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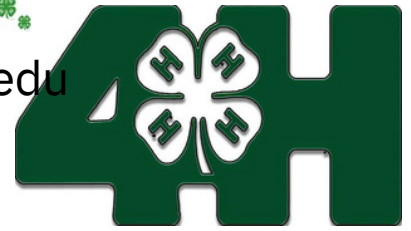
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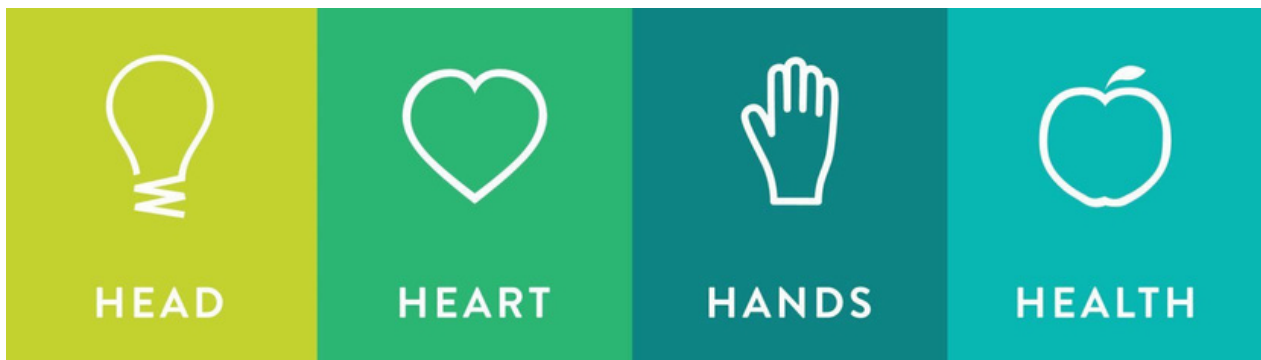
Meet the County 4-H Staff:

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What is 4-H?

4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.

The 4-H Pledge:

4-H 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, and my world.



The 4-H Motto:

*“To make the
best better”*

The 4-H Slogan:

*“Learn by
doing”*

The Business Meeting

4-H Officer Responsibilities



President

- ◆ Lead the group throughout the entire meeting
- ◆ Choose volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge
- ◆ Keep order in the class
- ◆ Be prepared and make sure all officers are ready and prepared



Vice President

- ◆ Be in charge of the meeting if the president is absent
- ◆ Give the "Thought of the Day"
- ◆ Be prepared and work with the president to make the meeting run smoothly

Secretary

- ◆ Take accurate minutes (notes) of all aspects of the 4-H meeting. You should write down everything that is discussed while the meeting is taking place, not when you get home. Everything, from the time the meeting begins, until the time the meeting is adjourned, should be documented in the secretary's book
- ◆ Read minutes at the appropriate time during the meeting
- ◆ Be prepared with pencil and secretary's book



Reporter

- ◆ Report on activities going on in school
- ◆ Keep participation chart up to date

4-H Club Meeting Outline



The elected officers are responsible for conducting the business meeting each month. Each officer should follow the outline below. The officer should read the statement printed beside their elected office.

President: *"I will now call this meeting to order"*

President: (chose someone to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance).

For example, *"Sally will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance"*, then say, *"Please stand for the American Pledge and remain standing for the 4-H Pledge"*

Vice-President: *"I will now read the thought of the day"* or introduce the name of the person who will be reading].

President: *"The secretary will read the minutes from the last meeting"*

Secretary: Read minutes from the secretary's book.

President: *"The reporter will now give the Club report"*

Reporter: Presents report on activities in club and projects.

President: *"The reporter will now update the participation chart"*

Reporter: [Update the chart by giving check marks to those 4-H members who have participated in the contest for the month].

President: *"If there is no further business, I will end the business part of the meeting and turn the meeting over to our 4-H Agent."*



County Judging & Contest Advancement

County, Sub-Regional, Regional, State & National Levels For Youth in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

This Symbol:  , indicates that contest is a prerequisite to more advanced contests.

The following county events serve as qualifiers for competing at higher levels such as Sub-Regional, Regional, State and National level contests. See each contests' page for more details.

Piggy Bank Pageant: Top 3 county piggy banks advance to the online State Piggy Bank Pageant.

Poster Art Contest: Top 3 county posters advance to the State Competition.

Photography Contest: Top 10 photographs overall from both of the Junior High and Senior High categories combined will advance to the State Competition.

Public Speaking Contest

- Sub-Regional (4th - 8th Grades): All 1st Place winners will have the opportunity to advance to the Sub-Regional Contest which is held in alternating counties.
- Regional (9th - 12th Grades): All 1st Place winners will have the opportunity to advance to the Regional Contest held at the Western Region Office in Jackson, Tenn.

Project Showcase: ALL 4-H'ers who participate in the County Project Showcase Contest are eligible to advance to the Regional Project Showcase held at Parkway Middle School in Jackson, Tenn.

Additional Contests and Shows *(all 4th grade through 12th grade unless otherwise indicated)*

Chick Chain

Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Judging (9th - 12th)

Dairy Judging

Dairy Products Judging (9th - 12th)

Forestry Judging

Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping Contest

Grill Master Challenge (6th - 12th)

Horse Judging

Horse Hippology & Quiz Bowl

Horse Shows [Regional & State]

Land Judging

Livestock Judging

Livestock Shows [Regional & State]

Meat Science Judging

Poultry Judging

Poultry Quiz Bowl

Shooting Sports Jamborees [Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, BB Gun, Hunting Skills, Shotgun]

Skill-a-thon [FCS Skills] (6th - 12th)

Wildlife Judging

[For more information on any of these activities and events, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.](#)

Shelby County 4-H



Junior 4-H'ers Activities / Events

County, Sub-Regional, Regional, State & National Levels
For Youth in Grades 4 & 5


For more information on any of these activities and events, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.

Junior Summer Camp @ Lone Oaks Farm (Middleton, May 26 - 30, 2025) Junior 4-H Camp is a 5-day residential camp available for youth who have completed grades 4 - 6. Activities include a lake, inflatable slide & obstacle course, fishing, kayaking, paddle board- ing, gaga ball, snack shack, camp-wide games, archery, .22LR rifle, basketball, volleyball, soccer, campfire & s'mores, skits, nature hikes, leatherwork, t-shirt tie-dye, zipline and so much more!

Target S.M.A.R.T. Camp (Crossville, May 26 - 30, 2025) Target SMART Camp is for 4-H'ers enrolled in grades 5 - 12 who are interested in our Shooting Sports Program. Camp offers youth the opportunity to learn appropriate skills to succeed in a variety of shooting sports and related areas such as archery, riflery, shotgunning, muzzle loading and outdoor skills. Programs emphasize safety, correct posture, form and responsible use.

CloverBud Activities / Events

For Youth in Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2 & 3

If you see this:  , it indicates all of our opportunities for CloverBuds.

CloverBuds are very special young people indeed! In fact, they are so special, that we've created a program just for them! Many of our 4-H Clubs throughout the county offer a special CloverBud Club. Every 4-H Club is unique, so it is safe to assume that every CloverBud Club is just as unique as well. If you are searching for a place for younger siblings to learn and grow, why not consider joining a 4-H Club which also has a CloverBud Club as well!

Here are some of the county activities and events where CloverBuds are welcome to participate and learn:

- Poster Art Contest
- Photography Contest
- Piggy Bank Contest
- Bread Baking Contest
- County 4-H Fair

Junior High 4-H'ers Activities / Events

County, Sub-Regional, Regional, State & National Levels
For Youth in Grades 6, 7 & 8

For more information on any of these activities and events, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.

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Junior High Adventure Camp @ Lone Oaks Farm (Middleton, June 30 – July 4 and July

14 - 18, 2025) Junior High Adventure Camp is a 4-day residential camp available for youth who have completed grades 7 and 8. Activities include a lake inflatable slide & obstacle course, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, gaga ball, snack shack, camp-wide games, archery, .22LR rifle, basketball, volleyball, soccer, campfire & s'mores, skits, nature hikes, leatherwork, t-shirt tie-dye and so much more!

Academic Conference (Knoxville, June 10 - 13, 2025) Academic Conference is for 4-H'ers who have completed grades 6 - 8 from all across the state to come together in Knoxville and stay in The University of Tennessee's on-campus dorms just like college kids. While you are there, you will receive specialized instruction and training from college professors, tour parts of campus related to your 4-H Project and get to experience what college is like, from sharing meals in the dining hall to pool parties in the aquatics center. The conference provides a variety of rewarding and fun-filled experiences in the classroom, outdoor and laboratory settings.

State Electric Camp (Knoxville, June 23 – 26, 2025) State Electric Camp is for 4-H'ers who have completed grades 6 or 7 from across the state who have an interest in energy ranging anywhere from production to maintenance / repair professionals. You don't have to be enrolled in the electric project to attend. 4-H'ers may attend Electric Camp only once during their 4-H career.

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Honor Club (1st Tuesday / month) This group is designed for youth in grades 6-12 who wish to participate in service-learning opportunities and build their leadership and citizenship skills. They also help to open the doorway to many regional, state and national events and opportunities through direct contact with the 4-H & Extension office.

Senior High 4-H'ers Activities / Events

County, Sub-Regional, Regional, State & National Levels
For Youth in Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

For more information on any of these activities and events, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.

4-H State Congress (Murfreesboro, March 9 - 12, 2025) State Congress is an invitational event for 4-H'ers in grades 9 - 12 who have been selected as a state finalist after submitting their Leadership or Citizenship portfolio or as a Regional Public Speaking winner. 4-H'ers in grades 9 & 10 may also attend as a Senator or Representative if they are selected after submitting an essay on the current year's Congress theme.

4-H State Roundup & All-Star Conference (UT Knoxville, July 21- 25, 2025) State Roundup is an invitational event where 4-H'ers in grades 9 - 12, who have submitted their project portfolio, have been recognized as a regional winner within their project.

Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (Crossville, September 19-23, 2025): SRTLTC is for youth who are *ages 14 - 18*. It is a multi-day, multi-state conference where 4-H teens can come together to share and learn ways to make a positive change and impact all across the Southern Region. The conference is a terrific networking opportunity!

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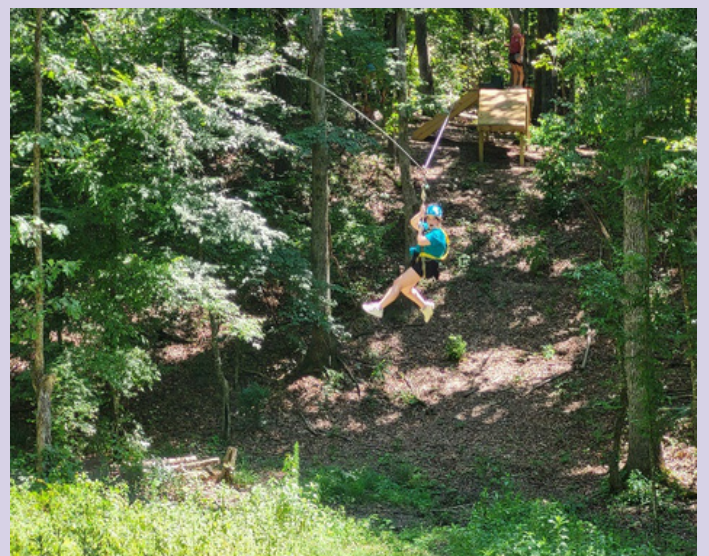
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State Honor Club: State Honor Club is a continuation of the Honor Club. Once 4-H'ers accumulate 200 points, they can submit their State Honor Club application to the 4-H Office, and once approved, they will be sent to the state for recognition.

All-Stars: Once an Honor Club member has completed the 8th Grade and has been an active State Honor Club Member for at least one year, they may apply to become an All Star. Other perks include invitations to the annual Spring and Fall All Star retreats throughout the state.

Vol State: Once an active All Star has completed the 10th Grade, they may become an eligible candidate to receive the Vol State award. Vol State gives deserved recognition to 4-H'ers who have particularly outstanding records in project achievement, leadership and service in 4-H.

This is the absolute highest and top honor 4-H'ers are able to receive in Tennessee 4-H.



Summer Camp 2024 @ LOF

County Poster Art Contest



Entry Deadline: **December 13, 2024 @ 4:30pm**

Location: **UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office**


ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

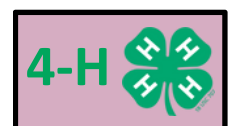
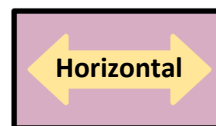
- 4-H'ers will create a poster which PROMOTES 4-H to others. The "Top 3" posters in the county will advance to the regional competition. Yes, **CLOVERBUDS** are welcome!
- **Digital Marketing Category.** The same regular poster contest rules apply and digital entries must be submitted as a PDF file to one of the agents with "Digital Poster Art Contest Entry" as the subject line.

GUIDELINES:

- While brainstorming, imagine signs, billboards and advertisements. Start with a simple, catchy idea and create a slogan for the theme of your poster.
- Use your space wisely. Before marking on your poster board, lightly sketch out designs with a pencil and lay letters down before permanently gluing them so you can adjust your space correctly.
- Any color poster board may be used. Choose colors wisely by using a color wheel to help choose colors which complement each other.
- Simple, block-style letters are easier to read than cursive or script letters. Letters that are cut using a letter-cutter or cut from construction paper look neater than drawing letters on your board. Make sure letters are large enough that they can be seen from several feet away.

RULES:

- Your poster must promote 4-H and include the 4-H emblem (when using the 4-H emblem on your poster, please follow criteria specified by the national guidelines regarding use of the 4-H emblem or contact the office).
 - ⇒ Do not obscure or place text & other images (photos, drawings, symbols) over or on top of the 4-H Emblem.
 - ⇒ Use only official colors. The clover stem should turn to the right only and the clover should not be slanted.
- Posters must be 22" x 14" (length x height) horizontal oriented (landscape, 22" left to right, 14" top to bottom).
- 4-H'ers Name, Address, County, Age, Grade & email address should be on the back in the **upper right corner**.
- The word: "4-H" as well as the 4-H "Clover"  must be included in your poster (See images right below).



- Design must be original and relate to the theme.
- Do not use copyrighted material (example: Marvel superheroes, Disney princesses, Lego characters...)
- Do not copy a slogan such as "Beef, It's What's for Dinner", "Just Do It" or "May the Force be with You".



County Public Speaking Contest

Date: January 30, 2025 @ 6:00pm



Location: Agricenter Building "C" (7777 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, TN 38120)

ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

4-H'ers (Grades 4 - 12) will deliver a timed, prepared speech to a panel of judges. All 1st Place winners will be eligible to advance to the Western Regional Competition (Grades 9 - 12) or the Southwest Area Sub-Regional Competition (Grades 4 - 8).

Pre-registration: Call 901-752-1207

Registration: 5:00pm to 5:45pm

Contest Commences: 6:00pm

GUIDELINES:

Speeches are made up of three parts: Introduction, Body, Conclusion

Introduction—start your speech with a question or a catchy phrase, tell your audience what you will be speaking about.

Body—this contains the different points you'd like to talk about. You should include at least 3 points.

Conclusion—end your speech with a poem, neat fact, catchy phrase again or a related joke. Don't forget to remind them of the purpose of your speech's main topic.

RULES:

4th Grade: 1 ~ 2 minutes

5th Grade: 2 ~ 3 minutes

6th Grade: 3 ~ 4 minutes

7th Grade: 4 ~ 5 minutes

8th Grade: 4 ~ 5 minutes

4th—8th Grade: You may choose your own topic. Examples such as: "My favorite ," "A person you admire," "A subject or topic you are learning about in school." **Note cards may be used, but NO visual aids.**

9th Grade: 5 ~ 7 minutes

10th Grade: 5 ~ 7 minutes

9th—12th Grade: All speeches must relate in some way to the 4-H member's experience in 4-H as well as something learned. It should also promote 4-H.

11th Grade: 5 ~ 7 minutes

12th Grade: 5 ~ 7 minutes

11th—12th Grade: In addition to the regular 4-H speech, 11th and 12th Grade 4-H'ers will be expected to deliver an extemporaneous or impromptu speech.

Speakers will be expected to dress appropriately.

Girls: suit, dress, nice top, modest skirt or pants, hair should be pulled away from face.

Boys: suit; khaki or dark dress slacks; nice, buttoned, collared shirt (polo or full button-down); tie (optional)

ABSOLUTELY NO: jeans (blue or any color), athletic wear, action wear, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, head covering (hats, caps, beanies, doo-rags, bandanas...), shorts or open-toed shoes including flip-flips and sandals.

County Public Speaking Contest (Continued...)

EXPLANATION of Judging Criteria and Points

Speaker

Appearance: As the speaker approaches the lectern and throughout the presentation, is their posture good; do they stand solidly on the floor; are their clothes (does not matter whether or not they are new or fashionable) clean and pressed? Does the speaker sway from one foot to another; lean on the lectern or table; slump and show poor grooming? A perfect score for this category is 10 points.

Language: Is it understandable, pleasing, meaningful, vivid and properly announced with proper grammar? Scores may range from 0 to 20.

Projection / Voice: Do they have eye contact with the audience? Does the presentation have sufficient volume? Is it clear, distinct and presented with expression and enthusiasm? Does the speaker instead present a memorized or read report? Do they communicate? Scores may range from 0 to 10.

Preparation: Whether or not the speaker occasionally refers to notes, do they seem to be well prepared? Do they read the speech, stumble over words or thoughts, or lack preparation (whether notes or memory) to carry through the presentation? Scores may vary between 0 and 15.

Subject Matter and Composition

Organization: Do ideas center around a central theme in a logical order, easily followed and understood by listeners? Does the speech seem poorly organized with random ideas or with ideas which do not fit into the theme? Points may range from 0 to 10 here.

Sources: Is the information accurate? Is the topic narrow enough for the message to be given completely? Has the speaker earned the right to speak on the subject through study and experience (preferably in 4-H)? Is the information current? Is the information seemingly out-of-date, too broad to be covered completely or incorrect? From 0 to 10 points are possible here.

Introduction, Summary and Conclusion: Does the introduction catch the interest of the audience while presenting the theme for the entire speech? Speakers should NOT begin by giving their name and club or by recognizing the “honorable judges, ladies and gentlemen, etc.” Does the summary tie the important points of the speech to the theme in an interesting way that makes you remember the speech? Does the speech have no real introduction or perhaps an inadequate introduction or summary? Points will vary from 0 to 10 in this category with half the scoring for the introduction and half for the summary.

5 points will be deducted for being under the minimum time. 1 point

Time Penalties:

will be deducted for every 30 seconds a speech exceeds the maximum time limit.

Tie-Breaker: To break a tie use, the “Use of Language” score from the score card will be used.

County Photography Contest

Entry Deadline: February 21, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Location: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office



ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

4-H'ers will submit photographs in 6 categories to be judged by a panel of judges. Yes, **CLOVERBUDS** are welcome!

GUIDELINES:

If you print your photos at home, be sure to use a high-quality photo paper.

Photos may be in color, black & white (B&W) and sepia.

Grading of the photos will be conducted by a panel of judges.

Photos will be judged based upon the subject or content, exposure and clarity of the photo.

RULES:

You may use any type of camera you'd like, but digital cameras or cellphones / tablets are often easier and more convenient to use.

Maximum photo size should not exceed **5" x 7"**.

Every photo entry must have a completed entry form filled out and **TAPED** to the back of each photo. NOT use glue to attach photo entry forms.

Only **ONE** entry per category is allowed, however, you may enter all 6 categories.

Entries may be comprised of a **SINGLE** entry or a **SERIES**.

A series must consist of 4 photos showing a "before and after" or a "how-to" theme.

A series entry must have the 4 photos **numbered sequentially** or in order of events in addition to entry forms on each photo in the series.

Place all entries from an individual 4-H'er in one envelope with NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, GRADE, SCHOOL / CLUB NAME and TEACHER / LEADER NAME.

Categories:

1. People
2. Buildings
3. Animals
4. Landscape
5. Citizenship
6. Leadership

STATE PHOTO SEARCH CONTEST:

Grades 7 - 12: The top 10 photos will be mailed to the State Office in Knoxville and entered into the Tennessee 4-H State Photo Search Contest. **These photos MUST relate to 4-H in some way in order to be eligible for the State Photo Search Contest.**

County Piggy Bank Contest

Entry Deadline: **March 28, 2025 @ 4:30pm**

Location: **UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office**



ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

4-H'ers will create and submit their very own Piggy Bank to help promote the importance of financial education and being prepared for the future. Yes, **CLOVERBUDS** are welcome!

GUIDELINES:

Create a Piggy Bank that is unique and has personality. Give your Piggy Bank a theme! It can reflect your own personality.

Your Piggy Bank does not have to be a traditional pig; it can be ANYTHING, such as a princess pig, clock, barn, camo.

You may construct your piggy bank from items such as paper, milk cartons, coffee cans and just about anything that will help make your Piggy Bank unique. You may decorate your Piggy Bank with paint, sequins, glitter and anything that will help its uniqueness.

Be sure your Piggy Bank is able to be transported without falling apart; nothing fragile.

RULES:

Piggy Banks must be NO larger than 12" x 12" x "12".

Piggy Banks must **NOT** be created with or include GLASS.

Piggy Banks should be made to be travelable and portable, again, nothing fragile or anything that could fall apart.

Do not turn your Piggy Bank in with money or currency in it.

The Piggy Bank Entry Form must be taped to the **BOTTOM** of your Piggy Bank. Entry forms are found in the back of this yearbook.

STATE PIGGY BANK PAGEANT:


All 1st Place winners in each grade level will be entered into the State Piggy Bank Pageant. This contest is different than the local county contest. Piggy Banks must be received into the Extension Office by the regular county deadline.

Grade Level breakdown:


 CloverBuds


Kindergarten & 1st Grades

2nd & 3rd Grades

 4th Grade

 5th Grade

 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades



Ag Day Student Art Contest and Exhibition 2025 Rules



What: Ag Day Art Contest

Who: Any 3rd-12th grade student enrolled in a Shelby, Tipton, Fayette County, TN, Crittenden County, AR or Desoto County, MS schools

Deadline to Enter: March 7, 2025

Prizes: Monetary Prizes for Students and Teachers of winning students!

Questions: 901-752-1207 or email Tim Roberts at tim.roberts@utk.edu or Kelly Ravlija at krav@utk.edu

Theme: "Agriculture: Together We Grow" This is an opportunity for students to learn about Agriculture. The theme "Agriculture: Together We Grow" celebrates how everyone plays a part in making agriculture strong—farmers, communities, businesses, and consumers. It reminds us that by working together, we can help feed and support people all over the world. Whether it's using new technology, taking care of the environment, or sharing knowledge, we can all help grow a better future. This theme shows how teamwork and unity are essential to making agriculture thrive and succeed. Have the students consider "How has agriculture impacted their lives and how it can in the future." Some topics to discuss with the students to help with ideas about the theme are how corn and soybeans are used to fuel our cars, fresh fruits and vegetables power our bodies, and technology such as drones are advancing agriculture. Art entries are due to Agricenter International by close of business March 7, 2025. There are cash prizes for both winning students and TEACHERS of 1st place winning students.

There are many great resources you can use in the classroom to prepare your students for the contest. Those include:
<https://www.agclassroom.org/teacher/matrix/>
<https://www.agfoundation.org/resources>

2025 Theme: Agriculture: Together We Grow

ELIGIBILITY: Any 3rd – 12th grade public, private, and homeschool student enrolled in Shelby, Tipton, and Fayette Counties in TN, Crittenden County, AR and Desoto County in MS schools. Students may develop an entry inside or outside of school. Students are eligible to submit one entry in each contest category.

ART CATEGORIES: There are five categories that students can enter. There is no limit to the number of art pieces submitted per school.

5 Categories:

1. Drawing
2. Photography
3. Painting
4. Graphic Design
5. Short Video

All submissions must be original art designed by the student. Any work that is not will be disqualified.

Drawing and Painting art submission guidelines: Traditional media categories include Drawing, Painting and Collage. Original work must not exceed 11 X 14 inches.

Photography submission guidelines: Photography work includes color or black and white on 8.5" X 11" photo paper. Please do NOT frame or mount photography submissions. Photographs must be taken by the student and associated with the theme.

Graphic design submission guidelines: Graphic design work must be developed by original media and is defined as the use of computer media and innovative computer applications to art. Original artwork must be 8.5” X 11”. Please do NOT mat graphic design work.

Short video submission guidelines: Video entries should be between 30 seconds and 3 minutes. Videos over 3 minutes will not be considered. Video quality should be 1080p or higher. Videos can be turned in on a jump drive or a link to the video can be emailed to: tim.roberts@utk.edu or krav@utk.edu.

GRADE DIVISIONS:

Division 1: 3rd-6th Grades

Division 2: 7th-9th Grades

Division 3: 10th-12th Grades

Judging Criteria Considered:

Art entries will be judged on the following: interpretation of concept, uniqueness, artistry, and artist statement. The Artist Statement should include: what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work in at least three sentences.

PRIZES:

The decision of the judges will be final. Students do not need to be present to win.

Student Prizes:

1st Place winner in each division: \$400

2nd Place winner in each division: \$200

3rd Place winner in each division: \$100

These student winners and their families will be invited to attend the Ag Day celebration in March 2025 to be recognized.

Teachers Prizes:

\$250 to teachers of each first-place winner. Each teacher and their families will be invited to attend the Ag Day celebration in March 2025 to be recognized.

Teacher Prize Drawing: One name will be drawn to receive a \$500 prize! Only teachers submitting art work from students in Shelby, Tipton, and Fayette Counties in Tennessee, Crittenden County, AR and DeSoto County in MS. This includes public, private schools and homeschools in those areas. Entry period begins now and ends on March 7, 2025 at 4:30 pm. No purchase or fees are necessary. Teachers will receive one entry per student entry into the contest. The more students entered the more entries a teacher will have. Teacher does not need to be present to win.

ART ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Submissions should be new pieces of artwork that reflect the current year’s theme.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. An adult may not alter the integrity of a student’s work. Help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. Children of sponsors are not eligible.
- All artwork must include complete entries containing an artist statement and an entry form found below. Please attach the statement and entry form to the back of entries. Video entry statements and entry forms may be submitted via title screen in video or typed on paper and submitted with USB drive loaded with video or emailed with video link.
- The entry form includes: the name of student entrant, age, grade level, name of school, names of parent or guardian and their complete mailing address with zip code, telephone number, and the full name of the art teacher or home room teacher and teacher’s email the artwork was created in.
- Entries must be accompanied by an “Artist’s Statement” of at least three sentences but no more than 200 words that is created by the student entrant. The artists statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work.
- Use of copyrighted material (images) or trademarks (company names, logos, brands, etc.) is prohibited except for background music in video production entries. If used in video production entries, background music must be cited on the entry form. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of PowerPoint templates are prohibited.
- Entries must comply with all local and national laws of the United States. Content must not 1) promote illegal behavior; 2) support racial, religious, sexual or other invidious prejudice; 3) advocate sexual or violent exploitation; 4) violate rights established by law or agreements; 5) invade the privacy of any person; or 6) be otherwise inappropriate as determined by Agricenter in its sole and conclusive determination.

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS: Deadline to enter contest is Friday, March 7, 2025.

Entries can be mailed or hand delivered to: Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38120. Video submissions can be mailed or hand delivered on a USB drive to the Agricenter at the address listed above. Video submissions will also be accepted via links sent to Tim Roberts at tim.roberts@utk.edu or Kelly Ravlija at krav@utk.edu. Hand delivered entries must be submitted during normal business hours, 8:00 am until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, to the Agricenter Administrative Offices. Call 901-757- 7777 extension 7100 for hand delivery questions.

SUBMISSIONS must be received no later than Friday, March 7, 2025.

By submitting any artwork to the Agricenter International for the Student Art Contest and Exhibition, entrants accept and agree to be bound by the official rules for participation as well as the entry requirements for their specific art categories and division. Student may only submit piece of artwork

within each of the art categories. Any violation of these rules may, at the Agricenter's discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the Agricenter International regarding this program are final and binding in all respects. All entries become the property of Agricenter International and cannot be returned.

Entries may be exhibited at Agricenter International's discretion and may be auctioned at a fundraiser for a community event.

County Project Showcase Contest

Date: April 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm



Location: Agricenter Building "C" (7777 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, TN 38120)

ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

4-H'ers (Grades 4 - 12) will have the opportunity to demonstrate something they have learned in their 4-H project within the last year.

Pre-Registration: Call 901-752-1207

Registration: 5:00pm to 5:45pm

Contest Commences: 6:00pm

GUIDELINES:

Project Showcase is similar to the Public Speaking Contest, but you may have a VISIAL AID!!!
You may use a tri-fold display board, just as you would in a school science fair.

RULES:

- 4th Grade: } Time: **2-3 minutes**. Project Demonstration. You should be able to show how your project works
5th Grade: } "step-by-step" to a panel of judges. You must setup and breakdown in a room with an audience.
- 6th Grade: } Time: **2-3 minutes**. Interactive Table-Top Display Exhibit. You should be prepared to explain your
7th Grade: } project to the judges.
8th Grade: } **SPECIAL EXTRA CATEGORY:** You may enter your record-book / portfolio to be judged separately
from your table-top display. For more info, please refer to: https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx
- 9th Grade: } Interview with a panel of judges. A visual is allowed. You will have **2-3 minutes** to explain your visual.
10th Grade: }
- 11th Grade: } Interview with a panel of judges. In addition to the visual, 4-H'ers will also submit a working resume
12th Grade: }

Participants will be expected to dress appropriately.

Girls: suit, dress, nice top, modest skirt or pants, hair should be pulled away from face.

Boys: suit; khaki or dark dress slacks; nice, buttoned, collared shirt (polo or full button-down); tie (optional)

ABSOLUTELY NO: jeans (blue or any color), athletic wear, action wear, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, head covering (hats, caps, beanies, doo-rags, bandanas...), shorts, flip-flips, sandals, open toe shoes.

County Project Showcase Contest (Continued 2...)

Explanation

Demonstrator(15 Points possible)

Appearance: Neat / clean. Posture. No distracting jewelry. Hair out of eyes. No gum. Well-groomed. (5 Points)

Voice: Is it pleasing, clear and distinct with correct grammar? (5 Points)

Poise and enthusiasm: Good voice projection. Good eye-contact with the audience and judges. Smiles. Appears calm and collected. (5 Points)

Presentation(50 Points possible)

Introduction: Is it attention-getting, giving the purpose of the demonstration; brief and important; telling what is to be done; or is it just the opposite, merely repetition of the demonstrator's name and club when he/she has already been introduced? (10 Points)

Main points clearly stated: Are all the steps clearly seen and can be understood by the audience? Are the points easily distinguished? (10 Points)

Summary: Is it interesting and short, but complete; key points re-emphasized; no new material introduced; purpose met? If gestures are used, are they natural? (10 Points)

Demonstration given convincingly: Does it seem the 4-H'er has knowledge of the subject and does not read his/her information? (5 Points)

Equipment / Visuals: Is it well-selected and organized; work area clearly seen; suitable and effective equipment for the job; equipment handled with ease; arranged for efficient use; used as needed; without name brands or labels? Are they neat, clear, well-illustrated; used to amplify, not duplicate methods shown; charts not too crowded; simple designs; only needed charts used; charts handled smoothly? (10 Points)

Work area: Is it left neat or as it was before the demonstration? (5 Points)

Subject Matter (35 Points possible)

Selection and organization: Is it presented in logical sequence with only one theme or idea presented; subject narrow enough to be covered adequately? Is topic related to the 4-H project? (10 Points)

Source of information: Is it accurate and up-to-date; selected from reliable information from USDA or UT Extension recommended practices; personal experience can be cited; source of information can be cited; suited to age, interest and experience of the demonstrator? (15 Points)

Practical questions: Are they answered accurately; 4-H'er admits not knowing answer instead of guessing; subject adequately covered enough there is no need for additional questions? (10 Points)

Tips for Planning Your Project Showcase

***Be sure to choose a topic that interests you.

Colors

Dark backgrounds, yellow letters are easy to read.
White backgrounds with dark letters are attractive.
Avoid using bright background with bright letters.
Choose colors that are easy to read.

Visual Aids

Visual aids are an important part of the demonstration. Special attention should be given to each visual. List everything you need for your demonstration. List each step. Briefly summarize your conclusions.

Organization

Begin with an introduction.
Discuss main points & objectives.
Summarize your main points in your conclusion.
Explain each step.

Writing

Use large lettering you can see from the back row.
Block letters are easier to read than cursive.
Capitalize only when necessary.

County Project Showcase Contest (Continued 3...)

Project Areas:

STEM

Computer & Technology
Applied Sciences
Electric
Engineering & Safety Sciences

Environmental Education

Entomology/Beekeeping
Horticulture & Gardening
Plant Science
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries

Nutrition/Health

Food Sciences
Nutrition, Health, & Fitness

Personal Growth

Citizenship
Leadership
Communication/Public Speaking
Performing Arts
Recreation
Personal Development

Animal Science – Large Animal
Beef Horse Sheep Swine Goat Dairy
***No Live Animals**

Animal Science – Small Animal
Companion Animals
Poultry
Veterinary Science (small or large)
***No Live Animals**

Consumer Skills

Consumer Ed./Economics
Creative Arts and Design
Photography
Clothing & Textiles
Entrepreneurship

All County Project Showcase Participants will automatically qualify to advance to the Western Region 4-H Project Showcase.

County Bread Baking Contest



Date: April 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Location: Agricenter Building "C" (7777 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, TN 38120)

ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael Kelly or Kyla.)

4-H'ers will have the opportunity to enter a specific type of bread which is different according to their grade level. Yes, CLOVERBUDS are welcome!

Registration: 5:00pm

Contest Commences: 6:00pm

GUIDELINES:

You may use a family recipe or recipe you might find in the paper, a cookbook, a magazine or the Internet. You may have adult help, but adults should not make your bread for you. This is designed for you to learn.

RULES:

*****You MUST make the type of bread assigned specifically to your grade level BEFORE you will be allowed to enter the Favorite Bread / Dessert Contest.*****

All bread entries must be placed on a plate covered in foil, clear plastic or a decorative plate. On the bottom of your bread entry, you must include your NAME, GRADE, CLUB / SCHOOL NAME and LEADER / TEACHER NAME.

Cloverbuds 4thGrade	} CloverBuds & 4th Grade: 3 Plain Cornmeal Muffins.
5th Grade 6thGrade	} 5thGrade & 6th Grade: 3 Plain Biscuits - NO fillings or other flavors allowed.
7th Grade 8thGrade	} 7thGrade & 8th Grade: Whole loaf of quick bread.
9th Grade 10th Grade 11thGrade 12th Grade	} 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade: Whole loaf of yeast bread.

FAVORITE BREAD / DESSERT CONTEST:

*****You MUST make the type of bread assigned specifically to your grade level BEFORE you will be allowed to enter the Favorite Bread / Dessert Contest.*****

Once you have completed your grade level bread entry, you will be allowed to enter the "Favorite Bread / Dessert" category. You may enter any recipe of your choosing under this category.

Shelby Co. 4-H County Fair



Date: August 14, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Location: Agricenter Dome Rm. C (7777 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, TN 38120)

ABOUT (For more information, please contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.)

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED by Friday, August 8, 2025 @ 4:30pm!!!

4-H'ers will have the opportunity to show off their creativity by participating in the following categories. Items eligible must have been made during the 4-H year. Please see the Fair Catalog for more information on deadlines, class breakdown and details, and entry forms. Yes, CLOVERBUDS are welcome!

Check-In: 4:30pm to 5:45pm

Judging Commences: 6:00pm

GUIDELINES:

4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in the local 4-H County Fair by entering quality projects, goods and items made by the 4-H'ers throughout the program year.

Top winners will be awarded premiums based upon the quality of their items and their ribbon assignment. Categories include, but aren't limited to:

<i>Arts & Crafts</i>	<i>Recycled Crafts</i>
<i>Horticulture</i>	<i>Poster Art Exhibit</i>
<i>Culinary</i>	<i>Food Preservation</i>
<i>Plant Science</i>	<i>Clothing</i>
<i>Home Grounds</i>	<i>Pet Show</i>
<i>Bread Baking</i>	

RULES:

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED by Friday, August 9, 2024 @ 4:30pm!!!

They may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or brought in person to the Extension Office before the close of business, 4:30pm.

Please refer to the [Shelby County 4-H County Fair Catalog](#) for information pertaining to class deadlines and entry forms.



*****Most County 4-H Fair entries will qualify to be entered into the Delta Fair Youth Categories.*****

Shelby County 4-H Clubs

A current directory of our community and school clubs.

For more information on any club, contact Tim, Michael, Kelly or Kyla.

Air Rifle / BB Project Group [Shooting Sports]: *Youth must be both in at least the 4th grade 10 years old or older.* They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons of each month at Memphis Sport Shooting Association (MSSA) in Arlington. For more information, please contact Michael Owen, mowen@utk.edu.

Archery Project Group [Shooting Sports]: *Youth must be both in at least the 4th grade 10 years old or older.* They meet on the 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month at the Bobby Lanier Farm Park in Germantown. For more information, please contact Michael Owen, mowen@utk.edu.

Bartlett 4-H Club [Forestry / Wildlife]: Any 4-H youth interested in forestry, wildlife and the general outdoors are welcome. Focus is on preparing for our forestry and wildlife contests. They meet on Monday evenings twice a month at Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett. For more information, please contact Weida Ringley, weidaringley@gmail.com.

County Sewing 4-H Club [Textile Science]: *Sewing is open to all youth in 4th grade and up.* They meet on the 1st Thursday afternoon of each month at the Bobby Lanier Farm Park in Germantown. For more information, please contact Michael Owen, mowen@utk.edu.

Germantown Library 4-H Club: Provides general 4-H programs and activities. They meet on the 2nd Monday at 5:00 P.M. for more information contact Anne Howard, anne.howard@aveninsights.com.



Germantown 4-H Club: Provides general 4-H programs and activities. They meet on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month at the Bobby Lanier Farm Park in Germantown. For more information, please contact Susan Tyree, susan.gold2@gmail.com.



Honor Club: *The Honor Club is open to all youth currently in grades 6 - 12.* Emphasis is centered around service-learning opportunities and building leadership & citizenship skills. They meet on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at the Agricenter. For more information, please contact Kelly Ravlija, krav@utk.edu.

Woodstock Ghost Riders 4-H Club [Horse]: Any youth interested in all things horse and equine are welcome to participate, horse ownership is not required. They meet on Sunday afternoons twice a month at the Woodstock-Cuba Saddle Club in Millington. For more information, please contact Kyla Szempliski, kszempli@utk.edu.

In-School 4-H Clubs: 4-H is visible in many schools across Shelby County! If you are interested in getting 4-H Club started at your school or unsure if your school offers 4-H, please contact UT Extension Shelby County at 901-752-1207. Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Chick Chain, Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Judging, Dairy Products Judging, FCS Skillathon, Forestry Judging, Land Judging, Life Skills, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Poultry Judging and Wildlife Judging please call 901-752-1207.

Regional & State Activities & Events

All dates and locations are **TBD** and **TENTATIVELY** set.



Please contact Tim, Kelly, Kyla, or Michael for the most up-to-date information.



Event/Activity	Date	Location
WR Junior Market Swine Show	January 6	UT Martin or Obion Co. Fairgrounds
State Junior Market Hog Show	January 8 - 11	Hyder-Burk Pavilion, Cookeville
WR 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl	January 18	WTREC, Jackson
Senior Citizenship & Leadership Portfolios Due	January 20	Submitted Online
State 4-H Congress Registration & Essays Due	January 15	Shelby Co. 4-H Office
All Star High Council	January 24-25	Lebanon
TSU 4-H Minority Scholarship Applications Due	January 24	Submitted Online (TSU)
WR Steer Tagging Day	February 8	Henry Co. Fairgrounds
WR 4-H Public Speaking Contest	February 4	WTREC, Jackson
State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest	February 8	Murfreesboro
WR 4-H Meats Judging Contest	February 13	WTREC, Jackson
State 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl	February 14 - 15	Brehm Hall, UT Knoxville
WR 4-H Congress Readiness Day & History Bowl	February 22	WTREC, Jackson
State Council Meeting	Feb. 28 - March 1	Lebanon
State 4-H Congress	March 9 - 12	Murfreesboro / Nashville
4-H Beekeeping Essays Due	March 15	State 4-H Office
WR 4-H All Star Spring Retreat	March 28 - 29	TBA
Academic Conference Registration & Assistant Applications Due	April 1	Shelby Co. 4-H Office
4-H WR Project Showcase e-Portfolios Posting Deadline	April 1	Submitted Online
State 4-H Air Rifle, Air Pistol & BB Gun Jamboree	March 21 - 22	Rutherford Co. Ext. Office, Murfreesboro
State 4-H Archery Jamboree	April 11 - 12	Hyder-Burk Pavilion, Cookeville
WR 4-H Horse Judging Contest	April 10	Triple P Arena, Decaturville
WR 4-H Project Showcase	April 19	Parkway Middle School, Jackson
State TN 4-H College Scholarship Applications Due	May 1	Submitted Online
WR 4-H Poultry Judging Contest	April 29	WTREC, Jackson
State 4-H Shotgun Jamboree	May 3	Nashville Gun Club, Nashville
Senior 4-H Project e-Portfolios Due	May 1	Submitted Online
State 4-H Project e-Portfolios Judging	May	Judging performed online
WR 4-H Wildlife Judging Contest	May 14	Lone Oaks, Middleton
State 4-H Sheep Conference	TBD	Hyder-Burk Pavilion, Cookeville
4-H Target SMART Camp	May 26 - 30	Clyde York 4-H Center, Crossville
OWLS Conference	May 27 - 30	"Land Between the Lakes", Brandon Springs
State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging Contest	June 3	Brehm Hall, UT Knoxville
State 4-H Wildlife Judging Contest	June 5	TBA
WR 4-H Horse Show Junior High Academic Conference WR Junior	June 6 - 7	West TN Ag Pavilion, UT Martin
Beef Expo	June 10 - 13	UT Knoxville
	June 14	West TN Ag Pavilion, UT Martin

County Photography Contest

Entry Deadline: February 21, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Location: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office



Entry Forms (Make copies as needed)

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ School / Club: _____ Grade _____ Teacher / Leader: _____ Category: _____	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ School / Club: _____ Grade _____ Teacher / Leader: _____ Category: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ School / Club: _____ Grade _____ Teacher / Leader: _____ Category: _____	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ School / Club: _____ Grade _____ Teacher / Leader: _____ Category: _____
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Piggy Bank Entry Forms

Entry Deadline: **March 28, 2025 @ 4:30pm**

Location: **UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office**



Entry Forms (Make copies as needed)

<p>Theme: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____</p> <p>School / Club: _____</p> <p>Teacher / Leader: _____</p> <p>WHY SAVE MONEY: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Theme: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____</p> <p>School / Club: _____</p> <p>Teacher / Leader: _____</p> <p>WHY SAVE MONEY: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Theme: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____</p> <p>School / Club: _____</p> <p>Teacher / Leader: _____</p> <p>WHY SAVE MONEY: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Theme: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____</p> <p>School / Club: _____</p> <p>Teacher / Leader: _____</p> <p>WHY SAVE MONEY: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Ag Day Art Contest Entry Form

Attach to the back of each art entry.
Be sure to include an artist statement as well with each entry.

Ag Day Contest Entry Form Attach to the back of each art entry with Artist Statement	Ag Day Contest Entry Form Attach to the back of each art entry with Artist Statement
Name: _____	Name: _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____	Age: _____ Grade: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____	Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Email: _____	Parent/Guardian Email: _____
Complete Mailing Address (include ZIP CODE): _____ _____	Complete Mailing Address (include ZIP CODE): _____ _____
Art Entry Title: _____	Art Entry Title: _____
School Name: _____	School Name: _____
Teacher Name: _____	Teacher Name: _____
Teacher Email: _____	Teacher Email: _____
<i>Don't forget to include an artist statement about the art entry. Attach this form to the back of the entry.</i>	<i>Don't forget to include an artist statement about the art entry. Attach this form to the back of the entry.</i>

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Shelby County 4-H





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 and my world.

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