

The Messenger

NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



GREETINGS

From the Eastern Region Board Members!

We would like to thank all our members for the hard work and dedication you gave to TRFCE this year! We had a great year with all our events, and you were amazing!

To all of you who helped Leslie Sharpe with the State Conference, we thank you! To all the chairpersons and all their helpers, we thank you! If you helped in any way we thank you, because it was a great success!

We thank the Sevierville, TN FCE clubs who helped host Leadership Day. Marti and her members did a great job of planning a great day! Thank you!

To all our Agents and UT extension leaders and support staff, we thank you! We are blessed to have such a great group of supporters! Thank you!

We hope you have a fabulous holiday season and get to spend quality time with your families and friends!

GOD BLESS YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MCMINN COUNTY

Hello from McMinn County. We have been very busy the past several months with preparing for TAFCE Conference last month. Between our 3 clubs, we had made over 250 items for the Flutter-Buy Gift Shop at the conference. Thank you to each club, each member, and friends who donated amazing items to sell. The Eastern Region went above and beyond their call of duty for the whole conference. Our own county president, Leslye Beria, was in charge of the gift shop. Everything went so well. We could not have done it all without God's guidance and the help of each person who helped set up, run the store, and tear down the shop. Thank you all.

We are getting ready for Christmas parties with the fun, fellowship, and festivities that we can only celebrate at this time of year.

Our county has done so much community service this past year. We hope to continue that into 2024.

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

♥ Blessings! Leslye ♥



2024 Region Due Dates and Reminders

Region Due Dates—Date the Regional Officers must send compiled reports to State Officers
Dates Given are Postmark Date

Jan	4	Eastern Region Board Meeting – Eastern Region Office; 10:00am-12:00pm ET
	8-9	State Board Meeting – via zoom; begin at 11:30pm CT
Feb	14	State Projects (County Summary Reports) county sends to Region VP for programs. Region VP for programs compiles county summary reports of state projects and sends region report to State VP for Programs. Highlighted State Project for 2024—Membership/Membership Drive
Mar	1	Character Counts —County Winner due to State President
	1	Heart of FCE —Region board selects and sends eastern region nominee to State President
	1	Spirit of FCL Nominee - due to State President
	2	Read Across America
	11	FCL — Region VP Public Policy sends Spring FCL training class list to State VP Public Policy and to Region Treasurer. Region Treasurer sends check to State Treasurer for ER Delegates.
	15	State Scholarship form due to VP for Programs
	21-27	National Drug and Alcohol Fact Week
Apr	1	Eastern Region Board Meeting – Cumberland County
	1	FCL List and Checks for Eastern Region Delegates due to State Treasurer
	14	Project Brochures DUE to NAFCE
	15	4-H Scholarship application DUE to Region Education Chair
	15	Spirit of FCL – send to National FCE headquarters
	15-16	State Board Meeting - Lebanon, Comfort Suites, starts at 11:30am CT
	16-17	FCL Class Training - Lebanon, Comfort Suites, starts at 11:00am CT
	29	FCE Spring Conference – Jefferson County, TBA
May		IMAGINATION LIBRARY MONTH
	15	Day of the Family
Jul	1	Region CVU — (regional summary form pg. 83) due to State VP for Public Policy
	1	Eastern Region Board Meeting – Anderson County
	1	50 Year Member —county sends applications (pg. 49) for NEW 50 yr. members to State VP of Programs





2024 Region Due Dates and Reminders – Continued

Jul	15 or 29	FCE Leadership Day – location TBA
	15	State Conference Registration Forms due to Counties
	22	FCL Class List to VP for Public Policy
	25-28	NAFCE Conference – Kentucky
Aug	1	Best of the Best —Region VP of Public Policy sends winning nominee from Eastern Region to State VP of Public Policy
	1	FCL list and checks to State Treasurer
	1	State Officer Nomination Form - due to State VP of Programs
	1	Creative Writing —Regional Education Chairperson, sends entries for regional creative writing winners to State President-Elect
	22	FCE Day at Appalachian Fair - Gray, TN
	26-27	State Board Meeting - Lebanon, TN; Comfort Suites, starts at 11:30am CT
	28-29	FCL Class Training - Lebanon, TN; Comfort Suites, starts at 11:00am CT
Sep	1	Official NOTICE and CREDENTIAL form for Annual Meeting mailed to Voting Delegates
	10	TVF FCE Day – Knoxville, TN
	16	FCE Fall Conference
Oct	1	Voting Delegates —Credential form for all voting delegates DUE to State Treasurer
	1	State Conference Registration due to Hosting Region Treasurer
	3	Cultural Arts —Region Chair sends 1st and 2nd place winners in each category to State Education chairman
	3	Fashion Review Winners (1st & 2nd place) due to Education Chair
	7	Eastern Region Board Meeting – Bradley County
	13-19	NATIONAL FCE WEEK
Nov	1	Membership - Regional treasurer, sends all regional and state memberships and dues and national memberships to State Treasurer
	17-20	TAFCE Conference – Paris Landing State Park; Buchanan, TN
	24-30	NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

