Pathways to Deeper Involvement with 4-H

Dr. Richard Clark

It’s hard to believe but the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. For many schools spring break is only a week or two away. It’s time to begin thinking about how we engage our school-based club members in 4-H over the summer months. This is especially true if the members are finishing their last in-school club experience. We lose a large number of members during the summer following their 5th grade year. This is because they don’t have a clear pathway to ongoing involvement.

This spring, let’s plan a few summer activities to keep them engaged. Think about summer camp, day camps, project clubs, county fairs, or honor clubs. Let the members know about activities prior to their departure from school:

- Have brochures available for camps.
- Give handouts to parents related to summer opportunities.
- Market the summer 4-H program during Extension Month.
- Help parents prioritize family summer experiences and avoid conflicts with summer 4-H programs.

Let’s help parents understand that 4-H is year round and that the experience doesn’t stop when the school year ends!
2017 Regional Public Speaking Winners Announced
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers for winning the 2017 regional public speaking contests! These 4-H’ers will compete for state honors at 4-H Congress which is scheduled for March 19-22, 2017 at the Music City Sheraton Hotel in Nashville.

12th Grade
Carlee Cowan, Lincoln County
Emma Kendrick, Madison County
Austin Lane, Putnam County
Christy Newsome, Sevier County
Dotty Smith, Henderson County
Lily Turaski, Blount County

10th Grade
Hannah Bernhart, Putnam County
Hannah Freeland, Knox County
Grace Harville, Smith County
Lindsey Hedrick, Sevier County
Lilly Owens, Henderson County
Lydia Todd, Gibson County

11th Grade
Abigayle Bartholomew, Henderson County
Kirstin, Halliday, Sevier County
Kendall Martin, Lincoln County
Savannah Ross, Hamilton County
Hannah Steger, Putnam County
Janesa Wine, Dickson County

9th Grade
Dan Branton, Sevier County
Isaac Camp, Lawrence County
Analyn Jones, Robertson County
Sorrell Martin, Lincoln County
Katherine Thiefelder, Madison County
Hailey Updike, Cumberland County
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

FOOD SMART FAMILIES PROGRAM IN GILES COUNTY
Darby Payne, Extension Agent

The Giles County Food Smart Families program will be working with a middle school to reach about 300 students in 6th-8th grade. We will be partnering with the Guidance counselor and the Physical Education teacher to put on the program. We will also be working with Leaps and Bounds program to reach more students in the rural part of the county. We will be having a meet and greet at Parent Teacher conference. We will have a County wide Meet and Greet during Extension Month. We are looking forward to working with the kids and teaching them about food and making them Food Smart Families.

Learning about being a leader for Food Smart Families
What are project outcomes?

As you saw in an email from Marketing and Communications earlier this week, the process of publishing Project Area outcomes has begun. The outcomes ultimately define what TN 4-H wants our students to know, be able to do, and think through their completion of project work.

The curriculum team has worked with the subject matter specialists to develop these outcomes and indicators to guide 4-H project work. Next, the outcomes were reviewed by county agents, regional program leaders, and the state staff. The outcomes are organized based on number of years in the project. Beginner outcomes are for students with 1 to 2 years of project work, Intermediate for 3 to 5, and Advanced for 6 or more years. By organizing outcomes in this fashion, students are naturally guided to move from lower order thinking skills (LOTS), which are normally associated with the lower levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy, to higher order thinking skills (HOTS), which are the upper levels of Blooms.

Several new sets of outcomes are expected to be published in the next few weeks. As these outcomes are published, they will be posted on the project page of the state 4-H website (4h.tennessee.edu/projects) along with a video explaining the outcomes. On the next page is an updated look at the progress made with these outcomes as of Thursday, March 9th.

In-Service Opportunity

There will be a ZOOM in-service to introduce everyone to the new lesson plan template, explain each of the components of it, and give a brief introduction on how to read state content standards. This will take place on April 4th at 12:30 Eastern Time. The link for registration can be found below.

https://extension.tennessee.edu/Knox/Pages/4-H-Youth.aspx
As always, if you have any questions related to curriculum, lesson plans, or your in-school clubs, please do not hesitate to reach out to James (jswart@tennessee.edu) or I (jennifer.richards@utk.edu)

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GET READY FOR ELECTRIC CAMP

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

The 2017 4-H Electric Camp is scheduled for June 27 -30, 2017. The camp is for 6th and 7th grade 4-H members as of January 1, 2017. 7th graders may return if they previously participated. Members do not have to be enrolled in the electric project to attend the camp.

Electric Camp is a fun-filled, rewarding adventure in electricity held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The camp will feature learning centers staffed by electric utility professionals. Each learning center will use hands-on activities that allow the 4-H members to learn by doing. Previous electric camps have received rave reviews from the 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff that have attended.

The cost for the 2017 4-H Electric Camp will be $275. This fee includes the cost of meals, lodging, field trips, programs, etc. Transportation fees are covered by members of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association.

Each region is eligible to send adult volunteer leaders to the camp. At least 12 camp assistants will also be selected to attend Electric Camp in a leadership capacity. Camp assistants must be senior 4-H members.

Counties will receive registration material from your regional office. Additional information is available on the website at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/elecamp.aspx.
National 4-H Day of Service
T-Shirt Order Form

Shirt Price: $6.00  S – XL
$7.00  2X, 3X, 4X

Shipping Fee: $2.00 for 1 shirt
$1.00 for each additional shirt

All orders must be received no later than March 29, 2017.
The shirts will be shipped by April 13, 2017.

Name: _______________________________ County: _______________________________

Phone: _______________________________ E-mail: _______________________________

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Total Amount Due: $______________

Mail/Deliver check and order form to:

Justin Crowe
4-H Youth Development
2621 Morgan Circle
205 Morgan Hall
Knoxville, TN 37996-4510

(Please make checks payable to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation – MUST be received by March 29, 2017)
2017 4-H Congress T-Shirt

Short sleeve available for sale in 4-H Congress Headquarters!

Front pocket

S-XL: $14
2XL: $15
3XL/4XL: $16

Shirt color: Natural

Back

All proceeds benefit UTK Collegiate 4-H and their many service projects!
2017 Tennessee 4-H t-shirt

Short and long sleeve available for sale in 4-H Congress Headquarters!

Front pocket

Short Sleeve: $14
Long Sleeve: $16
Add $1 for 2XL
Add $2 for 3XL or 4XL
Shirt color: White

Making The Best BETTER

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All proceeds benefit the Tennessee 4-H Performing Arts Troupe
**ALEC Graduate Program**

Masters of Science in Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communications (ALEC)

Online degree available!!

For more information, please visit [https://ALEC.utk.edu](https://ALEC.utk.edu)
Or Call 865-974-7371

Carrie Ann Stephens
Professor, 4-H/ALEC

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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 country and my world.

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**Upcoming**

- **March 18**: Finalists/Regional Winners report to Congress
- **March 18**: Performing Arts Troup Auditions
- **March 19-22**: State 4-H Congress
- **March 21**: TN 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
- **March 25**: State 4-H Archery Jamboree

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2017 State 4-H Calendar

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