Over the last few months I have been able to visit with over 20 counties via Zoom to find out more about our county 4-H programs. While the use of technology is not the preferred way to visit counties, it does provide for face-to-face video interaction and saves substantially on travel time and costs. I hope to visit with the remaining counties before the end of the year.

So what have I found out from my visits so far?
- We have highly motivated staff that deeply care about 4-H and youth.
- Our 4-H staff are working closely with schools to tie lessons and activities to state standards.
- They appreciate the new curriculum and activity sheets being developed by Jennifer Richards and our Extension Specialists.
- The limited amount of minutes allocated to club meetings in the schools is a concern. It is hard to show impact with limited face-to-face meeting time.
- Use of volunteers is still limited. Efforts to recruit and utilize volunteers need to increase.
- Counties are working hard to fill their camp numbers for this summer. Many counties have donors helping to provide scholarships.
- Efforts to keep middle school and high school members is a challenge. Much of the success is due to judging teams, honor clubs, collaboration with FFA, and workforce preparation programs in conjunction with schools. All counties indicated a desire to increase the involvement of older youth.
- Transitioning to digital portfolios is a good idea but comes with a few glitches and learning curves.

I look forward to visiting with each county. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns related to the Tennessee 4-H program.

Thanks for all you do to support 4-H!
2017 4-H Jamboree Results: Archery

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Below are the results of the 2017 4-H Archery Jamboree held on March 25 in Murfreesboro, TN:

**Genesis - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
1st – Colman Ferrell - Sumner County
2nd – Tasman Takayama - Rutherford County
3rd – JT Hailey - Rutherford County

**Genesis - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
1st – Jacob Clevenger - Williamson County
2nd – Kyle Benson - Rutherford County
3rd – Gus Burtts - Moore County

**Genesis - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
1st - Ian Terrell - Williamson County
2nd – Caleb Sullivan - Rutherford County
3rd – Austin Parker - Sumner County

**Recurve - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
1st – Jackson Vatter - Hamilton County
2nd – Abby Bryan - Lincoln County
3rd – Tessa Miller - Lincoln County

**Recurve - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
1st - Kaitlyn Lyon - Lincoln County
2nd – Luke Dulworth - Putnam County
3rd – Andrew Griggs – Sumner County

**Recurve - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
1st – Mikayla Skillman – Hamilton County
2nd - Ian Terrell - Williamson County
3rd – Emily Armstrong - Putnam County

**Open Compound - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
1st – Kaden McGrath - Wilson County
2nd – Drew Edwards - Rhea County
3rd – Caitlyn Hamilton - Rhea County

**Open Compound - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
1st – Coleman Hamilton - Rhea County
2nd – Riley Swafford - Rhea County
3rd – Corey McKinney - Rhea County

**Open Compound - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
1st – Calvin Weeks – Henderson County
2nd - Dalton Greer - Cheatham County
3rd – Jeremiah Andress - Sumner County
Top Scoring Counties (total of top 4 scores)

**Genesis - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
Rutherford County

**Genesis - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
Rutherford County

**Genesis - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
Rutherford County

**Recurve - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
Lincoln County

**Recurve - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
Lincoln County

**Recurve - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
Hamilton County

**Open Compound - Junior Division (4-5 grade)**
Marion County

**Open Compound - Jr. High Division (6-8 grade)**
Rhea County

**Open Compound - High School Division (9-12 grade)**
Rhea County

For a complete list from the 2017 4-H Archery Jamboree go to: [https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/ArcheryResultsJam17.pdf](https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/ArcheryResultsJam17.pdf)
2017 4-H 2017 4-H Jamboree Results: Air Pistol, Air Rifle, and BB

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Below are the results from the 4-H Air Pistol, Air Rifle, and BB Jamboree held on April 8, 2017, at Dickson County High School, Dickson, TN:

**Air Pistol – Senior Division (9-12 Grade) – Individual**
1st – Elisabeth Keeler – Williamson County

**Air Pistol – Junior Division (6-8 Grade) – Individual**
1st - Adam Strasser – Williamson County

**Air Rifle - Senior Division (9-12 Grade) - Individual**
1st – Morgan Smith - Dickson County
2nd – Gabrielle Thornton - Dickson County
3rd – Nathan Hagan - Weakley County

**Air Rifle - Junior Division (6-8 Grade) - Individual**
1st - Jake Sloan - White County
2nd - Joey Morris - White County
3rd – Jake Colwell - White County

**Top Scoring Counties (total of top 4 scores)**

**Air Rifle - Senior Division**
Rhea County

**Air Rifle - Junior Division**
White County

For a complete list go to: [https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/AirRiflePistolJamResults17.pdf](https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/AirRiflePistolJamResults17.pdf)

**BB - Individual**
1st – Kenlee Ewton - Rhea County
2nd – Jonathon Jouben - Rhea County
3rd – Jackson Lee - Robertson County

**BB - Team**
1st – Black Ops - Rhea County 4-H
2nd – Sharp Shooters - Dickson County 4-H
3rd – Lincoln County Team A - Lincoln County 4-H

For a complete list go to: [https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/BBResults17.pdf](https://4h.tennessee.edu/shootingsports/stateshoot/BBResults17.pdf)
Daisy Scholarship Offered for 4-H Shooting Sports Participants

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Once again, Daisy Manufacturing is offering a Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2017. The 2017 Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship application can be found at https://tiny.utk.edu/DaisySchol2017.

The qualifications for scholarship consideration include:

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from your high school
2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
6. Applicant required to submit personal Resume
7. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about “How participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life.”
8. Certified copy of high school transcript.
9. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.

The scholarship of $500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships each year. Daisy awards two $500 scholarships.

Application Deadline is May 3. Please submit an application to Daniel Sarver (dsarver@utk.edu) at the State 4-H Office. Two applicants from Tennessee will be sent to the National level for additional consideration.
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

HEALTH ROCKS! IN DEKALB COUNTY
April Martin, Extension Agent

The DeKalb County 4-H Health Rocks Teen group has been busy during National Kick Butts Day. National Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control against tobacco.

Kick Butts Day was on March 15, 2017. Four high school students taught the “Take a Deep Breath” lesson with approximately 300 sixth grade students at the Middle School. This is a fun “hands on” activity that helps students realize the negative effects that smoking can have on the lungs, especially the ability to breathe well.
Volunteer Conference of Southern States Registration is Open!
Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

Registration for the Volunteer Conference of Southern States is now open! This is a multi-state conference for volunteers and 4-H agents. The conference will take place September 28 - October 1, 2017.

The early bird registration is open through August 1. Registration will be $295 and includes all meals from dinner on Thursday through breakfast on Sunday, on-site lodging as well as all conference events. If you sign-up to teach a class or volunteer to help with event logistics there is a $30.00 discount ($265.00). After August 1, registration goes up $50.00. If you are interested in attending part of the conference they have prices broken down by day(s) also.

Registration is online at https://secure.georgia4h.org/event/publicregistration/insertrecord.cfm?uuid=F74DC775-864E-413C-902D-AA8F9BF758B5.
Read this page carefully.

They are still looking for a few more workshops! With this year’s theme of STEAMing Ahead they are especially interested in workshops in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. If you are interested in presenting, proposals may be submitted through the website https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zyQKkObXw4A7gp or by email to Jeremy Johns (jejohns@vt.edu)

For more information you can go to the conference website http://vcoss.weebly.com/

If you have any questions, contact me at cburgos@utk.edu and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.
State Dairy Quiz Bowl: Entries Due Soon

Jeff Mitchell, Extension Assistant


Contest start time will be announced at a later date, but it is anticipated that the start time will be 8:30 a.m. CDT. More information on the timing of the contest will be made available as soon as entries are completed.

Entries for the quiz bowl should be made by May 15, 2017. Pre-registration is required and is available at: [http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=11289](http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=11289)

Please make sure youth are enrolled in SUPER in the correct grade. We need the correct grade to show up when you register your members.

Each county may enter up to two senior and two junior high teams. Each senior team will consist of four members from their county designated by a coach or agent. Each junior high team will be allowed to have either three or four members. One or more alternates may be entered as substitutes. Senior youth may only participate once at the national contest in Louisville. Agents are responsible for certifying eligibility.

**Senior Age Division:** Contestants must be 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade as of Jan 1, 2017. Team members must have reached their 15th birthday during the current contest year, but have not passed their 19th birthday. (Contestants may attend a college beyond high school to participate in Louisville. However, club members who enroll in or audit a dairy science or animal science course prior to the fall term are not eligible.)

**Junior High Age Division:** Contestants must be 6th, 7th or 8th grade as of Jan 1, 2017

There are no fees for the contest and teams are invited to join the June Dairy Month Kick-off luncheon for the awards presentation.
4-H National Youth Science Day Kits Available

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Through a 4-H STEM grant provided by US Cellular, limited funds are being provided for selected counties to purchase 4-H National Youth Science Day kits (scheduled for October 4, 2017; see http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day/).

To apply for this grant, please respond to the following questions by replying by email to Daniel Sarver (dsarver@utk.edu) by May 15:

- Number of kits requested (not guaranteed all kits requested):
- Date(s) of 4-H NYSD Event(s):
- Where will your event(s) be held?
- Do you plan to register your event(s) on the National 4-H NYSD website?
- Estimated number of youth involved?
- Estimated number of teen leaders?
- Estimated number of adult volunteers?
- What are your plans for publicity?
- How will you use your county’s NYSD event(s) to advance the overall county 4-H educational program?

Approved counties will be notified shortly after May 15.

In addition, the presale of NYSD kits is happening now. See http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day/.

From State 4-H STEM Grant
Thanks to US Cellular!
Reply by May 15
REMINDER: State Teen Leader Applications Process for Electric Camp and Target Smart Camp

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

We are approaching the time of year when State Teen Leader Applications for Electric Camp and Target Smart Camp are becoming due to your Regional Office. We know that you will have some very anxious teens and families waiting on the outcome of the application process.

As a reminder, please be aware of the process. The regional deadline to get the State Teen Leader Applications to the State 4-H office is:

- Electric Camp deadline is May 1
- Target Smart Camp deadline is May 15.

Here is the process, as outlined on the application:

STEP 1: Counties submit application to the Regional Office for review.
STEP 2: Regional Offices review the application and either approve or deny for submission to the State 4-H Office
STEP 3: State 4-H Office committee reviews applications and approves or denies application
STEP 4: All applicants are notified of the results

We anticipate receiving many applications, and a committee will be making the critical and painstaking determination of selecting these worthwhile young people to the important role of Camp Teen Leader.

Counties should expect the announcement for Electric Camp by May 18, and for Target Smart Camp by June 1.
STEWART COUNTY LEADS THE WAY FOR ELECTRIC CAMP REGISTRATION

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Congratulations to Stewart County for leading the way in getting 20 4-H’ers registered for 4-H Electric Camp so far. A total of 80 campers have been registered as of the date of this writing.

All registration should be done through SUPER at http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=10983.

The registration deadline is May 1.

See the website for more information: https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/elecamp.aspx

State Livestock and Meats Judging Contests:
Register in SUPER

Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

The 2017 state 4-H livestock and meats judging contests have been set for Tuesday, June 6. Register your team(s) and guest in SUPER. Registration information allows us to effectively plan for the event and the meal. Deadline to register in SUPER is Friday, May 26th.

The SUPER registration link is:
4-H Foundation Endowments Payouts Posted
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation had posted the 1st quarter payouts to the associated expense accounts as of April 21. You can check the balance of your accounts at any time by visiting www.tn4hfoundation.org, and selecting “Resources” link in the in the top navigation. Then select “Account Balances” and login with your UT Net ID and password. Not only can you learn the balance of your accounts on this site but you can also see how much income was generated by your endowment for the last quarter.

Remember there is an Endowment Reinvestment Form, that is to be used if you want endowment earnings to be reinvested. All 4-H Foundation forms can be found by visiting: www.tn4hfoundation.org. Select the “Resources” tab and click “Forms” from the drop down menu.

If you have any questions or would like more information about your 4-H Foundation accounts please email 4hfoundation@utk.edu.
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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.

Upcoming Events

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