Positive youth development focuses on building on the knowledge and skills of every youth. 4-H accomplishes this through hands-on, experiential education that encourages each young person to strive to reach their best possible outcome. So what does this look like?

- Active, experiential engagement of youth in learning – not just providing information.
- Connecting youth to their peers and caring adults in a positive environment that fosters friendship and teamwork
- Preparing youth with life skills to meet the challenges of daily life and work
- Emphasizing positive outcomes and not focusing on their failures
- Encouraging youth voice in decision making and planning of 4-H programs
- Reaching out to all youth in our communities
- Encouraging long-term involvement in 4-H in order to make the most personal impact
- Utilizing service learning to engage youth in improving their own community, country and world
- Utilizing collaboration with other organizations to provide a breadth of opportunities for young people to develop to their full potential

4-H is changing lives, changing communities, and positively impacting our world!
Hale Master 4-H Families Recognized
Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

This year two outstanding families received the prestigious Hale Master Award. The awards were presented Tuesday night at State 4-H Roundup during the Project Achievement Awards Banquet in Knoxville. The recipients of the award are:

The Beasley Family from Sumner County

Standing from left to right, Kassidy, Craig Beasley, Missy Beasley, Kirsten, and Kayleigh.

The second family recognized was the Steptoe Family from Sullivan County. The Steptoe family, (William, Ting, Cassandra and Ian) were unable to attend the awards program.

The W.M. and Ruth Hale Tennessee Master 4-H Family recognition honors 4-H families who have shown consistent leadership ability and exceptional participation in all phases of 4-H work. The Hales established an endowment in 1983 to provide funds for the 4-H Hale Master Family recognition.

Congratulations to the Beasley family, the Sumner County UT Extension staff, the Steptoe family, and the Sullivan County UT Extension staff!
State Winner Named in 4-H Volunteer Leader Recognition Program

Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

The state winner in the adult volunteer leader recognition program for 2017 is Missy Beasley from Sumner County. The award includes a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta and the Charlene Hamilton Powell memorial plaque sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kant.

Missy Beasley from Sumner County

Missy has served as a volunteer leader for 13 years. She works with youth in a variety of projects and events with her main focus being on youth involved in companion animal, citizenship and personal development projects. Congratulations to both Missy and the Sumner County UT Extension staff!
Putnam County Competes at National 4-H Forestry Invitational

Melissa Henry, Extension Agent

The Putnam County 4-H forestry judging team traveled to Weston, West Virginia for the National 4-H Forestry Invitational. This was the 38th year for the contest. The contest is held annually at the Jackson’s Mill 4-H Camp, which is the oldest state 4-H camp in the nation. The team competed in nine events over the 2 day competition. Events included tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, forest evaluation, the forestry bowl and a written forestry exam. Team members included Hannah Steger, Emily Welte, Luke Welte, and Dawsen Arms. The placed 5th out of 15 teams with Emily Welte earning 3rd place individual honors and Hannah Steger receiving 10th place.

While in West Virginia the team enjoyed educational programs at the Jackson’s Mill Homestead and a special presentation called “Night Sounds of the Appalachians.” The team enjoyed visiting the New River Gorge National Park and Appalachian Glass for a glass blowing demonstration. They also participated in the forestry skills games with Hannah and Luke placing 2nd in cross cut saw, Luke and Dawsen placing 2nd in log rolling, and Dawsen placing 2nd in pulpwood toss.

The team wishes to thank Larry Tankersley for his hard work in conducting region and state contests that help team members prepare for the national event. The team performed well in the contest, but their demeanor, attitude, and personality were exemplary, making all of us in Putnam County and Tennessee very proud!
CURRICULUM CORNER: TN State Content Standards, Jennifer Richards, Assistant Professor

Tennessee’s State Content Standards have updated for the new school year. In order to provide the most up-to-date resources for you to use when working with your teachers for in-school clubs, the curriculum development team has updated the alignments to the main 4-H activities and posted those to the in-school clubs page of the 4-H website (https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/InSchoolLessonPlans.aspx).

If you conduct different contests in your county and would like the state content standard alignment for it, please send a brief description to Jennifer Richards (Jennifer.richards@utk.edu) and James Swart (iswart@tennessee.edu) and they will be happy to find the matching content standards.

B.E.S.T. Leg 2 Offered this Fall in Jackson
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

Due to the large number of participants ready to complete Leg 2 of B.E.S.T. (Building Exceptionally Skilled Teachers) in the Western Region, another training will be offered in Fall 2017. While B.E.S.T. is typically offered only one time during the spring in each region, an exception has been made for this year because so many Western Region participants had to be turned away this past spring due to class size limitations.

If you are in the Western Region – or close by – and you have completed Leg One of B.E.S.T., you are eligible to complete this training. Please remember, you must have completed ALL SEVEN MODULES of Leg One to be eligible. There are no exceptions to this rule! Simply register in SUPER using the following link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?id=11839

Registration deadline is September 15, 2017. All B.E.S.T. Leg 2 participants will need to prepare a 10-12 minute presentation on any topic of their choosing. This may be a presentation that you have done before, something brand new, something related to work or not – it is totally up to you! You will make this presentation on the first day we meet (September 20). Power Point will be available, but is not required. Remember, there are only 12 spots available! Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis! If you have any questions, please contact Lori Gallimore – lbelew@utk.edu or (865) 974-7239.
News from:
The Tennessee 4-H Foundation
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director

Kroger Community Rewards Re-Enrollment

If your county took advantage of the Kroger Community Rewards Program, it is time to re-enroll! County 4-H programs DO NOT need to re-enroll; however, individuals with Kroger Plus Cards must complete the process between August 1 and August 31, 2017 through the Kroger.com website in order to continue participating in the Community Rewards Program.

Re-enrollment is required by Kroger; this re-enrollment period gives us the opportunity to spread the word to new supporters while keeping current supporters informed of everything happening within the program.

Please contact Ryan Hensley, 4hfoundation@utk.edu, if your county is interested in taking advantage of the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Where are My Roundup Scores?
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

In the words of Yoda, “Patience, young padawan.”

I have received a couple of inquiries about the scores from 4-H Roundup. Let me assure you that I have not forgotten them! I am still in the process of combining the scores with all of the comments. This process takes a bit of time to do as I am cutting and pasting from each scorecard for each competitor into one document to go with the completed scoresheet. As soon as I have completed this task, I will forward the scores to you. Many thanks!
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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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