In January, University of Tennessee Extension contracted with an architectural firm and a landscape architectural firm to begin the site planning for our newest 4-H Educational Center at Lone Oaks Farm. A planning committee of 4-H professionals was established to work with the two firms to help them understand the 4-H program, the needs of a 4-H camp, outdoor adventure learning, and the size and scope of the camping program.

Based on the help of the planning committee and an in-depth scientific analysis of the property, the master plan for the property is beginning to take form. A preliminary site layout was presented to the planning committee earlier this month. Revisions were suggested and those were incorporated. Now that basic areas of the property have been identified by use and function, the planners will begin to look at more details related to structures, roads, pathways, and possible shared facilities with an adult conference center which will also be developed on the property.

The next report back to the planning committee and the university administration will happen in April. At this time we should begin to see a fuller design for the property. The full master plan will be revealed at the end of June.
4-H Congress 2017
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Tennessee 4-H was pleased to have many special guests attend the 70th annual Tennessee 4-H Congress! These include Secretary of State Tre Hargett (4-H alum from Lauderdale County) and Lt. Governor Randy McNally. Both of these state government leaders spoke about the value of 4-H and the leadership skills our 4-H members gain from the program! We appreciate the support of our state government and its leadership.
4-H Congress Officers Elected
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were elected, by their peers, to serve as the 2018 Tennessee 4-H Congress officers!

Sorrell Martin – Lincoln County – Governor
Joshua Wade – Bedford County – Speaker of the House
John Ryan Scarlett – Jefferson County – Speaker of the Senate

Election results were announced during the Tuesday morning assembly at 4-H Congress by Secretary of State and 4-H Alum Tre Hargett.
Our Hands to Larger Service

Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Delegates collected over 4,000 items for military service men and women! These included snack food items, toiletries and books. On hand to receive the items were representatives from the TN Army National Guard Child and Youth programs department as well as a recently deployed service member. Tennessee 4-H supports our military men and women.
National 4-H Day of Service
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Information has been distributed to county 4-H agents concerning the National 4-H Day of Service, scheduled for April 29, 2017! Each county is asked to complete at least one service project either on that date or sometime during the month of April! Contact your 4-H agent to set up your service project for the month of April and make sure the event gets registered! More information can be found at http://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/! Additionally, we are selling 4-H Day of Service t-shirts! Be sure to order yours today!

Use the order form attached to the newsletter!

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Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee4H/ and on Twitter at https://twitter.com/Tennessee4H!
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

HEALTH ROCKS! IN CROCKETT COUNTY
Tonya Bain, Crockett County Extension Agent
LMiddle2@utk.edu.

One of the most successful events in our program is the 4-H Health Rocks Bash conducted at the local middle school. Multiple stations are set up in the gym, and the students (6th-8th grade) rotate to each station.

This year, I added some new stations, including “Make Your Own Spit.” Although it sounds gross, it was a great visual for showing youth what is found in chewing tobacco and the dangers it can cause. I also use drunk goggles and the Wii (Mario Kart) to demonstrate how senses are altered under the influence of alcohol.

This year, I also created several “puzzles” for the students to solve. After reading clues, students had to find the answers in either a word search, a jig-saw puzzle or a crossword puzzle. Both students and teachers commented on how much fun the day was!
JUANITA H. FASOLA FOUNDATION, INC.
MINI-GRANTS — APPLICATIONS DUE 4/18
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director TN 4-H Foundation

The Juanita H. Fasola Foundation has announced the availability of mini-grants for the purpose funding educational programs for youth and young adults in basic life skills and home economics. The Fasola Foundation funds projects focusing on consumer education and nutrition; cookery; clothing; sewing; textiles; parental education and childcare; hygiene; health care management; household economics and management; household equipment; house cleaning; and housing.

The Foundation is also interested in funding projects, which offer educational training and opportunities for the learning disabled, including but not limited to dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, speech auditory disorders, and/or educational rehabilitation.

Ms. Fasola, a former Extension worker, was a strong supporter of the Tennessee 4-H program. If you are interested in applying for a mini-grant, an application is attached to the newsletter email.

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Hensley at Tn4H@utk.edu or 865-974-7436 for more information.

The 4-H Foundation merely collects and submits grant applications and has no influence on the selection process. Successful applicants will be announced in 4-H Ideas when the 4-H Foundation is notified what, if any, applications were selected. There is no maximum or minimum grant level; however most grants from the Fasola Foundation are funded at $10,000 or less.

Grant applications will be accepted until Tuesday, April 18.
Please submit applications to:

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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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