



4-H Newsletter



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County Poster Winners

Congratulations to all the 1st place winners from each club that participated in the county poster contest! The top three county winning posters have been sent to the State Poster Contest. The winning posters belong to:

- **Gabe Harville**, 8th - SCMS
- **Kara Brooks**, 4th - CES
- **Mallie Whitaker**, 5th - SCMS



Honorable mentions were given to:

- Maci Cook, 4th - DES
- Gage Blair, 5th - SCMS
- Kadence Poindexter, 5th - SCMS

Check out classroom winning posters on our county Facebook page and vote for your favorite!

[@UT Extension—Smith County](#)

The poster with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award and receive a gift card! Voting will be open until March 1st.

4-H Poster Contest

In January, 3 clubs had 100% participation in their local club poster contest.

CES
Bush 4th & Powell 4th

UHS
Smith 6th

Was your piggy bank a classroom winner?

Voting will start on our Facebook page on **March 12th** and will run until **March 26th**.

The three photos of piggy banks that have the most likes at the end of the voting period will be named our county winners and will receive a cash prize!



March Club Meetings

- 4-H Camp information available



Participate in the following:

- *Demonstration: 4th & 5th Grades*
- *Interactive Exhibit: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades*



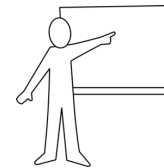
Demonstration Contest (4th & 5th Grades)



Get creative as you teach your class **how** to do something! Choose any hobby or skill you want to showcase that fits within one of our 26 project areas.

Make sure to use visual aids like posters or PowerPoints.

Practice makes perfect. As you practice before the contest, make sure your demonstration is between **1-3 minutes** and you are comfortable with all of your supplies and equipment.



Interactive Exhibit (6th-8th Grades)

Instead of a show and tell, think of your Interactive Exhibit as a science fair project or in-depth report.

Be able to explain your exhibit in **1-2 minutes**, and be prepared to answer questions! You can use other visual aids beyond your exhibit board to help convey your main idea. Make sure your board fits in one of the 26 4-H project areas!

Upcoming Dates

- March 2- Sub-Regional Public Speaking
- March 18- Region Horse Judging Contest
- April 8- Region Livestock Judging Contest
- April 16-17- Archery Jamboree
- May 1- Region Sr. Level (9th-12th) Public Speaking Contest
- May 11- Area 2 Project Achievement Day
- May TBD- Cloverbowl
- May 17- Region Wildlife Judging Contest
- May 31- June 4- Junior High 4-H Camp (7-8th)
- June 7-11- Junior 4-H Camp (4-6th)
- June 8-11- Junior High Academic Conference
- June 28- July 3- Smith County Fair
- June 28- July 1- 4-H Electric Camp, UTK (6-7th)
- June 30- July 1- Central Region Beef Show
- July 1-3- State Beef Expo
- July 6-8- Culinary Camp
- July 12-16- TARGET Smart Camp
- July 13-15- FCS Behind The Scenes
- July 19-23- State 4-H Roundup
- July 24- Regional Goat Show
- August 15-18- State 4-H Congress
- August 21- State Goat Show
- September 11- Regional Sheep Show
- October 22-23- Sheep Expo



Like our ATV Safety Page on Facebook!

@ Ride On TN - ATV Safety Program Smith County



Livestock Projects



The spring and summer months offer 4-H'ers the opportunity to participate in several animal projects. Livestock shows include beef cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs. For more information, contact us at 615-735-2900.

Horse Project

The regional and state horse shows will be held in June. ***Please call Katie Martin at 615-735-2900 if you plan to show this year to ensure that you receive the forms needed to register your horses!***

Beef, Sheep, and Goat Projects

The regional and state beef shows will be held in late June and early July. All show cattle must be tagged before May 1st.

The regional goat show will be held in July and the state show will be held in August. All goats must be tagged before June 1st.

The regional sheep show will be held in September and the state show will be held in October. All sheep must be tagged before August 15th.

If you are planning to show livestock this year, make sure you let us know by phone or email as soon as possible!

Judging Teams

Judging teams help 4-H'ers learn the importance of teamwork and develop decision-making skills, the ability to defend your decisions, and a strong work ethic.

Horse Judging Team - First practice is Monday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.

The regional contest is Thursday, March 18th in Murfreesboro.

Livestock Judging Team - First practice is Thursday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the Ag Center.

The regional contest is Thursday, April 8th in Lebanon.

Wildlife Judging Team - First practice is Monday, April 5th at 3:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.

The regional contest is Monday, May 17th.

Want an easy service activity for the month of March? Participate in Tennessee Tree Day!

Reserve your tree at
<https://www.tectn.org/tennesseetreeday2021.html>
anytime before March 7th. You can then pick up your trees at the Extension Office on March 19th.

"It takes a few minutes to plant a tree, and the benefits grow for generations."

