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# Blount County 4-H April 2026 Newsletter

## 4-H Clover Bowl Championships

The Blount County 4-H Clover Bowl Championships will be conducted April 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the Blount County 4-H office (1219 McArthur Road, Maryville). A single elimination contest will be used to select champion teams in grades 4-8. There will be an on-line test used to determine seeding of brackets. Each local team participating at the county level will be tested. The final four teams will vie for the top placings and awards.

Teachers/Leaders may put together a team or allow members to form their own teams to attend the county games. A team name and its members with emails identified, should be submitted to the 4H Office by April 2nd. Submit team information by email to aberger2@utk.edu or to james@utk.edu. Team members will then receive a conformation email and a link to their on-line test. Team members will have a 7-day period to complete and submit tests. Based on responses answered correctly, registered teams will be ranked in order best to lease for the tournament.

Members may study for the tournament using questions found on the UT/TSU Extension Blount County website found here: <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/4-h-clover-bowl/>. Scroll down the page and click on your grade for sample questions.

Winning teams at the county level will be invited to participate in the Eastern Regional Championship games on Monday, May 18 at the University of Tennessee Knoxville Ag Campus.

## 4H County Poultry Project (Chick Chain)

Blount County 4-H Chick Chain participants are to receive their birds late April. When they arrive, Chick Chain participants will care for them for 20+ weeks, making sure the animals reach their potential growth and development in time to show them and compete for awards in September.

Also related to this project, there will be poultry judging teams formed. Anyone wishing to learn to evaluate poultry, my apply for a spot on a team.

Upcoming Dates! For More information on programs, visit our website:

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

- ❖ Apr 6 Honor Club Meeting 4:45 p.m. @ 4-H Office
- ❖ Apr 8 Deadline to Register for ER Culinary Camp
- ❖ Apr 9 Sewing Group 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- ❖ Apr 9 Horse Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at Library
- ❖ Apr 10 County Horse Show Registration Deadline
- ❖ Apr 10 Deadline to register for STEM Camp (free for 9-12 grade members)
- ❖ Apr 10-11 State Archery Jamboree
- ❖ Apr 11 Cattle Fitting Demo Heritage HS
- ❖ Apr 13 Poultry Chick Chain Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Apr 14 County Clover Bowl Championships 5 p.m.
- ❖ Apr 16 Sewing Group 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- ❖ Apr 17-18 Angler Adventure Camp Greeneville 4-H Center
- ❖ Apr 18 County Horse Show
- ❖ Apr 18 Master Gardener Plant Sale Fundraiser at the BC Operations Center Shed
- ❖ Apr 20 Destination Design Applications due
- ❖ Apr 23 PhotoSearch entries due county office
- ❖ Apr 25 County Cattle Show at Heritage HS
- ❖ Apr 27 Chick Chain Birds Arrive
- ❖ May 1-2 KSJC Show in Gray, TN
- ❖ May 4 Honor Club Meeting 4:45 p.m. @ 4-H Office
- ❖ May 5 NO School
- ❖ May 7 Sewing Group 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- ❖ May 8 Electric Camp Registration Deadline
- ❖ May 11 Junior Camp Registration Deadline
- ❖ May 11 Chick Chain Project Group Meeting 4:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office
- ❖ May 14 Sewing Group 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- ❖ May 18 Regional Clover Bowl in Knoxville @ UTK Ag Campus
- ❖ May 19 Junior Camp Orientation 6:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office

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**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"

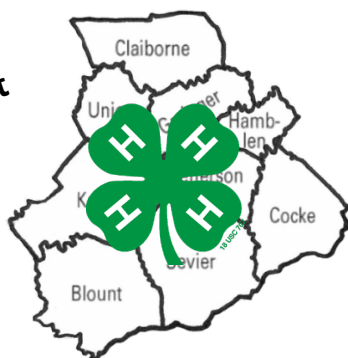
### Just for Kicks and Giggles:

**"Don't take life too seriously...Nobody gets out alive anyway."**

### More Calendar Dates

- ❖ May 21 Sewing Group 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- ❖ May 22 Last Day of School
- ❖ June 23-27 State 4-H Horse Show - Shelbyville
- ❖ July 9-11 State 4-H Beef Expo - Lebanon
- ❖ August 13-22 Wilson County/TN State Fair - Lebanon
- ❖ August 13-14 State 4-H Sheep Expo - Lebanon
- ❖ August 14 4H Picnic at the Fair - Lebanon
- ❖ August 14-15 State 4-H Meat Goat Show - Lebanon
- ❖ October 1-4 National 4-H Volunteer Conference - GA

**Big 9  
Achievement  
Day**



### Big 9 Achievement Day Results

**Lyla Green**, 4th Grade Project - Mechanics/Safety Sci  
1st Place

**Clare Williams**, 8th Grade Project - Vet Science  
1st Place

**Maddie Jones**, 5th Grade Project - Culinary Arts  
2nd Place

**Colton Williams**, 7th Grade Project - Shooting Sports  
2nd Place

**Anna Retherford**, 5th Grade Project - Recreation  
3rd Place

Participants that gave demonstrations at the county contest, but could not make the Big 9 event were:

**Michael Wickline** 4th Grade

**Gabe Hembree** 4th Grade

**Waylon Hubbard** 4th Grade

**Lucas Cockrell** 5th Grade

**Charlotte Hurst** 5th Grade

**Carter Hurst** 6th Grade

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks them all."**

**~ Unknown**

### Camps & Conferences for Your Calendars!

- STEM Camp (9th -12th grade) "FREE"  
May 1-3, 2026
- Target Smart Camp (5th-9th grade) \$385  
May 26-30, 2026
- Junior 4-H Camp (4th-6th grade) \$400  
June 1-5, 2026
- Fashion and Design Conference (6th-12th grade) \$250  
June 1-4, 2026
- ER Culinary Camp (6th-12th grade) \$250  
June 16-18, 2026
- Quilt Camp (6th-12th grade) \$250  
June 23-25, 2026
- State Electric Camp (6th-8th grade) \$340  
June 23-26, 2026
- Destination Design (9th-12th grade) \$425  
June 29-July 2, 2026
- Junior High Camp (6th-8th grade) \$400  
July 6-10, 2026
- State 4-H Roundup (9th-12th grade) \$180  
July 20-24, 2026 (Must Qualify to Attend)
- SRTLCL (9th-12th grade) \$250??  
(September TBA??)

Use this QR code or link below for a look at the camps listed above.



<https://blount.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/181/2026/04/2026-Camp-Bound-Fliers-1.pdf>

### Photo Search Participants and Winners by Category:

**Animal-** 1st Lucas Cockrell / 2nd Carter Hurst /  
3rd Aceleigh Pabst

**Building-** 1st Aceleigh Pabst / 2nd Lucas Cockrell

**Landscape-** 1st Lucas Cockrell / 2nd Carter Hurst /  
3rd Aceleigh Pabst

**People-** 1st Aceleigh Pabst / 2nd Lucas Cockrell

**Trick-** 1st Lucas Cockrell

**Amy Berger**

**James McMillion**

# Blount County 4H

## Sewing Club Newsletter



Fabric and Yarn Club has taught me so many skills. When I first came, I learned how to crochet a scarf. A few weeks later, I made my first stitches on a sewing machine, as I learned how to craft my very own drawstring bag. As I went on, Donna and Sherry taught me how to sew a stuffed animal, embroider, appliqué, macramé, and knit. Currently, I am learning how to read a pattern as I sew my own pair of PJ's. I have had so much fun with all the projects! We have also done several service projects for Meals on Wheels that I have enjoyed doing. The best part about Fabric and Yarn Club is the amazing teachers who have been so patient as they teach us. They answer all my questions and help me when I'm frustrated or stuck. I now have so many valuable and fun skills I will be able to enjoy for life because of the Fabric and Yarn Club.

- Eden Sellew



**Dragon Plushie**



**Macrame Bottles**



**Sewing Machine Skills**



**Learning From Others**