

Bradford County 4-H E-News



October 2023

Welcome to our monthly E-Newsletter. Sign up to stay informed with the latest information!

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September Recap: Banquet



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The Bradford County 4-H Banquet was held September 7, 2023 here in Starke.

It was a great year for Bradford County 4-H as we seen during the awards presentation. We have amazing youth who have excelled beyond measure, dedicated volunteers who lead and guide our youth, and generous supporters who do what is needed to help our youth be successful. Also, we are excited that a new 4-H Agent will be joining us hopefully by the end of October to take this program and “make the best better” for our youth in Bradford County.

We had a great turn out this year and cannot thank everyone who helped or sponsored items to make this ceremony possible.

September Recap: Auction



Bradford Count 4-H Auction was held September 21,
2023 in Starke.

We raised funds to send 5 Bradford County 4-H'ers to
the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in
Louisville, KY at the North American International
Livestock Exposition. Back in April they won the State
4-H Livestock Judging Contest and were first place
team in reasons, cattle, swine, and the sheep & goats
divisions. One of the team members, Ms. Bailey Jones
was High Point Individual over the entire contest.

We also raised money to go towards the Bradford
County 4-H Association to help sponsor kids to
participate in 4-H Legislature, regional, state, and area
horse shows, Insectathon, Poultry judging, Day
camps, 4-H Camps, college scholarships, club
programming, Bradford County Beef Bash, and much
more!

There are so many opportunities that youth can get
involved with in 4-H and I am excited to see what our
new 4-H Agent will pilot for our youth this upcoming
year!

Photo Gallery



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.





2023/2024 Bradford County 4-H Clubs

- **Green Acres 4-H Club - Project(s): Cattle/Swine - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: Last Monday @ 6:30 pm - Extension Office
- **Homeschool 4-H Club - Project(s): Life Skills - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: Last Thursday @ 10:30 am - Morgan Rd.(Starke)
- **Show Stoppers 4-H Club - Project(s): Swine - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: TBD
- **Crawford's Swine 4-H Club - Project(s): Swine - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: TBD
- **Bradford Horse Club- Project(s): Horse (beginner and up) - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: TBD
- **Horsin' Around 4-H Club - Project(s): Horse (advanced riders) - Meeting**
Day/Time/Location: TBD
- **Blue Ribbon Swine- Project(s): Swine - Meeting** Day/Time/Location:
3rd Monday @ 6:00 pm - Extension Office
- **OTHER 4-H CLUBS TO BE ADDED AS AVAILABLE. WANT TO START A CLUB? OUR OFFICE PROVIDES ALL THE SUPPORT AND MATERIALS TO GET YOU STARTED AND TO BE A SUCCESS! CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Register at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Call 904-966-6224 for more information

National 4-H Week



This week we celebrate National 4-H Week. Join the conversation about why you love 4-H with us on social media!

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCT 1-7, 2023

- 10.01.23..... WELCOME
- 10.02.23..... I ♥ 4-H
- 10.03.23..... FIND YOUR SPARK
- 10.04.23..... #FL4HSPRITDAY
- 10.05.23..... FLORIDA 4-H #TBT
- 10.06.23..... FRIENDSHIP | UF HOMECOMING
- 10.07.23..... TSC PAPER CLOVER





Luke Harlow

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I love 4-H because...it allows youth to build confidence in their own abilities and add new skillsets they never knew they had. Even something as simple as hitting metal on an anvil is an amazing thing to be part of!

Tamara Dinkins



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I love 4-H because... I've seen firsthand what the club program can do for youth. I've witnessed my own daughter and many other kids grow confidence, develop skills, and make friendships that will last a lifetime!



Sterling Westbrook

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I love 4-H because... No matter who, what, where, or when needs a lending hand, 4H is always there to give back. The green and white are a lending tree of gratitude and genuine hearts.

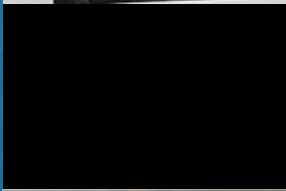
Lizzie Whitehead



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I love 4-H because... it gives youth an opportunity to be a part of something that challenges them to be leaders and serve their community!



Bradford County

2023-2024 4-H CALENDAR



October

1st-7th : National 4-H Week

November

1st-7th : National 4-H Week

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

**11th- MANDATORY Volunteer Leader
Meeting
@ 6:30**

13th-17th Farm City Week

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

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2023-2024 FAIR CALENDAR



Swine Calendar:

October 9- Sign Ups

November 13-

December 2- Tag In

Cattle & General Calendar:

October 5- Sign Up Meeting (6pm)

@Bradford County Fair Grounds

November 2- Meeting 6pm (TBD)

January 11, 2024- Meeting 6pm (TBD)

February 2024- TBD Meeting (TBD)

March 4, 2024- All Animals Arrive (8-10 am)

Final Steer Weigh-In

March 6, 2024-Steer Show (6pm)

Showmanship will follow show

March 7, 2024-Heifer Show (6am)

Showmanship will follow

March 8, 2024-Buyers Dinner & Sale (3-5 pm)

March 9, 2024- Awards Luncheon & Ceremony (12pm)



**SAVE
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DATE**

**2024
BRADFORD
BEEF BASH**

JANUARY 26-27, 2024

**REGISTERED BRAHMAN HEIFERS
AMERICAN INFLUENCED HEIFERS
COMMERCIAL HEIFERS
BULLS & STEERS**

**LOCATION:
UNION COUNTY EXTENSION &
EDUCATION CENTER
15120 SW 84TH ST.
LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054**

***New Agent Alert:
4-H Agent Update***



NEWS

ALERT

Bradford County 4-H is pleased to announce that our 4-H agent will start November 17th. Please check back in next month to see their feature debut!

State 4-H Events



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Forest Ecology Clinic
October 14, 2023

Registration is open and must be completed in 4-H Online by 10/6/2023. (Gainesville)
Cost is \$5.00/Person

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
October 3-15, 2023

Supports 4-H member attendance to camp and leadership programs. Opportunity to promote 4-H in store.

UF Swine Day for 4-H and FFA Swine Exhibitors
Saturday October 21, 2023

Registration is on Eventbrite and must be completed by October 18th there is a late fee after the 18th,
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uf-swine-field-day-2023-tickets-686665514037>

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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