



Giles County 4-H Happenings

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March is Demonstration Contest 4th & 5th Grades

~General Contest Rules~

- Time limit is **2-5 minutes**. Points will be deducted for being over/under limit.
- **Individual demonstrations only**, no teams. **No audience participation**. Do not use brands or labels. No live animals, babies, fireworks, weapons, or anything else banned or prohibited at school. If food is used, make sure there are no food allergies.
- Competition (in levels above in school clubs) is by project/subject not by grade.
- **Visual aid is REQUIRED** but is limited to no more than either **6 posters OR 6 slides (Power Point/Google)**. Make sure all font and pictures are big enough to see across the room, and that colors contrast well. If using slides, they **MUST** be saved in a **PDF** format and emailed to your teacher **BEFORE** your contest/meeting day! Slides **MAY NOT** contain music, videos, special effects, or animations. A projector/easel will be provided.
- **MAKE SURE** you bring appropriate prop(s) that go along with what you are demonstrating.

4-H Project Areas

Beef	Citizenship	Clothing & Textiles
Communications/Public Speaking	Companion Animal	Computers & Technology
Consumer Education/Economics	Dairy	Electric
Engineering/Safety Science	Entomology	Forestry, Wildlife, & Fisheries
Food Science	Goat	Horse
Horticulture/Garden	Leadership	Creative Arts & Design
Nutrition, Health, & Fitness	Performing Arts	Personal Development
Photography	Plant Science	Poultry
Recreation	Sheep	STEM
Swine	Veterinary Science	

How to present a Demonstration

Your Demonstrations should include these three (3) parts:

Introduction- Tell what you are demonstrating, and why it is important to you and your audience.

Presentation- **SHOW AND TELL ALL STEPS IN LOGICAL ORDER**. Avoid prolonged silence. Tell what is being done, and why, throughout your demonstration. This will help avoid those prolonged silences.

Personal experiences are good to refer to. Tell your source for any material and/or recipes.

Conclusion- Summarize your demonstration and give results. Repeat sources of information. Show the finished product attractively and make sure the entire audience sees it.

*****Ribbon winners in the classroom will be invited to compete at a county contest currently scheduled for April 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM.*****



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March is the Interactive Exhibit Contest 6th - 8th Grades

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- You have 1-2 Minutes to explain your exhibit, which should be displayed on a tri-fold board. Judges then have 2-3 minutes to ask questions.
- 1 point is deducted for every 30 seconds over time limit. If explanation is under 1 minute, 5 points are deducted.
- The exhibit should showcase knowledge gained, or a technique or skill learned.
- Any props used should support project display board.
- The word 4-H or the 4-H emblem should be somewhere on the exhibit.
- If technology is used, it is only a supplement to your visual and provides no auditory support. It does not replace your exhibit board.
- This is **NOT** a demonstration! Exhibit should relate to 4-H project work. It should be self explanatory.
- Competition (in levels above in school clubs) is by project, not by grade. Competition ends at sub-region level.
- Interactive Exhibit should relate to one of the (29) 4-H Projects. Youth may only compete in one project area.
- Limit three youth per project/per county advance to the area-level contest,
- Each exhibitor will have 1/2 of a six-foot table. Free standing tri-fold boards should be used. Space from the table to the floor may be used.
- No live animals, babies, fireworks, weapons or anything banned or prohibited at school.

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2026 National 4-H Cornbread Cook-Off

Open to ALL 4th -6th Graders

All recipe entries due **NO LATER than 2/23/26** to the Giles County Extension Office. Contest date for selected recipe entrants will be on 4/27/26 in South Pittsburg, TN. See the separate flyer for more details or visit giles.tennessee.edu.

2026 Giles County 4-H Clover Bowl

The Clover Bowl will be here before you know it! Are YOU ready?

-Open to **4th -8th grade** Giles County students. Compete in a quiz bowl format with questions about 4-H, Agriculture, Government, Life Skills, Science, and Tennessee.

1st Step- Form a team of four (4) students in your same grade from your homeroom, school, or from one of the Giles County schools/Homeschool group.

2nd Step- Study the Clover Bowl manual for your grade level and practice with your team. (Questions found here) <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/4-h-clover-bowl/>

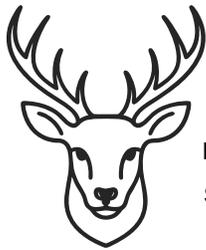
3rd Step- Compete at the county level Clover Bowl (**April 21, 2026**)

4th Step- (Optional) Ask a teacher or team parent/guardian if they would be interested in helping your team practice.

5th Step- 1st Place team from each grade at the county level contest will advance on to represent Giles County 4-H at the Central Region 4-H Clover Bowl Contest at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN in May 2026.



4-H Wildlife Food Plot Contest



Giles County 4-H will be having a food plot contest in Spring 2026. This contest will allow youth to receive food plot seed from the 4-H program, and plant it based on specific requirements. Youth will learn skills in plant and wildlife habitats. Plots will be judged in late summer, and winners will receive money and other prizes. There are limited spots available, so if you are interested, please contact the Extension Office at 931-363-3523 or email lacrwest@utk.edu.

Junior 4-H Camp for 4th -6th Grade

June 1-5, 2026

Spend the week with 4-H'ers from Giles and four other surrounding counties! The cost of camp is TBD, with partial scholarships available during camp sign ups beginning April 15. For questions, please contact our office at 931-363-3523.



March Club Dates

Homeschool- March 18
Elkton 4th, 5th, & 6th - March 4
Richland 5th -March 6
Minor Hill 4th -
Hargrove- March 9
Smith- March 11
Richland 6th - March 11

Minor Hill 5th & 6th - March 17
Southside-
Wilson- March 23
Garland, Burleson, Robertson, Cheatwood- March 24
Dunn, Birdsong- March 25
Payne, Bryant- March 26
Pelfrey, Hoover, Turner- March 27



Quote of the Month

"You can do hard things...Especially when you believe you can."