

# 4-H Hamilton County Update September 2020

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*Fall Fun with 4-H!*

**4-H Clubs are enrolling now!**  
**Join at [tiny.utk.edu/HC4H](https://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H) or use your smart phone to scan the QR code.**



**Hamilton County 4-H is available to all residents of Hamilton County in grades 4th through 12th. There is no cost to enroll in 4-H, and you can join at any time.**

**Find out more about 4-H at <https://4h.tennessee.edu/>**



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Visit the UT - TSU Extension—Hamilton County website: [Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](https://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)



## **4-H community Clubs are meeting now!**

**Choose virtual or in-person club meetings.**

**In-school clubs are coming up soon—4-H staff are contacting teachers to set up meetings for 4-H in-school clubs in the next few months.**

### **Virtual 4-H meetings:**

**Life Skills Study Group (grades 6-9) - Fri., Sept 4, 4 p.m.  
(Until the Sept 24 competition).**

**Hamilton Homeschoolers—Tues., September 15, 11 a.m.**

**4-H Citizenship Club—Thurs., September 24, 4 p.m.**

**4-H Honor Club (grades 5-12) - Thurs., October 1, 6 p.m.**

### **In-person 4-H meetings:**

**4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club—Mon., September 7,  
6:30 p.m.**

**Hamilton Homeschoolers—Tues., September 15, 2 p.m.**

**4-H FTC Robotics (grades 9-12) -  
Thurs., September 17, 5:30 p.m.**

**4-H Archery—Saturday, October 10**

**Additional information on these 4-H groups is available in this update, at the Extension office website ([Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](http://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)), or by calling the Extension office (423-855-6113)**





**The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC) is open to current 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The conference this year will be virtual. It includes youth from Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and other southern states.**

**Registration deadline is September 11. Contact the Extension Office (423-855-6113) to register. There is no cost to attend!**

**The SRTLTC is a first-of-its-kind, multistate 4-H conference created to bring together 4-H teens and adults to empower and inspire them to make a positive change across the Southern Region through youth-adult partnerships. Started in 2005, this conference was designed by 4-H members at the National 4-H Conference in order to strengthen the leadership abilities and create ties of friendship and partnership among youth in the southern United States.**

**Today, this conference brings together more than 400 youth annually who share information about their state, their 4-H programs, and who work to improve their leadership and learn effective methods of developing youth-adult partnerships.**

## 2020 Milk Moustache Photo Winner!

**Congratulations to Lydia Ringheimer. She is the 2020 Milk Moustache winner. Her photo was submitted by her sister Elinor Ringheimer.**



## Summer Design Challenge

**4-H was part of the Hamilton County Department of Education Summer STEAM Innovated Design Challenges. More than 60 students participated in the challenge. Our week the focus was Garden Gurus Choice Challenge. Youth designed their own garden using any medium. They were fantastic! Youth created gardens in Minecraft, on the computer, on paper and some even shared their garden at their home. They learned more about 4-H projects Horticulture and Plant Science.**



**Learn more about the 4-H Horticulture and Garden project at <https://4h.tennessee.edu/horticulture/>**



# 2020 Virtual 4-H Electric Camp



Activities are FREE and AWESOME!



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

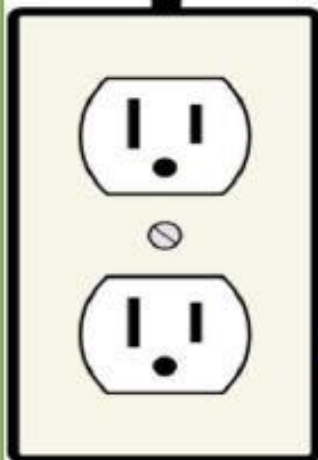
Open to ALL 4-H Members  
4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



The first 500 4-H members who complete all the activities and take the on-line quiz will receive the easy-to-build "World's Simplest Motor" to learn more on how electric motors work!

Tennessee 4-H members who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Jan 1, 2021 who complete all the activities and take the on-line quiz will be entered in a drawing to receive one of 15 scholarships to attend the 2021 4-H Electric Camp.

WHAT TO DO  
Go To:  
[tiny.utk.edu/4HEC20](http://tiny.utk.edu/4HEC20)  
And follow directions



## 4-H Chick Chain

**Youth have been caring for their 4-H chickens for the past few months. These are all laying hens. They are taking care of the poultry and learning more about animal science and responsibility. Since the Hamilton County Fair has been canceled plans are being made for the poultry sale. If you are interested in the purchase of some of these hens, please contact Nancy Rucker.**

**Pictured are Henri Dube and Sagan Abde with their Australorp.**



**Pick up Day!**



**And  
Today!**



## 2020 Piggy Bank Pageant Winners!

**The 5<sup>th</sup> grade winners include:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place – Gracie Baldwin**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place – Marley Slasor**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place – Gabriel Abbott**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade winner:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place – Gracie Sikes**



**1<sup>st</sup> place—Gracie Baldwin  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade)**



**1<sup>st</sup> place—Gracie Sikes (6<sup>th</sup> grade)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> place—Marley Slasor (5<sup>th</sup> grade)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> place—Gabriel  
Abbott (5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

## How do I join a 4-H Community Club?

Enroll online at [tiny.utk.edu/HC4H](http://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H) and add the name of the Club you would like to join in the “Club Name” box. Be sure to include your email and phone. You can also enroll by downloading a paper form at the Extension website ([Hamilton.Tennessee.edu](http://Hamilton.Tennessee.edu)). If the Club requires additional registration, Extension office staff will contact you with details. For clubs meeting online, you will be emailed a link to attend the next meeting.



## What 4-H Clubs are available?

**Mane Attraction 4-H Horse Club**—  
Participate in the 4-H Horse project through this club. Ownership of a horse is not required. Club meets on the first Monday of each month in Soddy Daisy. Next meeting is September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact 4-H Volunteer Leader Adam Presley ([adampresley383@gmail.com](mailto:adampresley383@gmail.com)/423-595-5409). In-person meetings. Grades 4-12.

**Hamilton Homeschoolers 4-H Club**—  
Traditional 4-H projects and contests. Games, too! Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, both online and in-person. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 11 a.m. (online) OR 2 p.m. (in-person).

Advance registration required to attend in-person meetings. For more information, contact Maria Sabin ([msabin@tennessee.edu](mailto:msabin@tennessee.edu)).  
Grades 4-12.





## What 4-H Clubs are available? (continued)



**4-H Honor Club**—Statewide 4-H Club providing recognition of junior high and high school 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent leadership ability and have been active members of 4-H. Grades 5-12 can apply to join. The next meeting is Thursday, October 1 at 6 p.m. Contact Nancy Rucker ([nrucker@utk.edu](mailto:nrucker@utk.edu)) for more information. Meetings held online this fall. Grades 5-12.

**4-H FTC Robotics**—Design, build and program a robot, then compete in team robotics competitions. Club meets every Thursday at the Extension office, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A few spaces are available for this year's team. Advance registration required by September 17. There is a \$50 fee to participate (fee waiver available for those with financial need). Contact Maria Sabin ([msabin@tnstate.edu](mailto:msabin@tnstate.edu)) for additional information. In-person meetings. Grades 9-12.



**4-H Citizenship Club**—STEAM club (science, technology, engineering, art, math) with a service focus. 4-H projects and contests, too. Club meets online on the last Thursday of each month (except November & December) at 4 p.m. Next meeting is September 24 at 4 p.m. Online meetings. Grades 4-12.



**4-H Archery Club—Learn the basics of archery and/or practice your skills. All club members will need their own bow, arrows, armguard and finger tab/finger savers in advance to participate this year. Parent volunteers are needed to become 4-H certified coaches and assist with practices. Coaches' training Oct 3 (register by Sept 18).**

**Registration deadline is September 28 (or until full—30 spaces available). Two practices per date will be held, and you must sign up in advance to reserve a practice spot for each date. The first practice date will be Saturday, October 10. For more information, or to receive a registration packet, contact the Extension office (423-855-6113). There is a \$50 fee to participate. In-person meetings. Grades 4-12.**

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### **Adopt-A-Cow Enrollment now available!**

**Forget the guinea pig. How about adopting an adorable dairy calf as your classroom mascot? Don't worry about finding a pen big enough to hold her. The photos, videos and stories sent to you about her life on the farm will make her "come alive" for your students!**

**Teachers, please contact the Extension Office (423-855-6113) to learn more about the Adopt A Cow Program from the Dairy Alliance.**

### **In-person meeting guidelines**

**UT & TSU Extension—Hamilton County follows the CDC guidelines for all face-to-face (in-person) meetings. For the safety of all 4-H'ers and staff, all attendees at 4-H activities and events held in-person must wear a mask, take temperature, and practice social distancing.**

**If you have questions about the above, please contact the office (423-855-6113) at least 24 hours prior to attending a 4-H event or meeting.**

## **Virtual Exchange Program**

**During the month of July Hamilton County participated in a Virtual Exchange program with another 4-H group in Washington County, Wisconsin. During that time youth were able to talk about different 4-H activities their county has to offer, interesting facts about their state all while creating a strong bond with each other.**

**Mandi Johnson, the mother of Drew and Carter Johnson, said “My boys really enjoyed the Virtual Exchange, such a wonderful idea.” Exchange really allowed youth to travel outside of their world, even though we are not allowed to physically travel.**



**For more information on Hamilton County 4-H or to get the 4-H monthly update by email, call the Extension Office (423-855-6113) or email the 4-H staff:**

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