January 2015
4-H Newsletter

4-H Essay Contest

Keep Sevier Beautiful is teaming up with Sevier County 4-H to sponsor the 4-H Essay Contest again this year. The topic for all grade levels is “Tennessee is known as the "Volunteer State." Why is it important and what are the benefits of volunteering? Why is it important to volunteer with Keep Sevier Beautiful?"

Your essay will be due at your February club meeting. Include your name, address, school and teachers name on your essay. The essay should be a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 400 words. Be sure to write neatly or type your essay. Remember it is important that the judges be able to read your handwriting!!!!!!!

Award winning essays, at each grade level, will receive $25.00 cash. The grade levels are:
4th grade 5th grade 6th grade
7th & 8th grade 9th-12th grade

Additional cash awards for outstanding essays at each grade level. Winning essays may be printed in the Mtn. Press to promote Spring Clean-Up Projects.

Check out Keep Sevier Beautiful online at www.keeptlevisionbeautiful.com and on Facebook at Keep Sevier Beautiful. You might find information at these sites for your essay.

Your next 4-H meeting is ____________________

Baking & Photography Workshop

A 4-H Cookie Baking & Photography Workshop is scheduled at Walters State Community College on February 17th. Each workshop will start at 5:00 p.m. Decide on which workshop you would like to attend. These workshops will help you prepare for the upcoming baking and photo contest. Pre-registration will be required. Call 453-3695 to inquire and register. Attendance at either of these workshops will count as a county event for the Golden Eagle Award.

Snow Schedule

In the event of school cancellation, due to snow/other weather situations, any 4-H event scheduled that day will be cancelled. If any question, call 453-3695 for a recorded message the day of the event.

Junior Master Gardeners

Looking to explore the world of plants and what makes them grow? Why not join the Junior Master Gardener 4-H Project Group. This group meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the 4-H Office, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, Tn 37862. Call Mr. Turner at 453-3695 for more information.

Service Project Update

May we suggest you target a service project to benefit the Mtn. Hope Good Shepherd Clinic?

Mountain Hope Clinic provides affordable quality health care for those in need in our community. Current needs include donations of toothpaste for their dental patients. Call Mary Vance for more information at 774-7684.

Thanks to the response for the Food Ministry and Coats for the Cold. Because of your efforts, 2,500 cans of tuna and $1,000.00 went to the Food Ministry and over 1,000 coats went to the Coats for the Cold Project.

Project Work Completion

4-H Members are encouraged to work in and complete the 4-H project book they selected. Project completion means: making a plan by setting goals for your project this year, completing the suggested activities on the 4-H Activity page, recording project activities and what you learned on the project report form and writing, a one page story about your project work. Follow the "Guidelines for Completing Your 4-H Project" which you will find in your 4-H folder. Turn in your completed project folder by April 1, 2015, for awards and recognition.

5th - 8th graders completing 4-H records can compete in the Sub-Regional 4-H Achievement Day on May 14th, in Knox County.

6th, 7th & 8th graders who complete 4-H project records qualify to spend a week at the University of Tennessee, at 4-H Jr. High Academic Conference, June 9-12, 2015.

Upcoming Dates

More details to follow

March 21  Roads & Rivers Clean Up Day
March 28  4-H Pet Show
April 1  All 4-H Records due
June 2-5  Fashion & Design Camp (Grades 6-12)
June 8-12  Junior 4-H Camp (Grades 4-6)
July 7-10  4-H Electric Camp (Grades 6-7)
July 6-10  Junior High 4-H Camp (Grades 7-8)
**Can Lamp Workshop**

At this workshop, 4-H members will make their own lamp using a soda can. You will learn some basic electric wiring, electrical safety and have fun. Cost is $15.00. Limited to the first 20 that register. The workshop will be held **February 24**, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office located at 752 Old Knoxville Highway, adjacent to the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Register on the form below as soon as possible.

Send form and money to: Sevier County 4-H, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, Tn 37862. I would like to attend the CAN LAMP WKSP on February 24. Cost is $15.00 Space is limited. Deadline is February 1 or until workshop is filled.

Name_________________________________________Grade_______Phone_____________________

Address_________________________________________City___________Zip________

School____________________________________________

**Animal Shows**

The spring and summer months offer 4-H’ers the opportunity to participate in several animal projects. Animal projects with shows include beef, sheep and horse. A county, regional and state show will be held for each.

**Horse** - county, district and state horse shows will be held in May and June. To be eligible for the shows, 4-H members must have a completed 4-H Horse Enrollment Form and have it on file in the 4-H Office by March 1, 2015, for each horse they plan to show.

**Beef** - shows are held for steers, registered heifers, commercial heifers and feeder calves. Shows are scheduled for April and July.

**Sheep** - shows are held for market lambs and registered sheep. Shows are scheduled for June & July. The market lamb project is a great small animal, short term and small investment project. You do not need to live on a farm to show market lambs. Two lambs can be raised in an area 10’ x 10’.

Call Mr. Turner, 453-3695, if you are interested, have questions or plan to show any livestock. These make great family projects.

**4-H Records Workshop**

A 4-H Records Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, January 20** at the 4-H Office, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, adjacent to the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Bring your project folder to the workshop. 4th graders should bring the Exploring 4-H Book. The workshop qualifies as a county event for the Golden Eagle Award.

Fourth grade meet from 4:00-4:30 and 5th grade and up meet from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call the 4-H Office to register at 453-3695.

**UT Extension Sevier County on Facebook**

We are inviting everyone to check out UT Extension Sevier County on Facebook. At this Facebook site you can keep up with everything about 4-H. Please help us get to 1,000 likes at UT Extension Sevier County on Facebook.

**4-H Fashion & Design Conference June 2-5, 2015**

Spend three days creating new projects, learning about fashion, meeting new friends, becoming a model and just having fun! Sessions and classes will include sewing and craft projects. Learn to be a “smart’ shopper at the outlet malls and have a special dinner out on the town. Open to current 6th - 12th graders. Cost $100.00. This is a regional conference and Sevier County has been allotted four spots with more available if other counties do not use their spots. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis, with a $50.00 deposit needed to register. Complete the form and send it along with a check to: Sevier County 4-H, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, Tn 37862. Call if you have any questions, 453-3695.

Name__________________________________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________City__________________Zip____

Grade_______Phone______________________School______________________________