## **WILSON COUNTY 4-H**

# School Clubs

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#### What is 4-H?

4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. In Tennessee, 4-H is the youth development organization of the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University's Extension Service. 4-H provides youth

with positive learning experiences that help build character, while developing knowledge and skills that prepare them for the future.

With over 6 million 4–H participants nationwide, 4–H programs are offered in every county and state in the nation. 4–H members are able to participate in 4–H through in–school clubs, after school clubs, special programs and classes at the county level, summer camps and so much more!

#### 4-H In the Classroom

Here in Wilson County, we are fortunate to be invited into the classrooms in our schools to conduct 4–H programming with 4th and 5th grade students during the school day about once a month. While participating in 4–H, your child will learn about basic leadership and citizenship skills through the election of class officers, leading pledges, and learning about their community. Your child will also have the opportunity to learn about communication and public speaking through participation in classroom public speaking and demonstration contests. Finally, your child will explore creativity through poster contests and piggy bank construction contests. Because many of our activities and lessons address Tennessee educational standards for public speaking and other life skills, participation in classroom contests and events during 4–H instruction time may or may not be required for a grade, and will be at your child's teacher's discretion. Your teachers will make the decision on if participation is optional or not.

#### Wilson County 4-H Agents



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### **Morgan Beaty**

Morgan has served as a Wilson County 4–H agent for 7 years. She grew up in the 4–H program in Putnam and Blount County where she participated in public speaking, judging teams and leadership opportunities. In Wilson County, Morgan provides leadership to the poultry, creative design, cooking, Horse, STEM and archery programs.



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### **Grace Harville**

Grace is working on completing her lst year as a 4-H Agent here in Wilson County. She grew up as an active member of the Smith County 4-H program where she participated in public speaking, leadership opportunities, and judging teams/contests. Grace provides leadership to the livestock, natural resources, sewing, and consumer education programs.







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#### Other 4-H Opportunities

There are many ways for your child to get connected to 4-H outside of the classroom as well! We have a wide variety of fun classes and clubs taught by our 4-H agents and trained volunteers throughout the year.



We host archery classes, cooking classes, photography lessons, sewing and creative design classes, and opportunities for youth interested in horse, livestock, wildlife, poultry, meat and food science, and so much more! Your child should bring home an interest list with all of our local clubs and programs after their first 4-H meeting in the classroom.

#### For More information:

If you still have questions, visit with your child's teachers or give us a call at the UT, TSU Extension office here in Wilson County (615–444–9584). Or send us an email (Morgan Beaty mbeaty3@utk.edu, Grace Harville gharvill@utk.edu). We are more than happy to answer your questions.

For more information on 4-H here in Wilson County, please feel free to check out our website at https://wilson.tennessee.edu

For more information on Tennessee 4–H and how 4–H operates in our state, please visit: https://4h.tennessee.edu/







