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For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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Tennessee 4-H encourages diverse groups of youth to develop their unique skills and talents to the fullest potential. 4-H helps youth prepare for success in the workforce and to be leaders in civic engagement.

Young people participate in 4-H through clubs, special interest groups, after-school programs, camps, and many other activities. "Learning by doing" through hands-on activities and community involvement empowers 4-H'ers to develop and strengthen life skills.

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A Welcome from Tennessee 4-H State Council President and Vice President

My fellow 4-H'ers,

To summarize the past year in Tennessee 4-H as well as the Tennessee 4-H State Council into one word would be quite challenging. However, after surveying the dedication and progress of State Council, I find it most fitting to summarize the past year into this word: monumental.

Twenty-three State 4-H officers, who collectively form State Council, have worked tirelessly to make this year the most monumental in the history of our program. Through new initiatives like the Tennessee 4-H and FFA Leadership Summit as well as the State Council Honor Club Tour, I am confident that State Council has succeeded in Making the Best Better for over 151,000 youth across our great state. Continu

ing off of this exciting momentum, I am proud to announce the first edition of the Clover Chronicles Year in Review. Over the past year, the Clover Chronicles Committee on State Council – Hadassah Boyle, Cole Burchell, Hailey Butler, Jayden Hesson, and Matthew Rochford – have dedicated a countless number of hours to design the first State Council magazine! Clover Chronicles features members across the state who have excelled in their project work, transformed their communities in a positive manner, and those who have served Tennessee 4-H with a “To Make the Best Better” attitude. The goal will always be to keep 4-H members involved, informed, and intrigued.

I hope each of you take as much joy and pride in this magazine as I do! I am proud to present Tennessee 4-H in the first edition of the Clover Chronicles Year in Review!

- Alex Snodgrass, 2025-2026 Tennessee 4-H State Council President



Serving as the 2025-2026 Tennessee 4-H State Council Vice President has been one of the greatest honors of my life. While this year has been filled with amazing opportunities like RFD-TV, American Farm Bureau Convention, and the Ambassador Tour, the moments I treasure most are the ones spent alongside the people who have become my family. What began as 23 State Council members from different corners of Tennessee quickly became something much greater. Through encouraging one another through challenges, countless laughs, and serving together, we became brothers and sisters. The friendships I have gained in Tennessee 4-H are unlike any other, and they are a testament to the heart of this organization.

I joined 4-H because it was a natural part of growing up on my family's farm, but I never could have imagined the impact this organization would have on my life. I have loved Tennessee 4-H with my whole heart, and it has been a true privilege to serve an organization that has given me so much. Though our time as State Council members is coming to an end, the memories and family we have found in Tennessee 4-H will remain with us forever. As we look back on this remarkable year through the pages of Clover Chronicles, I hope you are reminded of the moments that made you smile, the friendships that made you stronger, and the experiences that made you proud to wear the 4-H Clover.

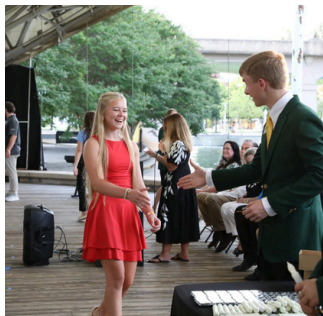
- Ann Thomas Lowery, 2025-2026 Tennessee 4-H State Council Vice Preseident





Tennessee 4-H Roundup 2025

For Tennessee 4-H'ers, Roundup represents the culmination of a year filled with hard work, leadership, and growth. During the 102nd Tennessee 4-H Roundup, members from across the state traveled to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for a week filled with competitions, traditions, recognition, and new experiences centered around the year's theme, "Beyond Ready."



Throughout the week, delegates participated in interviews, leadership activities, educational sessions, and statewide events while celebrating accomplishments within their project areas and clubs. From All Star exhibits to a day at Dollywood, the week blended meaningful opportunities with unforgettable memories.



One of the week's most memorable moments came during the Vol State Ceremony and State Officer Induction at World's Fair Park. During the ceremony, 75 Tennessee All Stars were inducted into Vol State, the highest level of recognition in Tennessee 4-H for leadership, service, and commitment to the program. Delegates also heard farewell speeches from 2024-2025 State President Gabe Harville of Smith County and State Vice President Isaac Welch of Wayne County as they reflected on their year of service.

For many delegates, Roundup provided an opportunity to experience independence, meet people from across Tennessee, and create memories that will last long after their 4-H careers.

"Between the adrenaline of the showcase interview and the immersive taste of college life, the 2025 Tennessee 4-H Roundup was an incredible experience," shared Briley Gray, a 10th grade 4-H'er from Anderson County. "I came home with new friends from all across the state and new foundational skills to help build my future."

For Henry County senior Allie Paschall, the event was especially meaningful as one of her final major experiences in Tennessee 4-H.

"Roundup 2025 was one of my best memories yet," Paschall shared. "From sharing some of my last 4-H moments with my best friend Kaytlen to winning my project, it was unforgettable."

From leadership opportunities to milestone achievements, the 2025 Tennessee 4-H Roundup highlighted the lasting impact 4-H continues to make in the lives of young people across Tennessee.



Academic Conference



Our 260 Tennessee 4-H members, the Junior High Academic Conference provided four days of discovery, learning, and new friendships at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Designed for sixth through eighth graders, the conference allowed participants to explore a specific project area through hands-on workshops led by University of Tennessee specialists and faculty.

The week concluded with a graduation banquet celebrating the accomplishments of each participant and recognizing the hard work they invested throughout the conference. For many members, Junior High Academic Conference offered an opportunity to explore new interests, gain confidence, and create memories that will last long after the week came to an end.



More than 30 teen leaders, volunteers, and adults helped guide members throughout the week, creating an environment that encouraged curiosity and growth. Outside the classroom, participants enjoyed an evening at Main Event, where bowling, arcade games, laser tag, and a high-ropes course provided plenty of excitement. Members also spent time relaxing at the UT pool.

All Star Spotlight - Kainao Morton, Eastern Region



Plant science, leadership, and service have all played a major role in Kainao Morton's 4-H journey.

The 11th grade member serves as Treasurer of his local 4-H Honor Club while remaining active in organizations including FFA, Student Council, and Beta Club.

Beyond school and project work, Kainao stays involved in his community through volunteer recruitment efforts, food and clothing drives, and local outreach projects.

Through leadership, service, and agricultural education, he continues to make a positive impact both in and outside of Tennessee 4-H.

Kainao has combined his passion for agriculture with hands-on experience in greenhouse production and turfgrass management, learning skills related to plant care, environmental conditions, and sustainable growth practices. He has also helped lead agricultural literacy presentations for elementary students, encouraging younger youth to learn more about agriculture and plant science.

Learning Beyond the Contest

Representing Tennessee on the State Skillathon Team became one of the most rewarding experiences of Seth Troglin's 4-H career.

Preparing for the national contest challenged the Cumberland County 4-H'er to deepen his knowledge of livestock, feeds, meats, equipment, and management practices while working alongside teammates who shared his passion for agriculture.

Tennessee earned a 5th overall finish at the national contest, but for Troglin, the experience meant much more than a placement. Competing on the national stage strengthened his leadership and teamwork skills while creating friendships and memories that will last long after the contest.

"Being on the state Skillathon team taught me so much about the agriculture industry and showed me there is always more to learn."
— Seth Troglin, Cumberland County





Tennessee 4-H Congress 2026

Tennessee 4-H Congress 2026 brought together 4-H'ers from across the state for a week focused on leadership, service, and connection. Throughout the 79th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, delegates stepped outside their comfort zones, built friendships, and strengthened skills that will impact them long after their years in 4-H.

One of the biggest additions to Congress this year gave delegates the opportunity to experience the legislative process in a new way. 4-H'ers stepped into the role of legislators by creating and presenting bills on the floors of the Senate and House of Representatives. Many ninth and tenth grade delegates embraced the challenge with confidence, making the experience one of the highlights of the week.



State Congress officers helped lead sessions, support delegates, and create an environment where every 4-H'er felt encouraged to participate. Along with leadership opportunities and educational sessions, delegates also enjoyed long-standing traditions, including an evening aboard the General Jackson cruising along the Cumberland River.

For many members, Congress represented more than just a statewide event. It marked personal growth, achievements, and memories that will last far beyond their 4-H careers.

"Tennessee 4-H Congress is one of my favorite 4-H events," said Marlee Bradford of Lincoln County. "Every time I have been to Congress, the experience was fun, educational, motivational, and encouraging. The experiences I had, friendships made, and skills learned made a lasting impact on my life and 4-H journey."



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For Warren County 4-H'er Tage Moore, this year's Congress carried special meaning as both his final Congress and his first year as a state public speaking champion.



"This last 4-H Congress was truly unforgettable," Moore shared. "Winning the State 4-H speech contest is something I have wanted to do since the fourth grade, and this victory serves as a tribute to everyone who has helped me grow."

From leadership opportunities to lifelong friendships, Tennessee 4-H Congress 2026 continued its tradition of helping young people discover their voices, strengthen their confidence, and create meaningful connections across the state.



Tennessee 4-H State Council Builds Connections Across Tennessee



Throughout the year, Tennessee 4-H State Council members traveled across the state representing Tennessee 4-H through leadership events, agricultural advocacy, service opportunities, and statewide partnerships. From meeting with agricultural leaders to collaborating with other youth organizations, council members worked to strengthen connections and expand the impact of Tennessee 4-H.

The 2025-2026 State Council officially began its year of service in July with the inauguration of 23 new council members. Throughout the year, officers gathered for meetings and retreats focused on leadership development, event planning, teamwork, and service. During the Alumni and Friends Meeting, council members assisted with silent and live auctions that raised nearly \$8,000 in support of Tennessee 4-H programs.



State Council members also participated in events centered around agricultural advocacy and community partnerships. From attending Agriculture Day on the Hill at the Tennessee State Capitol to participating in statewide agricultural meetings and literacy initiatives, members had opportunities to network with legislators, agricultural leaders, educators, and industry partners while sharing the impact of Tennessee 4-H.

Partnerships across Tennessee agriculture and youth organizations remained a major focus throughout the year. Tennessee 4-H and FFA officers came together during the 4-H and FFA Leadership Summit to strengthen collaboration between the two organizations and discuss ways to grow leadership and agricultural education across the state. That partnership continued throughout the year at events including the Tennessee FFA State Convention and Tennessee 4-H Congress.



Whether serving at statewide events, advocating for agriculture, or building relationships with leaders across Tennessee, State Council members spent the year representing Tennessee 4-H with professionalism, leadership, and service.



All Star Spotlight - Caleb Collin's, Western Region

Helping others build healthy habits has become a major part of Caleb Collins' 4-H journey. A senior involved in the Healthy Living project for the past four years, Caleb has represented Tennessee 4-H through opportunities including State Roundup, State Congress, and the National 4-H Ignite Leadership Conference.

Beyond attending events and conferences, Caleb has focused on serving as a positive role model within his community. He teaches free P.E. classes for elementary and middle school students while encouraging younger youth to learn more about healthy living and active lifestyles. Through leadership, service, and a commitment to helping others, Caleb continues to make an impact both inside and outside of Tennessee 4-H.



Tennessee 4-H Members Excel in State and National Competition



From judging contests and quiz bowls to public speaking and parliamentary procedure, Tennessee 4-H members spent the year representing their counties and the state through competitive events across the country. Their hard work, preparation, and leadership earned recognition at both the state and national levels.

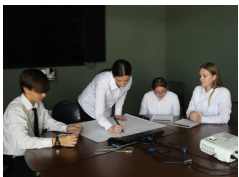
Livestock & Agricultural Sciences

Tennessee teams once again found success in livestock and agricultural science competitions. Macon County's Dairy Judging team advanced to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, while Unicoi County earned the opportunity to compete in Livestock Judging at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.



Lincoln County represented Tennessee in Livestock Quiz Bowl competition, and Williamson County competed nationally in Poultry Judging. Tennessee members traveled to contests across the country in areas including Meats Judging and Livestock Skillathon, continuing the state's strong tradition in agricultural education and animal science.

Wildlife & Horse Programs



One of Tennessee 4-H's top accomplishments of the year came from Knox County, whose Wildlife Judging team earned the title of National 4-H WHEP Champions.

Tennessee 4-H'ers earned multiple top placements at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, including awards in Horse Judging, Hippology, Team Presentation, and Public Speaking. Piper Allen was recognized as High Individual Overall in Horse Judging.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Tennessee members continued to shine in Family and Consumer Sciences competitions. Lincoln County earned 1st Overall Team honors at the National Family and Consumer Sciences Contest, while Knox County placed 3rd Overall in National Consumer Decision Making.

Franklin County members received top placements in FCS Presentations, Madison County placed 5th Overall in Quiz Bowl competition, and Knox County members Chloe Kepper and Hadassah Boyle earned high individual honors.

Leadership & Communication

Western National Roundup brought additional success for Tennessee 4-H members in leadership and communication events.

Wilson County earned the title of National Champions in 4-H Honor Club Parliamentary Procedure. Williamson County's Sowmil Kumble was named Grand Champion in Public Speaking, while Franklin County's Calli Alonso earned Reserve Champion honors in Impromptu Public Speaking.



Across every competition area, Tennessee 4-H members demonstrated the leadership, teamwork, and dedication that continue to make Tennessee 4-H a nationally recognized program.

Western National Roundup



Western National Roundup took Tennessee 4-H members to Denver, Colorado, where they competed against top 4-H'ers from across the nation and experienced the National Western Stock Show.

Tennessee celebrated two national championships, with Sowmil Kumble of Williamson County winning Prepared Public Speaking and Wilson County capturing the title in Parliamentary Procedure. Calli Alonso of Franklin County earned second place in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, while teams from Hardeman and Giles counties represented the state in Meats and Livestock Judging.

All Star Spotlight - Asa Isreal, Central Region

Although the All Star motto is service, I believe it's also about the people. The relationships and connections All Stars creates while serving our communities are some of the most meaningful I've built—not only through 4-H, but in my life. I'm incredibly grateful for the friendships I've made and for every opportunity I've had to give back to my community.



Tennessee All-Star

Eastern Region

Eastern Region All-Stars spent the year focused on service, leadership, and fellowship through their fall and spring conferences. Members gathered in Gatlinburg for the “Y’all Stars: Appalachian Showdown” Fall Conference and later returned to Clyde Austin 4-H Center for the “Go for Green Olympics” Spring Conference.

Throughout both weekends, All-Stars completed service projects benefiting veterans, cancer patients, animal shelters, and local communities while strengthening friendships and celebrating traditions. The year concluded with the recognition of graduating seniors and the installation of a new generation of Eastern Region leaders.



Central Region

Central Region All-Stars celebrated a year rooted in leadership, service, and tradition through their fall and spring conferences. Members gathered at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center for “Service Strikes Back,” where they participated in leadership activities, community service projects, and welcomed new members into the organization.

In the spring, All-Stars traveled to Henry Horton State Park for “A History of Service,” commemorating America’s 250th anniversary through hands-on activities and projects supporting Tennessee veterans. Together, the conferences highlighted the Central Region’s commitment to fellowship, service, and preserving the traditions that make All Stars unique.



Western Region

Western Region All-Stars gathered for two weekends filled with fellowship, service, and fun. Members kicked off the year with a “Night at the Museum” themed fall retreat at Discovery Park of America, where they completed service projects, elected a new regional council, and enjoyed exclusive after-hours activities.

In the spring, All-Stars reunited in Jackson for a retreat centered on teamwork and friendship. Bowling, laser tag, and go-kart racing provided opportunities to strengthen connections while welcoming new initiates into the organization. Together, the conferences highlighted the traditions, leadership, and camaraderie that define Western Region All-Stars.



All Star Spotlight - Sarah Booker, Eastern Region

Whether competing in Grill Masters or volunteering at summer camp, Sarah Booker of Grainger County has found countless ways to stay involved in Tennessee 4-H. A 10th grade member active in Culinary Arts, Sarah has competed in Grill Masters since ninth grade, preparing pork chops with her own homemade sauce. She earned 4th place during her first year of competition and followed it with a 7th place finish the next year.



Outside of competition, Sarah enjoys helping younger members during practices and spending time at 4-H camp. She volunteered at both Junior and Junior High camp this year, assisting campers with projects, activities, and daily events.

For Sarah, camp remains one of the most meaningful parts of her 4-H experience because of the opportunity to serve, encourage younger members, and build lasting memories.

National 4-H soccer cup

Winning the National 4-H soccer tournament was an unforgettable experience and one of the proudest moments of my life. Throughout the tournament, my team worked hard, stayed positive, and supported each other both on and off the field. Every game challenged us to communicate, trust one another, and give our best effort.

What made this experience even more special was representing 4-H. Being involved in 4-H has taught me leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and perseverance, and I was able to use all of those skills during the tournament. Even when games got stressful, our team stayed focused and continued encouraging each other.



Winning nationally was exciting, but the friendships, memories, and lessons we gained along the way meant just as much. This experience showed me how dedication and teamwork can lead to success, and it motivated me to continue growing both as a player and as a leader. I am extremely thankful for my coaches, teammates, family, and everyone who supported us throughout the tournament.

- Elizabeth Tapp, Franklin County

All Star Spotlight- Jillian Fowler, Central Region

For Jillian Fowler of Lincoln County, All Stars has created opportunities that shaped both her leadership and her passion for service. Now a 12th grade member, Jillian says attending All Star conferences has been one of the most rewarding parts of her 4-H experience.



Through those events, she has developed valuable communication and leadership skills while building friendships with members from across Tennessee. Service projects completed during conferences have especially impacted her, encouraging her to step outside her comfort zone and become more involved in helping others.

Jillian credits All Stars with helping her grow more confident, driven, and committed to giving back to her community.

Tennessee 4-H State Council Represents Tennessee Nationally



Throughout the year, Tennessee 4-H State Council officers had the opportunity to represent Tennessee on the national stage through leadership conferences, agricultural advocacy, and service opportunities across the country.

Several State Council officers traveled to Anaheim, California to attend the 2026 American Farm Bureau Federation Convention. During the event, members worked the National 4-H Council booth, connected with agricultural leaders from across the United States, and shared the impact Tennessee 4-H has had on their lives. The convention provided valuable insight into agricultural industries while allowing officers to network with leaders and advocates from across the country. Outside of convention activities, members explored Huntington Beach and Disneyland, creating memories and friendships that will last far beyond their time on council.

State Council officers also represented Tennessee 4-H at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. Throughout the week, delegates collaborated with 4-H members from across the nation to develop and present solutions to real-world issues facing communities today. Their presentations were shared with federal partners including the United States Department of Agriculture, Peace Corps, and members of Congress, giving Tennessee youth the opportunity to have their voices heard on a national level.



Beyond leadership sessions and presentations, officers explored historic landmarks and participated in "Tennessee Tuesday," celebrating state pride while highlighting the impact of Tennessee 4-H nationally.



These experiences allowed Tennessee 4-H State Council members to strengthen leadership skills, build meaningful connections, and return home with new perspectives to continue serving their counties, regions, and state.

National 4-H Congress



Thirty-two Tennessee 4-H members traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, from November 28–December 3 for the 2025 National 4-H Congress. Representing project areas ranging from nutrition and health to dairy and poultry, delegates joined thousands of 4-H members from across the country for a week centered on leadership, service, and new experiences.

Throughout the week, delegates attended motivational sessions, explored Atlanta, and stepped outside their comfort zones by trying new activities and meeting youth from across the nation. Service remained a central part of the experience, with Tennessee delegates assisting local schools, organizing books for libraries, and supporting community organizations. Members also enjoyed traditions such as the annual brunch at the Ritz-Carlton.



Tennessee's presence extended beyond the delegation itself. John Everett Martin served on the 2025 National 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Team, while Gabe Harville helped shape the experience as a member of the National 4-H Congress Design Team.

For Hardeman County senior Trinity Watkins, National 4-H Congress was filled with memorable experiences. From practicing yoga and exploring the Atlanta History Center to singing in front of the National Congress delegation, each day brought new opportunities. Some of her favorite moments, however, came from simply spending time with friends in the Tennessee room.



"National 4-H Congress was exciting, educational, and overall a really good time," Watkins shared. "I will never forget how much fun I had learning and spending time with old and new friends. National Congress matters to Tennessee 4-H because it teaches us to step out of our comfort zones and that we can do hard things if we just set our minds to it."

All Star Spotlight - Eva Welch, Western Region

Eva Welch is an outstanding 11th-grade member in Horticulture and Garden who has consistently demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a passion for growth within 4-H. She has proudly represented Tennessee at National 4-H Congress and Round-Up, and currently serves as a Healthy Living Ambassador for Wayne County and the Western Region.



Eva has earned both her Master Gardener certification and Herbalist certification, reflecting her deep commitment to horticulture and wellness. She serves as President of the Wayne County 4-H Honor Club and has been an active teen leader at Junior 4-H Camp, with plans to continue mentoring younger members this year.

Her diverse participation includes competitions in Grill Master, FCS Skillathon, Livestock Judging, Horse Bowl, and Hippology. Eva has competed at the state level in Forestry Judging and is preparing to compete at the state level in Horse Judging.

Known for going above and beyond, Eva is a dedicated mentor to younger 4-H members and continually works to expand her skills. She is also developing her entrepreneurial talents through her work in floral arrangements, floral jellies, and herbal teas.

National Success in Equine Communications



For Savannah Hanson of Bledsoe County and John Everett Martin of Hancock County, a shared passion for horses and public speaking turned into an unforgettable year representing Tennessee 4-H on the national stage.

The pair competed in the Tennessee 4-H Equine Communications Contest team demonstration during the State 4-H Horse Show in June with their presentation, "It's What's

Inside That Counts – Internal Parasites." Their state-winning presentation earned them the opportunity to compete at two national events later in the year.

In October, Hanson and Martin traveled to Columbus, Ohio to compete at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, where they earned first place out of eight teams from across the country. A month later, they represented Tennessee again at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup during NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky, placing second among fourteen teams.

Representing Tennessee 4-H nationally gave both members the chance to grow in confidence, strengthen communication skills, and connect with other youth who share a passion for the equine industry. Hanson encourages other 4-H members interested in horses and public speaking to step outside their comfort zones and participate in the Tennessee 4-H Equine Communications Contest.





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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

