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Fun at the Fair

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Being a part of the fair is an exciting opportunity for all. Whether you submitted items for the 4-H exhibit booth or are exhibiting animals small or large, you have the opportunity to gain life skills through the completion of your project.

It is important to remember to follow the 4-H code of conduct and fair rules and guidelines.

Take a look at these important Fair FAQ's:

-Don't forget the proper clothing each day -
Daily: long pants / jeans, close toed shoes (NO CROCS)
Show Attire: long sleeve - white collared shirt, jeans (dark blue or black), close toed shoes

-Animal Posters - create posters for your animal's pen which include the following:
Name of Exhibitor
Age of Exhibitor
Club
Animal Breed
Market Animal (Age / Weight)

Camp Cloverleaf

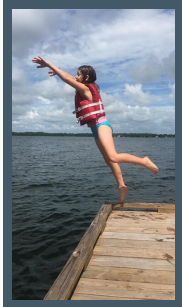
SIGN UP NOW

June 1 - 5, 2020

Campers:
Ages 8-13 (as of September 1st)
Cost: $250.00

Counselors:
Ages 14-18 (as of September 1st)

RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SPACES ARE LIMITED!



Career Spotlight: Meteorologist

National Weatherman's Day will be celebrated on February 5th, 2020. A meteorologist is an atmospheric scientist who studies weather conditions and forecasts weather changes. Meteoroligists are required to have a bachelor's degree in meteorology with sememster hours in analysis and prediction of weather systems. In addition, they should take courses in calculus, physics, physical science, statistics, computer science, chemistry and physical oceanography and climatology.
Meteoroligists receive a certification from the American Meteorological society and must possess communication skills. Their income ranges from $44,000 and up with the median income being $70,000. If you are interested in meteorology, consider taking High School classes in mathematics, geography, computer science, physics and chemistry.

Information derived from careers.stateuniversity.com

How Many Days Does A Year Have?

You are about to experience something that only happens every 4 years. Instead of 365 days, this year, a LEAP YEAR, has 366 days. So, instead of February having 28 days, it has 29 this year - the leap year.

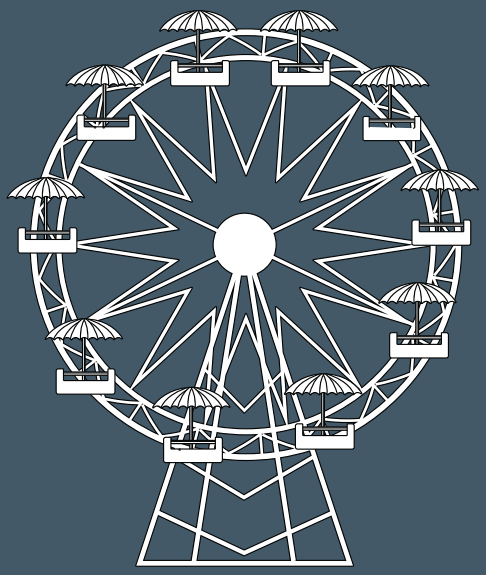
A year is usually defined as the amount of time it takes a planet to complete one orbit around the sun - 365 1/4 days Because we only have 365 days, every so often, we need to add an extra day.

What are you going to do on your leap day during the year of 2020? Remember the next leap year won't take place until 2024.

VISIT THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR

FEBRUARY 6 -17, 2020

ENTER THE GATES OF THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR AND EXPERIENCE MORE THAN JUST A FAIR. TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF FLORIDA'S FINEST COMPETITORS, LEARN ABOUT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, EXPLORE THE WORLD OF AGRICULTURE AND EXPERIENCE ANIMALS UP CLOSE!

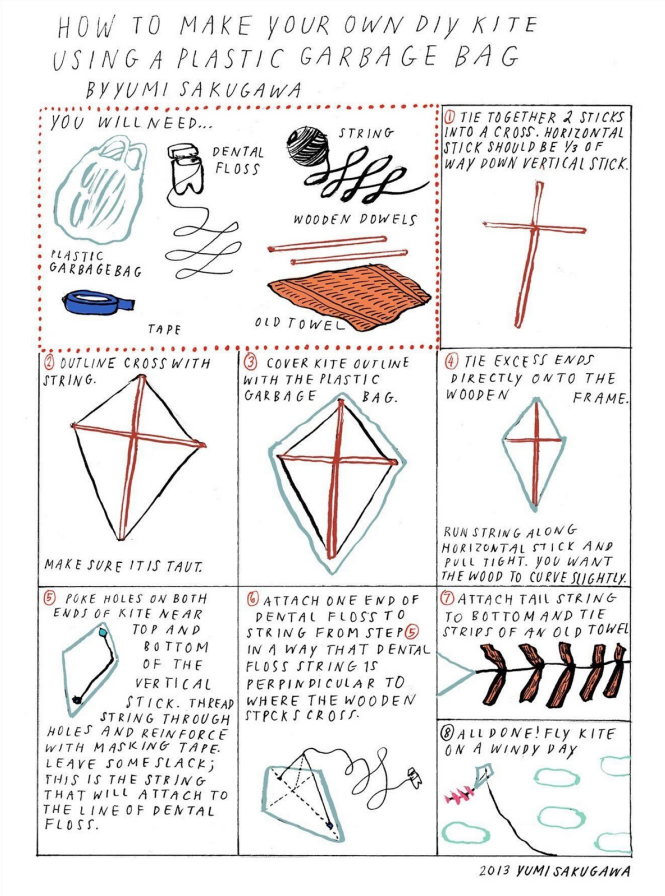


National Kite Flying Day

What's the perfect activity for a windy day? National Kite Flying Day celebrated on February 8, 2020, is a lot of fun for those who love the outdoors.

Kites range from simple diamond kites to box kites and giant character kites.

Whether you get outside and fly a pre-made kite or use the directions below to create your own kite to fly with family and friends. Make sure to follow safety guidelines when flying kites. These guidelines include not flying near power lines, trees or other high obstacles as well as not flying kites in the rain.



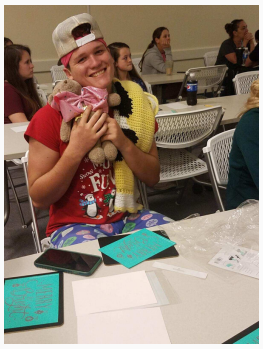
Did you know that kites date back to 470 B.C. in China? Early kites were constructed from bamboo or reeds for framing. Leaves, silk or paper made up the sails of the kite. Vines and braided fibers completed the line/tether.

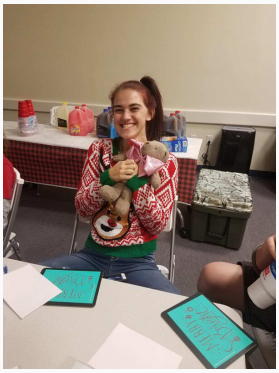
Kites are often used as tools as well as ceremonial items used to send messages to heaven.

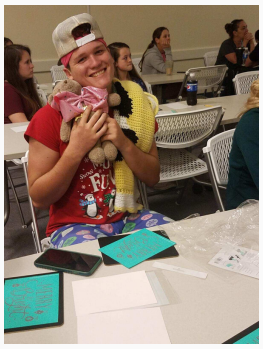
4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

4-H youth ages 8 and up are eligible for the 4-H Achievement Award. Those receiving the award will receive recognition as well as other benefits including an awards trip, partial camp scholarship etc. at the 2019-2020 Awards Banquet.

Requirements include:
-Enrollment in 4honline
-Community Service
-Project Area Activities
-Participation in County Events
-Completion of Record Books
Fundraisers
Leadership
and more.







HOW TO JOIN 4-H

A child's eligibility for participation in 4-H is determined by their age as of September 1, 2019. The minimum age for a 4-H'er is 5 years old as of September 1st.

If you are ready to participate in Charlotte County 4-H, complete a Florida 4-H Enrollment online at 4honline.com
Be sure to choose a club prior to enrolling online as you need to select the club(s) you plan to attend.

The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program requires an annual $20.00 membership fee for Community Club Members ages 8-18. You will need to follow the link to pay after enrolling to be considered an active 4-H member.

Current Community Club Listing

Cows n Plows Beef & Breed Club: This 4-H club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on beef cattle and how to prepare them for the fair.

Beaks & Bills Poultry Club: This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club focuses on poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks).

Cloverbud Club: This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5, 6 & 7 years old. This club will introduce youth to 4-H while they complete fun/educational activities.

4 Paws & a Tail Dog Club: This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club has monthly meetings for youth who would like to learn more about dogs and complete service projects. They also have weekly meetings for youth interested in teaching their dogs various skills & showing at local shows.

Horse Club: This 4-H club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club will determine the needs of the members before determining instructional topics. Members are not required to have their own horse to attend.

Are Ewe Kidding Goat & Lamb Club: This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on educating youth about goats and lambs and preparing them to show at local fairs and shows.

Top Choice Livestock Judging Club: This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on teaching youth how to judge cattle, sheep and swine and participates in multiple competitions throughout the year.

Fast & Furriest Rabbit & Cavy Club: This club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club focuses on educating youth about rabbits and cavy and preparing them to show at the county fair.

Cows n Plows Swine Club: This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on swine and how to prepare them for the fair.

Show Swine Club: This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on educating youth in swine care and showmanship. Youth in this club must commit to attending at least 2 Swine Prospect Shows this year.

Teen Leader Club: This club is open to youth ages 13-18. This club focuses on citizenship, leadership and community service. Youth must complete the application process to be considered for the group.

Wildlife Club: This club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club teaches youth about local wildlife.

February 2020 Calendar of Events

January 31 - February 9th: Charlotte County Fair

February 12 - Poultry Club
Dog Club

February 18 - Leader's Meeting

February 19 - Swine Show Club

February 20 - Cloverbud Club
Goat & Lamb Club
Teen Leader Club

February 25 - Beef Club Meeting

February 27 - Rabbit & Cavy Club

Looking Ahead

March 20 - County Events Forms Due

March 24 - County Events Workshop

March 31 - County Events (Centennial Park)

April 17 - 19 - South Area Horse Show

May 1 - Record Books Due

May 27 - 4-H Awards Banquet

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 4-H CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 7TH 2020

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