

# Tennessee 4-H

## Junior High Academic Conference

University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
June 9-12, 2020



Welcome to the Junior High 4-H Academic Conference. As a participant, you will be involved in a STEM educational program on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. You will receive extensive training in your 4-H project area under the supervision of university scientists and specialists and explore related career opportunities. The conference will provide a variety of rewarding and fun-filled experiences in classroom, outdoor and laboratory settings.

### Who May Attend

Any junior high member (grades 6-8) enrolled in one of the following 4-H project areas is eligible to attend the conference:

Beef	Forestry	Sheep
Companion Animals	Garden/Home Hort.	Swine
Consumer Education	Goat	Wildlife and Fisheries
Citizenship	Horse	Veterinary Science
Dairy	Line and Design	
Dairy Foods/Nutrition	Poultry	

### Purpose of the Conference

- To recognize outstanding 4-H members and leaders
- To provide academic training related to the participants' 4-H project areas
- To offer special opportunities for career exploration in agriculture and family and consumer sciences
- To meet other 4-H members with similar interests
- To experience campus life and facilities firsthand

### Program Highlights

#### Tuesday, June 9

Arrival  
Registration and Orientation  
Swimming  
Dinner  
Campus Tour

#### Wednesday, June 10

Breakfast  
Project Training  
Lunch  
Dollywood

## **Program Highlights (cont.)**

### **Thursday, June 11**

Breakfast  
Project Training  
Lunch  
Service Learning Experience  
Graduation

### **Friday, June 12**

Depart for Home

## **Cost**

The registration fee to attend Academic Conference is \$75. Once you have been notified of your selection as a delegate, send your check to your county UT Extension Office.

## **Program Staff**

The scientists and specialists who will be conducting the program are experienced UT faculty members with national reputations in their areas of specialization. They have been chosen for the conference on the basis of their experience and ability to work with young people.

## **Housing and Meals**

You will live in the air-conditioned comfort of the UT Knoxville residence halls. Most of your meals will be on campus at a university cafeteria.

## **What to Bring**

- Sheets and blanket or sleeping bag for a twin bed
- Towels and washcloth
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste and other toiletries
- Comfortable shoes
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Light jacket
- Appropriate clothing (sports clothes in good taste will be appropriate for most of the conference. No cut-offs, tank tops or short shorts)
- Girls - A "dressy" dress or suit will be appropriate for the graduation banquet on Thursday night
- Boys- Bring a suit or sport coat and tie for the graduation banquet
- Swimsuit
- Consider bringing some work-type clothing for your project training sessions, many of these will involve hands-on learning experiences with plants and animals

### **Activity and Event Acceptance Form**

Before coming to Junior High Academic Conference, you and your parents or guardians must complete and sign the 4-H Activity and Acceptance Form. When you sign this form, you are agreeing to follow all rules set up for the event.

### **Characteristics of an Exemplary Delegate**

As an official delegate of your region, you should be the best representative possible. Be an example of a model 4-H'er!

1. Make it a point to be on time or ahead of time for each session and event.
2. Be a good listener. You will be receiving instructions from some of the top scientists in the United States. You can impress them by your attentiveness.
3. Tobacco products and chewing gum are out of place during the conference.
4. Writing notes of gratitude to sponsors, leaders, agents and parents will be greatly appreciated.
5. Share your experiences with others when you return home. Take notes and be prepared to give an interesting and worthwhile account of your UT experience.

### **Sponsors**

The event is sponsored by gifts from a variety of donors with an interest in giving youth an in-depth project experience on the University of Tennessee Campus.

- Ezell/Purity Endowment
- Greever Memorial Fund
- Tennessee Farmers' Cooperative
- Stanfill Memorial Fund
- Tennessee Pork Producers Association
- University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

The program is conducted through a cooperative effort by UT Extension, the University of Tennessee Herbert College of Agriculture, the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and UT AgResearch.

For more information on the 2020 Academic Conference, visit the website at  
<https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/acadconf.aspx>