

## Macon County 4-H dominates at Regional Outdoor Meat Cookery Contest

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

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Over 225 youth competed in this event from across Middle Tennessee.

This event a new one this year for Macon Co. Junior high level (6-8th grades) members is a very practical contest and one that will be useful and beneficial for years to come for the individuals that participate. Many of the lifeskills that are needed by the students as they prepare for their future are achieved thru the 4-H projects and activities, such as leadership, responsibility, communications, team work etc. The Outdoor cookery contest involved teams of 4 members each had a product that they were to prepare and present to judges. Team members decided on whether to cook beef, pork, poultry, and lamb. Each picked a different specie, came up with a cooking recipe, used proper food safety and handling practices, started their charcoal fires, and had a 2 hour window to prepare their entry. When turned in to the official judges members had to tell what doneness the beef, lamb, and pork were cooked to. Pictured above are (L to R) front row Kade Allen- high scorer in Junior High Pork, Brooklyn Driver- lamb division top 10, Samantha Bussell- 5th place junior High-poultry, Hailey Brewer- High scorer- junior high- Beef, Elizabeth Alred- Senior level Poultry, Kaylee Case- 2nd place Junior High Poultry, Tyler Rush- 2nd place Junior High Beef. Back Row (L to R) Keith Allen- Macon Co. 4-H Agent, Luci Allen- Junior High Lamb, Hunter Jones- 2nd place Senior level Beef- qualified to go to State Contest, Zach Goad- 4th place junior high Pork, Lynne Knight- Macon County 4-H/FCS Agent, Kayla Kimes- Summer intern with U.T. Extension.