

McNairy County 4-H



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2026-2027 Yearbook

Welcome to 4-H!

What is 4-H?

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**



The 4-H Pledge:

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



The 4-H Motto:

**TO MAKE
THE BEST
BETTER** 

The 4-H Slogan:



4-H Definitions

4-H Club

A 4-H Club is a group that meets monthly, participates in contests and activities.

4-H Projects

4-H Projects are programs that youth participate in outside of your in-school club meetings. These are typically a special interest club.

4-H Portfolios

4-H portfolios are digital records of events and activities that you have completed within your project area. 4-H portfolios include photos, a written narrative or resume about you. This information is put together within a WIX website.

If you are in 6th–8th grade you can use a portfolio to attend 4-H Academic Conference and compete in 4-H project showcase.

If you are in 9th–12th grade, you can use a portfolio to attend 4-H Congress, 4-H Round Up, and compete for prizes and scholarships. Students in 11th–12th grade have the opportunity to receive college credit through UT Knoxville in certain project areas.

4-H Judging Teams

4-H judging teams are educational contests that happen throughout the year. 4-Hers that are interested in participating in judging teams can attend practice and then compete in regional, state, and national contests.

Judging teams include Forestry, Wildlife, Horse, Livestock, Poultry, Land, Grill masters, FCS Skillathon, Consumer Decision Making, Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Meats Judging.

4-H Definitions

4-H Honor Club

4-H Honor Club is a group of students who have excelled in 4-H. These 4-Hers have gone above and beyond the 4-H classroom activities. 4-H Honor Club meet at least once a month and complete service projects, assist with county-wide events, and participate in fun events.

4-H All Stars

4-H All Starts is the 2nd level of recognition from Honor Club. These students are in 9th-12th grade. They are invited to attend regional leadership retreats in the fall and spring each year and are the opportunity to attend 4-H Round Up. A 4-Her who is active through their Junior and Senior year can also achieve Tennessee 4-H's highest recognition, Vol State.

4-H Congress

4-H Congress is an event for 9th and 10th graders. Students have the opportunity to learn about government and participate in legislative visits, tour the State Capital, and participate in mock sessions. This event is always in March. Students in 11th and 12th grade can earn a spot to attend by competing in the leadership or citizenship portfolio competition or winning the regional public speaking competition.

4-H Round Up

4-H Round Up is a week-long event that rotates between UT Martin and UT Knoxville. Students in the 9th-12th grade can attend Round Up as completing delegate or as an All Star attendee. If you are a competing delegate, you have the opportunity to submit a portfolio to compete for scholarship and awards.

9th-10th graders – Level 1 Competition

11th-12th graders – Level 2 Competition and a chance to attend National 4-H Congress

Level 2 participants can earn course credits for UT Knoxville in several project areas without winning the state competition.

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4-H Academic Conference

4-Hers in 6th–8th grade can submit portfolio forms in their chosen project areas for an opportunity to attend UT Academic Conference on the Knoxville campus. This is a great opportunity to see life as a college student and participate in educational sessions with sessions with professors and specialists.

4-H Camps

Summer camps are the highlight of a 4-Her's summer. 4-Hers in the 4th–12th grade can attend various 4-H camps and other specialty camps over the summer. Page 10 discusses all camping opportunities available for youth!

4-H Livestock and Horse Shows

4-H hosts regional and state livestock and horse shows. If you are interested in showing animals, this is a great opportunity for you to get involved.

County Judging & Contest Advancement

Project Showcase

All 4-Her's will have the opportunity to demonstrate something they have learned in their 4-H project within the last year. Project Showcase is similar to the Public Speaking Contest, but you may have a visual aid!



County Judging & Contest Advancement

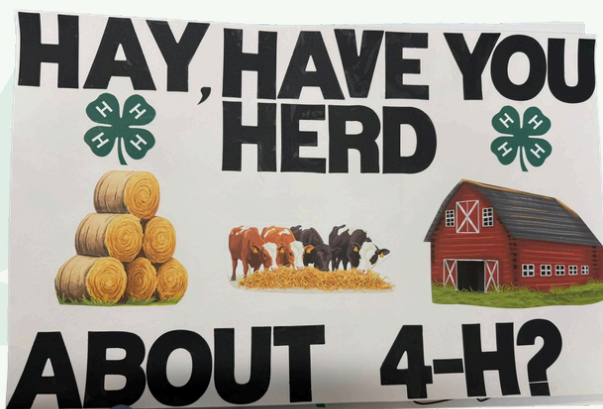
Piggy Bank Pagent

The 4-H Piggy Bank competition is available to all 4-H members. Members create, build and design a piggy bank with a theme focused on saving money. Top banks will advance to the online State Piggy Bank Pagent.



Poster Art Contest

All 4-H'ers can create a poster which promotes 4-H to others. There is a digital and regular poster option. Top 3 posters in the county will advance to the regional competition.



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Cookie Baking Contest

Open to all 4-Her's. 4-Her's must submit six cookies, cookie name and a copy of the recipe for judging. Cookies will be judged on appearance, taste, and overall appeal by a panel of your school's faculty and staff. Each grade will be in their own division.



Public Speaking Contest

Open to all 4-H'ers, each grade will be their own division. There will be a school-wide contest. Winners will advance to the county-level competition. County winners in grades 4th–8th will move on to the sub-regional contest, while winners in grades 9th–12th will advance to the regional contest.

Rules and times vary based on grade. Contact the McNairy County 4-H Agent, Mikayla Milford, for more information at mikgabb@utk.edu or call 731-645-3598.



County Events

Chick Chain

4-H Chick Chain is a hands-on poultry project where 4-H members learn valuable life skills by raising baby chicks into healthy laying hens. Participants typically receive 1-2 day-old pullets (female chicks) and care for them over several months. Throughout the project, youth gain experience in animal care, responsibility, budgeting, and record-keeping.

The project finishes in a county show and auction, where participants exhibit their birds and may sell them to the public.



4-H Calendar

August

Enrollment for 4-H Club Year
Homeschool Meeting
Regional 4-H Fall Judging Day
FCS Skillathon & Consumer Decision
Making

Regional Dairy Show
State 4-H Goat Expo
State Dairy Judging

September

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
Regional Grill Masters
Regional Forestry Judging
Regional Sheep & Goat Expo
State 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

October

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
Regional Land Judging
National 4-H Week
State 4-H Fall Judging Day
State Dairy Expo
State Sheep Expo

November

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
County Poster Contest
Regional Livestock Judging
All Star Fall Retreat

December

Holiday Break!
Honor Club Applications Due

January

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
Chick Chain Sign Up
County Public Speaking
Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology
State Jr. Market Hog Show

February

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
Multi-County Public Speaking
Regional Public Speaking
Regional Poster Contest
Regional Meats Judging

March

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
Regional History Bowl
All Star Spring Retreat
TN 4-H Congress
Congress Readiness Day

April

In-School Clubs
Homeschool Meeting
County Photo Contest
Regional Horse Judging
Regional Project Showcase
Sr. High Portfolios Due

May

Regional Poultry Judging
Regional Wildlife Judging

June & July

4-H Summer Camps
Regional Beef Expo
Regional & State Horse Show
State Livestock & Meats Judging
State Wildlife Judging
4-H Academic Conference
TN 4-H Round Up
Round Up Readiness Day

Judging Teams

Consumer Decision Making

Grades: 9th–12th

Contest: August 22nd, 2026

Topics:

Best Shopping Practice
Decision Making Skills

FCS Skillathon

Grades: 6th–12th

Contest: August 22nd, 2026

Topics:

Sewing
Food & Nutrition
Interior Design

Forestry

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: August 26th, 2026

Topics:

Tree Identification
Insect/Disease Prevention
Compass & Pacing
Tree Measurement

Grill Masters

Grades: 6th–12th

Contest: September 12th, 2026

Topics:

Grill Safety & Techniques
Safe Food Handling

Horse Bowl and Hippology

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: January 16th, 2027

Topics:

Care & Management
Horse Industry Topics
Nutrition, Tack, & Breeds

Horse Judging

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: April 8th, 2026

Topics:

Evaluate Conformation & Performance

Land Judging

Grades: 6th–12th

Contest: September 24th, 2026

Topics:

Evaluate Soil & Performance of Soil

Livestock Judging

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: November 5th, 2026

Topics:

Evaluate Structural Correctness
Evaluate EPD's
Rank Traits of Importance

Meat ID

Grades: 6th–12th

Contest: February 25th, 2027

Topics:

Evaluate Meat Quality
Evaluate Retail and Wholesale Cuts

Poultry Judging

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: April 27th, 2027

Topics:

Judging Past Production Hens
Chicken Parts ID
Egg Grading
Broken Out Egg Grading
Processed Products
Carcass Quality

Wildlife Judging

Grades: 4th–12th

Contest: May 12th, 2027

Topics:

Wildlife Identification
Skulls, Hides, & Calls
Wildlife Management Practices

4-H Camping Opportunities

Jr. 4-H Camp

Grades: 4th–6th

June 7th–11th

Lone Oaks Farm

Middleton, TN

Five-Day Resident Camp

Swimming, Shooting Sports, Hikes,
Woodworking, Archery, Crafts, Etc.

Jr. High 4-H Camp

Grades: 6th–8th

Lone Oaks

Middleton, TN

Five-Day Resident Camp

Swimming, Shooting Sports, Hikes,
Woodworking, Archery, Survivor
Challenges, Etc.

Target Smart

Grades: 5th–9th

May 31st– June 4th

Clyde Austin 4-H Center

Greenville, TN

Archery, Riflery, Shotgun Use,
Muzzleloading, & Outdoor Skills

Electric Camp

Grades: 6th–8th

July 12th–16th

University of Tennessee

Knoxville, TN

Energy, Energy Conservation, &
Electrical Safety

O.W.L.S. Camp

Grades: 6th–10th

June 1st–4th

Land Between the Lakes

Dover, TN

Hike, Swim, Fish, Canoe, Campfires

Line & Design Camp

Grades: 6th–12th

July 5th–7th

UT Martin

Martin, TN

Discover Creativity, Develop Skills,
Sewing, & Design

Culinary U Camp

Grades: 8th–12th

July 7th–9th

UT Martin

Martin, TN

Knife Skills, Baking, Cooking, &
Cooking with Competitions

For More Information

Contact the McNairy County

UT Extension Office

731-645-3598

2025-2026 Recap



County Public Speaking Contest



7th Grade

1st Place – Reed McNatt



8th Grade

1st Place – Ailee Baggett

1st Place in each grade advanced to the sub-regional speech contest.



4th Grade

1st Place – Grayson Gattis

2nd Place – Lyla Gee

3rd Place – Hadley Griffin

Additional Participants:

Camden Atkins, Rylee Garner,

Stella King, John Luke

Stanfield, and Paisley Harris.



5th Grade

1st Place – Coraline Walz

2nd Place – Nora Henson

3rd Place – Jacob Oller

Additional Participants:

Willow Mardis, Abbi

Williams, and Riley Harrison.



6th Grade

1st Place – Ella Inman

2nd Place – Vivian

Weatherford

3rd Place – Kaya Rasmussen

Additional Participants:

Ady Mae Childers-Mitchell

and Alisa Dobbs.

Sub-Regionals



4th Grade

Grayson Gattis

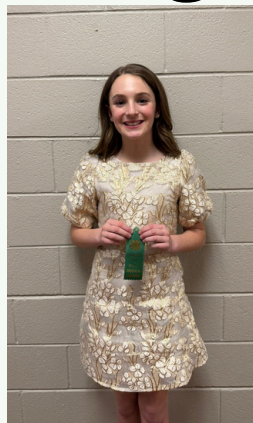
4th Place



5th Grade

Coraline Walz

4th Place



6th Grade

Ella Inman

5th Place



7th Grade

Reed McNatt

1st Place



8th Grade

Ailee Baggett

2nd Place

Cookie Baking Contest

BSES 5th Grade
1st Place – Luke Smith



BSES 6th Grade
1st Place – Jessi Plunk



AES 5th Grade
1st Place – Gabby Martin



AES 4th Grade
1st Place – Melina Carroll
2nd Place – Adalyn Ingle
3rd Place – Ryvers Carrico
4th Place – JD Gibbs
5th Place – Evie Chapman



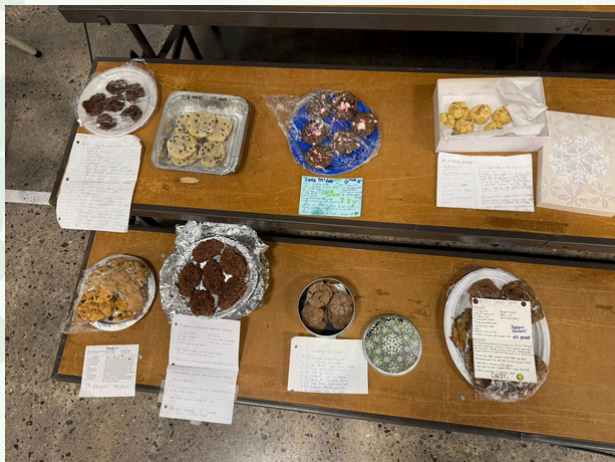
SES 4th Grade
1st Place – Jadynn Kendall
2nd Place – Dreyson Davis
3rd Place – J.R. Dawson
4th Place – Adaiah Lloyd



SES 5th Grade
1st Place – Heidi Moran
2nd Place – Addysen King
3rd Place – Zeke McGee
4th Place – Abbi Williams



RES
5th Grade 1st Place – Hudson Webb
6th Grade 1st Place – Kaiden Cook
7th Grade 1st Place – Karsyn Shelton
8th Grade 1st Place – Makayla Stanfield



Poster Contest



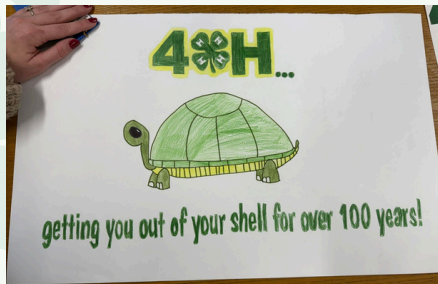
4th Grade – 1st Place
Evie Chapman



4th Grade – 2nd Place
John Luke Stanfield



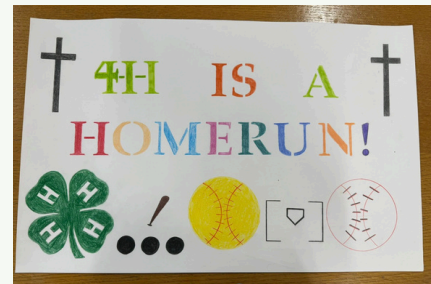
4th Grade – 3rd Place
Kate Shelton



5th Grade – 1st Place
Owen Brown



5th Grade – 2nd Place
Skylar Emmons



5th Grade – 3rd Place
Griffin Ashcraft



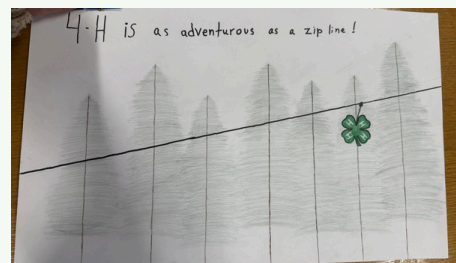
6th Grade – 1st Place
Ryker Harben



6th Grade – 2nd Place
Jessi Kate Plunk



6th Grade – 3rd Place
Izzy Ray



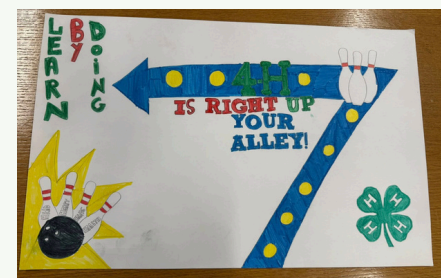
7th Grade – 1st Place
Willow Bearden



8th Grade – 1st Place
Kenzli Foster



8th Grade – 2nd Place
Angel Cryer



8th Grade – 3rd Place
Macon Derryberry

Piggy Bank Contest



Honorable Mention
Selvie Hanna



4th Grade – 1st Place
Cade Graham



4th Grade – 2nd Place
John Luke Stanfield



4th Grade – 3rd Place
Evie Chapman



5th Grade – 1st Place
Abbi Williams



5th Grade – 2nd Place
Evan Hutcherson



5th Grade – 3rd Place
Aiden Miller



7th Grade – 1st Place
Terrianna Burns



7th Grade – 2nd Place
Mason Stackhouse



7th Grade – 2nd Place
Parker Mullins

Regional Poultry Judging



Jr. High Division Individual
1st Place Highest Scoring
Shelby Jones



Jr. Division Individual
24th Place
Morgan Gray



Jr. High Division 20th Place Team
Reed McNatt, Keeley Bosley,
and Grace Talbott



Sr. Division 31st Place Team
Calleigh Philips, Laina
Sanders, and Addie Sanders



Jr. Division 13th Place Team
Tinsley Hicks, Carlin Sparks,
and Rylan McNatt



Jr. Division 5th Place Team
Willow Mardis, Abbi Williams,
and Morgen Wood



Jr. Division 1st Place Highest
Scoring Individual
Morgen Wood



Regional Livestock Judging

Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology

Sr. Division Individual
Laina Sanders

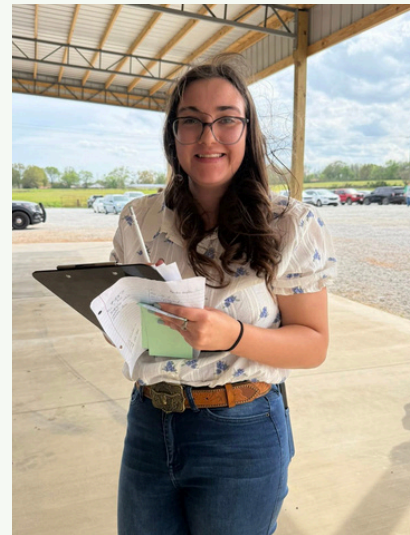
Jr. Division 9th Place Team
Abbi Williams, Tinsley
Hicks, and Willow Mardis



Jr. Division 8th Place Team
Abbi Williams, Tinsley Hicks, Nora
Henson, and Willow Mardis



Jr. High Division Individuals
Ruth Davis and Shelby
Jones



Sr. Division Individual
Laina Sanders



Jr. Division 2nd Place
High Scoring Individual
Nora Henson



Jr. High Division 1st Place
High Scoring Individual
Ruth Davis

Regional Horse Judging

Regional Wildlife Judging



Sr. Division Individual
6th Place
Laina Sanders



Jr. Division Individual
30th Place
Morgan Gray

Western Region Public Speaking Contest



11th Grade
1st Place Regional Winner
Calleigh Phillips

AG Literacy Week



Calleigh Phillips read "Full of Beans: Henry Ford Grows a Car" by Peggy Thomas to 5th grade at Selmer Elementary

Jenna
McCullar
Award
Recipient
2026:
Aliee Baggett



Honor Club



Pumpkin Decorating

Birdhouses built and painted
Donated to Big Hill Pond State Park



Homemade Dog Toys from T-Shirts
Donated to McNairy County Humane Society



Letters written to U.S. Marines



"Thanksgiving in a bag"
Donated to McNairy County
Blessing Boxes

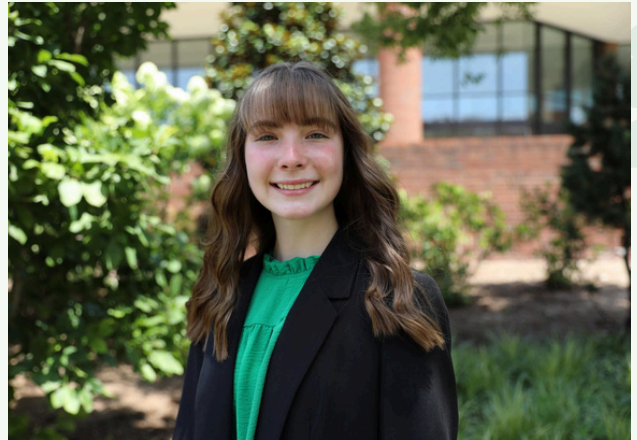
Tennessee State 4-H Roundup



Calleigh
Phillips
Level II
Agricultural
Leadership
Winner



Calleigh Phillips TN State Council President



Calleigh Phillips
Vol State - Highest
Honor Recipient

Tennessee 4-H State Academic Conference



Tennessee State 4-H Congress





Junior 4-H Camp



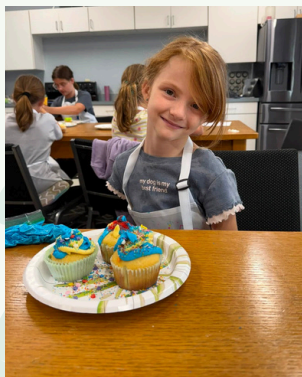
Junior 4-H Camp



Pick It. Patch It.



Bake It 'Til You Make It!



A special message to our supporters and sponsors,

Thank you to our 2025–2026 McNairy County 4-H Supporters
The McNairy County 4-H Program extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the 2025–2026 program year a success.

Thank you to Ashewood Farms, CB&S Bank – Selmer, Deberry Drugs, Fullwood Dental, Home Banking Company – Selmer, Hometown Pizza – Selmer, Paul Fisher Oil Company, and Stockdale's – Selmer for your generous support of McNairy County 4-H.

We also extend our gratitude to the administrators, teachers, and staff of all McNairy County schools for welcoming 4-H into your classrooms and supporting our youth throughout the year.
A special thank you to our Junior 4-H Camp volunteers—Amanda Fisher, Josh Fisher, Larry Lowery, Addison Sanders, Bryson King, and Laina Sanders—for helping make camp a fun and memorable experience for our campers.

We are also grateful to our County Public Speaking Contest judges Brandy Brown, Ella Faye Bright, Linda Emerson, Gail McCullar, Calleigh Phillips, Paul Phillips, Wendy Phillips, Mary Savage, Linda Smith, Pam Carroll, Barbara Christopher, Martha Glover, Steve Gibson, Barbara Isbell, Pam Johnson, Jean Jones, Judy Olson, Kay Lynn Paze, Leslie Thrasher, Cindy Thrasher, and PJ White—for sharing their time and expertise to encourage our 4-H members.

Thank you for your generosity, partnership, and dedication to McNairy County 4-H. Together, you help us make the best better!

Sincerely,
Mikayla Milford
McNairy County 4-H Agent

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You now have an official McNairy County 4-H member in your family! We are excited to welcome your child to one of the most rewarding and dynamic youth organizations in the world.

4-H gives young people the opportunity to explore new interests while building valuable life skills such as sportsmanship, citizenship, and leadership. As the world's largest youth development program, 4-H is not only educational—it's also a lot of fun!

Behind every successful 4-H member is a supportive adult—someone who encourages, guides, and invests time in their child's growth. Your involvement plays a key role in your child's 4-H experience, and we truly appreciate your support.

Here are just a few ways you can help support your child and the McNairy County 4-H program:

- Assist with monthly contests, such as poster projects and public speaking
- Encourage your child to always do their best
- Serve as a 4-H Volunteer Leader
- Attend 4-H Camp as an Adult Leader
- Help train a 4-H Judging Team
- Volunteer at local and county 4-H events

We're looking forward to a fun and successful year ahead. Thank you for being part of the McNairy County 4-H family and for playing an important role in your child's development through 4-H.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. You can call us at 731-645-3598, email Mikayla Milford at mikgabb@utk.edu, or visit our office at 703 Industrial Park Drive, Selmer, TN 38375

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