



GILES COUNTY 4-H HAPPENINGS

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GILES COUNTY 4-H CHICK CHAIN



Sign Up Nov 3-Dec 12, 2025

<https://tiny.utk.edu/4hfees>



Chick Chain has always been one of the premier programs offered through 4-H, and our sign up list is always full. This year we will have 30 slots available to youth on a first come, first served basis. Participants will receive 15 Chicks (slated for February 2026), can choose either the **Easter Egger** or **Buff Orpington**, and will be required to return 5 chickens to our show and sale which will be held around August 2026. The required deposit is \$45 and is refundable upon completion of the project, including participation in the show and sale. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at **931-363-3523** or email moferral@utk.edu.

NEW LIMITED OPPORTUNITY: Raise Cornish Cross meat chickens. Each participant will be given 5 birds for the project, **only 10 slots available for \$25**. We will be teaching how to dress and harvest the chickens as a group at the beginning of May 2026.

4-H DIGITAL BILLBOARD

Create your best advertisement **marketing 4-H** by making a **Digital Billboard!** This is "part 2" of the 4-H Poster Contest and allows for those with digital skills to express their creativity in a Digital Billboard.

Here are some of the guidelines:

***MUST** be in a **PDF** or **PNG** format

*Entries should be clear and not blurry, grainy, or pixelated

*Examples of programs that could be used:

- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Publisher
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Canva

***MUST** be in **landscape** format

*Digital Billboards are **NOT** photographs of a regular poster but rather **COMPUTER GRAPHICS/DESIGN** created on the computer

***EMAIL** to cnelms4@utk.edu **NO LATER** than January 30, 2026. Questions? Call 931-363-3523.

Receive the GIFT of Junior 4-H Camp

Early Bird sign ups December 8-12, 2025

Camp Dates June 1-5, 2026

Reserve **YOUR** spot now! Spend a fun filled week at Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia, TN, with 4th-6th graders from other counties in our region! A few activities include an Olympic sized swimming pool with a diving board and water slide, archery range, rifle range, wildlife cabin, craft house, GaGa pits, zipline, creek stomping, and SO much more! The cost of camp is yet to be determined for 2026. Early Bird sign ups will require a deposit, and partial scholarships will be available upon request in the spring. Space is limited, so we encourage you to secure your spot early!

<https://tiny.utk.edu/gilesjuniorcamp>

Questions? Call our office at 931-363-3523

JANUARY CLUB DATES

Creative Clovers- January 21

Elkton 4th, 5th, & 6th - January 7

Minor Hill 4th:

Hargrove- January 12

Smith- January 14

Minor Hill 5th & 6th - January 20

Southside:

Wilson- January 26

Garland, Burleson, Robertson, Cheatwood- January 27

Dunn & Saltz- January 28

Payne & Bryant- January 29

Pelfrey, Hoover, Turner- January 30

Richland 4th- January 13

Richland 5th - January 9

Richland 6th - January 21

Quote of the Month

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

County Public Speaking Contest AND Open Bread Baking Contest

One Night...Two Great Contests!

Join us **Tuesday January 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM** on the campus of **UT Southern** for the **County Public Speaking Contest!**

All 4th-12th graders that received a ribbon for their speech in their local in-school club are invited!

Here they will compete with others in their grade from around the county!

First place winners at the county contest will receive an invite to the Area 4 Public Speaking Contest on January 22.

IN ADDITION

There will be an **Open Bread Baking Contest** for **ANY** Giles County **4th-12th graders**, regardless of participation in the County Public Speaking Contest. Bread Baking has always been a 4-H favorite! We encourage **all 4-H'ers** to bring their baked goods! You can then stay and support those that are giving a speech, or leave and enjoy the rest of your evening elsewhere. We will be in contact with all winners after judging takes place. All entries must be dropped off **by 5:00 PM** at **"The Martin" entrance at UT Southern.**



- 4th Grade-** Cornbread (3 pieces)
- 5th Grade-** Biscuits (3 biscuits)
- 6th - 8th Grade-** ANY cookie (**NO CHOCOLATE CHIP**) (3 cookies)
- 9th -12th Grade-** ANY Bread (1 loaf)
- OPEN Category (ALL GRADES)-** Chocolate Chip Cookies (3 cookies)



ATTENTION!!! COME SUPPORT THE

4-H Honor Club Chili Cook-Off

4-H Fundraiser for 2026 Camp and Conference Scholarships

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 PM

Giles Agri Park- 2014 Elkton Pike in Pulaski



Cost- \$10 which includes a bowl, drink, and 5 tickets to vote for the best 4-H Honor Club Chili

Additional votes can be made with your \$1 bills

6th grade and under eat for **FREE** with any canned good donation and paid adult entry!

For more information please call **931-363-3523** or email **moferral@utk.edu**

See YOU there!!!



4-H Shooting Sports Interest Meeting

A 4-H Shooting Sports interest meeting will be held for parents and youth who are interested in potentially joining one of our shooting sports teams in the spring. This meeting will be held on **December 10th at 5:00 PM** at the **Giles County Agri Park located at 2014 Elkton Pike in Pulaski.** Giles county will offer Archery and Shotgun teams in 2026.

Archery: 4th-12th Grades

Shotgun: 6th-12th Grades

More details will be provided during this meeting and in the future. If you have questions or would like to know more about these programs, please call **931-363-3523** or email **wmcull4@utk.edu.**