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Fannin County 4-H Project Achievement

What is it?

4-H Project Achievement is a demonstration contest, encouraging and fostering the development of both oral and written communication skills through project development. Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic, write and develop a presentation, and then present their work. There are about 75 project categories, ranging from science, recreation, arts, livestock, and performing arts.

When is it?

In normal years, Fannin Extension/4-H would hold a County Project Achievement for all 4th - 6th grade youth in the county. This event would take place at either a school, a community center, or even our new UNG campus (to give you an idea of the kind of space we would use) on an evening or weekend.

Each “project category” would be either housed in a separate room or in a room with several somewhat related categories. For example, youth competing in categories, such as environmental science, general science, marine and coastal ecology, may all be assigned to the same room. Any parents and guardians who wish to be present for their child’s presentation are also welcome to attend. All participating 4-H’ers and any adults present would also listen and support the other presenters. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place is awarded, and those who place are invited to compete at District Project Achievement, which is hosted by the Union County Extension/4-H office in Blairsville every year.

Due to COVID-19, large in-person events, such as 4-H Project Achievement, are not feasible at this time. However, Fannin Extension/4-H has developed a plan to hold this event in a hybrid, virtual format! Below is a short summary of the proposed timeline for Fannin’s 2021 County 4-H Project Achievement:

JANUARY: 4-H Project Achievement will be introduced during in-school meetings. Each student will pick a topic, create an outline and begin research.

FEBRUARY: Fannin Extension/4-H staff will continue working with students on projects during in-school meetings and hold Project Workshops at the schools, at the 4-H office, and through virtual conferencing.

MARCH: Fannin Extension/4-H staff will record students giving demonstrations one at a time during a school day and compile the recordings into their categories. These will then be virtually judged. Awards will be given to students at school in front of their peers.



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What is the incentive for students?

Each student that competes will receive an event t-shirt, priority registration for 4-H summer camp, and extra credit from their teacher if the teacher chooses to offer that! Each student that places will receive this, plus a certificate, ribbon, and the invitation to compete at the Northeast District competition in Union County.

How much additional time will students invest?

If the student uses a project they have already researched and developed for class or chooses a topic such as performing arts that they are comfortable with, then only additional practicing would need to be done outside of class time and project workshops.

How much additional time will teachers invest?

I am asking teachers for moral support, flexibility, and to encourage their students to compete. The best way to not add more time or effort to this project from teachers in the classroom would be to coordinate Project Workshops with 4-H staff during the school day or after school. This can also be offered if there is ever “catch up time” or a time when students can choose what they work on. 4-H Staff will provide them with everything they need to know about 4-H Project Achievement as well.