Consider Joining NAE4-HA and TAE4-HW

Dr. Richard Clark

Staying current in the latest research and programming in 4-H youth development is critical to providing positive youth development programming for Tennessee 4-H. One of the best ways to stay current is through involvement with our two professional associations related to 4-H.

NAE4-HA is the professional's organization for those dedicated to promoting, strengthening, enhancing and advocating for the 4-H youth development profession. The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) is an internationally recognized, non-profit, non-partisan association of professional youth development educators. NAE4-HA is one of the largest professional associations for youth development workers with a diverse membership of nearly 4,200 youth development professionals.

TAE4-HW is the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers. This is the state level partner with NAE4-HA. This provides local professional development for our 4-H professionals and provides a network of colleagues to help with educational program ideas and support.

I encourage all of our 4-H professionals to consider joining both of these organizations. The dues are $80 for NAE4-HA and $20 for TAE4-HW. For more information on becoming a member, contact Jamie Harris at jhharis@utk.edu.
Recruit Now for Youth & Adult Volunteers at State Camps & Conferences

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

The time is now! Many families start making plans for the summer during the holidays, when families are together. It is during this time that they can include their plans to volunteer at one or more of the Tennessee 4-H State Camps and Conferences scheduled for the summer of 2018. You can give them an application now! It is available at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx.

In addition, make sure that volunteers receive proper training prior to involvement. We are in the process of moving the online camp volunteer training to K@te (see https://kate.tennessee.edu/utia.html). We will let everyone know when the process is complete.

Additional 4-H Camp Resources for Extension Agents can be found at: https://tiny.utk.edu/agentcampresources

4-H Camp Preparation Timeline

Greetings County 4-H Staff and Key Volunteers! Listed below are some things that you can do in November and December to get ready for Summer 4-H Camp 2018.

November

Promotion

4-H Camp Promotion continues…. Keep up with or add a “countdown to camp” calendar to your county website.
Keep up with or add a monthly countdown until camp in your county newsletter.

Fund Development

Advertise your gift certificate program. This program has great appeal to grandparents, especially those that live out of state. Coordinate this program with volunteers.
Administrative

4-H Camp Base Price set by UT Extension Administration and publicized (this was done via Tennessee 4-H Ideas on October 13). The base price for Junior 4-H Camp is $281.00 ($296.00 for a credit card).

December

Fund Development

Send solicitation to donors. It is the end of the fiscal year; they may have additional dollars to donate.

Advertise your holiday gift certificate program.

CREDIT CARD USE INFORMATION FOR 4-H CAMP

If your county is using Online Marketplace (see https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/) for credit card purchases of Junior 4-H Camp, or any other camp, please follow the directions below to set this up:

- Please wait until you are certain of your camp costs before setting up Online Marketplace. As a reminder, and for example, the base cost of Junior 4-H Camp without using a credit card is $281, and that would correspond to a credit card charge of $296.
- If you have any county costs for camp (such as t-shirt or transportation), you can add it to the $281 fee. The credit card fee is 5% of the total. You may also be able to split the payment of camp for your camp participants, thereby setting up payment plans.
- Send an email to Carla Phillips at cphill62@tennessee.edu and let her know your total camp cost.
- Also let Carla know about any special instructions, such as an opening and closing dates of your Online Marketplace 4-H Camp site, or payment plans.
Annual American Farm Bureau Convention
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

We have a VERY exciting opportunity that has just been presented to us. The American Farm Bureau Federation has extended an opportunity for Tennessee 4-H and FFA members to attend their annual meeting, which will be held in Nashville in 2018!

They are offering FREE admission to high school age 4-H members and one chaperone per county to attend their meeting. I have attended this meeting in the past and it’s wonderful. There are lots of excellent workshops and speakers, and the trade show is great, too! We want to have a large presence there. Below are some key pieces to keep in mind:

- High school age 4-H members that wish to attend, must be supervised by either an agent or volunteer leader.
- 4-H members should register through your 4-H agent.

Agents:
- Register your group no later than November 17th.
- Refer to the email sent 10/18/17 with instructions and links for registration.
- You may attend Sunday, January 7th or Monday, January 8th (or both days).
Will You JOIN US?

America’s Farmers And Ranchers Will Be In Your Backyard at the
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4-H AND FFA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
FFA and 4-H students will receive FREE admission*.

January 7–8 in Nashville, TN
Represent your organization!

*Students are expected to wear official FFA dress or 4-H/FFA business casual attire.

SPECIAL PROGRAM just for 4-H and FFA Members!
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• Leadership Workshops

*Tickets to the Foundation Breakfast to Benefit Ag Literacy and Night Out are available for purchase.

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Carrie Ann Stephens
Professor, 4-H/ALEC

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.

Upcoming Events

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