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Blount County 4-H February Newsletter



4-H Clover Bowl Championships

The 4-H Clover Bowl Championships will be conducted using a single elimination contest to select county champion teams in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. There will be a seeding round used to set teams in place. 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 may put together a team or allow members to form teams. Name your team and submit it to the 4-H Office by **April 5** 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 seeded teams and middles play each other. Members may study using questions found on 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 16** 5p.m. at the Blount County 4-H office.

4-H Achievement Night

Plan to meet and deliver your demonstrations or interactive exhibits for our annual Achievement event in April. We are hosting it at our Extension complex at 1219 McArthur Rd. If you present a video at the local 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 members. We also have plans for both a baking and photography contest opened to any 4-H member. 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 23-24 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 bundled files to jmcmilli@utk.edu by **April 5**.

Bakers – Fire Up Your Ovens & Cook

You may submit one entry per category. They are Loaf Breads, Pies, Cakes/Muffins, Cornbread, Biscuits, Brownies/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 1 Horse Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Blount County Library
- Feb 1 Deadline for 4-H Congress Essay (9-10 graders only)
- Feb 3 Senior Regional Speaking contest in Pellissippi Community College Knoxville
- Feb 5 Honor Club meeting 5p.m. 4H office
- Feb 5 W.O.L.F. Club Start-POSTPONED until a later date
- Feb 9 Tagging for 4-H Market Steer program in Knoxville
- Feb 10 ER Horse Bowl/Hippology contest Patriot Academy Dandridge
- Feb 16 Big 9 sub-Region Public Speaking contest –Maryville
- Feb 19 Congress Readiness Day for State Congress Delegates
- Feb 27 Portfolio Workshop @ 4:30p.m. 4-H Office
- Feb 27 Jr Livestock Project Group meeting (TBD) 6p.m.
- Feb 28 Cornbread Cook-off Entry Deadline
- Mar 7 Horse Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Blount County Library
- Mar 10-13 State 4-H Congress, Murfreesboro/Nashville
- Mar 11-15 County School Spring Break
- Mar 12-14 W.O.L.F. Camp location TBD

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"

Just for Kicks and Giggles:

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbi-vore.

4-H Quilt Camp: Quilt of Many Colors

June 4-7, 2024

Clyde Austin 4-H Center Lodge

Quilt Camp is a 4-day, 3-night camp at the Clyde Austin 4-H Center Lodge in Greeneville, TN where you will learn quilting techniques and complete a lap quilt to take home. It is **limited to 20 participants (6-12 grade)! You will be notified by April 26th** if you are selected to attend. You will receive a letter in the mail along with a list of items on what to bring to camp. If you are selected to attend this camp, your camp registration of **\$225** will be due by **May 15th**. See the brochure on the 4-H website for more details.

<https://blount.tennessee.edu/4-h>



2024 4-H Poster and Art Contest Results

Congratulations go to Paisley Conner, 5th grade; Coraline Jordan, 5th grade; Morgan Carrizales, 4th grade and Makayla Cowley, 6th grade. Their posters were selected to represent Blount County in the Eastern Region contest. The contest has two division, a digital category and a physical construction category. Good luck to them all. Visit blount.tennessee.edu/ to view winning posters.

2024 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. Entries must be received by Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Full details and contest rules can be found here: <https://blount.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/181/2024/01/2024-National-Cornbread-Festival-4-H-Cook-Off.pdf>

Share Your World This Summer!

Tennessee 4-H will be hosting 15 Japanese delegates, ages 12-18, for a four-week summer exchange, July 21-August 16, 2024. Your help is needed in identifying and recruiting host families. It would be ideal if all the Japanese students could be placed with a family by **April 1, 2024**.

If you have questions or for more information call or email agents McMillion or Berger. The exchange is a great way to get new families involved in the 4-H program and to broaden cultural horizons. Visit and learn more at the 4-H Exchange site here:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/tennessee-4-h-international-exchange-program/>

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"The absence of profanity offends no one."
~ retired Maryville College football coach
Phil Wilks*

Service Project Ideas

Ask permission if you are planning a project on public property.

- * Plant flowers or a tree on community property
- * Present a program for a group of senior citizens.
- * Set up a recycling aluminum can box and recycle!
- * Pick up trash on school grounds or clean up at the local park.
- * Make tray favors for the hospital or nursing home, such as, holiday cards, bookmarks, gift baskets, a flower, brightly wrapped candy favors, etc.
- * Collect good, used, or new preschool books for Head Start or Home Safe.
- * Tutor or read to younger students.
- * Start a HUGS program—collecting Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks—that can be donated to a ministry.
- * Collect grocery coupons to give to the food banks, families, etc.
- * Write letters or send cards to service men and women.

Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

W.O.L.F. Camp

March 12-14, 2024

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

April 12-14, 2024

Fashion and Design Conference

June 3-7

Blount County 4-H Grilling Day Camp

June 4-7, 2024

Quilt of Many Colors Quilt Camp

June 4-7, 2024

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

June 10-14, 2024

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

June 11-14, 2024

Junior High Electric Camp (6th-8th grades)

June 24-27, 2024

Junior High Camp

July 8-12, 2024

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

July 15-19, 2024 (Qualify to Attend)

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