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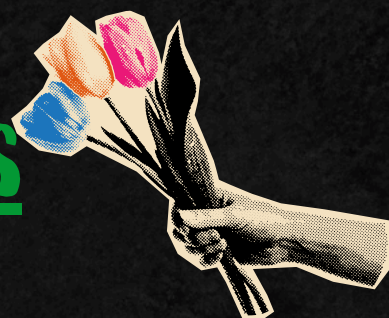


4-H Pledge



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 county, and my world.

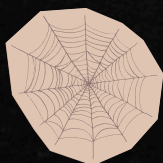
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Shelby County's mission to you is



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.

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.

REPORTER

- Reports on activities going on in school.
- Keeps participation chart up to date.

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.



club meeting

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." (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 minutes from the secretary's book."

SECRETARY:

(Read the minutes from the secretary book)

PRESIDENT:

"The reporter will now give the Club report."



REPORTER:

(Present 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."

4-H PROJECTS

What part of 4-H interests you? Below are descriptions of each project and opportunities youth can participate in.

- **BEEF**: Learn how to identify breeds and anatomy of beef cattle, how to manage a herd, and show cows in competitive ways.
- **CITIZENSHIP**: Become a better citizen by transforming your community and activating a sense of citizenship to others.
- **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**: Includes wardrobe planning, care + maintenance of clothing, creating clothing + accessories, and understanding textiles.
- **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING**: Improve in all forms of communication, including written, visual, verbal, and non-verbal communication.
- **COMPANION ANIMALS**: Identify the best companion animal for you, learn basic care and feeding, identify common breeds.
- **COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY**: Learn about technology and its functions, including coding, program development, and identifying computer parts.
- **CONSUMER EDUCATION**: Learn about the economy and how to manage income, understand the economy, and create a financial plan.
- **CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN**: Learn about and explore visual arts, crafts, interior, and graphic design.
- **CULINARY ARTS**: Learn the art of planning for and preparing a dish, cooking, baking, and plating.
- **DAIRY**: Learn about the care, management, anatomy, and showing of dairy cattle.
- **ENERGY**: Learn about energy, the transfer of energy, where energy comes from, and the differences between the types of energy.
- **ENTOMOLOGY & BEEKEEPING**: Introduces 4-H members to the exciting world of insects and their relatives, the arthropods.
- **ENTREPRENUERSHIP**: This project focuses on starting a business, money-making, selling and providing goods to clientele.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL/AG ENGINEERING (EASE)**: Learn about agricultural systems, what lives in your backyard, soils, biodiversity, the water cycle, and renewable and non-renewable resources.
- **FOOD SCIENCES**: Learn about the science of food, food safety hazards, hygienic design of equipment, thermal processing methods, nutritional labeling, and food manufacturer and careers in the food industry.

4-H PROJECTS CONT.

What part of 4-H interests you? Below are descriptions of each project and opportunities youth can participate in.

- **FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, & FISHERIES:** Learn about forests, species of wildlife, and aquatic animals.
- **GOAT:** Explore different breeds of goats. Learn how to manage and show off your herd.
- **HEALTHY LIVING:** Learn how your food choices, the amount of activity, your intellect, and even your emotions affect your physical, mental, financial, and environmental well-being.
- **HORSE:** Learn horse management, about structure and conformation, anatomy, and some diseases related to the equine species.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Gain the skills to be leaders of themselves, their community, and their world.
- **MECHANIC & SAFETY SCIENCE:** Learn about mechanical systems, engines, and the science behind safety practices and keeping a safe workspace.
- **OUTDOOR RECREATION & SHOOTING SPORTS:** Learn about canoeing, kayaking, camping, and fishing. Develop skills and precision in shooting sports activities through this project.
- **PERFORMING ARTS:** Learn about the performing arts, including theatre, vocal, instrument, and dance.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL MEDIA:** Learn about parts of a camera, image composition, video editing, and careers of reporters and influencers.
- **PLANT SCIENCES:** Learn about how food and fiber are produced while also learning about gardening and methods of growing crops including a variety of plants and turf.
- **POULTRY:** Learn how to raise and manage poultry, whether it be a small, at home flock, or a major operation.
- **SHEEP:** Learn all about the management, anatomy, and proper nutrition of sheep.
- **SWINE:** Learn about the breeds of pigs, the management of a herd, and how to show them.
- **VETERINARY SCIENCES:** Learn about the anatomy of animals, common diseases they have, and treatments for them.

4-H JUDGING TEAMS

Show off your skills in our judging teams! Join the team and learn how to judge based on your group and put your skills to the test. Have fun while you learn and judge.

- HORSE JUDGING (4TH-12TH GRADE): In this event, you will size up horses by their build, balance and overall look to determine which ones stand out.
- HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY (4TH-12TH GRADE): Fast questions, quick answers and a chance to show what you know... like the ultimate brain game for horse lovers. Opportunity to advance to regional and state.
- MEAT IDENTIFICATION (6TH-12TH GRADE): Think you know steaks from chops? In this event, you'll learn how to spot different cuts of beef, pork, and lamb.
- POULTRY JUDGING (4TH-12TH GRADE): From eggs to drumsticks, this contest covers it all! You'll check out everything chicken, including egg candling and carcass evaluation.
- GRILL MASTER CHALLENGE (6TH-12TH GRADE): Fire up the grill and show off your skills! This contest is all about proving you've got what it takes to be the ultimate backyard chef. Opportunity to advance to regional and state.
- LIVESTOCK JUDGING (4TH-12TH GRADE): This contest lets you size up cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats to determine which ones come out on top.
- CONSUMER DECISION MAKING (9TH-12TH GRADE): Test your shopping smarts! This contest is all about making smart consumer decisions, plus you'll team up for a fun Group Think Activity.
- FCS SKILLATHON (4TH-8TH GRADE): Think you know your way around a house? This event tests your skills at spotting key household and interior design items.
- WILDLIFE JUDGING (4TH-12TH GRADE): Love the great outdoors? This contest allows you to explore all things Tennessee Wildlife.
- FORESTRY JUDGING (4TH-12TH GRADE): Tree identification, lumber identification and compass skills - all in one contest.
- LIVESTOCK EXPO (4TH-12TH GRADE): Step into the spotlight as you master handling, grooming, and exhibiting cattle, sheep, goats or pigs.
- HORSE SHOW (4TH-12TH GRADE): Showcase your equestrian skills in our 4-H Horse Show - From speed events to Ranch classes, we have a spot for you.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING (4TH-12TH GRADE): Got skills? This contest is your chance to show off how well you communicate. Opportunity to advance to regional and state.

Jr High Activities

For youth in grades 6TH - 8TH



E-Portfolio Building

Begin building your E-portfolio to highlight all of the work you have done in 4-H! Your portfolio helps you advance to become state finalists in your favorite project area, attend Congress + Roundup, and help with Project Showcase! Your portfolio is just as important outside of 4-H as it showcases what you do as a leader in your community! This is the start to setting yourself up for true success! Portfolio building starts in Honor Club. Be sure to join!



Academic Conference (Knoxville, TN : June 8 - 11, 2027)



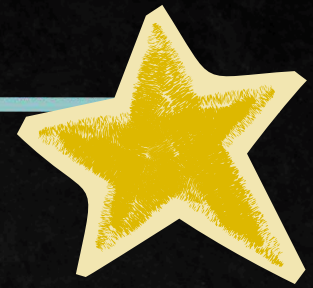
Academic Conference is for youth in grades 6 - 8 from all across the state to come together in Knoxville and stay in The University of Tennessee's on-campus dorms just like college kids. While you are there, you will receive specialized instruction and training from college professors, tour parts of 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.

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EVERYTHING 



Sr High Activities

For youth in grades 9TH - 12TH



4-H State Congress (Murfreesboro, TN : March 6 - 10, 2027)

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 (Knoxville, TN : July 19 - 23, 2027)

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, TN : September 16 - 19, 2027)

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!





Junior Master Gardener Camp (Agricenter; Date: TBD)

Agricenter International, UT-TSU Shelby County Extension, and Memphis Area Master Gardeners unite as a team to host Jr. Master Gardener Camp annually for girls and boys ages 8-11. Learning will be through hands-on activities, crafts, music, and even a service project.

Jr Summer Camp (Lone Oaks Farm : May 31 - June 4, 2027)

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!

O.W.L.S. Camp (Brandon Springs : June 1 - 4, 2027)

O.W.L.S. Camp is for youth in 6th - 10th grade. During camp, youth will spend their days hiking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, and enjoying the outdoors from sunup to sundown! It's a fun hands-on camp that builds appreciation for nature, teamwork, and adventure, while incorporating meaningful service projects!

Target S.M.A.R.T. Camp (Crossville, TN : May, 2027)

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.

Jr. High Camp (Lone Oaks Farm : July 12 - 16, 2027)

Junior high 4-H Camp is a 5-day residential camp available for youth in grades 7 - 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, zipline and so much more!

Electric Camp (Knoxville, TN: July 12 - 16, 2027)

State Electric Camp is for youth in grades 6th and 7th 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.

Honor Club

For youth in grades 6th - 12th



Honor Club (Meets once a 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.



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

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

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 11, 2026 @ 4:30pm

LOCATION: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office

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."
- Absolutely **NO** AI generated art will be considered. AI generated art can lead to automatic disqualification.

County Public Speaking Contest



Youth 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).

Date: January 28, 2027 @ 6pm

PRE-REGISTER BY: January 22, 2026

LOCATION: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office

CHECK-IN: 5pm - 5:45pm

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)



COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST CONT.

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."

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.

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.

TIME GUIDELINES

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

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 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.

County Photography Contest

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

Entry Deadline: February 19, 2027

LOCATION: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office

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

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 additions 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. Landcape

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

Please use the following entry tags when submitting your work. If personal tags are preferred, please follow the template below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

School/Club: _____

Teacher/Leader: _____

Grade: _____

Category: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

School/Club: _____

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Grade: _____

Category: _____

County Piggy Bank Contest



Youth will create and submit their very own Piggy Bank to help promote the importance of financial education and being prepared for the future. Your piggy banks should be dropped off by the submission deadline.

Submission Deadline: March 26, 2027 @ 4:30pm

LOCATION: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office

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

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.

COUNTY Piggy Bank

entry forms

Please use the following entry tags when submitting your work. If personal tags are preferred, please follow the template below.

Name: _____

Theme: _____

Grade: _____

School/Club: _____

Teacher/Leader: _____

WHY SAVE MONEY? _____

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Theme: _____

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WHY SAVE MONEY? _____

County Project Showcase Contest

Youth (Grades 4 - 12) will deliver a timed, prepared speech to a panel of judges based on a creation of a project in one of the project areas.

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

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2027 @ 6pm

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2027

LOCATION: UT-TSU Shelby County Extension Office

CHECK-IN: 5:30pm

Guidelines:

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

Rules:

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)



Time Frame

4th - 5th Grade: 2 - 3 minutes

6th - 8th Grade: 2 - 3 minutes

9th - 10th Grade: 2 - 3 minutes

11th - 12th Grade: 2 - 3 minutes

All County Project Showcase Participants will automatically qualify to advance to the Western Region 4-H Project Showcase. No live animals.

COUNTY PROJECT

SHOWCASE CONTEST CONT.

9th - 10th Grade:

Interview with a panel of judges. A visual is allowed.

4th - 5th Grade

Project Demonstration. You should be able to show how your project works "step-by-step" to a panel of judges. You must setup and breakdown in a room with an audience.

6th - 8th Grade

Interactive Table-Top Display Exhibit. You should be prepared to explain your project to the judges.

11th - 12th Grade

Interview with a panel of judges. In addition to the visual, 4-Hers will also submit a working resume!

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 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

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

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 & 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.

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.

Writing

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

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.

County Bread baking Contest



4-H'ers will have the opportunity to enter a specific type of bread which is different according to their grade level. Your bread should be dropped off by the submission deadline.

REGISTRATION: April 1, 2027

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 8, 2027 @ 4:30pm

DATE: April 8, 2027 @ 6pm

CHECK-IN: 5:30pm

Guidelines:

You may use a family recipe or recipe you might find in 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.

Favorite bread/dessert contest

Once you have completed your grade level bread entry, you will be allowed to enter the "Favorite Bread / Dessert" in the 4-H Delta Fair category. You may enter any recipe of your choosing under this category.

7th - 8th Grade

Whole loaf of quick bread.

9th - 12th Grade

Whole loaf of yeast bread.

5th - 6th Grade

Plain biscuits - No fillings or other flavors allowed.

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

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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 10th from 8am - 4:30pm

Drop Off: August 11th from 8:30 - 4:30pm

Pick Up: August 12th

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 through the program year. Top winners will be awarded premiums based upon the quality of their items and their ribbon assignment.

Categories include, but are not limited to:

Arts & Crafts

Culinary

Petshow

Plant Science

Poster Art Exhibit

Clothing

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

Recycled Crafts

Home Grounds

Horticulture

Bread Baking

All entries must be pre-registered by the deadline! They may be e-mailed or brought in person to the Extension Office before the close of business, 4:30pm)

Shelby County 4-H Clubs



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 FarmPark4H@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 once a month at the Agricenter, with some months meeting at an off campus location. 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. Please note this club does not include horse riding lessons. 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.

Volunteer Leader Association (VLA)

The VLA is a space for parents to get involved in 4-H by sharing ideas and helping plan 4-H events. If interested in joining, please reach out to Shelbycovolunteerleaders@gmail.com. The VLA team would love to welcome you!

