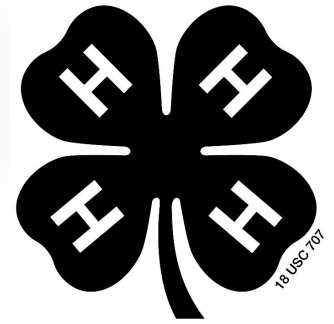


An information sheet for new 4-H members and their families.

# Welcome to 4-H!

Putnam County 4-H

2022



## What does it mean to be involved in 4-H?

Your child comes home excited that they have joined 4-H at their school. What is 4-H? What does that mean to you as a parent?

4-H is the youth development program offered by UT Extension. This outreach program of the University of Tennessee targets youth in grades 4—12 and provides activities and events that help young people learn valuable life skills.

Students participate in 4-H activities at their school as an educational program. 4-H Agents work hard to ensure that activities conducted relate to lessons and standards being

addressed by the teachers in Putnam County. 4-H is meant to enhance your child's learning environment.

There is no cost to be a 4-H member and all activities conducted at



school are free. Some special events such as animal shows and summer camp have costs associated with them, but

are reasonable when compared to other youth programs.

It is up to you as a family to decide what 4-H involvement you would like for your child outside of the classroom. Some members and families choose to be very active and some are just involved at school. Many families have strong traditions in 4-H and want to share that with their children.

Welcome to 4-H! We are glad you are part of our program and we look forward to working with your child during this school year.

### Quick 4-H Facts

*Colors: Green and White*

*Motto: To Make the Best Better*

*Slogan: Learn by Doing*

*Symbol: 4-leaf clover with white H's*

*H's represent Head, Heart, Hands, Health*

*4-H leaders are called 4-H Agents*

*Began in 1902 as corn and tomato clubs*

*Programs in all 50 states*

*Programs in 80 countries around the world*

*4th grade members are called "Explorers"*

## 4-H School Activities

During the school year your 4-H member will have the opportunity to be involved in the following activities at their school:

- Public speaking
- Poster

- Demonstrations
- Clover Bowl

For each activity an information handout will be provided with details about the requirements for each activity. Many schools incorporate these activities

as part of their lesson plans because they relate to the current common core standards being utilized by our county school system.

Other lessons presented to your 4-H'er will relate to science.



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### Meet Your 4-H Agents

Olivia Deason recently joined us as our new 4-H Agent. She is a 4-H Alumni and participated in a variety of activities. Her main area of focus is 4-H family & consumer science events.



Trent Jones has worked 15 years as a 4-H Agent. He is a Putnam County 4-H Alumni and participated in a variety of activities. His main area of focus is 4-H animal science events.



Both 4-H Agents work together to coordinate school clubs, county events, and 4-H Camp.

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Check out our county website: <https://extension.tennessee.edu/putnam/Pages/default.aspx>

## Other Activities for your 4th Grade 4-H Member



Outside of the classroom there are numerous other activities for your 4-H member to be involved in.

We offer 4-H members opportunities to show their horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and goats through various animal shows each spring and summer.

The 4-H Chick-Chain project is a favorite in our county. 4-H members sign up to receive baby chicks, raise them, and return 3 to a show and auction. Sign-ups are held in February of each year.

Junior 4-H Camp is a week long camp during the summer. This camp is open to youth in grades 4—6 and features traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, fishing, crafts, campfires and more. Sign-up is in May and there is a cost to attend the camp.

Archery is one of our newest activities. We offer training in basic compound bow usage and members are allowed to bring their own bows for competition. There is a fee for Archery to cover costs of entry fees for competition and maintenance of bows and equipment.

Judging teams are a popular option for many youth. Members attend specialized classes for 3-4 weeks and attend a contest to test their knowledge. We offer the following judging teams to 4th grade members: Horse, Livestock, Wildlife, and Forestry. There are no fees for the judging team classes, but there is an entry fee for horse judging.

4-H members are also encouraged to create items to enter in the Putnam County Fair held each year in August. 4th grade members are eligible to enter in the 4-H section and earn premium money.

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