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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 youths to lead the club into 2026. Here's your chance. If elected, plan to view the officer/leadership training video scheduled for release November 17. The link will be sent to all officers after the release date.



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 at least 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/> or view in your Google Classroom. 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.

Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website

- Oct 2 4-H Horse Project Group Meeting 6:30 pm BC Library
- Oct 2, 9, 16 & 30 Sewing Club 4-6 pm @ 4-H Office
- Oct 4 Shooting Sports Certification for adults (Crossville)
- Oct 6-10 & 13 County School Fall Break
- Oct 20 Deadline for All Star Conf. & County Honor Club 5 p.m.
- Nov 1 Shooting Sports Certification for adults (Greeneville)
- Nov 3 Application made available for 4-H Chick Chain program
- Nov 6, 13 & 20 Sewing Club 4-6 @ 4-H Office
- Nov 6 4-H Horse Project Group Meeting 6:30 pm BC Library
- Nov 17 County Officer/Leadership video will be available for training purposes
- Nov 21-23 Fall 4-H All Star Conference (9-12 grade only)
- Dec 1 State 4-H Congress deadline (9-10 grade only)



4-H Summer CAMP in 2026

We have started to promote 4-H camp for the summer of 2026. We have the dates and have started to make plans. Please mark your calendars for June 1-5, 2026. We are working to keep the cost low, but things are going up. More details to follow. While you wait, try to start saving a portion of your allowances. Cut out buying a game or two or an extra snack. And don't forget to ask your grandparents.



Dad Jokes of the Day:

Did you hear about the guy who froze to death at the drive-in? He went to see *Closed for the Winter* :)

Dad: Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?
Son: No. What happened? Dad: The teacher woke him up.

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.

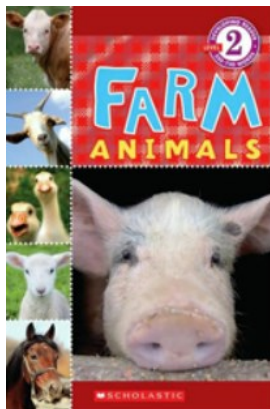
WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

OCTOBER: 4-H enrollment continued / Election of club officers.

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. There will be help with officer duties. There will also be a public speaking video to help members develop head turning and award winning speeches.

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

VOLUNTEER LEADER MEETING: There will be a 4-H Volunteer Leader meeting to discuss the 25-26 calendar. Come and share your expertise and learn from the ground up about the 4-H program. The meeting is still TBD at this time. With volunteers, more youth will have a better 4-H experience.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"You will either step forward into growth, or you will step back into safety" – Abraham Maslow

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 - [An Appalachian Showdown!](#) Attend this year's fall conference and learn about the biggest feudin' families in East TN! The event will be November 21 – 23 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 10/20/2025. Don't delay and miss out!

*Eastern Region
4-H All-Stars
Present*



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AN APPALACHIAN

SHOWDOWN!

*Nov. 21-23
Gatlinburg, TN*

Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

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

November 21-23, 2025. Ask for flier.

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

March 7-11, 2026

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

March 20-22, 2026

Target Smart Camp

May 25-29, 2026

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

June 1-5, 2026

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

June 9-12, 2026

Junior High Camp (6th-8th grades)

July 6-10, 2026

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

July 20-24, 2026 (Qualify to Attend)

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