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THE CHARLOTTE CHATTER: FOCUS ON THE 4-H FAMILY



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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

FLORIDA STATE FAIR ETHICS COURSE



The Exhibitor Ethics Course at the Florida State Fair is essential for responsible agricultural participation. It imparts crucial lessons on ethics, sportsmanship, and animal care. With certification valid for three show seasons, it ensures a level playing field, upholding integrity and respect in the agricultural community while promoting responsible animal husbandry. If you need an ethics certificate, check out list of dates at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4h22ab7a>

In this season of gratitude, we take a moment to reflect on the immeasurable value of our 4-H families. Thank you for your unwavering support, shared experiences, and dedication to fostering growth and learning as they are the cornerstones of our community. Together, we celebrate the triumphs, navigate challenges, and create lasting memories. The bonds forged within 4-H families serve as a testament to the strength of our shared purpose. We are truly thankful for the incredible network of families that make 4-H a place of growth, empowerment, and lifelong connections.

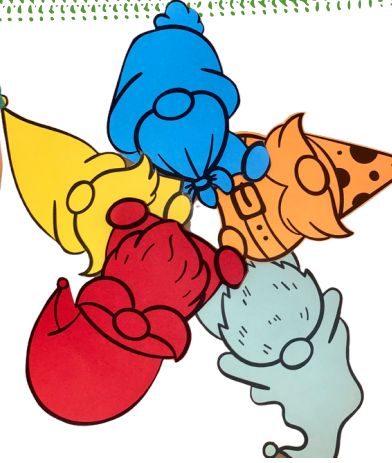


A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 4-H SCAVENGER HUNT PARTICIPANTS!

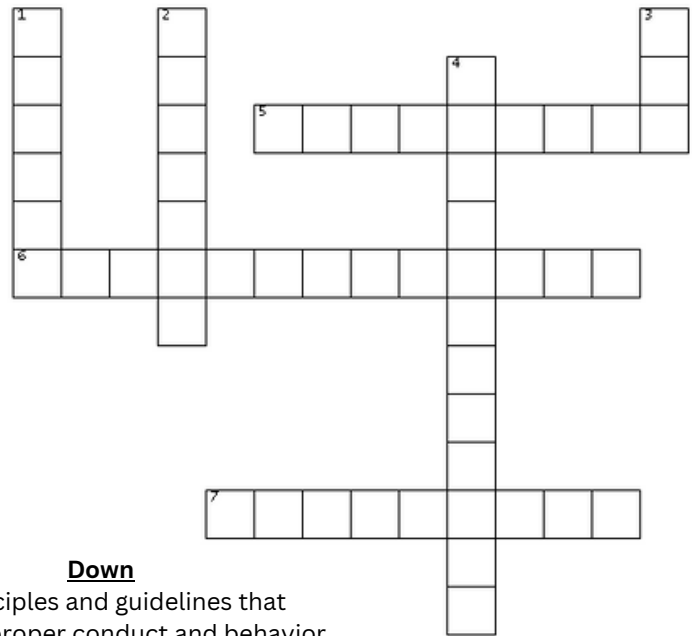


FAIR INFORMATION

thecharlottecountyfair.com

DEADLINE ALERT:

Don't forget, the deadline to submit paperwork for Small Animals and Beef Breeding to the Charlotte County Fair is due by **November 2nd**. Ensure that your projects are set for success by meeting this important date!



Down

1. the principles and guidelines that govern proper conduct and behavior during livestock shows to ensure fairness, sportsmanship, and animal welfare.
2. the ethical and responsible care and treatment of animals, ensuring their well-being and protection from unnecessary harm or distress.
3. an animal kept for companionship
4. an animal that is tame and kept as a pet or on a farm

Across

5. products harvested or manufactured from livestock other than muscle.
6. the quality of displaying fair and generous behavior, respect for others, and maintaining a positive attitude.
7. an animal regarded as an asset, typically for food or fiber production; has a tangible purpose



PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is a time for families to come together, relax, and create cherished memories. For 4-H youth and their families, this often means planning a getaway. However, the responsibility of caring for your animals cannot be overlooked. Let's explore practical tips and strategies for ensuring the well-being of your cattle, swine, chickens, goats, lambs, and rabbits while you are away.

1) Early Planning is Key

The foundation of a successful vacation for 4-H families lies in early planning. Start identifying dates of your trip and marking them on a calendar. This will give you a clear timeframe to work with, allowing you to make the necessary arrangements for the care of your animals.

2) Trusted Caretakers

Identifying trustworthy individuals to care for your animals is crucial. Consider enlisting the help of fellow 4-H members, neighbors, or local agricultural professionals who have experience with the animals that you raise. Make sure to provide them with the detailed instructions on feeding schedules, health checks, and any special requirements your animals may have.

3) Provide Detailed Care Instructions

Create a comprehensive care guide for each type of animal they will be caring for. Include information on feeding schedules, portion sizes, dietary restrictions, and any supplements or medications they may require. Additionally, provide guidelines for checking the signs of illness or distress.

4) Supply Checklist

Before you leave, make sure that your caretakers have access to all necessary supplies. This includes feed, bedding, cleaning supplies, and any special equipment they may need. It is a good idea to have backup supply on hand in case of an emergency.

5) Health & Emergency Contact Information

Compile a list of important contacts, including your veterinarian's information, local animal health services, and any emergency numbers.

6) Regular Check-Ins

Establish a communication plan with your caretakers to stay updated on the well-being of your animals. Schedule regular check-ins via phone, video call, or text message to address concerns or provide guidance as needed.

7) Consider Weather Conditions

Depending on your location and time of year, weather conditions can vary widely. Ensure that your caretakers are aware of any specific precautions or adjustments that need to be made to accommodate extreme temperatures, storms, or other environmental factors.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

- Register on 4-Honline by October 1, 2023
v2.4honline.com
- Attend at least 70% of your primary club's meetings. *You must select your primary club when enrolling in 4Honline.
- Complete and submit at least 1 Charlotte County 4-H Record book to the 4-H Office by Friday, April 5, 2024.
- Complete the final record of Member in Good Standing requirements with your record book by Friday, April 5th.



EXCELLING IN THE RING: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN SHOWS PRIOR TO THE COUNTY FAIR

Engaging in shows prior to the county fair is a pivotal step in the growth and development of 4-H youth. These events offer invaluable opportunities for young exhibitors to fine-tune their showmanship skills, gain hands-on experience, and build confidence in handling their animals. Additionally, they provide a platform for participants to receive constructive feedback from seasoned judges, enhancing their overall performance come fair time.

These preliminary events are an opportunity for youth to showcase the fruits of their hard work and dedication in preparing their animals for competition. By actively engaging in prospect and jackpot shows, participants develop a deep understanding of the nuances of presenting their animals to the best advantage, which ultimately leads to improved performance and success in the show ring.

By actively participating in these preliminary shows, 4-H youth not only refine their abilities but also foster a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship within the agricultural community. Embrace the challenge, seize the learning, and embark on a rewarding journey towards success in the show ring!

Participating in shows is not just about winning; it is about personal growth, skill development, and embracing the challenges that come with competitive showmanship. It is a journey that instills values of hard work, discipline, and perseverance - qualities that extend far beyond the show ring and into all aspects of life.



EXPRESSING GRATITUDE THROUGH 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

As November approaches, we're reminded of the power of gratitude and giving back. For 4-H families, community service is a cherished tradition that strengthens bonds and leaves a lasting impact. Through projects like park clean-ups, food drives, volunteering at local centers, 4-H youth learn empathy, compassion, and the value of contributing positively to society. These experiences instill lifelong values of responsibility and leadership. By engaging in community service, we honor 4-H's legacy of service and pass down the spirit of giving to the next generation. Gather your family and complete a community service activity. Inspire one another to make a meaningful impact in our communities this Thanksgiving season.





EXPANDING HORIZONS: DIVERSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN 4-H

AS WE VENTURE INTO A NEW SEASON OF GROWTH AND LEARNING, WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE MYRIAD OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE WITHIN OUR 4-H COMMUNITY. WHILE CLUB LEADERSHIP IS UNDOUBTEDLY VITAL, THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT. THESE ROLES NOT ONLY DIVERSIFY OUR OFFERINGS BUT ALSO PROVIDE UNIQUE CHANCES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND SKILL-BUILDING.

1. PROJECT LEADERS

DIVE DEEP INTO YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE BY BECOMING A PROJECT LEADER. SHARE YOUR PASSION AND KNOWLEDGE WITH 4-H MEMBERS, GUIDING THEM THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT. WHETHER IT IS ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, STEM PROJECTS, OR ARTS AND CRAFTS, YOUR EXPERTISE IS INVALUABLE.

2. EVENT COORDINATORS

HELP ORGANIZE AND EXECUTE COUNTY-WIDE EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND COMPETITIONS. FROM LOGISTICS TO PROMOTION, YOUR EFFORTS ENSURE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES RUN SMOOTHLY AND ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MEMBERS.

3. MENTORS AND COACHES

OFFER YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUAL 4-H MEMBERS. WHETHER IT IS PREPARING FOR COMPETITIONS, GUIDING A PROJECT, OR OFFERING ADVICE ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUR MENTORSHIP CAN LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT.

4. JUDGES & EVALUATORS

CONTRIBUTE YOUR EXPERTISE BY SERVING AS A JUDGE OR EVALUATOR FOR VARIOUS 4-H EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS. YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK HELPS PARTICIPANTS GROW AND LEARN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES.

5. FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

HELP SECURE FUNDING FOR 4-H INITIATIVES BY ASSISTING WITH ORGANIZING FUNDRAISING EVENTS. YOUR EFFORTS ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

6. PUBLIC SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS BY LEADING WORKSHOPS OR GIVING PRESENTATIONS ON SUBJECTS THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. THIS ENRICHES THE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR 4-H MEMBERS.

7. PARENT LIAISONS/MENTORS

ACT AS A FRIENDLY POINT OF CONTACT FOR NEW FAMILIES, PROVIDING THEM WITH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, INCLUDING MEETING SCHEDULES, EVENTS, AND RESOURCES. YOU'LL BE THE GO-TO PERSON FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS, HELPING TO EASE THE TRANSITION INTO OUR 4-H COMMUNITY. YOU CAN ALSO OFFER YOUR EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHTS TO GUIDE NEW FAMILIES THROUGH THEIR INITIAL STAGES IN 4-H INCLUDING PROJECT SELECTION, MEETING ETIQUETTE, AND PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS.

REMEMBER, EVERY ROLE WITHIN 4-H IS ESSENTIAL AND VALUED. BY EXPLORING THESE DIVERSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, YOU NOT ONLY ENRICH THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR MEMBERS BUT ALSO EXPAND YOUR OWN HORIZONS. IF ANY OF THESE ROLES RESONATE WITH YOU, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE 4-H OFFICE. TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE 4-H A PLACE OF GROWTH, LEARNING, AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS FOR ALL.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Animal & Beef Breeding Paperwork Due - November 2, 2023

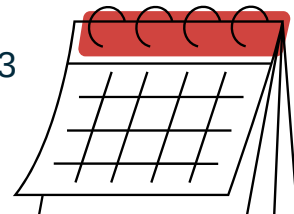
First Executive Board - November 17-19, 2023

AgFest Show (Poultry, Beef & Goats) - November 18, 2023

Ethics Seminar - November 30, 2023

Horse Judging School - December 9, 2023

Charlotte County 4-H Holiday Party - December 15, 2023



CLUB LISTINGS



4-H Page Turners - Book Club
ARBA Club - Show Rabbit Club
Art Club
Beaks n Bills - Poultry Club
Citrus Club
Cloverbud Club

Cooking Club
Cows n Plows - Livestock Club
Drive It stick It - Livestock Club
Fast & Furriest - Rabbit & Cavy
Four Paws & A Tail - Dog Club
Homeschool Club

Horse of Course - Horse Club
Outdoor Adventures
PG Ranchers - Livestock Club
Teen Leader

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