

CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – September 28, 2016

Accomplishments

Clay County Farm Bureau Meeting – Thank you to the Clay County Farm Bureau for their annual donation to our Clay County 4-H Foundation and to all the 4-H members that accepted the donation at the annual Farm Bureau meeting.



Clay County Fair Association – Thank you to the Clay County Fair Association for their annual 4-H club contributions.

Leader Action Items

Annual Donations – All club leader's, please have your clubs send thank you cards or letters to Clay County Farm Bureau and to Clay County Fair Association for their annual 4-H program donations. Once you have sent your thank you cards, please let Katrina know. If you have any questions, just let me know.

Clay County Farm Bureau, 3960 Lazy Acre Rd., Middleburg, FL 32068

Clay County Fair Association, P.O. Box 1066, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Clay County 4-H T-shirt Design Contest – This year we are holding a 4-H T-shirt design contest for our county 4-H t-shirts. The contest is open until October 1st. Submit your design to your club. Clubs will vote on their favorite and submit it to the 4-H office by October 1st for judging. http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4H_Events_Resources.shtml

Club Paperwork is due to Katrina by October 1st – Please get me your Charter Application & Affirmative Action Form, your Club Organizational Form and Publication Request Form by Monday at the latest.

Youth Protection Training – All 4-H Volunteers must complete the 4-H Youth Protection Training each year to be able to work with youth. If you are a 4-H leader or volunteer and have not completed this training since July 2016, please log on and do so. At the end of the presentation is a short quiz that needs to be completed. Once you complete the quiz with a passing grade and receive your confirmation, please forward it to Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu

<https://oycs.ufsa.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/YCS800-updated.swf>

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Announcements

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Campaign – This year’s Fall Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply will be from October 5-16, 2016. Please help us promote Clay County 4-H at our local Orange Park store. If your club wants to set up a table at the store during this time, please let Katrina know ASAP so we can make arrangements. We need your help to show a presence and help raise money for Clay County 4-H. Remember to add a \$1 to your purchase at checkout.

<http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/Paper%20Clover%20FULL%20Page%20TSC.pdf>

Brew Up a Healthy Plate 4-H Camp – Friday, October 7th 8:30am to 12:30pm. Come learn tricks for being healthy with MyPlate and cook some spooktacular treats at this nutrition and cooking camp! Cost is only \$10, register through Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/ClayEvents>

Sewing Resources – Do you have youth interested in beginning sewing projects or that need help with sewing, nutrition, or cooking projects? Leaders would you like someone to come to a club meeting and teach a lesson on one of these subjects? Our new Family and Consumer Science Agent, Annie Sheldon, is available to help. You can contact Annie at the Extension Office at (904)284-6355 or aasheldon@ufl.edu

4-H Baking Class – Thursday, November 3rd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Annie will be hosting a 4-H Baking Class at the Clay County Extension Office to get youth prepared for the Holiday Bake-off in December. More details to follow.

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2016 and this year’s theme is “#4HGrown.” This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 4-H and highlight some of the amazing programs that Florida 4-H’ers participate in. The Florida 4-H Executive Board would like to celebrate the 4-H Program throughout the month of October by promoting service projects across the state. Executive Board Members will be turning October into a Month of Service, and your 4-H Members are invited to participate as well. The State Council Officers want to hear about service projects that 4-H Members in your clubs, counties, and districts are completing OR planning. During the month of October, if your 4-H Members participate in a service project or spend time planning service projects for later this year, please have them go to http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_service/ and complete the form on the page. We want to hear about any and all projects that your youth are working on to make their communities, country, and world a better place!

State 4-H Archery Field Match – October 22nd at the Easton-Newberry Sports Complex. For rules please click on: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_shootingsports/. Please note that all registration must go through your county 4-H office for agent approval.

Orange County 4-H Livestock Expo – The Orange County 4-H Livestock Expo will be held on November 5-6, 2016 at the former T.G. Lee Dairy property off of Conway Rd. in Orlando, next door to the Orange County Extension Office. This event is open to all 4-H and FFA members to bring their animals and join in a weekend of showing and fun. For registration and show rules, click the link below:

<http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/livestockexpo.html>

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4-H State Marine Ecology Event (MEE) - The MEE will take place at the Osceola County Extension office on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Registration for this contest is now open through 4-H online. Registration deadline is Friday, October 21, 2016. Agents will need to approve these teams through 4-H online by Wednesday October 26th. If your county needs lodging, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Flamingo Water Park Resort. The block rate is \$53 per night for a double. See the MEE Guidelines for more info on the event and lodging at:

http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_marine/.

4-H Marine and Aquatic Photography Contest - The 4-H Marine and Aquatic Photography Contest will be held in conjunction with the MEE and is open to all 4-Hers. All photos need to be in the State 4-H Headquarters by 5pm on October 21. All photos entered must first go through the county extension office for approval before being submitted to the state. Please follow your county deadline for photo entries (October 14, 2016). For more information on the photo contest, go to: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_marinephoto/.

State 4-H Exchange Program - Get the latest information on the programs for 2017, go to <http://states4hexchange.org> and learn more about the outbound opportunities for 4-H youth, or be a chaperone (adult) for a national group.

A Professional Development Tour has been scheduled for April 3-14, 2017 in South Korea. Deadline is NOVEMBER 1, 2016 and Cost is \$2,000 PLUS your airfare (you secure)

2017 4-H Youth Artwork Calendar - Does your child enjoy drawing, painting, taking photos or creating sculpture? Submit a photo of your child's artwork and it could be selected to be featured in an upcoming 4-H calendar. All forms of media are eligible, but we can only accept photos of the artwork not the artwork itself. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 19 and under.

<http://4-h.org/4-h-calendar/>

Volunteer Resources

MAD Mondays – Make a Difference Monday is an online volunteer training series designed to strengthen 4-H clubs and engage volunteers in a statewide learning environment. This year's theme is centered on the Essential Element of Independence.

October 17 - Nurturing Independence through the Club Program

November 21 - Encouraging Independence through Project Work

<http://florida4h.org/madmonday/>

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Important Dates / Deadlines

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| Oct. 1 | Club Paperwork due to 4-H Office
T-Shirt Design Club entries due to 4-H Office |
| 2-8 | National 4-H Week |
| 3 | 4-H Teen Leadership Council Mtg. – 6:00pm |
| 5-16 | Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign |
| 7 | Brew Up a Healthy Plate 4-H Camp |

- Save the Date** – 4-H Baking Class – Nov. 3rd
Swine Showmanship Clinic – Nov. 13th
2016 LAW – Dec. 2-4
4-H Holiday Bake-off – Dec. 9th
County Events – March 11th
St. Johns River Clean-up – March 18th