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Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website

- Sep 4: Horse Project Group meeting 6:30 County Library
- Sep 5-14: TN Valley Fair Knoxville
- Sep 19-20: Outdoor Enthusiast Expo @ Maryville College
- Sep 27: Blue Ribbon Country Fair @ Townsend Heritage Center
- Oct 2: Horse Project Group meeting 6:30 County Library
- Oct 5-11: National 4-H Week "Beyond Ready"
- Oct 6-10 & 13: County School Fall Break
- Oct 20: Honor Club Meeting 5pm @ 4-H Office
- Oct 31: Deadline for All Star Conf
- Oct 31: Public Speaking Training Video available
- Nov 1: Officer/Leadership Training video available

Blount County 4-H September Newsletter '25

What You Can Expect From Your 4-H Experience?

*Loads of **FUN!**

*A ton of new **friends** –that's 20 if they average 100 pounds per friend,

*Discovering new things about **yourself**,

*Becoming more familiar with your **environment**,

*And finally, gaining a boatload of **confidence**.

I pledge my head to Clearer **THINKING!**

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking," is a **way of saying that 4-H members will dispel all the thoughts and ideas that will only hold them back as an individual growing up in today's society. ...**



Leadership Opportunities

Club officer elections will be held in **October**. Some roles are symbolic, others hands-on. Talk with your teacher, parent, or friend to decide if you should run. Officer training will be held in **November**.

Speech Contests More on speeches to come next month. Start thinking of what to talk about.

4-H Summer **CAMP** in 2026

We have started to promote 4-H camp for 2026. We have the dates and have started to make plans. Please mark your calendars for June 1-5, 2026. It is the same week as last year, which proved to be most fun. More details to come soon.



Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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 their initiation. They must have completed at least 2 years of 4-H work. You must be serving as local leaders in your club and/or county wide.

Ask for a brochure if interested in joining.

WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

SEPTEMBER: 4-H enrollment; there will be a parent workshop Zoom designed to help new and/or seasoned guardians with new program changes and for everyone to have a successful year.

OCTOBER: 4-H enrollment continued; Election of club officers - Talk it over with your teacher, parent or friend and determine if you should run or not. There will be a training video provided to help officers with their responsibilities (November). There will also be a public speaking training video to help members develop head turning and award winning speeches (check calendar date).

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

I pledge my hands to Larger SERVICE!

"I pledge my Hands to larger service"...I'm thankful that the community service projects that are carried out in each club entitles you to make someone's life a little brighter .



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We can't control the stressors in our life—but we can control the stress

~ Unknown

Join a Project Group

Consider participating in one or more of the following project groups. They assist 4-H members in completing project work.

Bee Keeping & Honey - TBD

Culinary/Cooking - TBD

Garden/Horticulture/Plant Science - TBD

Horse – meets the 1st Thursday 6:30pm @ the BC Library.

Livestock – TBD - Poultry; Swine; Cattle; Goats; Sheep

Sewing Club - meet Thursdays and by sewing projects

Shooting Sports – TBD (archery, shotgun, rifle, BB)

Small Engines - TBD (repair and general maintenance)

Other groups - will be organized as needed.

I pledge my heart to Greater LOYALTY!

"I pledge my Heart to greater loyalty"...I'm grateful that con-tinual 4-H club involvement provides youth an opportunity to build caring relationships with members of the club as well as the adult volunteer leaders.



2026 Virtual 4-H Project Groups by Zoom!

Virtual Vet Science Project Group

- Lesson series entitled, "A Day in the Life of a Veterinarian"
- Open to Tennessee 4-H members (4th-12th grades as of January 1, 2025)
- Meets 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Eastern)
- Begins October 9, 2025, through April 2, 2026
- Register through Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/kQAQRAVqpdaTQF4V9>
- Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 1

Virtual Livestock Project Group – NEW ADDITION

- Lesson topics include note-taking and oral reasons; evaluation of beef, swine, goat, sheep, horse, and dairy cattle; meat ID and carcass evaluation
- Open to all Tennessee 4-H members (4th-12th graders as of January 1)
- Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.
- Begins October 14, 2025, through May 12, 2026
- Register through Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/Z661vsizUUKQJSA67>
- Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 1

Virtual Creative Arts & Design Project Group

- Lesson topics include mark-making tools/brushes, holiday crafting, hand-lettering and asemic writing, pottery, dying fabrics and paper, and handmade alcohol inks
- Open to 4-H Jr High members (6th-8th graders as of January 1, 2025)
- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.
- Begins October 21 through April 21, 2026
- Register through Qualtrics: https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Sg4ArLrDbikgRg?Q_CHL=qr
- Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 1
- Ask for the shopping list of supplies you will need for this project group (some are optional)

Once registered, you will receive more information and the links for the meetings.

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