

CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – February 22, 2017

Leader Action Items

4-H Leader's Meeting – In person meeting on March 2nd at 6:00pm at the Clay County Extension Office Auditorium. At this meeting we will cover the upcoming fair, project books, community service and end of the year awards. **Please RSVP to Katrina by February 24th** at piercek@ufl.edu or 904-284-6355.

2017 Great American Cleanup – Saturday, March 18th from 8am to 12noon. We are expecting all Clay County 4-H clubs to come out and volunteer for this wonderful community event and show your 4-H pride.

Please sign up through Eventbrite at: <https://4-hcommunityservice.eventbrite.com>. Students will receive DOUBLE community_service hours. Volunteers are asked to contribute canned goods to benefit the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, new or used books for VIA Women's Club to support USO families and clean empty aluminum cans for Kans4K9s.

For details, follow the link: <http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/2017%20SJRC%20POSTER.pdf>

4-H Raffle Tickets – Once again the Clay County 4-H Foundation will be holding a raffle along with our 4-H/Garber Ford Fundraiser. The raffle tickets are now available for you to purchase or pick up to sell. Tickets come in books of 10 and they are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the end of the 4-H Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 6th. There are 3 big ticket prizes, a \$500 Visa gift card, a YETI Tundra 65 cooler and an RTIC 45 cooler, as well as 10 or more other prizes (spa gift baskets, attraction tickets, restaurant gift certificates and more). If you need tickets, please let Katrina know how many you would like, piercek@ufl.edu or 284-6355.

Sign-in Sheets – Please remember to turn in your club sign in sheets to the 4-H office. We also ask that you let us know when your members do their club presentations. You can either e-mail Katrina or mark it on the sign in sheets. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Announcements

Plant Identification Competition Practice Session – Wednesday, March 1 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Clay County Extension Office, Godbold Building. This open session will feature ID tips and tricks for plants featured in the Florida Plant ID competition (http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/), as well as a full practice session with Q&A time. To register, follow the link: <https://4-h-ffaplantidpractice.eventbrite.com>
4-H and FFA teams can register for this year's competition at the Clay County Fair at: <http://www.claycountyfair.org/f/23>

Consumer Choices Contest – The Clay County 4-H Consumer Choices Contest will be on Thursday, March 2nd in the Godbold Building at the Clay County Extension Office. Check in will start at 5:30pm and the contest will begin at 5:45pm. Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members are eligible to sign up as individuals. This year's topics are: jeans, digital cameras, fast food meals and outdoor backpacks. For rules and registration, follow this link:

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Consumer%20Choices/2017%204-H%20Consumer%20Choices%20Rules.pdf>

For the study guide, click this link:

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Consumer%20Choices/2017%20Consumer%20Choices%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

For a sample class, click this link:



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<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Consumer%20Choices/2017%20Sample%20Consumer%20Choices%20Class.pdf>



County Events – Clay County 4-H Events will be held on Saturday, March 11th at the Clay County Extension Office. You can participate in Public Speaking, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Fashion Revue, Share the Fun, 4-H Photo Contest and the 4-H Graphic Design Contest. The deadline to register is February 27th. For details click the following link:

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/County%20&%20District%20Events/2017%20Clay%20County%20Events%20Rules.pdf>

County Events Practice Dates – We will have several dates available for you to come in and practice your topic for County Events. You may sign up for a day and time through Eventbrite at:

<https://4-hcountyeventsppractice.eventbrite.com>

Clay County 4-H T-shirts - If family members and friends would like a t-shirt, we will be selling them for \$10 each. Please send your name, club and size to Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu. Once the t-shirts are in you will be notified.



4-H State Archery Match – Saturday, March 25th at the Easton-Newberry Sports Complex. Registration is now open in 4honline and is \$25 per archer. Registration deadline is March 10th. For rules, click on the link:

http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/Shooting%20Sports/State_Archery_Match_Rules.pdf

Click here for match information:

http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/Shooting%20Sports/State_Archery_Match_Timeline.pdf

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

4-H Ranch Horse Clinics – Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the UF Horse Teaching Unit in Gainesville. There are two separate clinics, though participants may register for both. Clinic fee is \$ 15 per session. Unlimited Auditors are welcome at no charge. Both clinics will take place on Saturday, February 25. There will be an hour between clinics for lunch on your own if you plan to attend both. 4-H'ers may ride their own horse or just audit. However, the number of riders is limited so be sure to pre-register if you want to bring a horse. For details, see flyer:

<..\Events\Workshops & Clinics\2017\RanchClinic.pdf>

Florida Youth Institute (FYI) – Summer Program seeking applicants for 2017. The Florida Youth Institute is a one-week residential summer program offered July 9-14, 2017 and July 16-21, 2017 for up to 25 selected students per session. Applicants must be entering their junior or senior year of high school. FYI will expose students to issues in agriculture, life science, and natural resources to stimulate interest in and an appreciation for the range of college majors and career opportunities available in these areas. Applications are due before March 17, 2017. For details click on the link:

<http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d637441e32af6dd4f0f6615f&id=fa35218203&e=2bf25a5fe0>

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Clay County Fair Shows – Now is the time to go check out all the Clay County Fair shows and contests to see what you want to enter. Don't forget to be gathering your items to submit in the [4-H Booth](#). For details and online registration, click the following link:

<http://www.claycountyfair.org/p/getinvolved/handbook>

Clay County Fair Community Service Opportunities – There are a few opportunities for volunteers to help set up for some of the Fair exhibits. The Horticulture Exhibit needs help on Saturday, March 25th beginning at around 8am and Tuesday, March 28th at 10am. The Photography, 4-H and Creative Home Arts exhibits also need help on Saturday, March 25th at 8am as well. If you want to sign up to volunteer, please contact Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu.

Clay County Fair Horse Exhibit – Rose Knowles is looking for volunteers for the Fair Horse Exhibit. Please review the most recent schedule and if you have signed up, verify the correct dates and times.

[..\..\Events\CC Fair\2017 Fair\CC Fair Horse Exhibit Volunteer Schedule 2017.pdf](#)

The Clay County Fair Open Youth Horse Show is scheduled for 03/25/17, mark your calendars! The Speed Division will be the following weekend on 04/01/17. The deadline to enter is March 10, 2017.

Volunteer Resources

Get WILD, Woodsy and WET –At a combination Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, and Project Aquatic WILD training on Saturday, February 25th. Open to all educators (formal and non-formal) for grades K – 8. For details see the FWC website: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLFFWCC/bulletins/1845da6>

Livestock Judging Resource - A subscription for the Livestock Judging online resource has been purchased for use by any 4-H county. The Livestock Judging website is an online resource that has over 100 livestock classes including cattle, sheep, swine, goats, keep/cull and more. To access the online livestock judging classes go to www.livestockjudging.com. The username is Florida4-H and the password is FLClover1.

Leader/volunteer – Please mark your calendars so that you can join us for the following Volunteer Bootcamp Trainings. These webinars will take place via the computer so that you can remain in the comfort of your home or office and not have to travel to the 4-H office. More information and the links will come out within a week of the webinars.

May 18, 2017 Evaluation, recognition and awards 12pm – 1pm

Our first webinar in this series has been recorded and you can log on and view it at your convenience. This webinar focus was on Community Service Learning and Recreation. To view the recording, please follow the link to our webpage to access it. http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/Clay_County_4H_Newsletter.shtml



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4-H Jackets and Vests – Interested in purchasing a 4-H jacket or vest for shows? Follow the link to Universal Lettering Co. for details: <http://www.showjacket.com/>



Important Dates / Deadlines

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| Feb. | 24 | Registration deadline for 4-H Consumer Choices Contest |
| | 25 | State Traditional Archery Match |
| | 27 | Registration deadline for 4-H County Events |
| March | 1 | 4-H/FFA Horticulture Judging & Plant Id Contest Practice Session |
| | 2 | 4-H Consumer Choices Contest
4-H Leader's Meeting |
| | 11 | 4-H County Events |
| | 18 | Great American Clean Up |
| | 23 | 4-H Day at the Capitol |
| | 25 | State 4-H Archery Match |
| | March 30 – April 8 Clay County Fair | |

Save the Date –

- 4-H/Garber Ford Family Fun Day – May 6th
- 4-H Camp Cherry Lake – July 17-21, 2017
- 4-H Awards Banquet – August 10, 2017