Check out our website, Facebook page, and Twitter account for specific information about these yearly events!

**September**
- 4-H Volunteers and Leaders Picnic
- Honor Club/All Star Meeting
- Tennessee Valley Fair – Knoxville

**October**
- 4-H Enrollment
- Volunteer Leader Meeting
- Honor Club All Star Meeting
- Project Group Meetings
- National 4-H Club Week
- Leadership Retreat

**November**
- Local Club Public Speaking Contest & Poster Contest
- Volunteer Leader Meeting
- Honor Club All Star Meeting
- Project Group Meetings
- 4-H Awards Banquet
- Fall All Star Conference
- Fantasy of Trees Set Up
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA

**December**
- Local Club Holiday Crafts/Displays/Contests
- Empty Stocking Fund
- Regional Market Hog Show

**January**
- Local Club Collection Exhibits and Presentations
- Honor Club All Star Meeting
- Volunteer Leader Meeting
- Jr. Sheep Leadership Retreat
- Knox County Public Speaking Contest
- Project Group Meetings
- Portfolios for Senior Leadership & Citizenship Due
- Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology
- State 4-H All Star High Council
- Livestock Banquet

**February**
- TN 4-H Congress Readiness Day
- Honor Club All Star/Volunteer Leader Meetings
- Local Club Members 4-H Project Demonstrations
- State Horse Public Speaking/Demo Contest
- State Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest
- Project Group Meetings
- Sub-Regional Public Steaking Contest (Grades 4-8)
- Knox County 4-H Portfolio Workshop

**March**
- Local Club Breadbaking Contest
- Club Members Photo Contest
- Project Group Meetings
- Knox County 4-H Dog Obedience school thru April
- Auditions for Performing Arts Troupe
- Block and Bridle Roundup
- All-Star Conference – Greeneville
- Clover Classic Horse Show
- Knox County 4-H Project Achievement
- Demonstrations (Grades 4-5)
- Table-top Displays (Grades 6-8)
- TN State 4-H Congress

**April**
- Local Club Members Share the Fun Talent Contest
- Lawn Mower Safety Clinic
- Jr. High 4-H portfolios due to Knox County
- Project Group Meetings
- Knox County Dog show
- Knox Cattle Exposition
- Sr. Project Portfolios Due – (Grades 9-12)
- Regional Horse Judging

**May**
- Luncheon for Graduating 4-H Seniors
- Sr. Scholarship Applications Due
- Photo Search Entries Due- County Office
- Sub-Regional 4-H Project Achievement Day
- Wildlife Judging
- Tremendous Tuesday

**June**
- State Sheep Conference - Cookeville
- Fashion Design Conference – Sevierville, TN
- Citizenship – Washington Focus – Washington, DC
- Regional 4-H Horse Show
- Jr. High Academic Conference –Knoxville
- Knox County Sheep Expo
- State Horse Championships - Shelbyville
- Electric Camp-Knoxville
- Junior 4-H Camp
- 4-H Day Camps & Workshops

**July**
- Junior High Camp
- TN Livestock Expo – Beef Nashville
- TN Livestock Expo – Sheep Cookeville
- Regional 4-H Livestock Expo
- 4-H State Roundup Knoxville
- 4-H Day Camps & Workshops

**August**
- Judging Teams Form and Practice
- End/Begin Enrollment Periods
- Forestry Judging
Welcome to 4-H!

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country. In Knox County alone, there are thousands of youth enrolled and participating in 4-H Club projects and activities.

Knox County 4-H is sponsored by the University of Tennessee Extension, the Knox County Government, the United States Department of Agriculture and local citizens and contributors. UT Extension provides equal opportunities and employment.

Our Mission: The mission of Knox County 4-H is to provide research based educational experiences that promote excellence, responsibility, integrity, leadership, and lifeskills.

Enrolling in 4-H: All youth in grades 4-12 may join 4-H by completing a 4-H Enrollment Form and committing to participate in at least (1) one 4-H project from the 4-H project selections (2) one citizenship project (3) one leadership project.

There will be materials to guide you to completing your 4-H projects. There are no membership fees or dues.

Knox Co. 4-H Leadership: Knox County 4-H is directly responsible to the University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H Extension Agents, Holly McMahan & Sharon Davis, give leadership to clubs by securing meeting locations, enrolling 4-H youth, and providing learning opportunities. They work closely with adults, parents, teachers, and other youth professionals. They also rely on adult volunteers for various tasks such as providing refreshments, assisting with club meetings, etc.

If you are interested in becoming one of our volunteers, please complete the form below and mail to the Knox County Extension Office.

Name ____________________________________________
Street Address ___________________________________ TN  Zip __________
City ________________________________ TN  Zip ________
Phone #s ________________________________________
E-mail ____________________________________________

Do you have kids in 4-H? If yes, which clubs? ________________________________

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4-H Opportunities: A variety of opportunities are offered to help students “Learn by Doing”:

Local Club Meetings: These are monthly meetings throughout the school year (in schools during school hours or at a central location for homeschool groups) where 4-H Officers preside.

Project Group Meetings: These are special meetings held to assist 4-H students complete their chosen projects. These meetings are usually held away from school campuses at a central location and during evening hours. Some of the project groups students can choose from are:

- Health & Nutrition
- Livestock
- Sheep
- Photography
- STEM
- Rabbits
- Poultry
- Line & Design
- Wildlife & Fisheries
- Dogs
- Horses
- Leadership

Contests: There are contests held in the local club meetings that could lead to competitions on a county, region, or state level... and some are just for fun! These contests include: crafts, bread baking, photography, poster, public speaking, demonstrations.

Demonstrations/Exhibits/Presentations: 4-H’ers are given opportunities to prepare visual/verbal presentations or displays of completed project work, collections, topics of interest, talent, etc. at a wide variety of venues. These venues may include special project achievement nights, talent shows, or county fairs.

Workshops: These are hands-on day camps where students complete special projects such as crafts, sewing and clothing, cooking, quilting, canning, dog obedience, lawnmower safety and more!

Camps/Retreats/Conferences: Overnight camps, retreats, and conferences are available. These are usually conducted at the regional and state levels. Some of these include but are not limited to: Academic Conference, Fall Leadership Retreat, Junior and Jr. High summer camp, Fashion & Design Conference, Electric camp, Target Smart camp, Quilting camp...and more!

Animal Shows: Special shows are held throughout the year featuring cats, dogs, hogs, sheep, horses, rabbits, poultry and cattle.

Judging Teams: A judging team is a teaching and learning method where members receive specific instructions and then participate in a contest. Judging teams include life skills, horse, wildlife, poultry, forestry and consumer decision making.

Awards: Awards are presented to 4-H members showing progress and degrees of quality. Ribbons, certificates, Honor Club, All Stars, and Vol State are examples of awards.

Special Events: There are various special events that 4-Hers may qualify to participate in such as Fantasy of Trees, 4-H Awards Banquet, Tennessee Valley Fair, etc.

Service Projects: Multiple service projects are available throughout the year to participate in. Some of these include Empty Stocking Fund, Operation Christmas Child, Sew for Service, etc.

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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.

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4-H MOTTO

Learn by Doing

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4-H SLOGAN

To Make the Best Better

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4-H COLORS

The official colors of 4-H are green and white. Green is nature’s most common color and stands for Springtime, life, youth, and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

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The H’s in the 4-H emblem represent:

- Head
- Heart
- Hands
- Health