4-H Camps Set Price for 2018 Camping Season

Dr. Richard Clark

On September 27, the 4-H Camp Managers met with Extension Administration to reflect on the 2017 camping season and make plans for summer 2018. The camps continue to suffer from lower than desired attendance. The camps ranged from 62-69% capacity during the 4-H camping season, thus leaving a large number of beds unfilled and potential revenue lost.

Counties have expressed a desire to keep camp costs as low as possible to keep from putting a larger burden on parents. The Camp Managers and Extension Administration had two choices to make, either increase costs to cover loss of revenue or keep camp costs low and increase attendance. The decision was made to keep the camp cost the same for 2018 as it was in 2017 at $281.00. This cost includes the university mandated $2 cost per camper for insurance. This decision will necessitate all of us working together to increase participation next year. More information on potential strategies will be discussed over the next few months.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Of the four “H’s” in 4-H – head, heart, hands and health – it was his heart that he gave away so willingly. Some five decades ago, Steve Sutton pledged his heart to greater loyalty. Now years later, he is being recognized as someone who has made a lifetime commitment to Tennessee youth.

Sutton was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in Chevy Chase, Maryland, Oct. 6, 2017. He is one of 16 people to be inducted this year, and one of seven Tennesseans to have received this honor. Sutton will be presented with a medallion, plaque and memory book during the ceremony. He was nominated for the award by his home state, the National 4-H Council and National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Sutton worked more than 40 years for University of Tennessee Extension as a 4-H agent, specialist and eventually as leader of the entire statewide organization. He began as a 4-H’er himself in his native Newport, and after graduating from the University of Tennessee, became an agent in Washington County. In 1986, he joined the state 4-H staff in Knoxville, and later was named director. He was recognized in 2015 with Tennessee’s prestigious Friend of 4-H Award.

“4-H has been good to me,” Sutton says. “As a youth, it helped me develop confidence and skills to achieve things beyond my wildest dreams. As a profession, it has allowed me to make a difference in the lives of countless young people. Throughout my career, I have had the support of a loving family, excellent mentors, dedicated co-workers and caring volunteers. I would be remiss not to share my success I may have achieved with them. I humbly accept this award on their behalf.”

Citizenship education has been a priority for Sutton. Providing leadership for the Tennessee 4-H Know Your Government program, he created opportunities for thousands of high school students to experience government through mock legislative sessions in the state house and senate chambers. He was also a leader in the Tennessee Seeds of Service program. Almost 300,000 youth and adults have donated more than half a million hours of service.
Sutton was a founder of the Junior High Academic Conference where 4-H members are afforded learning opportunities with UT professors, and he co-founded 4-H Electric Camp, where young would-be scientists and engineers learn the world of energy and power. He also has provided leadership for 4-H Congress and 4-H Roundup, and led a 4-H delegation to Japan.

On a national level, Sutton was a member of the National 4-H Congress design team for five years serving as chair of the headquarters committee in 2012. He also served two, 2-year terms on the National 4-H Congress Board of Directors.

As a 30-year member of NAE4-HA, Sutton has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award, American Spirit Award, Meritorious Service Award, and Air Force Recruiting Award. He is also a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and the UTIA Retirees Association.

In his retirement, he continues with his favorite hobby — travel. In addition to several trips to Japan, he’s visited Korea, Thailand, Russia, Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Canada; and he looks forward to adding to this list.

“It’s so fitting that Steve Sutton is being recognized in the National 4-H Hall of Fame,” says UTIA Chancellor Tim Cross. “He’s literally devoted his entire life to 4-H — as a youth, Extension agent, as State 4-H program leader, and now as a volunteer and donor. His father was an Extension agent, so Steve’s blood has always run green. And he’s committed to making the best better.”

“We are proud to recognize the 2017 National 4-H Hall of Fame honorees for the passion, dedication, vision and leadership they have shown toward young people during their many years of service to 4-H,” says Jeannette Rea Keywood, National 4-H Hall of Fame Committee chair.

Other Tennesseans who have been inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame are Peggy Adkins, Jim Byford, Lloyd Downen, George Foster, Ben Powell and Martha Jo Tolley.

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Results of 2017 State Fall Judging Day
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

State 4-H Fall Judging Day was held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the University of Tennessee agriculture campus in Knoxville. A total of 37 teams representing 31 counties gathered to compete in four judging events and outdoor meat cookery. The results are as follows:

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

High Individuals (overall):
- Calley Overton, Hardeman County
- Hannah Bernhardt, Putnam County
- Abby Parker, Bedford County
- Emily Welte, Putnam County

Winning Team:
Putnam County’s team placed first. Members of the winning team included Hannah Bernhardt, Shelby Mainord, Hannah Steger and Emily Welte. Melissa Henry, Putnam County 4-H agent, was the team’s coach. The team qualifies to represent Tennessee at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver, Colorado in January 2018.

Other Teams Competing:
Other teams competing in Consumer Decision Making included (in alphabetical order):

- Bedford County
- Bradley County
- Crockett County
- Hardeman County
- Knox County
- Lauderdale County
- Loudon County
- Madison County
- Monroe County
- Robertson County
- Sumner County
DAIRY PRODUCTS

High Individuals (overall):
   Amber Jones, Robertson County
   Samuel Moore, Robertson County
   Kaylee Dorris, Robertson County
   Milynn Armistead, Robertson County

Winning Team:
Robertson County’s team was the only team competing in this non-qualifying competition and therefore, placed first. Kathy Finley, Robertson County 4-H agent, was the team’s coach. The team qualifies for an educational tour. The high individual receives a scholarship.

FORESTRY

High Individuals (overall):
   Betsy Adair, Dyer County
   Zach Yeary, Claiborne County
   Haley Rankhorn, Carter County
   Rebecca Pyburn, Shelby County

Winning Team:
The winning team was Carter County. Members of the winning team included Haley Rankhorn, Kaci Ritchie, John Tapp and Mayna Turbyfield. The team was coached by their 4-H agent, Emily Barton. The team qualifies to represent Tennessee at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational in West Virginia in 2018.

Other Teams Competing:
Other teams competing in Forestry included (in alphabetical order):

- Claiborne County
- Dyer County
- Giles County
- Hardin County
- McNairy County
- Moore County
- Polk County
- Putnam County
- Sequatchie County
- Shelby County
Results of 2017 State Fall Judging Day. Continued

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POULTRY

High Individuals (overall):
  Jeana Romines, Sumner County
  Abigail Buchanan, Cannon County
  Austin Parker, Sumner County
  Austin Powell, Cannon County

High Individual in Production: Casey Jansch, Sumner County
High Individual in Market Products: Jeana Romines, Sumner County

Winning Team:
Sumner County took top honors and qualifies to represent Tennessee at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November 2017. Members of the winning team included Aubrey Garrison, Casey Jansch, Austin Parker and Jeana Romines. The team was coached by their 4-H agent, Clint Parker.

Other Teams Competing:
Other teams competing in Poultry included (in alphabetical order):
  • Cannon County
  • DeKalb County
  • Knox County
  • Rutherford County
**OUTDOOR MEAT COOKERY**

**High Individual Beef:** Zach Snoddy, Lincoln County  
**High Individual Lamb:** Luke Welte, Putnam County  
**High Individual Pork:** Kade Allen, Macon County

The top two individual in the poultry division can compete at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in November of this year.

**High Individual in Poultry:** Caz Bilbrey, White County  
**2nd High Individual in Poultry:** Robby Borders, Loudon County

**Winning Team:**  
Congratulations is extended to Macon County for placing first in team rankings for the Outdoor Meat Cookery event. The team was coached by their agents, Kayla Jenkins and Keith Allen. Members of the winning team included Kade Allen, Eli Borders, Samantha Bussell and Zach Goad.

**Other Teams Competing:**  
Other teams competing in Outdoor Meat Cookery included (*in alphabetical order*):

- DeKalb County  
- Hancock County  
- Henry County  
- Loudon County  
- Montgomery County  
- Morgan County  
- White County
Public Speaking Update for 2017-2018

Dr. Thomas Broyles, Extension Program Leader TSU

A committee has been reviewing the rules and score cards for the Junior, Junior High and Senior Division Public Speaking Contest. At this time, the committee recommended explanation of procedures used for breaking ties in the scores. Below are the procedures for breaking ties for each respective division:

**Junior and Junior High Divisions:**
If a tie exists between individuals, the combined highest subject matter and composition scores (well organized, information, good introduction and conclusion) will break the tie(s). If still tied, the combined speaker scores will be used to break the tie.

**Senior Division:**
If a tie exists between individuals, the highest prepared speech score will break the tie(s). If still tied, the combined extemporaneous speech subject matter and composition scores (well organized, information, good introduction and conclusion) will be used to break the tie. If still tied, the combined prepared speech delivery scores (bodily action, voice) will be used to break the tie.

**Scorecard for 2017/2018**
The committee is also reviewing a proposed score card for public speaking. For the 2017-2018 programming year, you will use the current score cards (no change to the score cards for this year). The committee will be reviewing, piloting, and soliciting feedback on new score cards with implementation for the 2018-2019 year.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Broyles (tbroyle1@tnstate.edu; 615-963-7885).
4-H Foundation Endowments Payouts Posted

Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation had posted the 3rd quarter payouts to the associated expense accounts as of October 10.

You can check the balance of your accounts at any time by visiting www.tn4hfoundation.org, and selecting “Resources” link in the top navigation. Then select “Account Balances” and login with your UT Net ID and password. Not only can you learn the balance of your accounts on this site but you can also see how much income was generated by your endowment for the last quarter.

Remember there is an Endowment Reinvestment Form, that is to be used if you want endowment earnings to be reinvested. All 4-H Foundation forms can be found by visiting www.tn4hfoundation.org. Select the “Resources” tab and click “Forms” from the drop down menu.

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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.

Upcoming Events

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