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Blount County 4-H

November Newsletter '26

Local 4-H Speech Contests!

You have had time to write and practice your speech and now its TIME to deliver. If you receive a GOLDEN TICKET today, you are officially invited to the Blount County 4-H Public Speaking contest. Be sure to complete the bottom of the ticket and return it to your agent/leader before the end of your meeting. Good Luck! The county contest will be held Thursday, December 10 at the Broadway United Methodist Church located at 309 East Broadway Ave., Maryville. Come and support your club representative.

County Wide Service Project!



During the month of December, not all clubs meet because of the holidays and other activities. So, for our December ăŜŃØĸŎŜ, we are asking all 4-H members to help us collect hand warmers ₹Ŧ ĺ·ẏề ứèĿĴŜ by December 11th. We will donate them to the Sheriff's 5ŜĿJĺ·ŃŭẎŜẏứ the week of the 14th. It has been a big hit for the last few years. Let's carry on the tradition and Ŏ₹ffŜŎứ what was given last year and maybe even more.

Poultry Chick Chain Project!

Starting November 2, 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in the 2027 Poultry Project group "Chick Chain" program. If you wish to participate, ask for an application or go on-line and download one from the UT/TSU Extension website at:

https://blount.tennessee.edu/4-h-chick-chain/

Three to six birds will need to be returned for the show and sale this year.

4-H Summer CAMP in 2027



Mark your calendars for summer camp. Our dates are June 7-11, 2027 for Junior Camp and July 12-16, 2027 for Junior High Camp. We will have the application with cost available after the first of the year and more details closer to the dates of camp. See page 2 for more camp dates.

Upcoming Dates

For More information on any programs, visit our website: blount.tennessee.edu/

- Nov 2 Chick Chain program applications are available by calling, emailing or stopping by the 4-H Office
- Nov 5, 12 & 19 Yarn & Fabric Club meets 4-6 pm @ 4-H Office
- Nov 5 BC 4-H Horse Project Group Meeting 6:30 pm @ county library
- Nov 7 & 21 Gavel Club - High School Public Speaking Group 8:30 am@ Vienna Coffee Company
- Nov 9 County Honor Club Meeting 4:30 pm @ 4-H Office
- Nov 11 Local Club Officer Training by ZOOM 5 pm. A video copy will be made available after 11-17-26.
- Nov 20-22 Fall 4-H All Star Conference (9-12 grade only)
- Nov 23-27 Week Long School Closing

"Happy Thanksgiving"

- Dec 1 State 4-H Congress deadline (9-10 grade only)
- Dec 3 BC 4-H Horse Project Group Meeting 6:30 pm @ county library
- Dec 5 & 19 Gavel Club - High School Public Speaking Group 8:30 am@ Vienna Coffee Company
- Dec 14 County Honor Club Meeting 4:30 pm @ 4-H Office
- Dec 23-Jan 1 4-H Office closed for Holiday Winter Break
- Jan 2 & 16 Gavel Club - High School Public Speaking Group 8:30 am@ Vienna Coffee Company
- Jan 7-9 State Hog Show Cookeville, TN
- Jan 11 County Honor Club Meeting 4:30 pm @ 4-H Office
- Jan 13 County Demonstration Workshop 5:00 pm via ZOOM
- Jan 16 Eastern Region Horse Bowl & Hippology Event Knoxville
- Jan 18 Holiday Closing Martin Luther King Day



Dad Jokes of the Day:

For most people, when you lose your "khakis," you've lost your pants. When you're from Boston & lose your "khakis," you can't start your car.

Thanks for teaching me the meaning of "plethora." It means a lot.

4-H Demonstration Workshop!

On ***Tuesday, January 13,*** there will be a 4-H Demonstration workshop conducted via Zoom for any member wishing to learn the art of teaching others. A part of your 4-H experience is showing others what you have learned.



To prepare for the workshop, all you will need is an idea, an experience or a desire to experience something new.

WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

NOVEMBER:



- Poultry Chick Chain applications are available for members starting Nov 2 until Jan 4, 2027.



- Stand and deliver your speech at your local club meeting. Winners invited to county 12/10



- Nov 28 to Dec 14, visit the local Tractor Supply and help support Blount County 4-H. Buy a Paper Clover or two.
- There will be a virtual Livestock meeting via ZOOM for all and any 4-H Members wishing to learn more about their animal(s) this year. Send an email to james@utk.edu for the link. We will explore Cattle (Beef & Dairy); Goats (Milk & Meat); Poultry (Egg & Broiler); Sheep (Wool, Hair, Meat); Swine; Rabbits (pet, fiber & Meat) and Camelids (Llamas and Alpacas).



DECEMBER:



- 4-H Project Portfolio workshop to assist members with record keeping ideas and how to assemble the portfolio (TBD).

JANUARY:

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

- Beekeeping Essay—TBA.
- State Swine show in Cookeville
- Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology competitions
- 4-H Poster contest contest.
- Demonstration Workshop January 13.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority." ~ Rick Warren

4-H Art & Poster Contest Notice

We are looking for the artists in our membership to step forward. It is almost 4-H Art & Poster time. 4-H Posters must be submitted by January 22 at the latest. You may turn them in at your January club meeting if you wish, but they must in by the 22nd. For a complete set of the rules and guide-lines, you may visit the 4-H website and search "posters".





Attention All Members

There is a Portfolio workshop in the works! More details will be released at a later date. To prepare, be sure and keep an accurate record of what you have done and plan to do this year in 4-H as a project.

Camps/Conferences Dates!

ER Quilt Camp
February 11-13, 2027

State 4-H Congress (9th-10th grades)
March 6-10, 2027

Spring All Star Conference (9th-12th grades)
April 16-18, 2027

4-H Angler Adventure Camp
April 17-18

State Target Smart Camp
May 31-June 4, 2027

Junior 4-H Camp (4th-6th grades)
June 7-11 2027

Fashion & Design Conference
June 8-10, 2027

Junior High Academic Conference (6th-8th grades)
June 8-11, 2027

Eastern Region Culinary Camp
June 15-17, 2027

Eastern Region Destination Design
June 28-July 1, 2027

State Electric Camp (6th-8th grades)
July 12-16, 2027

Junior High Camp
July 12-16, 2027

State 4-H Roundup (9th-12th grades)
July 19-23, 2027 (Qualify to Attend)

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