As our new 4-H year is ready to begin, I found myself reflecting on what makes 4-H work so well. I found a fact sheet from Michigan State University that captured the concept. I hope it reminds all of us of what we should be doing in our 4-H program.

“Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.”  
Youth develop sustained relationships with peers and adults that nurture their positive development.

Youth are physically and emotionally safe.  
Youth will learn more and participate more fully when they feel physically and emotionally safe. A structured yet flexible environment encourages honesty, trust and respect among all youth and adults.

Youth are actively engaged in their own development.  
Through a process of identity discovery and awareness, youth increase their personal competence and sense of well-being.

Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process.  
Youth are encouraged to actively participate in their own learning. Opportunities for youth to learn and develop take place in many different contexts and take into account a variety of learning styles.
Youth develop skills that help them succeed. Youth experience and learn from hands-on educational opportunities that help them develop the skills they need to be successful adults.

Youth recognize, understand and appreciate multiculturalism. Youth will respect differences among groups and individuals of diverse backgrounds. Youth will develop skills and competencies that help them foster social justice in their communities and their world.

Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership. Youth feel included and involved in their communities. They have significant roles to play and important contributions to make as stewards of the future. Youth develop personal competencies that foster leadership, caring and citizenship.’”


STATE FALL JUDGING DAY IS OCTOBER 7
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

Fall Judging Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the courtyard of the Plant Sciences Building (outside of Hollingsworth Auditorium) with competition beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please note: registration for Forestry Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the contest beginning promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the judging location. More information regarding locations is forthcoming. The event will conclude with an awards banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the Hollingsworth Plant Science Auditorium.

Competition will be for senior judging teams only (9th-12th grade as of January 1, 2017) in the following areas:

Consumer Decision-Making Judging
Each region will qualify four (4) teams for state competition. The winning team will represent Tennessee at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver, Colorado in early January 2018.
Dairy Products Judging
This is a non-qualifying event. There is no limit as to the number of teams that may participate from a county.

Forestry Judging
Each region will qualify four (4) teams for state competition through a regional contest. The winning team will represent Tennessee at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational near Weston, West Virginia. Please note the special eligibility rule for forestry judging participants. In order to be eligible for the 2018 National 4-H Forestry Invitational, all contestants must be in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade on January 1, 2017. 12th graders are not eligible.

Poultry Judging
This is a non-qualifying event. There is no limit to the number of teams that may participate from a county. The winning team will represent Tennessee in the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

Outdoor Meat Cookery
Each region will qualify three (3) teams for state competition through a regional contest. A team consists of four (4) individuals in each of four divisions: beef, lamb, pork and poultry. Individual specie winners from regional contests, not on state-qualifying teams, will also be eligible to cook in the state contest and compete for individual awards. The top two chicken barbecue contestants will represent Tennessee in the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Registration Details
In order to prepare for the judging event, we need to know how many are coming. There is a preregistration requirement for all teams through SUPER at http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?id=11872. EVERYONE who is going to the event, including 4-H agents, coaches, parents, guests, etc… must register through SUPER. All registration should be completed by Thursday, September 28, 2017. Your SUPER registration will be your reservation for the awards banquet. If you are NOT planning to stay for the awards banquet, there will be a space in SUPER to indicate this.

The cost for the banquet meal is $16.00 per meal and will be catered by “The Entertainer.” You may pay in advance or at the registration table as you arrive. All checks should be made out to “Tennessee 4-H Foundation.” Counties will be responsible for any meals not cancelled by Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me – (865) 974-72
2017 TENNESSEE LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON TEAM SELECTED

Dr. Dwight Loveday, Associate Professor

Six individuals representing four counties have earned the opportunity to represent Tennessee in the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest hosted by the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. High ranking individuals from the 11th-12th grade division of the livestock skillathons at the Tennessee Junior Livestock Exposition beef and sheep events and the Tennessee Junior Market Hog Show have qualified for the state team.

Team members are:
- Abigayle Bartholomew (Henderson County)
- Garrett Franklin (Clay County)
- Kendall Martin (Lincoln County)
- Julann Fears (Lincoln County)
- Makenzie Moorehead (Lincoln County)
- Abby Tipton (Loudon County)

Alan Bruhin (Sevier County) and John Goddard (Loudon County) will serve as team coaches.

The national contest to be held in November consists of individual tasks and team activities that require a decision making in quality assurance, meat and carcass evaluation, animal breeding and selection, livestock feeding, animal performance evaluation and animal marketing scenarios for beef, meat goat, sheep and swine.

2017 VOL STATE INFO POSTED

Links to the list of Vol State inductees and pictures by county have been posted on the website.

https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/volstate.aspx
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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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