As the fall season begins, Tennessee 4-H moves into high gear. School clubs are in full swing and local, regional, and state events begin. Below are a few important dates to remember for October.

October 1-7: National 4-H Week
October 4: National Youth Science Day
October 6: Steve Sutton Induction into National 4-H Hall of Fame
October 7: Fall Judging in Knoxville
October 11: Farm Credit Tennessee Ag Leadership Forum in Murfreesboro
October 14: Collegiate 4-H/FFA Tailgate in Knoxville
October 14-15: State 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Columbia
October 20-21: State 4-H Dairy Show in Murfreesboro
More Details Regarding 2017 State 4-H Fall Judging Registration Deadline Extended through Monday
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

• Event Date:
  Saturday, October 7, 2017 on the Ag Campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

• SUPER Registration:
  Please enter everyone who will be attending, including all parents, coaches, guests, participants, and yourselves. This registration ensures that you have a reservation for the awards banquet. Due to a conflict with the Central Region Poultry Judging contest, the registration deadline has been extended to Monday, October 2, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Any changes to registration (cancellations, etc…) also must be received by this time.

• Cost:
  The cost for the meal is $16.00. Checks may be made out to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation. You can mail your check to my attention (address below), bring it to the on-site registration or we can invoice you after the event. Counties will be responsible for any meals not cancelled by Monday, October 2, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. The caterer must have at least 72-hours advance notice regarding the numbers.

• On-site registration times and locations:
  • Registration in the Lobby of Hollingsworth Auditorium beginning at 1:00 p.m. (eastern time) for the following contests:
    - Consumer Decision Making – Plant Biotech, Room 160
    - Dairy Products – Brehm Hall, Room 130
    - Outdoor Meat Cookery – Grassy area between Food Science Building and Food Safety Processing Building
    - Poultry – Brehm Hall Arena
      These contests will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. (eastern time)
  
  • Registration at the Plant Sciences Farm on Alcoa Highway beginning at 12:30 p.m. (eastern time) for the following contest:
    - Forestry
      This contest will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. (eastern time)
• Parking:
  Reserved event parking will be in the Veterinary School parking lot (Lot 66) across from Hollinsgworth Auditorium. Parking is free. OMC contestants may pull up to the contest site to unload their equipment, but must park in Lot 66. Should you choose to park elsewhere and are fined, it will be at your own expense.

• Agent Assignments:
  These assignments will be made AFTER registration is has ended. Agents will be contacted via email with their specific responsibilities. Look for this information on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

• Lunch:
  Please ensure that your group has eaten prior to arriving on campus or the Plant Sciences Farm

• Directions:
  If you need directions to the Ag Campus or to the Plant Sciences Farm, please contact me (information below).

• Hotel:
  If you need to make hotel reservations, please contact me (information below) for recommendations and state rate hotels in the Knoxville area.

• Awards Banquet:
  Begins at 5:30 p.m. (eastern time) in Hollingsworth Auditorium on the Ag Campus

• Contact Information:
  Lori Gallimore, 4-H Youth Development, 2621 Morgan Circle, 205 Morgan Hall, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996; On-site phone is 615-428-0648.
4-H and Google Bringing Computer Science Education to Youth Across the Country

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Tennessee is one of 22 states that have teamed up with Google to bring computer science education to youth. (Alabama, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia). In Tennessee, this is currently a pilot program with plans of greater expansion in the future.

The collaboration between 4-H and Google lays the groundwork for 4-H to deliver computer science education across the organization. It establishes an official 4-H Computer Science Career Pathway, which helps kids progress from casual interest in CS, to dedicated studies and ultimately career experience. Utah State University Extension’s 4-H program is a key partner in co-creating the 4-H CS Career Pathway and developing tools for educators to implement the program.


Contact Daniel Sarver, State 4-H STEM Specialist, for more information.
Certify Swine Exhibitors for Youth Pork Quality Assurance Programs
Claudia Baney, Extension Specialist

The Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) program is being phased out and will cease at the end of 2017. For the 2018 Tennessee Junior Swine Show, any youth that needs YPQA certification should complete the YPQA training as in previous years. Certification (training, assessment and recording with Pork Board) must be completed by December 20, 2017. Any youth not certified with the YPQA program by December 20th, must complete an online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (http://yqca.org) certification program. The fee for this certification is $12. All youth must be certified either through the YPQA or YQCA programs to be eligible to show in the 2018 Junior Swine Show.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance Program Information
Youth can receive YPQA training by two methods; 1) a traditional face to face training with a certified Youth PQA Plus training advisor or 2) via online training. For the agents and ag teachers that are certified as a Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus advisor, you should be ready to go with the training for the youth that need to be certified or recertified. For online training, use the following link: http://www.pork.org/youth-pqa-plus/

Youth 8-11 years of age (Beginner) must recertify annually by attending an approved Youth PQA Plus education program. Exhibitors 12-14 years of age (Intermediate) and 15-19 years of age (Advanced) can certify/recertify for one year by attending an approved Youth PQA Plus education program OR can certify by completing and passing and examination at the appropriate age level. To certify by examination, a minimum of 70 percent of questions must be correctly answered. Certificates by examination are not to exceed three years.

Once certified by examination, the youth is not required to recertify in Youth PQA Plus until the next age level is reached. However, certification by examination is not to exceed three years. For example: In the Advanced group, a 15-year old who passes an examination would need to recertify after a period of three years, despite not having reached another age level.

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Certify Swine Exhibitors for Youth Pork Quality Assurance Programs ..... Continued

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When youth reach the next age level or exceed the certification period of three years, they can either attend a Youth PQA Plus training class or take the appropriate examination at their new age level. Certification by examination is valid for a minimum of one year, but will not exceed three years. If you have any questions about your exhibitors’ certification, just contact Dr. Dwight Loveday.

For the agents/ag teachers that would like to certify as an YPQA Plus Advisor, please send Dr. Loveday your name, address, phone, email and date of birth. At that time he will submit the information to the National Pork Board and they will enter your name in the database and provide you the instructions for completing training for certification. After completing the training and examination, you will be qualified to teach, certify (enter youth information) and print certification certificates for the youth you certified. Your certification is good for three years.

If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Loveday (hloveday@utk.edu or 865-974-7344).
An interesting article (dated July 24, 2017) on the nprEd website entitled, “Are Helicopter Parents Ruining Summer Camp?” may be worth discovering if you are an Extension 4-H Agent, 4-H Volunteer Leader, or 4-H parent. The article can be found here: http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/07/24/533059271/are-helicopter-parents-ruining-summer-camp

The article discusses trends in parenting as it relates to camping. There is also links to other related articles and a link to an NPR radio segment on the subject. Here are some excerpts:

“Researchers say that campers develop invaluable social and emotional skills from navigating friendships, facing risks and getting through bouts of homesickness — all on their own...And as young people's lives grow increasingly wired, camp provides a correspondingly rare break from that.”

“Many of the campers here say they miss YouTube and Snapchat, but they quickly come to appreciate the hands-on activities and in-person friendships. ‘It's hard to have as much fun if you're just looking down at a screen the whole time,’ Alexa (a camper) says.”

“Garst (Clemson University professor) says thanks to mobile devices, parents today are conditioned to hour-by-hour check-ins. ‘The No. 1 concern is the separation that parents feel, and the difficulty in accepting a different type of communication with their child when their child is at camp.’....Hence, the phones buried in luggage, mailed to campers, or even, he says, stitched into a stuffed animal.”
Share Your 4-H Camp Photos on the 4-H Camp Resources Sharepoint Site
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Extension Agents can now share their awesome 4-H Camp photos on the 4-H Camp Resources Sharepoint site for use in 4-H Camp promotion. This is a great way to share marketing resources with your fellow 4-H professionals, and, potentially, have your photos used in statewide 4-H Camp Marketing.

To share your photos, go the 4-H Camp Resources site, at http://tiny.utk.edu/agentcampresources OR find the link on the State 4-H Camping website at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/4HCenters.aspx. Then find the “Sharing Folder” and place your photos in the folder that corresponds to the correct 4-H Center (Austin, Lone Oaks, Ridley, or York). Make sure your photos have been approved by the subject to share.

Thanks for the teamwork (hey, that’s a lifeskill!).
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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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10/1-10/7  National 4-H Week
October 4   National Youth Science Day
October 7   State 4-H Fall Judging
October 14  4-H Tailgate at UTK
October 14-15 State Shooting Sports Invitational, Columbia

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.
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