

Bradford County 4-H E-News



August-September 2023

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4-H

Welcomes You Back!



We hope you all had a WONDERFUL summer break and are ready to cruise into the 2023-2024 4-H year! Please take a close look at all of the upcoming dates and announcements for upcoming events. We are excited to have you back!



Discover 4-H Summer Day Camp



The Bradford County 4-H Program, a component of the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office, recently offered a day camp for young people interested in exploring some of the many project opportunities available in 4-H. Among the areas the youth explored were plant science, arts & crafts, animal sciences, foods & nutrition, and entomology. On the first day of the two-day camp, campers got creative with leaf painting. Through this hands-on project, youth learned how leaves are the primary food-making part of the plant and that they come in a variety of sizes and shapes. 4-Hers also enjoyed doing several arts & crafts projects. They made goat's milk soap, customizing the soap bars with the color and scent of their choice. Campers finished the day by making a pillow. They chose the fabric and sewed it together using a sewing machine and finishing by hand.



Discover 4-H Summer Day Camp



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The second day of camp included a field trip to the swine and sheep units at the University of Florida. Staff at the UF Animal Sciences Department gave the campers a tour of the facilities and taught them about the swine and sheep industries in Florida. After lunch and some fun time at a park, youth returned to the Bradford County Extension Office where they finished the day learning about insects and decorating their own cakes.

The day camp was led by Bradford County Extension faculty and staff members Dr. Cindy Sanders (Interim Director), Lizzie Whitehead (Livestock and Natural Resources Agent), and Luke Harlow (Horticulture and Small Farms Agent). Essential to the success of the camp were volunteers Liz Burris, Becky Burkett, and Amy Morie who taught and provided other assistance during the camp.

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4-H Adult Volunteers



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Hello volunteers and welcome back to the 2023-2024
Bradford County 4-H Year! We are excited about new
programs and opportunities in Bradford County 4-H. As a
volunteer you are able to sign up in 4-H online now. Youth
may enroll beginning September 1.

YOU MUST RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR.

Go to [4-H Online](#).

Log in with your email and password (reset if you forgot). It
is important that all volunteers and club leaders enroll now.
Each club needs to have 2 fully screened level 2 volunteers.

Bradford County 4-H covers the fees for background
screenings.

Bradford County 4-H is looking for volunteers to lead 4-H
clubs, teach project activities, and be positive role models
for youth.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more
about the Bradford County 4-H Program, call the UF/IFAS
Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.



4-H Youth Enrollment



All 4-H Youth may enroll after September 1st at [4-H online](#)

For this upcoming 4-H year, membership fees remain \$20.

This fee applies to youth ages 8-18, so Cloverbuds and adults are exempt from this fee.

From this fee, \$10 goes to the state 4-H office to support the many excellent state programs offered and to cover the insurance for each member. The remainder of the \$10 comes back to our county program.





MANDATORY TRAINING!



We will be conducting a Mandatory Club Leader/Volunteer training on **September 11, 2023 starting at 6:30pm** at the Bradford County Extension Office. Snacks will be provided.

This training covers the required annual topics for leaders including risk management and finances.

All volunteers are required to be trained on these topics, so please plan to attend!



YOU'RE INVITED!
2023
BRADFORD COUNTY
4-H AWARDS BANQUET

Thursday, September 7th
6:30 pm

Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center
Starke, Florida

Attire: 4-H Best or Professional Dress

Cost: \$5 (plus Eventbrite fee) per person
\$15 at the door

FREE for 4-H Members and Club Leaders

Registration and payment due by Monday, 9/4



Bradford County 4-H Auction



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The Bradford County 4-H Association sponsors the auction to raise funds that help our members throughout the year as they participate in 4-H activities and events. Money raised from the auction also provides our 4-H leaders with the opportunity to attend district, state and regional training as well as allowing teens to attend district and state leadership retreats where they develop leadership and citizenship skills.

This year proceeds will go toward the Bradford County 4-H Livestock Judging team's trip to Nationals and the Bradford County 4-H Association.



If you are interested in buying a sponsor table for \$250 OR tickets to the event, please call the office at (904) 966-6224.

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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD
THE BRADFORD COUNTY 4-H
LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM'S
TRIP TO NATIONALS AND THE
BRADFORD COUNTY 4-H
ASSOCIATION

Advance Tickets

Adult (18+) \$15

Youth (5-17) \$10

Small Kid (under 4) free



Day of Tickets

Adult (18+) \$20

Youth (5-17) \$10

Small Kid (under 4) free

Reserved Sponsor Tables: \$250

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office (904) 966-6224



THURSDAY

6:30 PM

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SEPTEMBER

Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center

1610 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091

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2023-2024 4-H CALENDAR



September

1st- 4-H Online Enrollment For Youth Begins

7th- 4-H Banquet @ 6:30 PM

11th- MANDATORY Volunteer Leader Meeting
@ 6:30

21st- 4-H Auction @ 6:30 PM

** SOME DATES ARE TENTATIVE & SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

New Staff Alert: Tamara Dinkins



Tamara has been working at the Bradford Extension office since April 2023 as the Office Manager and Executive Secretary. She has been a club leader in the county for the past 13 years and a 4-H volunteer for over 25 years.

Tamara previously worked at Starke Christian School as an administrator, principal and teacher. She has also been a case and volunteer coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem program and was a 4-H agent in Duval County.

She lives in Lawtey with her husband, David. They have a daughter, two sons, two daughters in law, and four grandsons.

We are excited to have her on our team!

New Staff Alert: Sterling Westbrook



Sterling started at the Bradford County Extension office on August 1, 2023 as the agriculture program assistant. She graduated in May with a bachelors of science in agriculture education and communication; with a minor in extension education. She is a Flagler county native that now lives in Baker county with her fiancé Colbey.

She was involved with Flagler 4-H from ages 5-18 and Bunnell Sr. FFA from ages 13-18 showing swine and cattle. After graduating she became part of the FFA Alumni and the Flagler Fair Board Advisory Committee for 5 years. Her passion is agriculture, livestock and teaching youth about the industry.

We are excited to have her on our team!

State 4-H Happenings



[Pre-sale vouchers for a NEW 4-H Specialty Plate](#) now available at your local [tag office location](#)!

The 4-H plate voucher can be purchased at any time. To purchase you just need your Driver License number. You can also purchase a voucher as a gift for someone as long as you have the recipients Driver License number .

3,000 vouchers must be sold in order to be produced!

100% of the \$25 annual plate fee will support the Florida 4-H Foundation for the following statewide programs: Camping, Legislature, University and competitive event participation. The total voucher cost is \$33 after additional fees'.

For information and questions about the license plate please contact Sterling Westbrook at Swestbrook1@ufl.edu.



More information about future Florida 4-H and County 4-H events will be coming out within the next couple months. Please watch for emails and updates on our Facebook page.

If you have any questions, reach out to our office.

Contact information is located below.



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