

# CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



## 4-H Notes at Noon – January 20, 2017

### Accomplishments

**Tanglewood Explorers** – Members of Tanglewood Explorers experimenting with the 4-H Motion Commotion Science Kit at their January club meeting.



**Barnyard Bandits** – Members of the Barnyard Bandits took a field trip in January to Thrift Hog Farms for a special Swine Showmanship Clinic hosted by Olin Thrift.



**AgVenturers** – Members of the AgVenturers 4-H club learned about making healthy choices at their January club meeting including fruits and vegetables, exercising and dental care! Club members enjoyed a delicious snack of fruit kabobs, various vegetables, and lean turkey roll-ups. Several members ate fruits or vegetables they had never tried before and everyone loved eating the fruit off the kabobs!



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## Leader Action Items

**Leader Meeting** – In person meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm at the Clay County Extension Office. At this meeting we will cover the upcoming fair, project books, community service and end of the year awards. Please RSVP to Katrina at [piercek@ufl.edu](mailto:piercek@ufl.edu) or 904-284-6355.

**Events and Activities** – Please let us know what 4-H events and activities that your members or clubs participate in or attend so we can recognize them.

**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.

### **\*\*Reminders for the beginning of the year\*\***

#### **Eligibility for Clay County Fair shows, Area B horse Show and other competitions:**

(example: Market Swine and Market Steer show/sale)

To participate in these competitions Clay County 4-H youth must be members in “good standing”. To be a members in “good standing”, youth need to meet the following three requirements:

1. Attend 70% of their club meetings (example: swine show exhibitors – your attendance record needs to be a minimum of 70% during the time frame of Sept. 2015 to Aug. 2016)
2. Present a speech, demonstration or talk at the club level
3. Submit a project and/or record book (If exhibiting in the Market Swine, Steer or Horse, you must submit your related project record book.)

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Forms/Club%20Forms/2016-17%20CC%204-H%20Policies%20and%20Procedures.pdf>

#### **Eligibility for Horse Shows:**

Paper work due by December 31<sup>st</sup> –

[Horse Project Record Book Requirement Form](#)

[Annual Horse Program Application](#) *due 12/31*

[Horse and Pony Lease Form](#) *due 12/31*

[Clay County Horse Program Dress Code](#) *due 12/31*

[Horse Program Code of Conduct and Commitment](#) *due 12/31*

[Equine Activity Sponsor Release Form](#) *due 12/31*

[Area B 4-H District Horse Show Qualification Form](#) *due 3/31*

[Horse Show Rules 2016](#)

## Announcements

**Area & State 4-H Horse Show Rulebook** – The 2017 version of the Area & State 4-H Horse Show Rulebook is now available online at: <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showRules.shtml>

**Chess Spin Club** – Are you interested in Chess? We are trying to find out if we have youth interested in an eight week chess club. No chess experience necessary. See the flyer for details:

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/Chess%20Flyer.pdf>

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**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](mailto:piercek@ufl.edu). Once the t-shirts are in you will be notified.

## Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

**National 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest** – The deadline for submission is February 3, 2017. Each state will select 1 winning essay to submit to the National Contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. This year’s topic is “How Can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?” For details click on the link: <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honeybee/extension/4H.shtml>

**State Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest** - The Florida State Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the State Fairgrounds on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is through 4HOnline and the deadline is January 23rd. Only one team per county. For full details and rules, click on the link: <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/livestock/livestockJudgingStateFair.shtml>

**State Fair 4-H Horse Judging Contest** – The Florida State Fair 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds. Registration is through 4HOnline and is due by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Each county can only register one any-age team and one Senior team. For full rules and details, click the following link: <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/stateFair.shtml>

**4-H and National Flight Academy Aviation Camp** - 4-H has joined forces with the National Flight academy to bring a unique and exciting aviation camp to our 4-Hers in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This 4-H 3 Day Cruise will cost \$375 per student which includes rooming, food, and a lot of fun! The National Flight Academy is located on the NAS base at 1 Fetterman Way, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508. Our 3 day cruise will be held on President’s Day Weekend, February 17<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Click here for registration instructions: [4H Santa Rosa Registration Letter for NFA](#). You must be registered before January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017!

**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>

## Volunteer Resources

**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

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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](http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/Clay_County_4H_Newsletter.shtml)

**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

<b>Jan.</b>	<b>20-21</b>	Winter Wonderland of Horses
	<b>28</b>	State 3-D Archery Match
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>11</b>	FSF Livestock Judging Contest
		FSF Horse Judging Contest
	<b>20</b>	Office Closed for President's Day
	<b>25</b>	State Traditional Archery Match
<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	4-H Consumer Choices Contest
		4-H Leader's Meeting

**Save the Date** –County Events – March 11<sup>th</sup>  
St. Johns River Clean-up – March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Clay County Fair – March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>