m. on the 8th. You may watch the ceremony live at <http://www.facebook.com/utblountcounty>

Members being inducted are: Katheryn Anderson, Zion Carnes, Ruben Castillo, Ian Castillo, Ethan Elder, Zach Lima and Michael Vilaire. If you are 6-12th grade, you may be eligible to join next Spring. We will conduct the next initiation in May of 2022. Ask for an application if interested in joining.

WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

NOVEMBER: Poultry Chick Chain applications are available for members starting Nov 1 until Dec 17. Stand and deliver your speech at your local club.

DECEMBER: 4-H Project Portfolio workshop to assist members with record keeping ideas and how to assemble the portfolio (Dec 16).

JANUARY: Beekeeping Essay—TBA. Follow up Portfolio workshop January 18. 4-H Poster contest deadline January 25.

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>

We in the Blount County office will conduct a second portfolio workshop, January 18, as a follow up. This workshop will be a hybrid (in person or ZOOM) and will answer lingering questions that may still be fuzzy in your mind.

4-H Art & Poster Contest Notice

We are looking for the artists in our membership to step forward. It is 4-H Art & Poster time. 4-H Posters must be submitted by January 25 at the very latest. You may turn them in at your January club meeting if you wish, but they must in by or before the 25th. For a complete set of the rules and guidelines, you may visit the 4-H website and search "posters".



Attention All High School Members

The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC), which is normally held in the Fall, was postponed due to flooding and has been rescheduled for February 3-6, 2022. As soon as updated information is available, we will share it with you. So for now, just mark your calendars. The conference is scheduled to be held at the Clyde York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN. The cost will be around \$200 per delegate!

Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

SRTLTC Conference (9th-12th grades)

February 3-6, 2022

State 4-H Congress (9th-10th grades)

March 20-23, 2022

Spring All Star Conference (9th-12th grades)

April 8-10, 2022

Junior 4-H Camp (4th-6th grades)

June 27-July 1, 2022

Junior High Academic Conference (6th-8th grades)

June 13-17, 2022

Junior High Electric Camp (6th-7th grades)

June 28-July 1, 2022

Junior High/Target Smart/Quilt Camps

July 11-15, 2022

State 4-H Roundup (9th-12th grades)

July 18-22, 2022 (Qualify to Attend)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Good friends make bad days more bearable."

Handwritten signature of Amy Berger in black ink.

Amy Berger

Handwritten signature of James McMillion in black ink.

James McMillion