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TENNESSEE 4-H ROUNDUP







Tennessee 4-H held its 103rd 4-H Roundup, where members from across the state traveled to the University of Tennessee at Martin. They spent a week participating in competitions, educational activities, and making new memories.

During the event, many delegates competed in project portfolios and participated in on-site interviews. Delegates also attended educational sessions and leadership activities.

The highlight of the 4-H Roundup was the Vol State ceremony, which is the highest form of recognition in Tennessee 4-H. Additionally, the State Council officers' induction was held. President Alex Snodgrass and Vice President Ann Thomas Lowery gave their final remarks before handing over their positions to Calleigh Phillips and Ben Jackson. Both the Vol State ceremony and the State Council induction took place at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

- Brycen Williams, Jr Rep







FIRST STATE COUNCIL MEETING





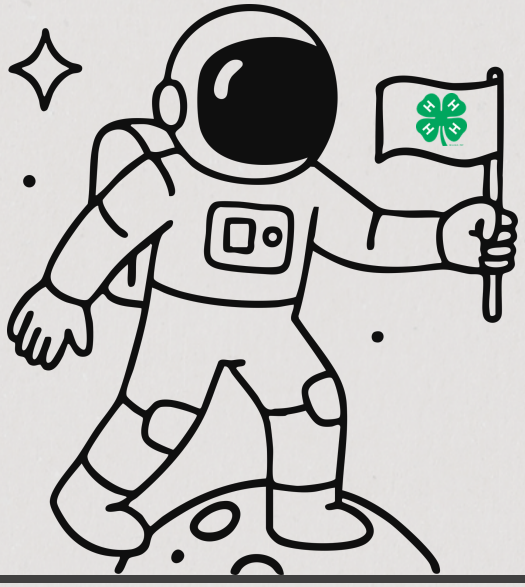


The 2026-2027 State 4-H Council held their first meeting of the year in Franklin, TN. At this meeting, the council worked hard to prepare their goals to ensure efficiency and success for the year. Aside from team collaboration and brainstorming, the group also had the opportunity to grow closer as a council through fun icebreakers and activities. Notable highlights of the weekend were the election of the council Secretary, Cole Burchell, along with an updated council page on the Tennessee 4-H website (check it out!). The council looks forward to a productive but fun year, and cannot wait to help Tennessee 4-H grow.



- Jayden Hesson, Sr Rep





Did you know?

IN 1989 A 4-H FLAG TRAVELED TO OUTER SPACE ON THE US SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS AND WAS CARRIED BY ASTRONAUT MARY CLEAVE

STATE FAIR, PICNIC AT THE FAIR, AND FFA HAM BREAKFAST













The 2026 Tennessee State Fair was held August 13–22 in Wilson County, where Tennessee 4-H State Council Members helped kick off the festivities at both the Opening Ceremony and the Celebratory Parade. Throughout the fair, Council Members stayed actively involved, assisting with youth activities such as scavenger hunts and the drunk-driving simulator, working in the Pick TN Products Store, and proudly supporting agriculture at the annual Tennessee FFA Ham Breakfast.

4-H State Council Members also attended the 5th annual Tennessee 4-H Picnic at the Fair. Each year this event raises funds to help youth attend 4-H camps across Tennessee. This year's Picnic at the Fair raised nearly $110,000 for Junior 4-H camp scholarships! Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who supported this event and made it a success.

The fair brought together agriculture, education, entertainment, and communities from across the state. It was a place where traditions were honored, new memories were made, and Tennessee 4-H youth shined. From livestock events, public speaking, a fashion show, demonstrations, and competitions, 4-H'ers showcased the skills they've developed through project work, leadership, and year-round learning. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and leadership. Your hard work continues to reflect the true spirit of 4-H

- Briley Gray, Jr Rep

TRACTOR SUPPLY LEGACY AND GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE





From the countless handshakes and conversations to discovering the most impressive current innovations at the forefront of agriculture, Tennessee 4-H was thankful to have a presence at both the National Tractor Supply Partners Conference and the TN Farm Bureau Grassroots Conference.

In August, Tennessee Farm Bureau held its 2026 Grassroots Conference in Franklin, TN, and Tennessee 4-H was invited to take part in the fun! To kick off the event, 4-H State Council members conversed with agricultural leaders from across the state and veteran Farm Bureau members, many of whom were once 4-H'ers themselves. Later, State Council President Calleigh Phillips spoke to the conference about her 4-H journey and the importance of youth in agriculture.

Shortly afterward, Tractor Supply Company allowed 4-H to participate in the National Partners Conference. There, TN 4-H Council members met with leaders at Tractor Supply, discussed the future of youth in agriculture, and promoted 4-H to all in attendance.

The Tennessee 4-H State Council is thankful for the support from the Farm Bureau and Tractor Supply Company, and we hope to continue furthering our reach and impact to represent Tennessee 4-H.

- Matthew Rochford, All Star Chief

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

This October, 4-H'ers across Tennessee celebrated this year's National 4-H Week with enthusiasm and spirit. Sunday marked the start of the week, with Governor Bill Lee officially proclaiming October 4th–10th as National 4-H Week in Tennessee.

On Monday, 4-H'ers helped to promote 4-H by proudly wearing green, and on Tuesday, highlighted the importance of giving back in our communities. On Wednesday, 4-H members wrote about what 4-H means to them, recognizing all of the various passions and reasons behind their involvement; and on Thursday, 4-H'ers took the time to express their gratitude to the donors, agents, volunteers, and countless others who make this program possible. On Friday, both current and former 4-H members spent time reflecting on their experiences and sharing their favorite memories before ending the week on Saturday's volunteer appreciation, which allowed 4-H'ers to say thank you to all of our volunteers for their selfless dedication.

Throughout this year's National 4-H Week, members highlighted the impact 4-H can have on youth and recognized those who continue to support the program

- Ryleigh Boutwell, Rep at Large











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