



4-H Newsletter

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What is 4-H?

- 4-H is a youth development organization open to all students in grades 4-12, regardless of race, sex, national origin, or disability.
- 4-H clubs are held once a month in the classroom during school time. There are lots of optional afterschool activities to participate in, too!
- Each member can excel in 4-H with the wide range of projects, programs, and activities that 4-H offers.

4-H Club Contests by Month

- November - Public Speaking
- January - Poster Contest
- February - Piggy Bank
- March - Demonstrations (4th & 5th) & Interactive Exhibits (6th, 7th, 8th)
- April - Photography

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**.

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- Upcoming Event Info
- Pictures of 4-H Activities
- Contest Results
- So Much More!

Meet Ms. Rachel!

There's a new 4-H Agent in town!

Rachel Petty started as the 4-H Agent in Smith County on September 1, 2023. Ms. Rachel was born and raised in Smith County, and she is so excited to get to know all of you and help you learn and get more involved in 4-H! In her free time, she loves reading, crafting, hiking, and cheering on the Tennessee Vols. You can reach Ms. Rachel by phone at 615-735-2900 or send her an email at rpetty@utk.edu.

Mrs. Nancy Malone will also be helping Ms. Rachel meet with our 4-H Clubs as our Smith County 4-H Program Assistant again this year.

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What's next?

Learn to give a 4-H speech at our October meeting.
You fill in the blanks!

Our Next Meeting Date: _____

Our Next Meeting Time: _____

4-H Judging Teams by Month

- September - Forestry and Poultry Judging
- January - Horse Bowl and Hippology
- March - Horse Judging
- April - Livestock Judging and Archery
- May - Wildlife Judging
- August - Grill Master Challenge

Did you get elected as a 4-H club officer?

If so, make sure to keep up with your green postcard with details about our Smith County 4-H Officer Training! This training will equip you to successfully lead your club this year.

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Smith County Ag Center

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ September 12– Central Region Forestry Judging Contest
- ◆ September 13 - Regional Grill Master Challenge Contest
- ◆ September 21 - Community Club Meeting
- ◆ September 26 - Chick Chain Show and Sale
- ◆ September 28 - Regional Poultry Judging Contest
- ◆ September 30 - Regional Sheep Show
- ◆ October 3 - 4-H Cub Officer Training
- ◆ October 27-28—TN Sheep Expo

Stay up to date with Remind!

Stay in the loop regarding upcoming contest, events, and opportunities for your Smith County 4-H Member.

To join our “class” on Remind, text 81010 to @8ddkc4b or go to

<https://www.remind.com/ioin/8ddkc4b>

Once you are subscribed, you will automatically receive any updates to your phone!



Below are just a few ways that YOU and YOUR CLUB can receive awards and recognition this school year!

SMITH COUNTY 4-H OLYMPICS – End of Year Award - The Summer Olympics are coming up soon, and we’re having a little friendly competition of our own! Compete throughout the year to be recognized as one of the top 4-H Clubs in Smith County!

- Top 10% - Gold Medal - Pizza Party
- Top 25% - Silver Medal - Ice Cream Party
- Top 50% - Bronze Medal - Small Treat

Scores are calculated based on class behavior, contest participation, preparedness for meetings (including extra credit), and service projects. Teachers in our Gold Medal 4-H Club classrooms will also be recognized!

100% PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD – In the month of November, clubs that have 100% of their members give a speech will receive an award.

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD – To receive this individual award, a 4-H’er must participate in at least four of the five monthly club activities (Public Speaking, Poster, Piggy Bank, Demonstration/Interactive Exhibit, Photography), participate in a community service project, and participate in at least one county event! Winners will receive a medal at the end of the year after turning in their Golden Clover Award form, which can be found on our website.

Save the Date for 4-H Camp!

June 10-14, 2024

Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN

We know that school is just getting started, but we’re already planning for an incredible summer! 4-H Camp is open to all current 4th –6th graders.

Call the 4-H office for more information.

Check Out our Website!

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