

SHELBY COUNTY 4-H YEARBOOK



2025-2026



The mission of the Shelby County 4-H Program is to empower youth to form a sense of purpose through research-based education, life skills, and civic engagement to become better leaders of today and tomorrow.



Our 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 county,
and my world.

Our Motto:

"To make the
best better"

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MEET THE TEAM



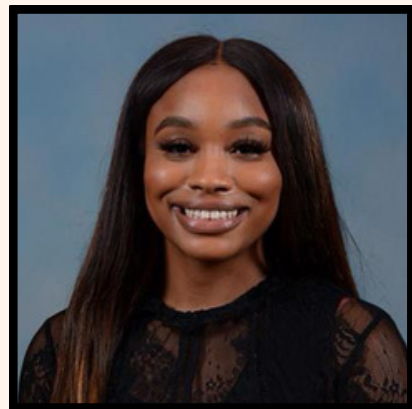
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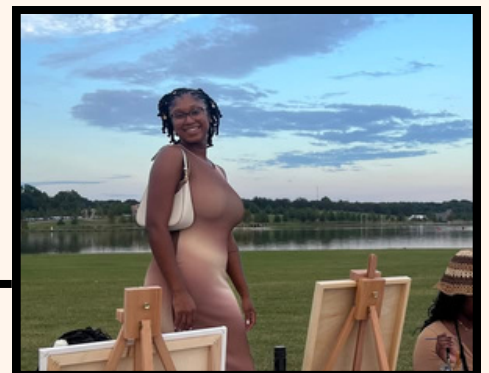
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THE BUSINESS MEETING

4-H Officer Responsibilities:

PRESIDENT

- Leads the group throughout the entire meeting
- Chooses volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge
- Keeps order in the class
- Is prepared and makes sure all officers are ready and prepared

VICE PRESIDENT

- Is in charge of the meeting if the president is absent
- Gives the “Thought of the Day”
- Is prepared and works with the president to make the meeting run smoothly

SECRETARY

- Takes accurate and detailed minutes (notes) of all aspects of the 4-H meeting while the meeting is in progress.
- Reads minutes at the appropriate time during the meeting
- Is prepared with a pencil and secretary book

REPORTER

- Reports on activities going on in school
- Keeps 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)
Ex) “Sally will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 clubs 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.”

ADVANCEMENT IN COUNTY JUDGING & CONTESTS



For youth in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12

indicates the 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.

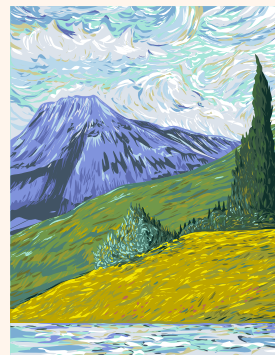


PIGGY BANK PAGEANT:

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 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, TN.



PROJECT SHOWCASE:

All 4-H'ers who participate in the County Project Showcase Contests are eligible to advance to the Regional Project Showcase held at Parkway Middle School in Jackson, TN.

ADDITIONAL CONTESTS & SHOWS

For youth in grades 4th - 12th, unless otherwise indicated.

CHICK CHAIN

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING (CDM) JUDGING
(9th - 12th)

FORESTRY JUDGING

GRILL MASTER CHALLENGE
(6th - 12th)

HORSE JUDGING

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

HORSE HIPPOLOGY & QUIZ BOWL

HORSE SHOWS (REGIONAL & STATE)

LIVESTOCK SHOWS (REGIONAL & STATE)

MEAT I.D. JUDGING

POULTRY JUDGING

SKILL-A-THON (FCS SKILLS)
(6th - 12th)

WILDLIFE JUDGING

**For more information on any activities and events, contact Tim,
Kelly, Sydney, Kyla, Micah, or Khalaya.**

JUNIOR 4-H'ERS CAMPS

For youth in grades 4 and 5

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP @ LONE OAKS FARM (MIDDLETON, MAY 25-29, 2026)

Junior 4-H Camp is a 5-day residential camp available for youth in grades 4 - 6.

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, zipline and so much more!

TARGET S.M.A.R.T. CAMP (CROSSVILLE (MAY 25 - 29, 2026)

Target SMART Camp is for youth 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, shot gunning, muzzle loading and outdoor skills. Programs emphasize safety, correct posture, form and responsible use.

JUNIOR HIGH 4-H'ERS ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

For youth in grades 6, 7, and 8

JUNIOR HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP @ LONE OAKS FARM (MIDDLETON, DATES - TBD)

Junior High Adventure Camp is a 4-day residential camp available for youth in 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 9 - 12, 2026)

Academic Conference is for youth in 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, 2026)

State Electric Camp is for youth in 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. Youth may attend Electric Camp only once during their 4-H career.

TARGET S.M.A.R.T. CAMP (CROSSVILLE, MAY 25 - 29, 2026)

Target SMART Camp is designed for youth in grades 5-12 who are excited to explore our Shooting Sports Program. Campers build skills in areas like archery, riflery, shotgun sports, muzzle loading, and outdoor skills. The focus is always on safety, proper form, and responsible use, giving participants a strong foundation for success.

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

For youth in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

4-H STATE CONGRESS (MURFREESBORO, MARCH 8 -11, 2026)

State Congress is an invitational event for youth 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. Youth 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 MARTIN, JULY 20 - 25, 2026)

State Roundup is an invitational event for youth 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, SEPT. 18 - 21, 2026)

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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For youth in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (CONT.)

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STATE HONOR CLUB

State Honor Club is a continuation of the Honor Club. Once youth accumulate 200 points, they can submit their State Honor Club application to the 4-H Office. 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 youth 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.

COUNTY POSTER ART CONTEST

Entry Deadline: December 12, 2025 @ 4:30pm



Location: UT TSU Shelby County Extension Office
(7777 Walnut Grove Rd)

Youth will create a poster which promotes 4-H to others. The top 3 posters in the county will advance to the regional competition.

Digital Marketing entries will follow the same Poster Contest rules but must be submitted as a PDF file to an agent via email with “Digital Poster Art Contest Entry” as the subject line.

GUIDELINES:

- Think big! Imagine signs, billboards, and advertisements. Start with a catchy idea and slogan.
- Plan your layout before marking your board. Lightly sketch first and adjust spacing as needed.
- You may use any color poster board. Choose colors that complement each other.
- Simple, block-style letters are easier to read than cursive or script fonts.
- Letters made with a letter-cutter or construction paper often look neater than hand-drawn letters.
- Letters should be large enough to be seen several feet away.

RULES

- Your poster must have “4-H” and the 4-H Clover 🍀 on the front of your poster.
 - Follow national guidelines for proper use of the emblem (contact the office for details).
 - Do not obscure or place text/photos over the emblem.
 - Use only official colors. The clover stem should turn to the right and must not be slanted.
- Posters must be 22” x 14” (landscape orientation: 22” width x 14” height).
- Clearly list: Name, Address, County, Age, Grade, and Email Address on the back of the poster in the upper right corner.
- Designs must be original and match the contest theme.
- Do not use copyrighted characters (e.g., Marvel superheroes, Disney princesses, Lego figures).
- Do not copy slogans like “Beef, It’s What’s for Dinner,” “Just Do It,” or “May the Force Be with You.”

COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Date: January 29, 2026 @ 6pm

Location: Agricenter Building C (7777 Walnut Grove Rd)



Pre-Register By: January 22, 2026

Check-in: 5pm – 5:45pm

(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).

GUIDELINES:

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

Notecards may be used, but NO visuals of any type.

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, button collared shirt (Polo or full button-down), tie (optional)

4th Grade: 1 – 2 minutes

5th Grade: 2 – 3 minutes

6th Grade: 3 – 4 minutes

7th & 8th Grade: 4 – 5 minutes

9th – 12th grade: 5 – 7 minutes

4th – 8th Grade: You may choose your own topic. Examples – “My favorite _____”, “A person you admire.”, “A subject or topic you are learning about in school.”

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

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

Absolutely NO: Jeans (blue or any color), athletic wear, action wear, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, head coverings (hats, caps, beanies, durags, bandanas, etc.), shorts, or open-toed shoes including flip flops and sandals.

COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST (CONT.)

Explanation of Judging Criteria and Points

APPEARANCE (1 - 10 POINTS)

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 (0 - 20 POINTS)

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

PROJECTION / VOICE (0 - 10 POINTS)

Do they make 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? Scores may range from 0 to 10.

PREPARATION (0 - 15 POINTS)

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 (0 - 10 points): Does the speech stay focused on a clear theme, with ideas presented in a logical order that's easy to follow? Or does it feel scattered, with unrelated or off-topic points?

Sources (0 - 10 points): Is the information accurate, up to date, and specific enough for the time given? Has the speaker shown preparation through research or personal experience, ideally within 4-H?

Introduction, Summary and Conclusion (0 - 10 points): Does the introduction engage the audience and clearly present the topic (without formal greetings)? Does the conclusion effectively summarize key points and leave a lasting impression? Half of the score is for the intro, half for the conclusion.

Time Penalties: 5 points will be deducted for being under the minimum time. 1 point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a speech exceeds the maximum time limit.

Tie Breaker: To break a tie, the "Use of Language" score from the score card will be used.

COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Entry Deadline: February 20, 2026



Location: UT TSU Shelby County Extension (7777 Walnut Grove Rd)

Youth will submit photographs in 6 categories to be judged by a panel of judges.

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"x7"**
- Every photo entry must have a completed entry form filled out and **taped** to the back of each photo. Please do not use glue to attach photo entry forms.
- Only **ONE** entry per category is allowed, however, you may enter in 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 a youth in one envelope with NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, GRADE, SCHOOL / CLUB NAME and TEACHER / LEADER NAME.

CATEGORIES

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

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 PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY FORMS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

School/ Club: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher/ Leader: _____

Category: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

School/ Club: _____

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School/ Club: _____

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Teacher/ Leader: _____

Category: _____

COUNTY PIGGY BANK CONTEST

Date: March 27, 2026 @ 6pm



Location: Agricenter Building C (7777 Walnut Grove Rd)

Youth will create and submit their very own Piggy Bank to help promote the importance of financial education and being prepared for the future.

GUIDELINES:

- Create a unique piggy bank that has personality! 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, etc.
- You may creatively construct your piggy bank from items such as paper, milk cartons, coffee cans, etc. You may also decorate your piggy bank with paint, glitter, sequins, etc.
- Be sure your piggy bank is able to be transported without falling apart.

RULES

- Piggy banks must not be larger than 12" x 12" x 12"
- Piggy banks must **NOT** be created with or include glass
- Piggy banks should not be fragile.
- 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. Forms are found at the end of the 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 Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade

PIGGY BANK ENTRY FORMS

Theme: _____
Name: _____
Grade: _____
School/ Club: _____
Teacher/ Leader: _____
WHY SAVE MONEY? _____

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COUNTY PROJECT SHOWCASE CONTEST

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026 @ 6pm

Pre-Registration Deadline: April 2, 2026

Location: Agricenter

Check-In: 5:30pm



(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).

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COUNTY PROJECT SHOWCASE CONTEST (CONT.)

Detailed Guidelines

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. Appears calm and collected. (5 Points)

Presentation (50 points possible)

- Introduction: Is it attention-getting? Does it give the purpose of the demonstration? Is it brief and important—telling what is to be done? Or is it just the opposite—merely a 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? Are key points re-emphasized? Is no new material introduced? Was the 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? Is the work area clearly seen? Is the equipment suitable and effective for the job—handled with ease—arranged for efficient use—used as needed—free of name brands or labels?
- Are visuals neat, clear, and well-illustrated—used to amplify, not duplicate, methods shown? Are charts not too crowded—with simple designs—and only necessary charts used? Are they 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)

COUNTY PROJECT SHOWCASE CONTEST (CONT.)

Project Areas

STEM

- Computer & Technology Applied Sciences • Electric
- Engineering & Safety Sciences

Personal Growth

- Citizenship • Leadership
- Communication/Public Speaking
- Performing Arts • Recreation
- Personal Development

Animal Science (Large Animal)

- Beef • Horse • Sheep
- Goat • Dairy • Swine

Animal Science (Small Animal)

- Companion Animals • Poultry
- Veterinary Science (small or large)

Nutrition & Health

- Food Sciences
- Nutrition, Health, & Fitness

Consumer Skills

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

Environmental Education

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

Tips for planning your project showcase

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.

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.



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

COUNTY BREAD BAKING CONTEST

Date: April 23, 2026 @ 6pm

Registration: April 16, 2026

Check-In: 5:30pm

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

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

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.

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

5th - 6th Grade: Plain biscuits - No fillings or other flavors allowed.

7th - 8th Grade: Whole loaf of quick bread.

9th - 12th Grade: Whole loaf of yeast bread.

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.

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

SHELBY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Pre-Registration Deadline: August 12 from 8am - 4:30pm

Drop off: August 13th from 8:30 am - 4:30pm

Pick up: August 14th at UT TSU Shelby County Extension

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.

GUIDELINES:

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

***MUST confirm time with agent to show live animals**

Notecards may be used, but NO visuals of any type.

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, button collared shirt (Polo or full button-down), tie (optional)

4th Grade: 1 - 2 minutes

5th Grade: 2 - 3 minutes

6th Grade: 3 - 4 minutes

7th & 8th Grade: 4 - 5 minutes

9th - 12th grade: 5 - 7 minutes

4th - 8th Grade: You may choose your own topic. Examples - "My favorite _____", "A person you admire.", "A subject or topic you are learning about in school."

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

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

Absolutely NO: Jeans (blue or any color), athletic wear, action wear, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, head coverings (hats, caps, beanies, durags, bandanas, etc.), shorts, or open-toed shoes including flip flops and sandals.

SHELBY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

NEW LEAF 4-H CLUB

The New Leaf 4-H Club provides general 4-H programs and activities. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Germantown Library at 5:00 P.M. **For more information contact Kyla Szemplinski at kszempli@utk.edu.**

GERMANTOWN FARM PARK 4-H CLUB

The Farm Park 4-H Club provides general 4-H programs and activities. They meet every third Thursday of the month at 1pm at the Bobby Lanier Farm Park in Germantown. **For more information, please contact Susan Tyree at susan.gold2@gmail.com**

HONOR CLUB

The Honor Club is open to 4-H youth currently in grades 6 - 12. Emphasis is centered around service-learning opportunities and building leadership & citizenship skills. Youth will meet on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at the Agricenter. **For more information, please contact Kelly Ravlija at krav@utk.edu**

WOODSTOCK 4-H GHOST RIDERS HORSE CLUB

Youth interested in all things horse and equine are welcome to participate! Horse ownership is not required. Youth will meet at 3:30pm on the first and third Sunday of the month at the Woodstock-Cuba Saddle Club in Millington. **For more information, please contact Kyla Szemplinski at 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.**