

Welcome to the Wonderful World of 4-H in Lincoln County!

Whether your child is a "brand new" 4th grader or a "veteran" 12th grader, Lincoln County's 4-H program offers many exciting opportunities. The 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in the nation. It is open to all youth in 4th - 12th grades. 4-H trains future citizens with skills in leadership, service and communications.



The mission of the Tennessee 4-H program is to provide a research-based, Extension, educational experience that will stimulate young people to gain knowledge, develop life skills and form positive attitudes to prepare them to become a capable, responsible and compassionate adults. When 4-H began in the early 1900's, boys belonged to 4-H corn growing clubs and girls belonged to tomato canning clubs. We now have 26 projects in which boys and girls may participate. The 4-H program can involve the entire family. We invite all 4-H members and volunteer leaders, regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age disability or veteran status, to participate in any of the county's 4-H events, activities and programs.

In Lincoln County 4-H involvement starts for most 4th - 8th graders with monthly club meetings in the classroom during school hours. Older 4-H members and home school students are involved in many county-wide 4-H events and activities, such as the monthly 4-H Home School Club, 4-H Clover Lane Cookie Club, Sewing Circle, judging teams, project groups, community service projects, leadership projects, 4-H Honor Club and/or 4-H All-Stars.

The 4-H judging teams and specific project groups meet regularly and are trained by Extension volunteer leaders or Extension personnel who are coordinated by Lincoln County's 4-H Extension Agents, Mr. Dan Owen and Mrs. Allison Heffington and 4-H Program Assistant, Debra Elliott. Our 4-H program offers a wide range of projects, events and activities so that every member can find something that appeals to them and at which they can excel. Also there are no dues to pay or uniforms to purchase for youth to be involved in 4-H.

What does the 4-H pledge mean?



Head to clearer thinking: problem solving, communication skills, decision making.



Heart to greater loyalty: relationship and character building, respecting self and others.



Hands to larger service: serving others, career preparation, hands-on learning.



Health to better living: forming healthy habits, managing stress and change.

4-H Activities

Monthly club meetings which are held in the classroom during school hours, as well as, a 4-H Home School Club which meets in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium.

Local club activities - speeches, demonstrations, posters, dairy posters, scrapbooks, project record books and Birdhouses, Bird Feeders and Photography.

4-H Honor Club – state organization (6th – 12th graders) – membership based on 4-H project work & leadership skills – county club meets monthly

4-H All-Stars – state organization for senior Honor Club members (9th – 12th graders) – membership based on SERVICE, which is the organization's motto.

County contests where ribbons, prize money and trophies are awarded

Opportunities to make new friends

Learning in-depth information about project subject matter

Tennessee state-wide gatherings & events

Chick Chain

Livestock Shows – Beef Shows, Sheep Shows, Market Goat Shows, Market Hog Shows, Poultry, Show & Sale, Dairy Shows and Horse Shows

Camps – Junior 4-H Camp (4th – 6th graders), 4-H Electric Camp (6th - 8th graders), 4-H Pioneer Camp (7th – 9th graders), Target SMART Camp (5th – 9th graders), and FCS Behind The Scenes

4-H Shooting Sports that offers Archery, Shotgun, Air Rifle, Hunting and Outdoor Skills and Small-Bore Rifle.

4-H Sewing Circle –bi-weekly meetings to work on sewing projects

Backyard STEM camp and other camps provided in the summer time.

4-H Clover Lane Cookie Club- Quarterly meetings to bake and decorate different cookies

Fun with Fashion, 4-H Clover Collection and Wool on Parade – held during the Lincoln County Fair

Judging Teams – FCS Skill-a-thon, Consumer Decision Making, Dairy Judging, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Horse, Land, Livestock, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Poultry, Wildlife, and Clover Bowl.



4-H Projects

Beef	Citizenship	Clothing & Textiles
Communications/Public Speaking	Companion Animals (cats, dogs & rabbits)	Computers & Technology
Consumer Education	Culinary Arts	Dairy
Energy	Entomology/Beekeeping	Entrepreneurship
Environmental/AG Engineering (EASE)	Food Sciences	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries
Healthy Living	Horse	Leadership
Mechanics & Safety Science	Outdoor Recreation & Shooting Sports	Performing Arts
Photography & Digital Media	Plant Science	Poultry
Sheep	Swine	Veterinary Science

Judging Team Information

The following list contains all of the judging teams that Tennessee 4-H members may participate in. While Lincoln County does offer its 4-H members the opportunity to participate in most of them, the county does not have enough 4-H volunteers to organize and train judging team members for competition in all of the different areas.

Consumer Decision Making	Dairy Cattle Judging	Dairy Products Judging
Forestry Judging	Horse Bowl & Hippology	Horse Judging
Land Judging	FCS Skill-A-Thon	Livestock Judging
Meat Judging	Outdoor Meat Cookery	Chopped Challenge
Poultry Judging	Wildlife Judging	Livestock Skill-a-thon (Beef, Sheep & Swine)
Dairy Quiz Bowl	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Clover Bowl



4-H Clover Lane Cookie Club

The Lincoln County 4-H Clover Lane Cookie Club meets every quarter in the auditorium of the Ralph Hastings Building (adjacent to the Extension Office), to work on different cookie receipts and crafting ideas with cookies. Please contact the Extension Office at 433-1582 for more information about the Lincoln County 4-H Clover Lane Cookie Club.

4-H Honor Club



What is the 4-H Honor Club?

The 4-H Honor Club is a statewide organization that provides recognition, primarily within counties, for junior high 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent leadership abilities and have been active members in their local clubs and communities.

To be eligible for membership in the 4-H Honor Club, members must submit an application, be endorsed by their local 4-H leader and be approved by the State 4-H Office. Upon acceptance, a member receives a 4-H Honor Club certificate and an Honor Club key.

Opportunities for citizenship and service activities, leadership and project development are key aspects of 4-H Honor Club work. The Tennessee 4-H Honor Club is open to eligible youth in the 6th – 12th grades. Lincoln County will be having an initiation ceremony on Thursday night, May 7, for its new 4-H Honor Club members.

2026 Lincoln County 4-H Honor Club Officers

President	Marlee Bradford	Freshman Representatives:	Rosetta Fowler Maklaine Taylor
Vice-President	Kaylin Osterhaus	8th Representative	Blaze Fowler
Secretary	Maggie Heffington	7 th Representative	Brady Bradford
Photographer	Scottlyn Osterhaus		
Reporter	Katie Elliott		

Tennessee 4-H...



Exceeding Expectations



The Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a volunteer-led program that teaches life skills through shooting sports. Youth learn safety and shooting techniques in the disciplines of shotgun, rifle, archery, muzzleloader, small-bore rifle and hunting and outdoor skills. The program is affiliated with the National Shooting Sports Program; Lincoln County is starting its third year of this 4-H project.

Shotgun

Lincoln County youth involved in the Shotgun Shooting Sports program will be participating in the state competition on May 2. If you shoot with another organization in Lincoln County, you will be able to shoot on the 4-H team. Please contact Debra Elliott, Lincoln County 4-H Program Assistant and coach, at (931) 433-1582 to learn more about the shotgun program. Fees are involved and set each year.

Air Rifle and Small Bore Rifle

The Air Rifle and Small Bore programs participants meet weekly practices once the programs informational meetings are held and practices are scheduled. Youth will shoot in four positions. It is available for 6th through 12th grades. Patrick Dye is the coach and point of contact, 1-256-656-9691. Fees are involved and set each year.

Archery

The archery program meets August-April weekly at the Lincoln County Horseman's and 4-H Horseshow grounds on 8 Wilkes Lane, Fayetteville, Tn 37334. The Jamboree happens in April each year. Any questions about archery please contact Debra Elliott with any questions, 931-433-1582. Fees are involved and set each year.

Volunteer Leaders

Adults interested in assisting with this program should call the Extension Office at 433-1582.



The 4-H Sewing Circle group is made up of 4-H members who are interested in learning more about sewing. The group will be making small sewing projects.

The group meets bi-weekly at the extension office to work on different sewing projects.

If you have any questions if you are interested in being a member of Lincoln County's 4-H sewing project group, please call the Extension Office at 433-1582.

4-H Camps



4-H Target Smart Camp for grades 5th – 9th grades

May 25-29, 2026



June 23-26, 2026

Knoxville, Tennessee

Pioneer Camp

June 30-July 3, 2026

McMinnville, TN

Junior High Camp

May 25-29, 2026

Crossville, TN

Junior 4-H Camp

Junior Camp is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4 – 6; this year's camp will be held June 1-5, 2026 at the Ridley 4-H Center In Columbia, TN. Lincoln County's sign up days starts April 27- May 1 from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. The cost is \$375; this non-refundable fee is due when you register. There will be a meeting on May 14 at 5:30 p.m. for the parents of campers; the meeting will be repeated at 6:30 p.m.

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