

CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – January 29, 2017

Accomplishments

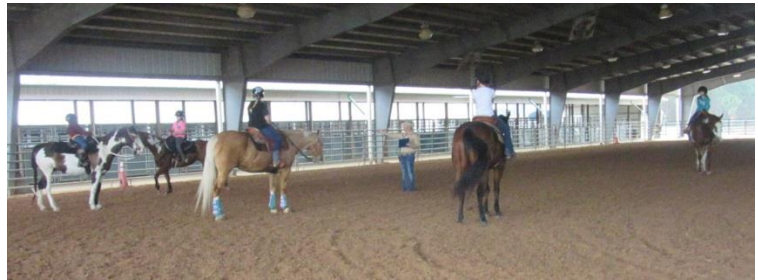
Donations – Please help us say “Thank You” to two of our 4-H Foundation members for their generous donations to the Clay County 4-H program. Mr. Hendry and Mr. Lancaster are both supporters and advocates for Clay County 4-H youth and they each donated money at the last 4-H Foundation meeting. These funds will be used to purchase 4-H blazers and corduroy 4-H jackets and vests and for prizes for the 4-H annual fundraiser. (4-H blazers, jackets and vests will be available for youth to checkout as needed for shows or competitions. More details to come.) We thank you for your continued support and dedication to our program and youth.



4-H Winter Wonderland of Horses – Thank you to everyone that came out this past weekend for the 4-H Winter Wonderland of Horses, it was a big success. Friday night we had Dr. Bess Darrow give a presentation on Equine Dentistry and give a tour of her mobile clinic. We then had the “Horseless Olympics” which is always a blast. On Saturday we had clinic rotations where riders could learn about the various disciplines and practice their skills. The disciplines covered were: Trail & Ranch Trail, Showmanship, Dressage, Hunter, Speed and Reining. We want to especially thank the volunteers and the clinicians that allow us to put these events on.



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Leader Action Items

Leader 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 at 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.

Announcements

Clay County 4-H Association – We would like to introduce you to the 2016-2017 Clay County 4-H Association members. The 4-H Association is our 4-H advisory council made up of local community members. We are pleased to have Jimmy Trexler, our Chair, Becky Trexler, Vice Chair, Rebecca Rathjen, Secretary, Sheriff Darryl Daniels, Marlene Whitman, Leigh Corley, Donna Leopold and Hannah Rathjen.



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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 teams or individuals. For rules and registration, follow the link:

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

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.

Clay County Ag Fair Scholarship – The Clay County Fair is now accepting applications from High School graduating seniors in 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or Police Explorers for their 2017 scholarship. Click on the link for details and application. Deadline to submit an application is February 24, 2017. <http://www.claycountyfair.org/p/getinvolved/298>

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

4-H Day at the Florida State Fair – Get free admission to the Florida State Fair on Saturday, February 11th with your 4-H membership card. <http://www.floridastatefair.com/>

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 7th to 12th 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 17th – February 20th 2017. Click here for registration instructions: [4H Santa Rosa Registration Letter for NFA](#). You must be registered before January 28th, 2017!

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>

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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>

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>

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

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

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

Jan.	28	State 3-D Archery Match
Feb.	9-20	Florida State Fair
	11	FSF Livestock Judging Contest FSF Horse Judging Contest
	20	Office Closed for President's Day
	24	Registration deadline for 4-H Consumer Choices Contest
	25	State Traditional Archery Match
	27	Registration deadline for 4-H County Events
March	2	4-H Consumer Choices Contest 4-H Leader's Meeting

Save the Date – County Events – March 11th
St. Johns River Clean-up – March 18th
Clay County Fair – March 30th - April 8th
4-H Camp Cherry Lake – July 17-21, 2017