Tennessee 4-H Ideas

Busy Summer Ahead!

Dr. Richard Clark

The Tennessee 4-H Program is a 12 month program and goes far beyond clubs in the school.

The summer provides opportunities for members to have in-depth experiences that involve both education and fun. Youth can participate in Academic Conference, Electric Camp, Round-up, and summer camp, just to mention a few. County fairs and contests will also provide opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate their project accomplishments to the broader public.

So this summer, encourage your 4-H members to stay active, build long-lasting friendships, attend extended events and activities, and enjoy being a year-round 4-H member!

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Dr. Clark began his Extension career in 1976 as an Extension Agent in Virginia. After 7 years at the county level, he attended The Ohio State University and completed his doctoral program. Since 1985, he has worked as a faculty member and administrator in Extension at various universities, including, Penn State, Ohio State, Rutgers, University of Illinois, and University of Tennessee.

Dr. Clark is responsible for the overall administration of the Tennessee 4-H program and the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications academic program at University of Tennessee. He also serves as a member of the overall Extension Administrative Team.

His areas of research focus on community collaboration, leadership development, conflict resolution, and the physical and cognitive development of youth. His goal for the 4-H program is for 4-H members to strengthen their depth of experiences in the program, resulting in longer membership, ever increasing subject matter knowledge, and increased leadership experiences.
4-H AMBASSADOR TOUR

This week, State 4-H Council members have travelled across Middle TN as part of their 4-H Ambassador Tour. This tour engages state 4-H council members with program partners in allowing our 4-H members tell their story while learning more about our partners and supporters.

Attendees included
- John Calvin Bryant, Vice-President, Lawrence County
- J.R. Smith, Senior Representative, Smith County
- Kendall Martin, Governor, Lincoln County
- Hannah Nave, All Star Chief, Rutherford County
- Luci Allen, Junior Representative, Macon County

These individuals were accompanied by Justin Crowe and Ryan Hensley.

Our tour included visits to:
- Tennessee Farmer’s Co-op
- Ridley 4-H Center
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
- Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
- Advance Financial
- News Channel 5
- Tennessee House of Representative
- Secretary of State’s office
- UnitedHealthcare
- June Dairy Month luncheon (sponsored by SUDIA)

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Vol State Nominations Due

All counties have the opportunity to nominate outstanding 4-H members to receive Tennessee’s highest level of recognition, the Vol State Award.

Vol State recipients must be:

- Active 4-H member
- Enrolled in the 11th or 12th school grade on January 1 of the current year
- An active All Star
- Be in attendance at Roundup

Each county may nominate two members plus one member for each 100, or major fraction thereof, senior members in the county. Members do not have to be a state finalist. However, if they are not finalists, the $200 registration must be paid for them.

Please do not tell your members they have been nominated for Vol State. The recognition ceremony at Roundup is much more effective if the member does not know they will be tapped. Vol State nominees should be indicated during the online Roundup registration process through SUPER and the deadline is June 21.

Carmen G. Burgos
Extension Specialist
4-H Youth Development
IT’S TIME TO RECRUIT A VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND ROUNDUP!

2016 Tennessee 4-H Roundup is just around the corner. If you have not recruited a volunteer yet, start today! Experience indicates the better prepared you are to attend an event, the more you enjoy every aspect of it.

The information on the Roundup page of the state Web site is a great resource to use to prepare your county delegation and volunteers. A Roundup volunteer position description is also available be used as a recruiting tool. Please read the position description before you start to recruit. If you have any questions regarding requirements, please contact me.

You might have only one volunteer attending Roundup, but there are several ways other county volunteers can work with you and the designated volunteer attending Roundup to prepare delegates for the event.

Some ways volunteers can be involved with preparing youth are:

- Practicing interview skills
- Prepare for election of State Council officers
- Review schedule and dress code
- Review table etiquette
- Making sure all delegates understand the service project and contribute to the efforts

Involving the volunteer attending Roundup with your delegation in preparing youth ahead of time also offers an opportunity for the volunteer and the delegates to know each other and build a relationship. Also, parents will have an opportunity to meet the adult that will be with their son or daughter during this event.

Make sure your volunteer and all delegates are aware of the Roundup web page. The information can help them prepare for Roundup and make the experience a lot more enjoyable.

Carmen Burgos
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4-H Youth Development
Approximately 65 youth, parents and volunteers participated in State 4-H Sheep Conference, May 27-28, at Tennessee Tech University. Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative, FACCT and Tennessee Sheep Producers Association partnered with UT Extension to sponsor the event.

Activities began Friday night with a session for 8th-12th grade 4-H'ers to learn about record keeping. Participants had the opportunity to use two record keeping apps for their sheep project. The participants used iPads or their personal mobile device to use the 4-H Livestock Record and HerdBoss apps to keep flock, health, financial and activity records.

Saturday’s program included sessions on showmanship, fitting, feeding and management of show lambs, Keith Odom, club lamb producer, and Ben Porter, former Georgia 4-Her, led the showmanship and slick shear fitting trainings. Magen Shedden, Oxford breeder, assisted 4-Hers in grooming sheep to be shown in fleece. Denny Sells, nutritionist for Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, gave tips on sheep nutrition and feeding. Each participant made a rope halter to take home. Following lunch, teen leaders were responsible for younger members, and each team worked on learning centers associated with the skillathon.

The 7th-12th grade members participated in a lamb quiz bowl. The winning team from Clay County consisted of:

  - Cora Key
  - Garrett Franklin
  - Caroline Patterson

The top educational exhibits were from:

  - John Buyrl Neeley (Rutherford Co.)
  - Anna Powell (Wilson Co.)
  - Luci Allen (Macon Co.)
  - Grace Powell (Wilson Co.)

Quiz bowl and educational exhibit winners all received prizes from TN Farmer’s Cooperative.

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The event concluded with the annual meeting of the Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers Association and the election of new officers for the 2016-2017 year. The newly elected board members are:

President and Dorset Representative: Emily Ellison, Cocke Co.
Vice President and Shropshire Representative: Noah Collins, Hamblen Co.
Suffolk Representative: Brooke Hyleman, Jefferson Co.
Southdown Representative: Caroline Patterson, Clay Co.
Hampshire Representative: Grace Powell, Wilson Co.
Katahdin Representative: Taylor Young, Bedford Co.
Representatives-at-Large: Taylor Davis, Blount Co.
Jacey Moncier, Hawkins Co.
Grace Rich, Clay Co.

Dwight Loveday
Associate Professor
4-H Youth Development
The following 4-H youth have been selected as Target Smart Camp CAs July 5-8, 2016, at Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia.

Ethan Cote - Maury County
William Lescheck - McNairy County
Tyler Lewis - Dyer County
William Mathis - Cumberland County
Wm. Conrad Pfeiffer - Giles County
CJ Rhodes - Robertson County
Levi Rogers - Henderson County

Alternates
Brian Bull - Overton County
Alexis Carpenter - Robertson County
Katheryn Cannon - Cheatham County
William Haney - Williamson County
Ronny Thompson - Robertson County

Thanks to all who applied.

Daniel Sarver
Extension Specialist
4-H Youth Development
There will be an Open Horse Judging Contest held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in Shelbyville.

The contest is open to ALL 4-H members (4-12 grades). Those competing in the State Contest are NOT eligible.

Entry fee $10 per individual

Contest will begin at 12:00 PM CT. The contest is only opened to individuals, teams can compete but only individual awards will be given. Reasons will not be given in the open contest. Awards will be presented approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the contest.

Individual who were on past state winning teams will not be eligible for awards.

Registration is now opened in SUPER. Please enter your contestants by June 6.
Registration can be found here: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=9952

Below is a link to the judging contest information. https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/4-H/Horse/2014OpenHorseJudgingContest.pdf

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Claudia Meeks Baney
4-H Animal Science Specialist
Twenty volunteers from across Tennessee came together on May 28 at Hyder Burks Agriculture Pavilion to learn about the new 4-H horse and livestock curriculum.

State specialists Carmen Burgos and Claudia Meeks Baney lead the group in discussions on the purpose of the 4-H Horse and Livestock Programs, what roles volunteers play in the programs, gave tips on working with 4-H clubs and project groups, and showed the group several sample lessons from the curriculum.

Each volunteer left with a flash drive containing lesson matrixes, specie specific reference materials, and an interactive horse and livestock program to be used in their county clubs/groups.

Additional volunteer leader training opportunities will be available in late 2016.

Claudia Meeks Baney
4-H Animal Science Specialist
4-H DAY AT NISSAN STADIUM

Don’t miss your opportunity to join the fun at 4-H Day at Nissan Stadium! Join 4-H members from across Tennessee, and the south, as our Tennessee Titans take on the Indianapolis Colts!

This game, scheduled for **October 23rd at 12 noon**, is sure to be action packed!

For more information and to order your tickets online, please visit [https://tiny.utk.edu/4HTitans2016](https://tiny.utk.edu/4HTitans2016)
And use the password **4HTitans**!

There will be a free tailgate party prior to the game, hosted by Michael Barry, county director with UT/TSU Extension in Davidson County and Tennessee 4-H State Council!

More details on the tailgate to come!

Justin Crowe
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2016 National Youth Science Day Experiment: Drone Discovery

The 2016 National Youth Science Day Experiment is called Drone Discovery.

Developed by Cornell University Cooperative Extension, this exciting and hands-on engineering design challenge explores the science behind drones and how they are being used to solve real world problems.

Youth will learn everything from flight dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and regulations, to remote sensing and flight control.

The 9th annual 4-H NYSD Challenge will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 and will bring together youth from across the nation to complete this single, innovative activity.

Challenge kits, which include everything you need to complete Drone Discovery, are available for pre-sale now at the 4-H Mall.

Pre-ordered kits are discounted at $21.95 through July 21 only.

For more information go to: http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/

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4-H Youth Development
This summer, youth have the power to make a positive impact in their community. Youth Service America and Disney are teaming up to award $500 Disney Summer of Service grants to young change-makers, ages 5-18, who are working with organizations, like 4-H, to make their communities healthier, greener, and stronger.

For more information, visit [www.YSA.org/BeInspired](http://www.YSA.org/BeInspired) to learn how to apply. Applications are open through **September 30, 2016**.

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