

72nd Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress

2019 Guidelines and Expectations for Volunteers

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Tennessee 4-H Congress

4-H Congress is one of our premier events.

We welcome your attendance and appreciate your participation and assistance with the implementation of the many opportunities 4-H delegates will have during this event.

The purpose of this presentation is to inform and prepare you for your role as a volunteer leader at Tennessee 4-H Congress.

Let's start with...

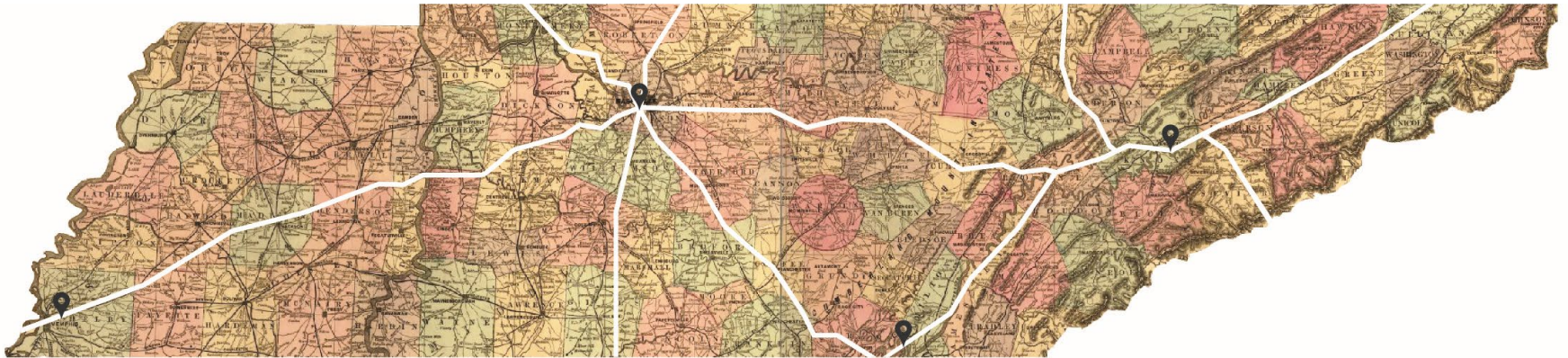
What, When and Where

What: State 4-H Congress is a unique experience in state government, citizenship and leadership for all attending. It is also the culmination for youth achievement in citizenship & leadership projects, public speaking, History Bowl, poster artwork, and essay writing.

When: March 17-20, 2019

Where: Embassy Suites Nashville SE
1200 Conference Center Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

The 2019 Theme and Logo...



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Service Project

Our Hands to a Larger Service

Delegates to the 2019 Tennessee 4-H Congress are being challenged to collect items to benefit local school children in Murfreesboro. We are asking delegates to bring donated school supplies to 4-H Congress that will help children in all of the twelve schools within the Murfreesboro City Schools district.

Western Region – Crayola crayons (24 count), highlighters (multicolor), glue sticks, colored pencils.

Central Region – Sharpies (black), #2 pencils, white glue, 1” and 2” notebooks/binders (plain or clear sleeve front)

Eastern Region – Wide rule notebook paper, lined index cards, large pink erasers, folders (2 pockets- 3 prongs)

We **strongly** encourage counties to promote this service project countywide,
not just with county 4-H congress delegations

Main activities that will take place...

Know Your Government is a mock legislative session where delegates experience first hand presenting and actual voting on bills.

Citizenship and Leadership Competition: delegates who have submitted a project portfolio, and are regional winners, will complete the competition with an interview regarding their project experiences.

Public Speaking Competition: 9th – 12th grade regional winners will present their prepared speech.

More main activities...

History Bowl: each region will have a team on stage competing. All other delegates will have the opportunity to cheer on their regional representatives.

Essay Competition: All delegates attending 4-H Congress submit an essay. Each region selects a winner to enter the state competition. The winning essay will be selected and announced during the awards program.

Service Project: All state 4-H events include a service project as part of creating community awareness and giving to those in need within our communities.

Elections: takes place as part of the mock legislative process. Non-competing delegates are divided as Senators and Representatives. The Senators vote and elect the Speaker of the Senate, Representatives vote and elect the Speaker of the House. All delegates vote to elect the Congress Governor.

Additional activities ...

Opening Ceremony

Regional meetings

Awards program

Legislative visits

Regional breakfasts

County Reporter

Assemblies (speakers and presentations)

Campaign process

Lunch on the General Jackson

Delegation Time (dinner on the town)

Citizenship Banquet

Inaugural Ball

Poster Art Exhibit

For specific 4-H Congress information

Visit our Tennessee 4-H Website:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/stcong.aspx>

The web site contains a great deal of information you will need to know as a volunteer. Please visit this site and spend time reading about the different aspects of this event.

As you can see...

There are a lot of things going on during 4-H Congress. Your role as a volunteer is important. Understanding the different events that take place during Congress enables you to assist the county agent prepare delegates, provide support, encourage participation and mentor delegates at Congress as needed.

To properly prepare for this event...

Please take the time to read the information provided by your county agent, in this presentation, on the Tennessee 4-H web site and attend your Regional Congress Readiness Day!

As a volunteer attending 4-H Congress, what else do I need to know?

There will be 375 - 500 people participating in this event.

Your skills and time are appreciated and indispensable to the successful implementation of this event.

An informed volunteer can encourage and mentor youth, contributing to an overall positive experience.

Regional and state personnel will make assignments according to needs for implementation.

We want you to enjoy the activities along with the delegates. Being where you are assigned and fulfilling your tasks contributes to the learning environment we aim to provide.

Ask questions when you have them. All questions are good questions!

Overall responsibilities...

Before 4-H Congress....

Please refer to a document titled, "Volunteer Leaders At Out-Of-County 4-H Events."

After reading this document, if you have questions call your county agent for more information

Visit Tennessee 4-H Congress web site and study information.

Prepare for the legislative visit.

Attend Congress Readiness Day! This is the perfect place to get a lot of questions answered, meet regional staff and agents, meet youth and other volunteers that will be attending 4-H Congress.

At 4-H Congress...

Attend the orientation for volunteers at **5:00 p.m. Sunday evening.**

Be on time for all events and activities.

Attend regional meetings.

Support and encourage delegates, including delegates from other counties.

Know your regional and state assignments.

Concerns or questions should be taken to your regional staff first.

State Assignments...

Nurturing adults are part of the Congress experience. There are a variety of opportunities to encourage, support and mentor youth. Assignments are for safety and to ensure a positive environment for everyone attending - youth and adults.

State assignments will be sent to you by mail, if time allows. If you do not receive a copy in the mail, there will be a copy at Congress. Region assignments are given during regional meetings.

State Assignments...

The assignment sheets will have a brief explanation of what is needed for that task to be carried out successfully. They will be mailed to you or included in your registration packet on Sunday.

Assignments will require that you be at your designated location about 15 minutes earlier than the starting time of the event/activity.

Inform youth of your assignments and what they need to do when you have the assignments. You will join them once your tasks are completed. They can reserve a seat for you.

Contact person for state assignments...

Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist, is responsible for making state assignments.

Assignments are made with consideration to information provided on the SUPER registration site.

If you have questions regarding state assignments, contact Carmen by calling (865)974-2128 or by sending an e-mail to cburgos@utk.edu

Thank You

*Looking forward
to seeing you at Congress!*



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