



St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development

St. Johns County 2023-2024 4-H Clubs

Interested in becoming a 4-H member? There are just a few things you need to do to get started:

- 1st - Complete the online enrollment at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
- 2nd - Pay the \$20 membership fee in 4-HOnline if youth is 8-18 years old by 9-1-2023.
- 3rd - Attend the club meetings, meet new friends and learn new things!
- 4th - Read the 4-H News & Notes for information on MORE 4-H FUN!

Thank you for your interest in the St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development Program. We have a wide variety of 4-H Clubs for youth to join. Below is a list of 4-H Clubs and 4-H Projects that are offered for the 2023-2024 4-H year. **It is recommended that you choose no more than two clubs.** When you enroll in 4-HOnline there is a \$20 registration fee that can be paid by debit or credit card or send a check with the “pay by check” form and mail it to the Florida 4-H Headquarters at P.O. Box 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611 . Make checks payable to University of Florida. For questions, please call the St. Johns County 4-H office at 904-209-0430. **Registration is not complete until registration fee is paid.**



AT-LARGE 4-H MEMBER - Independent 4-H members do not belong to a specific 4-H club nor attend traditional club meetings; however, they are still able to participate in countywide 4-H activities and events and turn in record books. Youth enrolled as “At-Large” members are required to meet with 4-H staff throughout the year regarding their projects and goals. For more information on the “At-Large” membership please contact the 4-H office at 209-0430.



CLOVERBUD CLUB - This 4-H club is open to children ages 5-7, as of September 1, 2023. The Cloverbud Club introduces our youngest youth to a variety of 4-H projects in a non-competitive environment where they can explore their interests. Club dues will be \$10 for the year. Club meetings will be held at the St. Johns County Extension Office on Wednesday once a month from 4-5pm. For more information, contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu.



CALICO CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - This year our club will be exploring our the great outdoors! Members of the club will be provided with learning opportunities, crafts, games, and lots of fun but will also be expected to help plan and facilitate service projects and other outings. These outings will include hiking, camping, and so much more. We will be working on 4-H accomplishments throughout the year by striving to set and meet various goals, both individually and as a club. This club is highly interactive. We will be challenging our members to get outdoors through various activities! Due to the nature of our activities this year members and parents should be prepared and willing to drive to various locations throughout the year for meetings. Contact Holli Craven at HolliJcraven@gmail.com or Caryl Hayes @ cah0512@aol.com .

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LITTLE CLOVERS - This year our club will be exploring the great outdoors! Members of our club will be exploring hiking, camping, crafts and games. We will be setting goals throughout the year and working towards them. Individually and as a club. This club is highly interactive.

Due to the nature of our activities this year **FULL** and parents should be prepared and willing to drive to various locations throughout the year for meetings and club events. Our club will meet on Sundays and parents will be given a calendar for the year at the first meeting. Contact Holli Craven at holljcraven@gmail.com or Caryl Hayes at cah0512@aol.com.



BUSY BEES 4-H SEWING & QUILTING CLUB - BUSY BEES 4-H SEWING & QUILTING PROJECT-The

Busy Bees 4-H Sewing & Quilting Project is gearing up for the 2023-2024 year. We meet at the Agricultural Center Auditorium once a month from September through May between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm with some optional extra sew days. Eligible members must be 10-18 years old by September 1, 2023, must have completed Beginning Sewing Camp and are familiar with basic sewing machine skills. You need not own your own machine. All interested members, please plan to attend a Pre-Busy Bee meeting with your parents on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm to find out more. After the meeting, we plan to take a short trip to Hobby Lobby with parents and members to purchase supplies for your project. All patterns and materials must be pre-approved based on skill level. New members will make a simple skirt, pant or apron. Members may also choose to do a quilt. Finished sewing projects will be judged at Fashion Revue on April 18, 2024. Club Co-Leaders are Tara Benyacko & Annette DeRenzo. Sewing Leaders are volunteers from the St Augustine Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Space is limited to 15 members in this project. For more info contact Annette DeRenzo at akderenzo@gmail.com or Tara Benyacko at tbenyacko@live.com



MARINE ECOLOGY 4-H CLUB –The Marine Ecology club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm. The location varies depending on our planned activity and is

communicated via the Remind app. Marine Ecology accepts members from the ages of 8-18. Each month we focus on an activity that studies marine-life habitats, populations, and interactions in their surrounding environments. We use a mix of trips to various waterways, state parks and reserves along with learning from each other. Additionally, club members will be expected to participate in all 4-H has to offer, including the Team Leadership Club meetings, public speaking, fundraising and community volunteer efforts. For more information please contact Angie Foldi at angelafoldi@gmail.com.



TEEN LEADERSHIP 4-H COUNCIL CLUB - Are you between the ages of 13-18 and looking to meet other teens and develop your leadership skills? If so, join the St. Johns County 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) club. This club is youth-led and supported by both 4-H agents. The TLC

officers were elected at the meeting in May and have spent the summer preparing to create a fun and friendly environment to plan fun activities and events, engage in community service, create opportunities for teens to connect, and learn how to be a more effective leader. Most months, TLC meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Some dates will vary due to holidays. For more information, contact Julia Kelly (julia.kelly@ufl.edu) or Allie Prevatt (vanderson2@ufl.edu). Youth must register for this club in 4-HOnline to participate in TLC.



CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - This year the Club will be focused on learning about insects to prepare for the Entomology Contest at the University of Florida. Meetings will be held at locations throughout the county where we are likely to find insects and/or learn more about them.

Gatherings might include watching videos, reading books, working on art projects, collecting and identifying specimens, and organizing county-wide educational opportunities for others to study for the Insectathon at UF (expected to be in early February). Club members are responsible for purchasing supplies related to insect collection and insect art. For more information about the Insectathon visit <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/scienceanimal-science-events/insectathon/>. Half of our meetings will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Education Center in St. Johns County. In addition, the Clever Clovers will carry out community service projects including but not limited to stocking Little Free Libraries with books. Throughout the year members will be encouraged to take part in local, district, and state 4-H opportunities. Membership is open to youth ages 11-18. 4-H Club leaders are Amanda Leonard and Laurie Simmer. After registering with 4HOnline, please email us at schoolgardens32081@yahoo.com so we can add you to our contact lists.



CRAZY COMETS 4-H CLUB -We are starting our 2023-24 year and we are looking for new members that will be in 6th grade and higher this year and at least 11 years old by Sept 1, 2023 Preference is given to returning members. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at the

Bartram Trail Library from 5:00pm -6:30pm with possible optional extra work days. We cover a wide variety of subjects in science and STEM related topics. Mandatory preplanning and informational meeting at the Bartram Trail Library on 8/22 at 5:30pm. Club dues TBD. Space is very limited. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda Mishra 4hcrazycomets@gmail.com or call 412-225-5345.



FLAGLER ESTATES 4-H CLUB - The Flagler Estates 4-H Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the each month from 6:30pm- 8:00pm at the Flagler Estates Community Center in Flagler Estates. The Flagler Estates 4-H Club is a club for all ages. During our monthly meetings we collaborate as

a team to decide what activities we want to do as a club. We have a lot of fun painting pumpkins, making gingerbread houses, learning how to do line dances, petting chickens, rabbits and other critters. We have fun being together as a group. Additionally, club members will be expected to participate in all 4-H has to offer, including the Team Leadership Club meetings, public speaking, fundraising and community volunteer efforts. For more information please contact Angie Foldi at angelafoldi@gmail.com



4H CROCHET CLUB - Are you interested in learning how to crochet? Are you interested in learning how to make amigurumi figures? We are a brand new club and we will be accepting kids in 6th grade and higher and at least 11 years old by Sept 1, 2023. Any age exceptions will

be considered on a case by case basis and will be dependent upon volunteer availability. We will meet once a month on Thursdays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5:00pm-6:30pm with possible optional extra work days. Mandatory preplanning and informational meeting at the Bartram Trail Library on 8/24 at 5:30pm. Club dues TBD, and there will be a cost for an optional starter crochet kit and project kit. Space is very limited. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda Mishra 4hcrochetclub@gmail.com or call 412-225-5345.

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HOOVES & HORNS 4-H CLUB - This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5-18 as of September 1, 2023. We will meet once per month at the extension office or at various farm locations. Goat ownership is not required. This club is open to both meat goats and dairy goats. Goats do not need to be vaccinated, but must be disbudded or polled (if dairy). The focus will be on basic care and education for weanlings (ages 5-7 by Sept. 1, 2023) and care/education and showmanship for ages 8-18. We will also participate in farm based community service. There will be opportunities for showing and competing. For more information, call or text Cathy Brewster (904) 382-4824.

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THE FOREST ECOLOGY TEAM 4-H PROJECT - The objective of the 4-H Forestry Project is to prepare for the State Forest Ecology Contest in April. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are all welcome. Meetings are held approximately once a month, depending on the time of year. Meetings may be held at various parks and nature preserves, as well as at the Ag Center or club leader homes. Meetings are typically held on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Members practice identifying tree, plant, and animal specimens, study Florida ecosystems, learn map and compass skills, and are encouraged to study on their own as well as with the group. This year's State Forestry Contest will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, 9 at the Austin Cary Forest Learning Center in Gainesville, FL. For more information, please contact project leaders Jerry Reich at reich965@yahoo.com or Vicki Peterson at momtopiglet@gmail.com .



TOXOPHYL 4-H ARCHERY PROJECT – This year, the Toxophily Club will instead be the Toxophily Archery Project. As a project, we will be focusing on proper shooting form, target types and competitions, the science and history of bows and arrows, and fundraising. This project is only open to archers who have completed the Intro to Archery summer day camp or were a member of the Toxophily Club last year. Members of this project compete and go on field trips during the 4-H year. Most competitions are held in Newberry with transportation provided for most depending on interest in that option. We meet one Saturday per month from 9:00-11:00am at the Agricultural Center Wind Mitigation Building. We will have optional practices twice a month depending on participation. If you don't have your own equipment, there's a \$50/family refundable deposit for the 4-H year to use ours. There is a project fee of \$25 for supplies. Please contact project leaders Kevin Kelly & Julia Kelly julia.kelly@ufl.edu for more information.



REEL DEAL 4-H SPORTFISHING CLUB - Our focus this 4-H year is fishing the beaches, piers and other brackish/saltwater shorelines in St Johns and Duval Counties. Meetings will be on Saturdays (once or twice a month) & locations/times will vary depending on the tides. All meetings will be hands-on, and we will cover everything you need to know from beginner basics to more advanced techniques as well as learning about our local waterways, fish species, conservation and environmental responsibilities. We conclude our club year by going offshore on a charter fishing trip. This club is for ages 10-18 as of September 1, 2023. Club dues are \$20 per member. Club members must attend 2/3 of club meetings and complete a record book to attend the end of year offshore fishing trip, and we strongly encourage parents to please be present during the meetings. For any questions, please contact Tira Clyce. Email: tira1405@gmail.com Text: 904-460-5757. Our first meeting date is September 14th at 6 PM. Location: 3125 Agricultural Center Dr. St. Augustine, FL 32092-0572

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PLANTS R US 4-H PROJECT-This project is open to all 4-H youth interested in plants. Horticulture is the study of the art and science of plants. Skills are developed to gain an appreciation of plant growth, structure, and beauty. There are 200 plants the University of Florida has established to study. They are in the following classifications; 50 fruits & nuts, 50 ornamentals, groundcovers & grasses, 50 vegetables and 50 flowers & foliage plants. Those that wish to may test their expertise by participating in county, state, & national contests. Some of these events have classes or methods to include Clover Buds. Project members become enrolled in the National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA). Former project members have been youth leaders in the NJHA, Vice President, President, Regional Chairs, as well as competing in contests and placing top in the nation. In the past members have participated in community projects, youth garden, fundraising booths, Florida Arbor Day, EPIC Garden Show, county fairs, state and national horticulture contests, and NJHA National Convention. Meetings are held monthly at the Ag Center on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Richard Highman at rchmlh@yahoo.com



4-H BLUEBERRY PROJECT - Would you like to learn all about blueberry & strawberry plants? In this project, you will grow your own blueberry & strawberry plants, learn about the berry industry, visit a berry farm, and create crafts & recipes. Meetings will be held one Monday a month at 4:30 PM at the Agricultural Center. Open to youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2023. Registration cost is \$35 and it includes blueberry plants, strawberry plugs, and everything you need to plant them. To register for this project you will need to pick the 4-H Blueberry Project as one of your clubs in 4-HOnline. If you have already registered and been approved in 4-HOnline, call or email the 4-H office at kelliecanderson@ufl.edu to have the project added to your profile. You will also need to mail a check to the 4-H Office for \$35. Your membership will be confirmed once payment is received. Make check out to SJC 4-H Association. For more information about the project, contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu.



4-H PUMPKIN PROJECT - Have you ever wondered where your fall pumpkins come from? Join the 4-H Pumpkin Project to become a pumpkin expert! In the project, you will learn about a variety of different topics in the pumpkin industry including how to harvest, market, and utilize your pumpkins in the kitchen. Open to youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2023. The project will meet four times throughout October and November (days vary). The first meeting will be October 16th at 5:30 PM at the Agricultural Center. To register for this project you will need to pick the 4-H Pumpkin Project as one of your clubs in 4-HOnline. If you have already been approved in 4-HOnline, call or email the 4-H office at kelliecanderson@ufl.edu to have the project added to your profile. For more information about the project, contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu.

CLUB - Has business meetings, meets September-May and may have multiple project areas.

PROJECT- Has no business meetings, studies one project and competes at a state contest. Meets during specific months.

*Clubs are always forming and subject to change. Please check the 4-H website or call the 4-H office at 904-209-0430 for updated club information.

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