Be a Good 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 scientist 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. Thoughtfulness in writing notes of appreciation to sponsors, leaders, agents and parents will mean much to them.
5. Share your experiences with others when you return home. Take notes and be prepared to give and 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
- Greer Memorial Fund
- Stanfill Memorial Fund
- Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
- Tennessee Pork Producers Association
- University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

The program is conducted through a cooperative effort be UT Extension, the University of Tennessee College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and UT AgResearch.

Hamilton County deadline – April 10, 2015
Due by deadline – application and 305-A form(s)
For more information, contact Nancy Rucker, nrucker@tennessee.edu

For more information on the 2015 Academic Conference, visit the Web site at http://4h.tennessee.edu/acadconf
Junior High 4-H Academic Conference
June 9-12, 2015

Welcome to the Junior High 4-H Academic Conference. As a participant, you will be involved in an 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
- Citizenship
- Companion Animals
- Consumer Ed/Economics
- Dairy
- Dairy Foods/Food Nutrition
- Forestry
- Garden/Home Horticulture
- Horse
- Line and Design
- Poultry
- Meat Goat
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife and Fisheries

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

Thursday, June 11
- Breakfast
- Project Training
- Lunch
- Service Learning Trip
- Graduation
- Swimming and Movie

Friday, June 13
- Depart for Home

Cost
The registration fee to attend Academic Conference is $50. Once you have been notified of your selection as a delegate, return 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 please!)
- 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.
- Swim Suit
- Consider bringing some work-type clothing for your project training sessions, as 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.
Tennessee Junior High
4-H Academic Conference Application Form

Name of project for which you are applying

1st Choice ___________________________ 2nd Choice ___________________________ 3rd Choice ___________________________
(Members will be considered for only those projects listed)

County ___________________________ Region ___________________________ Year ___________________________

Member's Name ___________________________ Male ☐ Female ☐

Address ________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________ City ___________ Zip ___________________________

Grade in school on January 1, this year ___________________________ Number of years enrolled in project ___________________________

Have you ever attended Junior High Academic Conference before? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, in what project? ______________________________________________________

Name of parents/guardians ______________________________________________________

Check the boxes to describe your race and ethnicity. Information will be used solely for compliance with affirmative
action programs.

Race – Check all that apply
☐ Black ☐ White ☐ American Indian
☐ Asian ☐ Pacific Islander

Ethnicity – Check only one
☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic

Statement by 4-H Member
I have personally prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Date ___________ , 20__ Signature of 4-H member ___________________________

Approval of this Report

Date ___________ , 20__ Signed ___________________________
Parent/Guardian

Date ___________ , 20__ Signed ___________________________
Local 4-H Leader

Date ___________ , 20__ Signed ___________________________
County Extension Agent*

*The county agent who supervises this project should sign this report.
I. Write a brief summary of why you would like to attend the Junior High 4-H Academic Conference and how you plan to share your experiences with others in your county. (Use only the space provided.)

A. Reasons for attending the conference:

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B. Plans for sharing conference experiences:

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II. Attach a Tennessee 4-H Project Profile (Form 305A) for each of your project choices listed on the front of the application. (Good photo copies from your project portfolio will be sufficient.)
Name of 4-H Project

Member’s Name ___________________________ Year _______ School Grade (on Jan. 1) _______

1. **Size and scope.** List the highlights of your project for this year, including the size, scope and growth of the project. Show size with numbers; show scope by the variety of activities conducted. Include expenses, income, losses, savings to your family, etc. when appropriate.

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2. **Project participation.** Indicate the level of participation with the appropriate letters - local (L), county (C), regional (R), state (S), national (N) - followed by the number of times for each level, such as L3, S1.

a. **Public presentations related to this project.** Include speeches, demonstrations, interactive exhibits, interviews, oral reasons, illustrated talks, media presentations, etc. given this year.

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b. **Exhibits related to this project.** List the items prepared for display at 4-H meetings, fairs, shows, contests, etc. during this year.

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**c. Participation in educational activities related to this project.** Include tours, conferences, workshops, judging events, project groups, camps, knowledge bowls, etc. you have attended during this year.

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3. **Awards and recognition received in this project.** List the awards, trips, medals, plaques, trophies, ribbons, scholarships and other recognition received this year. Indicate the level on which the recognition was received.

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