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SMYTH COUNTY



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WHAT IS 4-H?

A youth development organization that provides hands-on learning experiences in a variety of areas. The name "4-H" stands for the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. These represent the organization's goals of developing youth to become outstanding citizens with strong leadership skills.

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OUR SUMMER

The Smyth County 4-H summer has been nothing short of spectacular! From petting starfish, raising chickens, crowning state-level public speaking champions & so much more. Pictured below and to the right are just small snippets of our summer. This summer, we broke the 200 mark for 4-H camp! We had a total of 212, which was 18 shy of maxing out the camp. Additionally, at our 4-H Congress experience, we had a total of 12 teens attend! All 12 teens competed in state-level competition, representing Smyth County.



well. Jaiden H was one of our representatives this year and was crowned a public speaking state champion. As an organization, we have been extremely blessed with supportive volunteers, parents, youth members, & community partners. Thank you, everyone, for a great 2025 summer & we hope you become a part of it in 2026!!!



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4 - Watershed Field Day
 Sept. 4 - Russel County Fair Stockmans Contest
 Sept. 9 - Appalachian Classic Judging Contest
 Sept. 12 - 5th Grade Civil War Encampment
 Sept. 12 - Horse Club Meeting 6pm
 Sept. 16 - Rabbit Club Meeting 6pm
 Sept. 18 - Saltville Library Animal Prints
 Spet. 19 - Rabbit Club Meeting
 Sept. 23 - Horse Club Meeting 6pm
 Sept. 26-28 - Apple Festival
 Oct. 2 - Livestock Club Meeting 6pm
 Oct. 6-10 - National 4-H Week
 Oct. 8 - 4-H Grade Ag Field Day
 Oct. 10 - Homeschool Club Meeting 10am



Oct. 17 - Chillhowie Library Pumpkin Carving
 Oct. 18 - Hokie Bug Fest
 Oct. 31 - Halloween
 Nov. 3-4 - Election Day (School Closed)
 Nov. 6 - Livestock Club Meeting 6pm
 Nov. 6-7 - 3rd Grade Kids Market Place
 Nov. 8 - Homeschool Club Meeting
 Nov. 13 - Saltville Library Sewing workshop
 Nov. 14 - Homeschool Meeting Club 10am
 Nov. 24 - 8th Grade Reality Store
 Nov. 26-28 - Thanksgiving (School Closed)
 Dec. 19 - 4-H Member Dinner
 Dec. 25 - Christmas
 Dec. 28- Jan14 - Tractor Supply Clover Days

DEAR PARENTS,

Your children will be involved in a monthly 4-H classroom club. Within this club, your children will be exposed to a water-down version of how business meetings are run in the adult world. In addition, officers (president, Vice president, and a sectary) will be voted on to run our monthly meetings to expose them to election terms (ballot, nominate, etc.) Lastly, your child will have school 4-H projects to participate in. These projects may include public speaking, Pumpkin Project, How To Project, Kids Marketplace, or Share the Fun. At any point during the year you have questions on these 4-H projects please feel free to reach out at any point for clarification or assistance. We are looking forward to seeing the outstanding work of Smyth County students for this and the coming school year!

JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



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JOIN A 4-H CLUB



LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Smyth County 4-H Livestock Club concentrates on projects that are livestock geared; lambs, cattle, poultry, goats, etc. Stockmen's and Livestock Judging teams are meeting regularly to learn and have FUN! If this is something you are interested in joining or volunteering with, please contact the Smyth County Extension Office.



TEEN CLUB



Looking to get involved with the community and empower yourself/teen? Our Smyth County 4-H Teen Club presents opportunities for residents to grow leadership, citizenship, and life skills that will prove to be beneficial in years to come (jobs, interviews, references).



GENERAL 4-H CLUB INFORMATION

All Smyth County 4-H Club's are free to join. Cost may occur when competition happening or club traveling. However, fundraising can be put in place to off set the cost. Most of time clubs only meet once a month for approx. 1.5 hours throughout the county, but mostly in Chilhowie and Marion locations.



HOMESCHOOL CLUB



Looking for some additional educational, recreational, or just pure fun? The Smyth County 4-H Homeschool Club presents a variety of opportunities for homeschool youth to be a part of. This club meets regularly & offers a great atmosphere.



HORSE CLUB

Join our horse club/program! This club's main focus is on hippology. However, some riding and show instruction will be sprinkled in every once in a while. You do not have to own a horse to be a part of this club, and club meetings typically are only once a month!



RABBIT CLUB

The Smyth County 4-H Rabbit Club's main focus is on care and general knowledge of rabbits, which includes connecting with other rabbit owners in the area! There are also opportunities to show your rabbit at fairs and 4-H competitions! This club commonly meets in Chilhowie.

4-H DAY CAMP OPPORTUNITYS



Who doesn't want an emoji pillow and keychain?? Join us at our office on Monday, September 1 from 1-3PM to make your own creation. No sewing skills necessary!

The class is open for ages 5-12. Cost is \$5.

EMOJI SEWING CLASS

SCAN ME



TO REGISTER

MEADOWVIEW ARTS CENTER WORKSHOP CANVAS PAINTING

Smyth County 4-H and the Meadowview Arts Center in Chilhowie are joining forces to offer a directed painting workshop on Saturday, September 6. Two separate times are available. Each class is limited to 12 participants. Ages 5-18 may register. Cost is \$10.



NATIONAL 4-H SPIRIT WEEK

We are super excited to announce National 4-H Spirit Week, October 6-10. This 4-H school spirit week will be in cooperation with the social service/Santa Elves Program. The idea is that students who participate in the dress-up days will donate \$1 or more each time they participate. 100% of that money raised will go directly to the Smyth County Santa Elves Program. Additionally, the classroom that raises the most funds will earn a 4-H celebration party to celebrate their community support! Be on the look out for more teasers, events, and special give away between now and October 6-10.



SCAN ME



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Bailey Robertson at Smyth County VCE (276-706-8336) during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.