Campbell County 4-H

Chick Chain Application

**RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**BIRDS WILL ARRIVE MID MARCH.**

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the chick project(s) which you are purchasing.

(You may do both but must participate in both auctions).

\_\_\_\_ 12 Rhode Island Red (Brown eggs) ($50)

\_\_\_\_ 12 White Leghorn (White eggs) ($50)

**Chick Chain Contract: (please read carefully – some things have changed)**

By agreeing to enter the 4-H chick chain project, I agree to care for my baby chicks to the very best of my ability. I understand that the initial fee is refundable and due when I order my project animals. I understand that I become the sole owner of the birds. I understand that all expenses including feed and medical care will be my responsibility. By participating in the chick chain project, I understand that I will have the opportunity to exhibit my 3 best chickens at the County Chick Chain Show and then have those 3 chickens auctioned following the show. I understand that I will have my deposit returned upon successful auction of my 3 best birds. I understand that if I do not return my 3 best birds for show and auction, I will forfeit my deposit, and will be charged the auction average for my 3 birds. Proceeds from the auction are used for future years’ programs.

4-Her Signature

Parent Signature

Contact the UT Extension Office at 423-562-9474 for more information or email JohnT@utk.edu

**2023 4-H Chick Chain Program**

This project requires that 4-H members have a place to raise and care for 12 chickens. Have you ever wondered what it takes to raise chickens from being a day old to when it can lay an egg? Do you want to try raising some chickens on your own? How does starting your own egg selling business as young as a 4th grader sound? These are all things that 4-H’ers have been doing for DECADES with the 4-H Chick Chain!

**Who can participate?**

Any 4-12th grader enrolled in 4-H through public school, virtual/remote learners, or the home school program.

**Why participate in the 4-H Chick Chain Program instead of purchasing birds on your own?**

* Includes 12 Pullets
* Includes supplies from Tractor Supply
* Includes an Introductory Class
* Builds a community of young farmers
* Learn about raising birds from those who show
* Understand Poultry Varieties: Egg Layers vs. Meat Birds
* Raises more money for future 4-H farmers

How does the Chick Chain Project Work?

1. If you want to participate in the chick chain, **mail a copy of the 2023 application with your deposit of $50.**
2. A minimum of 15 4-H members must apply to have the 2023 Chick Chain Program. If we fail to meet the minimum requirement, **we will refund all deposits.**
3. **First-time participants are required to participate in a poultry 101 class**, to educate them on what it takes to raise a Grand Champion Pullet.
4. All 4-H’ers will receive **12** chicks to raise, starting around the middle of March 2023.
5. All 4-H’ers will bring **three** chickens to the show and auction in the fall.
6. 4-H’ers will be expected to maintain a project record book. This record book will be turned in at the Chick Chain Show, for judging.
7. **The Chick Chain Auction will be held approximately 21 weeks after the birds are received.** This depends on the dates the birds arrive, and the average date of a bird's ability to lay falls 6 months after hatching. The 4-H’er MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW. You will be required to RSVP.
8. **If your birds die**, contact us **ASAP** for an alternative plan.
9. 4-H’ers will compete to receive the highest award for their breed of bird, Grand Champion.

**When and how do I register?**

**While you are encouraged to turn it in early, you must turn in your $50 deposit NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2023. MAIL OR RETURN THE APPLICATION AND $50 DEPOSIT TO THE UT EXTENSION OFFICE.**

**DO NOT TURN IT IN AT YOUR SCHOOL.**

**Deliver your check and completed form to**

**UT Extension**

**555 Main Street**

**Jacksboro, TN 37757**

**To mail form and payment, please direct mail to PO Bo 416, Jacksboro, TN 37757**

**We need a minimum of 15 4-H members to register to be able to have the 2023 chick chain auction. If 15 Members do NOT register, we will not have the 2023 program and will refund all applicants.**