

Rules & Guidelines for Tennessee 4-H Pen Pals Program

Purpose: Tennessee 4-H has thousands of members. We would like to create this pen pal program to help members get to know other members from other places in Tennessee. As members get older, and begin meeting members at regional and state events, we hope they can connect with their pen pals.

Rules:

- To ensure safety, only youth enrolled in 4-H through their local extension office may participate.
- Parents, please review letters before mailing the letter.
- 4-H members must follow 4-H guidelines: no curse words, derogatory language, nor discriminatory language is allowed. If your family thinks that a member is not following proper guidelines, please contact your local extension agent.
- Members are highly encouraged to write by hand.

Guidelines:

- 4-H members currently in 4-12th grades as of January 1, 2020 may participate.
- Once you fill out the form, pen pals will be paired based on age/grade. The information with your pen pal will be first name, age, and mailing address.
- Pals will receive their match by e-mail.
- Pal #1 will have one week to mail the letter and then each will exchange letters weekly. Letters should be mailed by Friday of each week.
- Pen Pals should stay connected through the end of June.
- If pen pals would like to continue writing each other, that is at the discretion of the parents.
- Parents can use their discretion in deciding if Pen Pals might try to connect in other ways after the program ends (Social Media, Phone Calls, Zoom, etc).

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to connect with members across the state in a safe and fun manner.

Contact nmarrero@utk.edu with any questions or concerns related to the program.

