



Senior High Connections

November/December 2019



Dear Friend:

Look over the opportunities in this newsletter. There are several good ones. We need to know ahead of time if you plan to participate in the speech contest or Congress trip. Let me know if I can assist. I can be reached at 453-3695 or gturner2@utk.edu.

Public Speaking

Enhance your public speaking skills at the Sevier County 4-H Public Speaking Contest on December 3, at the Sevier County Courthouse at 6:10 p.m. Speech competition will be by grade levels. Your speech must relate to 4-H. You might speak about the 4-H program in general terms, in our country, or relate your personal 4-H experiences. Speech should be 5 to 7 minutes long, not exceeding 7 minutes. Public Speaking activities look impressive on resumes! It all begins by participating December 3.

First place winners in each grade division of 9th – 12th, win \$25.00 cash and will be eligible to participate in the Regional Contest on February 1st, in Knoxville. Regional Public Speaking Winners, in the 9th – 12th grade will receive a free trip to Nashville to compete, on the State Level, at 4-H Congress, March 22-25, 2020.

If you plan to speak on December 3, please call us at 865-453-3695, before December 1, so we know how many to plan for.

November Service Project: 4-H Project Coats

Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries (SMARM), assist the homeless and those in poverty situations in Sevier County. You can collect coats (all sizes), toboggans and gloves for their coat giveaway on December 14. Coats do not have to be new. Coats need to be at the SMARM Office at 300 Court Avenue, Sevierville, by December 9. Mr. Dick Wellons, with SMARM, would be happy to come speak to your club and pick up coats. Call him at 908-3153. Start a coat drive at your school for SMARM.

Like us on Facebook at UT Extension Sevier County.

State 4-H Congress

9th – 10th graders only March 22-25, 2020. Come to Nashville and discover how it feels to sit in the Chambers of our State Legislature! You will become a Senator or Representative and form a “junior” legislature, which takes legislative action! Enjoy meeting other teens from across the state as you tour the State Capitol and ride the General Lee Riverboat.

Yes, your only cost for this trip is \$70.00. The only other requirements are to write an essay (see below) and attend Congress Readiness Day on February 17. Just write an essay on the state 4-H theme: Tennessee 4H – A Place to Call Home. This essay must be a minimum of 200 words, but no longer than 500 words. Be sure to write neatly, or type your paper. Include your name, address, school and grade on your paper. Make sure the essay is in the 4-H Office by February 1. You can deliver it personally or mail it to us at: 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, Tn 37862.

Sevier County has 8 spots available for State 4-H Congress. This is an excused absence from school. This is a fun trip and great way to learn about state government. Don't forget the essay deadline date – February 1. Call Mr. Turner ASAP at 453-3695 if you have an interest in this trip.

“Sevier Service Award”

If you are involved in serving the community then check out the opportunity to receive the “Sevier Service” and the “Presidential Volunteer Service” Awards. These awards are available to any member who completes 100 hours of service between March 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020. Any service hours you complete through 4-H, church, scouts, or other groups can be counted. Awards consist of county certificates and a letter, a certificate and lapel pin from the President of the United States. To qualify submit your hours before February 29, 2020 on the Sevier Service Award Form available from the 4-H Staff. Call for details at 453-3695.

Extension

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture
and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

American Red Cross

Holidays for Heroes Organize a Christmas Card signing table at your school or local events to secure Christmas Cards for delivery to Armed Service Personnel currently overseas. Please get any cards to the 4-H office by December 8. Address them with "Dear Friend" or "Dear Hero". Include a short message such as " Thank you for your Service! Merry Christmas!" And then sign. Cards do not need envelopes.

4-H Poster Contest

You don't have to be an artist to enter the 4-H Poster Contest at your January Meeting. Details for the contest are below. Entries need to be in the 4-H Office by January 28, 2020.

RULES: Make a poster on Board 14 x 22 inches. This is one half sheet of poster board. Design your poster horizontal.

- Theme should relate to 4-H, promoting 4-H or encouraging someone to join 4-H.
- No 3-D objects that extend more than 1/8 inch
- Nothing should be placed on or blocking the 4-H emblem
- The stem of the leaf of the clover should always turn to the right
- The 4-H emblem should not be placed under words or graphics
- Use the whole 4-H emblem, do not distort or warp the dimensions
- No copyrighted cartoon characters, such as Mickey Mouse, Bugs Bunny, etc.
- Back of Poster - put your first & last name, school, grade, teacher's name and home address. **If you do not have this information on the back of your poster, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A WINNING POSTER.**

SUGGESTIONS:

- Be creative. Develop a catchy phrase and illustrate that thought.
- Keep it simple. Letters should be large enough to be read from a distance. NO GLITTER!

AWARDS:

- Each participant will receive a ribbon.
- Each participant will earn participation points for your club score.
- Winning posters from each club will be selected to compete in the county competition.
- Five county winners will be selected. The five county winners will each receive \$25.00 cash. Other small cash awards will be presented.
- Three county winning posters will be selected for entry in the State 4-H Poster Contest.

View past state winning 4-H posters online at:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/pages/stcong/poster.aspx> **THESE ARE IDEAS ONLY. DO NOT COPY**

THESE POSTERS.

4-H Chick Chain Project

Raising chickens for layers can be a fun 4-H project. You can have fun taking care of chickens while learning about poultry production through your experience. Your responsibilities in this project include feeding, watering and daily care for your birds. You must furnish housing, equipment and feed for your birds. The birds come in groups of 25 and will arrive the first week in March. The breed is the Rhode Island Red and they will cost \$50.00 per group of 25. Those receiving chicks may participate in a 4-H Pullet Show at the Sevier County Fair next September. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded to the best entries. If you are interested in the Chick Chain Project complete the following along with a check made out to: Sevier County 4-H and return to: Glenn K Turner - 752 Old Knoxville Highway Sevierville, Tn 37862 - by January 6, 2020. After you respond, you will be contacted with more details.

Name _____ Telephone _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ School _____