Montgomery County 4-H Yearbook
2014-2015

Geared for Greatness

Tennessee 4-H 2014
Hello 4-H Members,

Montgomery County 4-H is part of the youth development program of the University of Tennessee, so in a way, you are students of UT. Our office in Clarksville is 1030 Cumberland Heights Road.

For many of you we will have clubs organized at your school, but for others we have afterschool clubs, such as our Shooting Sports Club, The Horse Club, The Rabbit Club, and Line and Design. We are always looking for new programs and opportunities, and for youth who are interested!

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Motto:
To make the best better!

4-H Basic Roadmap:

4-H members in Tennessee are kind of like students of the University of Tennessee.

Three National focus areas include:

    Healthy Lifestyles
    Science, Engineering and Technology
    Citizenship

4-H Colors: Green and White

Slogan:
Learn By Doing

4-H Emblem:
White Symbolizes Purity
Green nature’s most common color represents life, springtime and youth.

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.
There are a number of club meeting opportunities for students. One may be in school club meetings another may be an after school county wide club meeting. We generally meet clubs September, October, November, February and March. You are welcome to attend the county wide meeting even if you are in an in school club.

**Horse club** will meet once a month. Additional practices are set up for Hippology and Horse Bowl and Horse

**Rabbit Club** meets on Mondays once a month.

**Shooting Sports:** We currently have a trap shoot that meets on Saturdays once month to prepare for the state shoot in the spring. Archery meets monthly.

There are several **Judging teams** you can participate in. A judging team is 3-4 members who come together to make a team. They may be ranking animals or products as to quality, identifying items and making decisions as individuals. Coaches provide training and practices. Look for more information on another page in your yearbook.

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**Officers:**

President: ____________________________

Vice President: ____________________________

Secretary: ____________________________

Community Service Leader: ____________________________

Historian: ____________________________
Communication Skill Building--- Giving a Speech

Goal: To improve verbal communication skills by giving a speech

1. On what?
   4th grade: open to the discretion of the speaker 1-2 minutes in length
   5th grade: subject is the project you select 2-3 minutes in length
   6th grade: subject is the project you select 3-4 minutes in length
   7th & 8th grade: subject is open to the discretion of speaker 4-5 minutes in length

2. Organize your thoughts;

   **Introduction:** (get the audience’s attention and provide the main idea)

   **Body:** (the body of your speech should provide 3-5 main points that relate to your topic. These should be interesting and be in logical order. Why are these points important?)

   **Conclusion:** Re-emphasize the main point stated in your introduction and end with a final thought. What do you want the audience to remember?

   **Points to remember:**

   A speech is written to be heard, not read. Your speech should sound good as well as look good on paper. Speeches should be written using vivid concrete words which create a clear, colorful picture for the audience. Words should bounce and glide rather than plod along

   **PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!** --- By yourself, in front of others, in front of a mirror
Other ways to participate:

**4-H Photo Search Contest**

Goal: To gain skills in communicating visual messages through photography

Rules:

1. Submit up to four photos --- 10 photos will be selected as county winners and entered in the regional/state contests
2. Include a caption (title) for your entry
3. Mount on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of poster board (cardstock)
4. Put your name, class, school, grade on back
5. Digital photography is acceptable. Be sure to print your digital photo, trim and mount as with other photos
6. Entries will be collected locally and judged at county level
7. Only photos submitted with a negative or disk copy will be eligible for regional and state competitions. An entry form is on the Tennessee 4-H Website.

**Dairy Poster Contest**

Goal: To communicate visually, using lettering and art, a message that will promote dairy foods and healthy diet

Rules: Use the same guidelines as the 4-H poster contest. BUT NO 4-H CLOVERS. Awards are state level with the first place receiving a $500 savings bond.

Write the 2014 theme below:
Judging Opportunities

**Judging Animals:** Livestock, and Horse are the options. Members are asked to place animals in 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and 4\textsuperscript{th} place.

**Land Judging:** Members will determine soil class, water holding capacity, slope, crop yields, and home site suitability.

**Consumer Decision Making:** For high school students. Everyone is a shopper and this event works well with every 4H project. Study materials are available online too. 6\textsuperscript{th} grade and up as of Jan 1\textsuperscript{st} of current year.

**Lifeskills Skillathon:** For middle school students, learn basic lifeskills and practice how to apply what you learn. From making change to reading a food label.

**Outdoor Cookery (grill team):** Grilling is a popular way to prepare meat and poultry. Learn how to compete by learning the best grilling techniques. Local, Regional and State contests are available. 6\textsuperscript{th} grade and up as of Jan 1\textsuperscript{st} of current year.

**Wildlife:** Members will learn the food, cover and shelter and other needs of different kinds of wildlife.

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in any of these opportunities.
Junior 4-H Camp: Offered to 4th-6th graders as of January 1st of current year. Spend a week this summer going to camp with your friends. We camp at the Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia TN. Look for more information at the February Club meeting. **Camp Dates May 25-29, 2015**

Junior High Camp: Offered to 6th-8th graders as of January 1st of current year. Spend a week at the Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia TN **Camp Dates June 29- July 2, 2015**

Electric Camp: Offered to 6th and 7th graders as of January 1st of current year. Electric Camp is a fun filled rewarding adventure in electricity held at UT Knoxville. The camp features learning centers staffed by electric utility professionals. Each learning center will use hands on activities that allow the 4-H member to learn by doing. Scholarships are available to CEMC customers and CDE customers. Sign up by April 1st. **Camp Dates June 23-26, 2015**

Target Smart Camp: It is a program of Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports. It is for youth who are in grades 5th-12th as of January 1st of current year. Located at W.P. Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia Tn. Campers learn appropriate skills to succeed in a variety of shooting sports such as archery, riflery, shotgun use, muzzle loading, and outdoor skills. Programs emphasize safety, correct form, and responsible use of firearms. **Camp Dates June 29- July 2, 2015**

Design Camp: Offered to 6-8th grades as of January 1st of current year. This camp is held at UT Martin and campers will learn about clothes, shopping, design, and creating crafts. Design camp is very popular and typically there is a waiting list. Camp is usually held mid July. If interested be sure to contact extension early to apply. **Camp Dates July 6-8, 2015**

State 4-H Congress: Offered to 9th and 10th grades as of January 1st of current year. Learn about government—be a 4H Senator or Representative. Congress is held in Nashville in the spring. Apply by January 20th. Everyone can campaign and debate bills in the state capital. **March 22-25, 2015**

Citizenship Washington Focus: If you want a fun filled week in Washington DC—learn about teamwork and citizenship check out CWF at [http://uteasterneastregion.org/4h/citizenship%20Washington%Focus%20(CWF).htm](http://uteasterneastregion.org/4h/citizenship%20Washington%Focus%20(CWF).htm). The next trip is planned for June 2014. They also have a facebook page
PROJECT GROUPS

Important: If you are interested in any of these projects please fill out the enclosed form and send it back to the extension office as soon as possible or call the Extension office at 931.648.5725.

Showing Livestock:

Learn more about the general care and training of livestock by showing. Exhibiting animals teaches youth skills such as selection, nutrition, record keeping, grooming, showmanship and marketing.

Clarksville Area Better Beef Show

County Shows (Steer, Market Lamb and Poultry)

State Show (Hog)

4-H Expos (heifer, steer and market lamb)

Contact the 4-H office immediately if you are interested. Entry dates and tagging deadlines for some are as early as December 1st.

Chick Chain

This project allows 4-H members to gain skills in responsibility and management by raising baby chicks for layers. The members who sign a contract for this project will receive 20 two day old chicks in the spring to raise. 5-6 quality pullets will be returned to the County Poultry Show and Sale in September. All remaining chicks become the property of the 4-H member. Deadline to apply is February 28th.
F.A.C.E. (Stands for Food and Cover Establishment for wildlife)

One 5 pound bag of seed will be given to each contestant. The plots should be planted in 1/8-
1/4 acre plots, near water, and near tree and grass cover. The plots should be planted May 15-
June 15 and judged in August. Contact Extension by March 1 if you are interested.

Horse: You can participate in the Horse Project without owning a Horse. Meetings are held
once a month. Learn about horses and horsemanship and have fun too! Activities to include:
shows, Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests, judging, special guests and service learning projects.

Rabbit: You can participate in the Rabbit Project without owning a rabbit. Meetings are held
once a month. Learn about rabbit care. Activities include a rabbit fashion show and service
learning projects.

June is Dairy Month:

There are a lot of opportunities to celebrate June as Dairy Month. The 4-H June Diary Month
Chairperson provides leadership for the promotional activities. Anyone who is interested can
volunteer to help teach “3 A Day” fun sessions with young children or lead an ice cream eating
contest, or put up posters about the value of milk and milk products in a daily diet.
Character: The qualities built into an individual's life which determines his/her response regardless of circumstances.

Character can be described in a variety of ways:

The inward motivation to do what is right
Who you are, even when no one is watching
The key to true success in every area of life.

Below are quotes about character. Read these each month:

October:
Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right path, the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands. Anne Frank

November
Character is the result of two things: Mental attitude and the way we spend our time. Elbert Green Hubbard

February:
Fate is character. William Winter

March:
You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one. Henry David Thoreau
General Rules for Club Meeting:

Officers: Will assist the 4H Agent in passing out the needed materials for the monthly activities. Officers will help lead the club in the activities each month. Each officer should maintain integrity and good character in and out of club settings.

4H Agent: The 4-H Extension agent will supervise each meeting and explain what will be done at the next month’s meeting.

4-H Members: Each 4-H Member is encouraged to participate in each monthly activity.

Monthly Activities:

September: Enrollment—Introduce 4H

October: Activity

November: Activity

February: Public Speaking/ Camp Promotion

March: Activity

Each class Historian will complete a scrap book of their clubs progress throughout the year. Each scrapbook will be turned in at the March meeting.
Electing of Officers

With the beginning of a new 4-H year, it is time to hold elections. As you each approach your own clubs, election process, here are a few things to remember:

- Elections are part of a democratic process which all Americans enjoy. Your vote counts so think about it carefully each time. Think about which candidate will do the best job, not which candidate is the most popular.
- Be willing to run for an office. Not only can you give a lot to your club, you can also gain a lot personally by serving. You should only decline an office if you have a very good reason, and remember that everyone is busy, has too much homework, etc..
- Certain offices, especially Secretary and Historian, require certain skills and an extra commitment by whoever is elected. Make sure, whether you are nominating someone or running for the office yourself that the nominee is willing and able to give the extra time and effort these jobs require.
- Each office is important so, if elected, be responsible in fulfilling your duties. Ask your leader and/or your club president if you have questions or need help.

Electing officers is done by taking nominations from the floor. In this method, the 4-H agent calls for nominations from the floor for the officer positions, beginning with president and continuing on through the historian position.

Voting will be done during the October Meeting.

If you don’t run, or don’t happen to get elected this year, don’t be discouraged. There are still many ways you can help to make your club strong.

Nominations:

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Club Meeting and Procedures

President    “the 4H club meeting will please come to order. Our vice president _________ is in charge of our meeting”

Vice President “___________ and __________ will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge. (Pledge of Allegiance is always said first) Let us stand for both pledges”

Vice President “The thought of the day will be given by __________”

Vice President “I will now turn the meeting over to our President”

President    “Our Secretary ____________ will read the minutes of our last meeting”

Secretary    (reads minutes from the secretary book)

President    “Our community service leader will share any community service information that they have”

CSL          (share any updates on your community project)

President    “Our vice president will introduce the 4-H members who are participating today”

Vice President “Today ______ members will be participating”

President    “I will now turn the meeting over to our extension agent”

AT END OF MEETING

President    “this concludes our program. Do I hear a motion to adjourn the meeting?”

4-H Member    “I move that the meeting adjourn”

President    “do I hear a second to the motion?”

4-H Member    “I second the motion”

President    “the motion has been made and seconded that the meeting adjourn. All those in favor say Aye (I)”

Entire Club   “Aye (I)”

President    “the meeting is adjourned”
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