

# 4-H Country Ham Project

The purpose of this project is to educate youth about the methods our forefathers used in curing meats. Members will be able to exhibit skills learned during this project at the Humphreys County Fair. Each participant will have the opportunity to prepare and cure their own country hams during a series of meetings held at Clifty Farms located at 1500 US Hwy 641 South in Paris.

Most meetings will take place at Clifty Farms in Paris. Please make note of the meeting on Zoom. The dates are as follows:

- **\*Monday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m.** – Learn about Clifty Farms and ham curing. Discuss the program.
- **\*Tuesday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.** – Select, weigh, tag and salt your hams.
- **\*Monday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m.** – Re-salt and make the final trim of your hams.
- **\*Monday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m.** – Wash, net and hang hams on ham trees.
- **\*Monday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m.** – weigh hams, choose ham for fair competition, and take home second ham.
- **Monday, July 29 at 5:00 p.m.** – Zoom meeting – Marketing yourself and inviting potential buyers.
- **Monday, August 12 at 5:00 p.m.** – Location TBA – Speech contest. Record books due.

**\*\*Members must attend 3 of the 5 meetings marked with an asterisk. Attending all 5 is encouraged.\*\***

This project will cost \$70 which pays for 2 hams. One ham is for competition and sale at the Humphreys County Fair. You get to keep the other one. **Deadline to register is March 27, 2024.**



## 4-H Country Ham Project Contract 2024 Humphreys County Fair



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can this number receive Remind texts? **YES** **NO**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\*As of January 1, 2024

**By taking part in the Country Ham Project, I agree to the following commitments:**

- **Must attend at least 3 meetings at Clifty Farms that are marked with an asterisk**
- **Submit the Country Ham Project Record Book**
- **Be present at the country ham auction during the Humphreys County Fair in September**
- **Transportation to and from Clifty Farms (1500 Hwy 641 South in Paris) is your responsibility**

**Failure to follow these commitments will include forfeiture of your show ham, and you will not be allowed to sell one at the fair.**

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4-H Participant Signature

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Parent Signature

**Return form and payment to:** UT Extension, 108 Thompson Street, Waverly, TN 37185 **by Wednesday, March 27, 2024.** If you have questions, call 931-296-2543 or email [afulton2@utk.edu](mailto:afulton2@utk.edu).

**\*\* A check payable to UT Extension for \$70 should be remitted with this contract\*\***