

## Tennessee 4-H: A Road Map to Success

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All journeys have a destination. To find the pathway to success you need a road map. But, as with almost all journeys, there will be some detours. Some may view these as an aggravation, but with wisdom, you see them as a chance to build character.

Tennessee 4-H brings you off the beaten path where you can experience uncharted territory. It leads you boldly where the status quo does not go and blazes a trail for those who come after. Zig Ziglar once said, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time." Tennessee 4-H gives you a path, a target to aim for, and a road map to success.

On the road to success, our first detour is the Inn of Experience. Here you take in experience through your 4-H project. You can connect with 4-H "tour guides"—your UT Extension agents, volunteer leaders, and parents who are willing to guide you along the trail. They will instruct you to be organized and keep quality records. 4-H even promotes their youth with awards and recognition along the way. You will not want to leave the Inn of Experience, because it always gives you something useful and valuable!

The next exit is Leadership Highway. Here, 4-H helps build your leadership ability by offering exhibit opportunities, speaking presentations, and other leadership roles. There are countless occasions to share what you have learned. You can sharpen your leadership skills by teaching those who follow after you. Leadership Highway not only gives you a better view of the world, it also teaches you how to share it with others. As John C. Maxwell said, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

As we near our destination, the final stop on our Tennessee 4-H road trip is Citizenship Hall where you use your knowledge from the Inn of Experience and skills from Leadership Highway to serve your community! 4-H conducts many service projects, such as cooking