4-H Electric Camp: 4-H STEM at its Best!

Dr. Richard Clark

4-H Electric Camp is a fun-filled, rewarding STEM adventure in electric power held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Next week, campers will learn what electricity is and how it functions by working with electrical specialists from across the state in hands-on learning centers. Youth will also have the chance to meet other 4-H'ers from across Tennessee while they explore careers in energy, electricity and basic sciences.

What makes 4-H Electric Camp possible is a unique partnership established between UT Extension, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and its statewide member cooperatives. These are made up of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association and its municipal power system members from across the state; TVA, US Cellular, and other industry donors.

4-H STEM programs, such as Electric Camp, are proven to get kids excited about science by offering fun, hands-on activities which builds confidence and fosters interest in STEM-related careers.

To read more about the research behind 4-H STEM, go to:
http://4-h.org/about/research/#!/science.

For more information about 4-H Electric Camp go to:
https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/elecamp.aspx
Did You Get Your 4-H Electric Camp Transportation Schedule?
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

The 4-H Electric Camp bus schedules were emailed.

If you have delegates attending this event and failed to receive a schedule, please let us know!

ROUNDUP SERVICE PROJECT
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Delegates to the 2017 Tennessee 4-H Roundup and All Star Conference are being challenged to collect items to benefit families residing at the Target House, at the St. Jude's Hospital, in Memphis. Currently, the Target House serves over 96 families, aiding in long-term housing for those whose children are patients at St. Jude's.

Tennessee 4-H members are being asked to collect items which will be used to stock their pantry.

Please promote this service project county-wide, not just with the Roundup delegates.

For more information on this service project and to see what each region is being asked to bring, please visit

https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/roundup/service.aspx
4-H ALL STAR EXHIBITS

Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

Each active 4-H All Star member planning to attend 4-H Roundup and All Star Conference is eligible to enter a project exhibit in the 4-H All Star exhibit competition. This project completion is designed to provide 4-H All Star members an opportunity to showcase their project work and knowledge gain.

Delegates who plan to enter the completion should bring their project exhibit board with them to 4-H Roundup. They will be accepted during the registration activities on Monday afternoon, July 24, 2017.

For more information, please visit https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/roundup/AllStarExhibits.aspx

State Dairy Judging Contest: Registration is Open!

Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

The State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be held on August 24, 2017, at the Wilson County Fair Grounds. This contest is for senior high teams only. All youth must be in 9th-12th grade as of January 1, 2015.

Pre-registration is required and is available through SUPER at http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=11631

The schedule is as follows:
8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Contest begins
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Contestants work on reasons
12:30 p.m. Oral reasons begin
2:30 p.m. Awards ceremony

There is not a registration fee and lunch will be provided for all contestants.

Please register in SUPER by August 22 to insure that we have enough materials and food.
Target Smart Camp: July 4-7 @ Ridley in Columbia

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

An exciting event has been planned at 4-H Target Smart Camp, July 4-7, 2017, at Ridley 4-H Center, in Columbia, TN.

Check-in is from 10:30am to 11:00am on July 4, and the event should end at approximately 10:00am on July 7. Participants should plan to stay for the entire event.

Please have all participants complete and bring an F600 form.

Travel to and from this event is on your own; however, counties may want to get together for group travel.

PASSING OF OLIVER COOK

Steve Sutton, Assistant Director TN 4-H Foundation

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Oliver Cook last Monday, June 12, 2017, at the age of 87.

Mr. Cook was a member of the state 4-H staff from 1974-1995. He gave leadership to the statewide camping program and was the specialist responsible for the recreation project. He also had a fondness for Camp Woodllee located in Warren County and served on the board of directors. Prior to serving on the state 4-H staff, Oliver was a 4-H agent in Coffee County.

If you would like to honor Mr. Cook’s memory with a donation to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, you may do so at:

https://www.tn4hfoundation.org/forms/donation1.cfm

Or send a check made payable to: Tennessee 4-H Foundation
2621 Morgan Circle, Room 205,
Knoxville, TN 37996-4510.

Cards may be sent to:
Esther Cook at
9620 Tallahassee Lane
Knoxville, TN 37923.
MENTORING MEETS NATURE IN SCOTT COUNTY
Cassie Young, Extension Agent, Scott County

4-H Mentoring Program students are just like any other Scott County student, blessed by the scenic views and amazing wildlife that surrounds them. The youth involved in the 4-H Mentoring Program got an opportunity to explore the natural world a little more in depth.

Scott County 4-H partnered with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to engage students, both mentors and mentees, in a unique hands-on learning experience. Youth learned about mammals, what is considered a fur bearer, the difference between non game, small game, and big game animals, and much more. They also studied birds, learning how to identify them by sound and by the wing. Students were taught about reptiles, amphibians, and fish. There was even a chance to go fishing with a Wildlife Officer.

Studies have shown that being outdoors and appreciating all nature has to offer can lower stress. In our busy lives, and with the pressure youth have on them today, it was our goal to intrigue kids with the outside world. Wrapping up the session, students got the opportunity to explore natural resources and environmental career fields. All in all, it was a very educational day.
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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 Events**

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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.