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## TENNESSEE 4-H COUNCIL INAUGURATION AND FIRST RETREAT

On July 24th, 2025, 23 new council members were inaugurated onto the Tennessee 4-H State Council. Alex Snodgrass was installed as president, with Ann Lowery serving as vice president. The council is composed of five senior representatives, eight junior representatives, the All-Star Chief, Deputy Chief, and Scribe, the Congress Governor, Speaker of the House, and Speaker of the Senate, as well as two representatives at-large.

During their first council retreat, held September 4th–6th, council members elected John Hancock as the state secretary. Then throughout the course of the weekend, they outlined goals for the year, selected committee assignments, began planning major events, and developed essential leadership skills, ranging from professional handshakes to a deeper understanding of their statewide responsibilities.

Most importantly, council members strengthened their friendships and officially began their year of service as Tennessee 4-H State Council 2025–2026.

- Hadassah Boyle, Sr.Rep



## 2025 TENNESSEE 4-H ROUNDUP

This past year at TN 4-H's 102<sup>nd</sup> Roundup, 4-H'ers from all over TN spent a week at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. As a whole, Roundup was the culmination of 4-Hers' work in their project areas, clubs, and service projects. From different classes to the election and installation of the new state council, 4-Hers embarked on a journey focused around the year's theme, "Beyond Ready." Nearing the end of the week, the Vol State Ceremony and State Officer Induction was held at World's Fair Park. There, 75 All Stars from across the state were appointed to Vol State, the highest level of recognition for their commitment to 4-H and excellence within the program. Additionally, 4-H'ers heard farewell speeches from the 2024-2025 4-H State President, Gabe Harville of Smith County, and 4-H State Vice President, Isaac Welch of Wayne County. From All Star exhibits to interviews to an exciting day at Dollywood, the 2025 4-H Roundup was nothing short of productive, fun, and positively impactful!

- Matthew Rochford, Jr.Rep



## YOUR STATE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



*ALEX SNODGRASS  
TENNESSEE 4-H  
PRESIDENT*

Representing Jefferson County, Alex Snodgrass is serving as the 2025–2026 Tennessee 4-H State Council President.

One of his standout experiences was greeting U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins at the Tennessee FFA Ham Breakfast. With years of experience in public speaking, Alex plans to pursue ministry, beginning his journey at Covenant College before continuing to seminary.



*ANN THOMAS LOWERY  
TENNESSEE 4-H  
VICE PRESIDENT*

Ann Thomas Lowery serves as the 2025–2026 Tennessee 4-H State Council Vice President, representing Dyer County. A 4-H member since fourth grade, she’s gained unforgettable experiences, including debating on the Senate floor at 4-H Congress. She plans to study Crop and Soil Management at UT Martin and continue advocating for Tennessee agriculture.



## TENNESSEE 4-H TAKES ON THE TN STATE FAIR

The first day of the fair was nothing short of exciting. The fair kicked off with the opening ceremony, followed by the ribbon cutting. Six of our council members rode through the celebratory parade, and even were some of the first fairgoers to ride the Skyride! Later that day, the annual Media Grill Off, hosted by the Tennessee Pork Producers, brewed up some fun competition to celebrate the “Year of Pork”. Our 4-H’ers demonstrated their grilling skills by helping setting up grills, lighting fires, and even grilling some pork burger samples! Congrats to Fox17 News for winning the Grill Off!

The next day, the highly anticipated 4-H Picnic at the Fair took place. This event is hosted to help raise funds for youth 4-H camps throughout Tennessee, and also allows 4-H’ers to connect with and show gratitude for our supporters that make Tennessee 4-H possible. We had wonderful food, entertainment, and speakers that made the event a true success. Through supporter donations and the auction, the picnic raised \$90,000 to go towards scholarships for Junior 4-H Camps.

Our 4-H members also worked in the Pick TN Store, participated in competitions, showed livestock, and, most importantly, represented 4-H and agriculture to the fullest.

- Jayden Hesson, All-Star Scribe



## POLICY MEETINGS

The past few months, Farm Bureau has held numerous Policy Development Meetings across Tennessee. These meetings are a step in the policy development process; which helps to preserve Farm Bureau’s grassroots traditions, and aid in their overall success. This process begins at the county level, establishing county policy and working to address regional issues. Then after at the regional Policy Development Meetings numerous county agencies share with one another larger interests and concerns. A variety of topics are discussed during these meetings, sometimes including but not limited to farmland preservation, agricultural education, USDA regulation, and farmer rights. The feedback and input of the Resolution Committees and TFBB Board of Directors goes into the Farm Bureau platform. Which is presented to our elected officials at various levels of government. This forms a close bond between farmers, Farm Bureau, Nashville, and finally Washington D.C.

- Cole Burchell, All-Star Deputy Chief



## HAM BREAKFAST

Tennessee 4-H State Council members Alex Snodgrass, Hailey Butler, Harrison Crenshaw, Calli Alonso, and Summer Grace Kelly had the privilege to represent Tennessee 4-H at the State Fair for the 10th Annual Tennessee FFA Ham Breakfast on August 18, 2025. This was truly an exciting event for these 4-H state council members to attend at the Farm Bureau Expo Center in Lebanon, Tennessee. While there, they had the opportunity speak with several elected officials and important leaders in agricultural industries such as U.S Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, U.S Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Stephen Vaden, Governor Bill Lee, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Hagerty, Deputy Commissioner Andy Holt, Congressman John Rose, and many more! Tennessee 4-H would like to give a special thanks to the Tennessee FFA Foundation for allowing 4-H to attend this wonderful event!

- Hailey Butler, All-Star Chief



## TRACTOR SUPPLY, LEGACY EVENING

This August, the Tennessee 4-H State Council traveled to Nashville for the Tractor Supply Co. Partnership Conference Legacy Event at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. They joined National 4-H, FFA, Canines for Warriors, Make-A-Wish, and other partners to celebrate service, leadership, and community impact. Council members met national 4-H staff, learned more about Tractor Supply’s support of youth programs, and saw how business partnerships strengthen communities nationwide. The night ended with a performance by country artist Trace Adkins, who reflected on his own agricultural upbringing. The experience was a powerful reminder that 4-H is part of a much larger movement. We’re grateful to Tractor Supply for championing youth leadership and including 4-H in their mission.

- Hadassah Boyle, Sr. Rep



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* STATE FALL JUDGING DAY  
OCT 4TH
- \* NATIONAL 4-H WEEK  
OCT 6-11TH
- \* AG LITERACY WEEK  
NOV 17TH- 22ND
- \* REGIONAL FALL CONFERENCES  
VERYING DATES
- \* NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS  
NOV 28TH - DEC 2ND

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