The summer is in full swing and the Tennessee 4-H program is excited to host Junior High 4-H members for the annual Academic Conference at UT-Knoxville. Approximately 160 youth and adults will arrive on Tuesday, June 13 for an exciting combination of fun, education, and career exploration. Youth will engage with professionals from the Knoxville Zoo, visit with campus faculty to explore 16 4-H project areas, tour the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, and enjoy a fun filled afternoon at Dollywood. 4-H members will also participate in service learning projects in the Knoxville area.

I want to express my thanks to the university faculty that provide a wonderful hands-on experience to our 4-H members. These faculty help the members learn about 16 of our 26 project areas. They also help our youth understand how increasing their subject matter knowledge can lead to careers in their area of interest.

Experiencing a university campus, living in the dormitories, eating college food, and working with faculty helps the 4-H member look forward to attending college and pursuing an exciting career. “4-H Grows Here” at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville!
State 4-H Livestock Judging Competition Results

Claudia Baney, Extension Specialist

The State 4-H Livestock Judging competition was held Tuesday, June 6 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Teams from across the state judged cattle, sheep and hog classes.

The Fentress County team of Rachel Bennett, Macy Waters, and Mckinley Waters came away with top honors and will represent Tennessee at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, November 2017, in Louisville, Kentucky. The team is coached by agent John Gunter.
Lincoln County team consisting of Kendall Martin, Nathan Simmons, Olivia Hughes, and Juliann Fears was reserve champion team. Lincoln County is coached by agent Dan Owen.

Sponsors of the contest include: Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association, Tennessee Pork Producers Association, Tennessee Sheep Producers Association, Merial, UT Block and Bridle and The University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science.

Thank you to all of our animal providers, Smoky Mountain Farm, Doug Venable, Joe Hall Club Lambs, Shanks Genetics, East Tennessee Research and Teaching Center, and the UT Animal Science Department.

A special thank you to Mr. Zach Bartenslager, Dr. Jason Smith, Dr. David Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Jessy Shanks and Mr. Nate Long for officiating the classes along with all the student volunteers, agents, coaches and staff who made the contest possible.

Results for the contests are as follows:

**Livestock Judging (Team Results)**
1. Fentress County, 1,717 points
2. Lincoln County, 1,715 points
3. Henry County, Team A, 1,711 points
4. Rutherford County, 1,665 points
5. Hamblen County, 1,664 points
6. Sumner County, 1,648 points
7. Bedford County, 1,636 points
8. Washington County, 1,592 points
9. Henry County B Team, 1,521 points

**Livestock Judging Individual Species Awards**
- **Beef** – Katie Schultz, Henry County
- **Sheep** – Kendall Martin, Lincoln County
- **Swine** – Kendall Martin, Lincoln County
- **Reasons** – Katie Schultz, Henry County

**Livestock Judging Overall High Individual**
1. McKinley Waters, Fentress, 596 points
2. Kendall Martin, Lincoln, 590 points
3. Jessica Hickerson, Rutherford, 586 points
4. Katie Schultz, Henry, 579 points
5. Macy Waters, Fentress, 579 points
State 4-H Meats Judging Contest Results
Carmen Burgos, Extension Specialist

The State 4-H Meats Judging competition was held Tuesday, June 6 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Participants qualify to compete at the state level by first participating in a regional competition. Teams from across the state judged wholesale and retail cuts of meat, identified cuts of meat as to species, gave name and type of cuts and recommended method of cooking.

The Bedford County A team, Lawson Lemmon, Brett Harden, Hunter Lemmon and Emily Crabtree, came away with top honors and will represent Tennessee at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest, October 17-18, 2017, in Manhattan Kansas. The team coaches are Emily Osterhaus, Tommy Green and John Teague.

Sponsors of the contest are Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, Tennessee Livestock Producers, Lower Middle Tennessee Beef Producers, and the Hardeson-Melton Meat Science Endowment.

Thank you to our meat providers: Tyson and Benton’s Smokey Mountain Country Ham.

A special thank you to Nathan Miller, Darrell Ailshie, Kandace Ailshie, Greg Hensley, and Dr. Dwight Loveday for officiating the contest, along with all the agents, coaches and staff who made the contest possible.
Williamson County is State Dairy Quiz Bowl Winner

Carmen Burgos, Extension Specialist

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl was held on June 2nd in conjunction with the June Dairy Month Kick Off luncheon in Nashville. The Dairy Quiz Bowl contest has two divisions: junior high and senior. The team from Williamson County composed of Sydney Lamb, Kendall Warpool, Isaiah Osborne and Brittany Yates took top honors in the senior division. The Williamson County team will represent Tennessee in the 2017 Invitational Dairy Quiz Bowl in Louisville, Kentucky this November. The team coach is Wendi Lamb.

Lincoln County is the winning team in the junior high division of the contest. Team members are Maggie Dunivan, Hank Bayless, Cade Dunivan and Clay Owen. Their coach is Dan Owen.

Donor for this event is the Dairy Farmers of America. Special thanks to Jeff Mitchell, Extension Assistant, Animal Science, for his leadership in conducting this educational program. I also want to thank our agents and volunteers that diligently work in providing unique experiences for youth.
B.E.S.T. Scheduled to Move to a New Learning Management System

Complete Your Training before June 28

Lori Gallimore, Ed.D., Extension Specialist

For those of you have completed SOME, but not ALL modules for B.E.S.T. (either Leg One or Leg Three), please read the message below from John Toman. You have until June 28 to complete the modules in whichever leg you are currently working on or you will have to start that leg of the B.E.S.T. training over again. If you have completed any or all of the legs (and received a certificate), that information will transfer to the new learning management system. If you have any questions regarding B.E.S.T., please don’t hesitate to contact me! As a side note, I am currently out of the office until June 12 with very limited email and cell phone service. I will get back with you as soon as possible upon my return!

From John Toman:

Greetings,

As you know the contract with Moodle LMS ends on June 30th at which time we will move to Cornerstone LMS. This change is part of a state-wide effort to consolidate non-credit online learning, instructor lead training, and training for all employees of the University. The new system gives us some tremendous capability to deliver high quality education via both online and in person.

Over the past three months I have been working with the Cornerstone implementation team as well as members of the University LMS governance committee to move our learning modules to the new LMS. In order to ensure a smooth transition, I would like to outline the process that will occur at the end of this month. The courses on Moodle fee-based (people) site will be deactivated at 7:00 AM on June 28th. At this time, the learning modules will no longer be available for users. I will be using the time between the 28th and 30th to download and transfer all of the user records to the new Cornerstone system. I have been doing this as part of the transition process so I expect it to go smoothly. I plan on re-opening Cornerstone on Monday July 3rd.

What does this mean for people who are currently enrolled in your programs? People who have fully completed, i.e., have completed all the required material and downloaded a certificate will have their completion record automatically transferred to the new system. I would ask you to encourage your users to either complete the courses they are enrolled in or wait until the new system is in place to start a new program. For those who were not able to complete the courses by the 28th, I will be able to capture their status in the gradebook but it will be a tedious process to get them re-enrolled in the course and most likely, when transferred, they will have to begin the course again.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

John
4-H Target Smart Camp CA's Selected
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Senior 4-H members have been chosen to serve in a leadership role during 4-H Target Camp, July 4-7, 2017. These 4-H’ers were selected on the basis of their leadership experience, involvement in 4-H and recommendation of their 4-H agent and regional program leader. CAs for Target Smart Camp are as follows:

Garrett Cochran - Hickman
Ethan Cote – Maury
Hunter Curland - Henderson
Gareth Eller - Robertson
Tyler Lewis - Dyer
Amber Naramore - Macon
William Mathis – Cumberland
Robert Isaac Mullinix – Overton
Austin Parker - Sumner
CJ Rhodes – Robertson

Alternates
Sade’ Strayhorn - Madison
Emily Shand - Williamson
Emily Armstrong – Putnam
William Rea – Weakley
Ronny Thompson - Madison
Jacob Davis - Weakley
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

MADISON COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT WITH WALMART GRANT
Kane Reeves, Extension Agent

Recently, myself and one of our 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors participated in the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, INC. Youth Symposium. At this event we set up a table offering information on nutrition and a healthy snack option for participants. During the event a parent and her young daughter came to the table and tried the snack and asked of different ways to use yogurt and the nutritional information, etc. As we talked, I showed her a sheet on estimated daily calories based on the person’s physical activity. I went on to show her the 5 pound fat model and discussed how the two go hand and hand. She thanked me and asked me for the sheet to take home so she could read over it.

About a month later, I saw her at a school as we conducted 4-H clubs, and she stopped me and stated that she wanted to thank me again for the “eye opener.” She said the information has helped her and her daughter get up and moving more. They even have begun walking every day. She also mentioned they now have the sheet with the calorie intake and MyPlate posted on their refrigerator to be a reminder. They have changed many of their eating habits and have focused on making portion sizes an important part of meal building. She encouraged me to continue to spread the word and help others make a change in their diet and exercise routines.
4-H Foundation Announces
The 4-H Grows Campaign

Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation is proud to introduce the 4-H Grows Campaign. The 4-H Grows Campaign offers a $1000 incentive for county and regional 4-H Programs to increase the value of local 4-H Foundation endowments.

How it works:
Between now and December 31, 2017, the Tennessee 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into your local 4-H Foundation expense account after the county raises $2000 for one of the local 4-H Foundation endowments. Example: If Wilson County raises $2000 to grow the Wilson County 4-H Endowment. Then the Tennessee 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into the Wilson County expense account.

The $1000 incentive will be available for you to spend on your county or regional 4-H Program and the $2000 added to the local endowment will generate around $100 per year for your local 4-H program.

Fine Print:
1. Only one $1000 incentive per county or region.
2. The funds must be new to the 4-H Foundation.
   i.e. Funds may not be transferred from another 4-H Foundation account to receive the incentive.
3. Counties and regions may split the required $2000 into multiple 4-H Foundation endowments.

Example: If Loudon County raises $1000 for the Loudon County 4-H Endowment and $1000 for the Sara Brakebill Scholarship Endowment. Then the 4-H Foundation will deposit $1000 into the expense account of Loudon County’s choosing.

This is a great opportunity to grow local funds and the local 4-H program. The Tennessee 4-H Foundation is proud to partner with the you. Please help us invest in the youth of Tennessee.

If you have any question please contact Ryan Hensley at TN4H@utk.edu or Lindsey Renfroe at ltritt@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.

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