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Blount County 4-H February Newsletter



4-H Clover Bowl Championships

The 4-H Clover Bowl Championships will be conducted a little differently in 2023. In prior years, a double elimination contest had been used to help select county winning teams. This year a seeding round will be used to seed teams in the grade divisions at the county level. Each local team participating at the county level will test to determine their seeding slot. During the county contest, a single lost will eliminate a team.

Club teachers need to put together a 3 or 4 person team. Name your team and submit to the 4-H Office by April 3 by email to Amy Berger at aberger2@utk.edu or to James McMillion at jmcmilli@utk.edu. You will receive an email after your team information is confirmed and a test will be sent to each team member to be completed within a 7 day period. Based on questions answered correctly and or missed questions, your team will receive a seed ranking. Top seeded teams play bottom teams and middles play each other. Members may study using questions found at the Clover Bowl website. Go here: <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/4-h-clover-bowl/>. Scroll down the page and click on your grade for sample questions. The county Clover Bowl contest date is slated for April 18.

4-H Achievement Night

We will be F2F again this year for our Achievement event. We are hosting it at our Extension complex at 1219 McArthur Road. If you present a video at the local level contest, you may present the same or a different one at the county contest. There will be a Table Top Exhibit division for middle school member participation. We also have plans for both a baking and photography contest opened to all 4-H members. Read and follow the guidelines for submissions.

Photographers – Shoot Away & Show Us Your Stuff

Select up to 5 photos that you have taken in the past year. Put your digital photos into a PowerPoint file and label each slide with the requested information below before submitting.

RULES:

1. Each 4-H member may enter 1 photo per category up to 5 photos in the county contest.
2. The categories are: People; Buildings; Landscapes; Animals and/or Trick.
3. Either black and white or color photos may be entered but no more than 5 in total.
4. All photos must have been taken by the 4-H member in the 22-23 school year.
5. All pictures must be submitted digitally **with a title/caption**.
6. The 4-H member should add a slide for their name, school/club and grade to identify their exhibit.
7. Send PowerPoint files to jmcmilli@utk.edu by **April 3**.

Bakers – Fire Up Your Ovens & Cook

You may submit only one entry per category. The 2023 categories are Loaf Breads, Pies, Cakes/Muffins, Cornbread, Biscuits, Brownies and/or Cookies. No “No Bake Items”.

Entry procedure:

Muffins, biscuits, brownies, and cookies- bring three on a paper plate in a plastic bag. Cakes, loaf breads and pan breads, bring the whole item. (Do Not Cut Them). Bring your **RECIPE** and it must show that you used/mixed 3 or more ingredients.

Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website:

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

- Feb 2 Horse Group Meeting 7 p.m. at the Blount County Library
- Feb 4 ER Sr High Public Speaking in Knoxville
- Feb 6 Deadline for 4-H Congress Essay (9-10 graders only)
- Feb 10 Tagging for 4-H Market Steer program in Knoxville
- Feb 13 County Honor Club meeting 5 pm @ 4-H Office
- Feb 17-18 State Horse Bowl, Hippology contests
- Feb 20 State Congress Readiness Day, Jefferson County
- Feb 27 Portfolio Workshop @ 4-H Office
- Feb 28 Big 9 Sub Region Public Speaking contest, Union County Hosting
- Mar 2 Horse Group Meeting 7 p.m. at the Blount County Library
- Mar 13-17 County School Spring Break
- Mar 19-22 State 4-H Congress, Murfreesboro/Nashville
- Mar 25 Alcoa Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fund raiser, AHS
- Mar 27 County Honor Club meeting 5 pm @ 4-H Office



Dad Jokes & Winners of the Day:
Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

Where do fish keep their money?

What did Tarzan say when he saw the elephants coming?

January WINNER

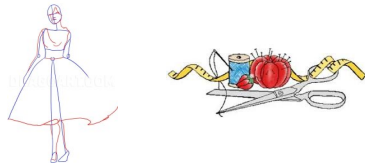
Brooklyn Sutton (2 of 3)

4-H Fashion Design & Quilt Conference

June 5-8, 2023

Carson Newman University

If you are currently 6-12th grade, mark your calendars now for the Eastern Region 4-H Fashion Design and Quilt Conference this summer. The two conferences are coming together this year at the beautiful campus of Carson Newman University. As in the past, you will be sewing/designing or quilting and/or runway work as a part of the Fashion Design piece. We will have more detail at a later date.



Next County Wide Service Project

We are going to join with the State 4-H Congress delegates and collect items for PAWS - Rutherford County Pet Adoption and Welfare Services. We are being asked to donate the following items. Pick one or two and donate at the county 4-H office. I will collect items from school if so desired. The Blount County 4-H Office is located at 1219 McArthur Road, Maryville. Dates and office hours for drop offs will be February 24 - March 10, 2023 from 9a.m. - 4p.m. M-F.

Paper Towels
Carabiners (small and large)
Dish Detergent
Nylon/Tough Dog Toys
Treat Paste - (spray cheese for dogs)

State 4-H Congress Essays

The 2023 Tennessee 4-H Congress delegate search continues. Delegates will go to Nashville in March to learn state government inside out. If you are 9th or 10th grade apply before February 6. Ask one of your 4-H agents for an application.

2023 4-H Poster and Art Contest Results

Congratulations go to Isabella Moore-Huffstetler, 6th grade; Lillian Goins, 9th grade; Shelby Kelley, 9th grade; Emma Hotchkiss, 4th grade; Johnathen Choat, Jr., 5th grade and Journey Lenda, 4th grade. Their posters were selected to represent Blount County in the Eastern Region contest. The contest had two division, a digital category and a physical construction category. Good luck to them all. Visit <https://blount.tennessee.edu/4-h-youth-development/> to view poster winners.

2023 Cornbread Cook-Off

Contest is open to all 4-H members, grades 4-6. Recipes MUST include at least one cup of corn meal or one package of corn meal mix and be cooked in Lodge Cast Iron. Judging will be based on creativity, as well as flavor, texture, and appearance. Full details and contest rules can be found here: <https://blount.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/181/2023/01/2023-NCF-Cook-Off.pdf>

Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

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

March 19-22, 2023

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

March 31 - April 2, 2023

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

June 13-16, 2023

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

June 26-30, 2023

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

June 26-30, 2023

Junior High Camp

July 10-14, 2023

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

July 17-21, 2023 (Qualify to Attend)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Tomorrow Will Come Daily.....
But Today Will Come Today Only.
So Finish Your Today's Work Today Itself...
And Be Free Tomorrow Anonymous

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James McMillion