

Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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HEALTH

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

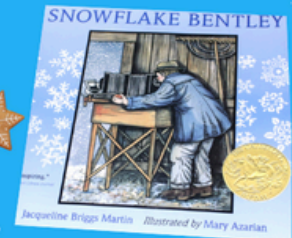
December 2024

Fun Holiday STEM



Like Chemistry?
Try Freezing Experiments!
HOT ICE EXPERIMENT
<https://tinyurl.com/52zymdcy>

Read Snowflake Bentley and then see how many different kinds of snowflakes you can make? What materials will you use?



www.candyexperiments.com/2016/



Place open Pine Cones in water and watch what happens.
How long did it take?

Pine Cones are *hygroscopic* which means they soak up water from their surrounding environment (like humid air or rainwater). The cells located at the bottom of the cone's scales absorb water and that pressure is enough to move the rest of the scale forward. This amazing feature of the cone helps the seed come out when it is dry and warm and stay protected within the cone when it is wet or humid.

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Wreaths Across America

In lieu of a Holiday party this year, Brevard County 4-H will participate in Wreaths Across America to

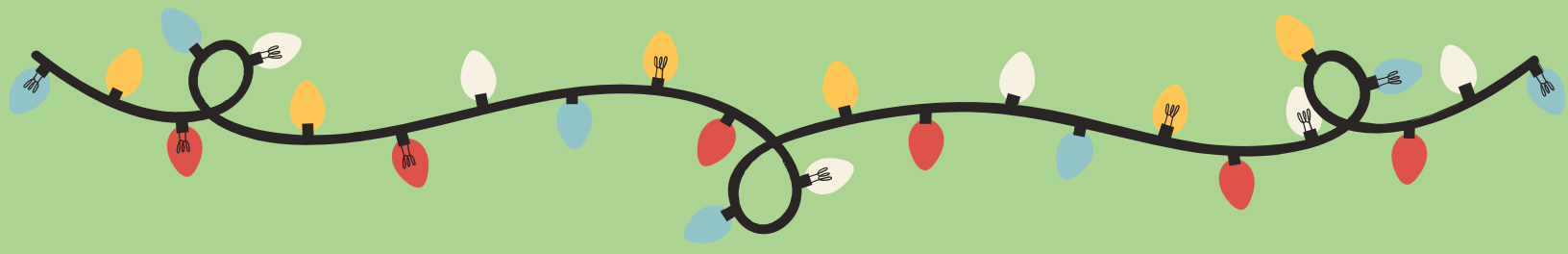
REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Saturday, December 14

10:00 AM

Clubs or individuals interested in participating in this community service opportunity should meet at the Brevard Veterans Cemetery on Day Street in Titusville. Members will then move to the Lagrange Cemetery located at 1575 Old Dixie Highway in Mims. For more information, contact Jen Hill at ishu.4u@hotmail.com.





DISCOVER 4-H CLUB

Monday, December 16, 2024

6 PM - 7:30 PM

DECEMBER TOPIC: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

COST: \$5/FAMILY

Join the Brevard County Discover 4-H Club for an evening of make and take holiday crafts. It's fun for the whole family.

RSVP by Dec 12 to michelearoberts@ufl.edu



4-H & TSC

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. PROUDLY SUPPORTS
CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL KIDS



Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

November 29 – December 15

Spots are available for your club to hold a bucket drop the weekend of the 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th at the Palm Shore location.

Contact Gayle for more information.

Shop one of the Brevard County Tractor Supply Company stores and encourage your friends and family to do the same, and purchase a Paper Clover. All donations from Brevard County stores stay in Brevard County.



Christmastime Contests

Open to all Florida students, PreK through 5th grade
Enter online by uploading file www.FloridaPeanuts.org



We are excited to announce this year's set of holiday contests for elementary school students, sponsored by the Florida Peanut Federation! There are three festive contests with amazing prizes for students, teachers, and classrooms/groups.

COLORING



Contest Details

- use crayons, colored pencils, or markers to color image, no additional materials may be used
- teacher (or group leader) to select best coloring page and submit photo of the coloring page online

Category Winner

- Featured on the front of FPF Christmas Card mailed to nearly 1000 members
- Receives Peanut Butter Taste Testing Kit
- Receives Christmas gift basket

DIGITAL IMAGE



Contest Details

- create a festive digital image that can be used as part of an electronic Christmas card
- image should include peanuts
- preferred formats are png, pdf, jpeg
- file size should be less than 10 MB
- individuals may submit entry online

Category Winner

- Featured on website and in electronic Christmas Card sent to over 3000 FPF partners & supporters
- Receives Peanut Butter Taste Testing Kit
- Receives Christmas gift basket

POEM OR SHORT STORY



Contest Details

- hand write a poem or short story inspired by the Christmas card coloring contest image
- poems should be no more than 100 words
- short stories should not exceed 500 words
- individuals may submit entry online

Category Winner

- Featured on website and in electronic Christmas Card sent to over 3000 FPF partners & supporters
- Receives Peanut Butter Taste Testing Kit
- Receives Christmas gift basket

Overall Winner

The overall winning student will receive \$150 Amazon e-gift card, featured appearance in FPF promotions, & 1 year supply of Peanut Butter

12/12/2024

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

12/13/2024

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

12/13/2024

PRIZES AWARDED

FLORIDA PEANUT
FEDERATION



For coloring sheet, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/bderun3w>



**HEALTH!
ROCKS!**
INSPIRED TO BE SUBSTANCE FREE

January 14 - February 25 | 12:30p - 2p

For grades 6th, 7th, & 8th

3695 Lake Dr, Cocoa, FL 32926

Health Rocks! is a 4-H program comprised of a series of fun and engaging activities that are aligned with National Health Education Standards.

Youth participants will gain the knowledge, skills, and assets needed to make smart decisions about their own health, and the sense of empowerment needed to become advocates for others.

This program is FREE to attend!

No meals provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.



If you are in 9th - 12th grade, we would love to train you as a mentor. Please contact us if you are interested!

Email: brevard@ifas.ufl.edu
Phone: (321) 633-1702

To register, visit: <https://v2.4honline.com/> and select the Health Rocks! Club



To learn more about Health Rocks! visit:
<https://4-h.org/programs/healthy-living/health-rocks/>



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UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Youth Development Program



Barnyard Challengers



**Weekly sessions every Monday
January 27, 2025 - March 17, 2025
6:00-7:00pm**

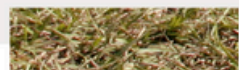
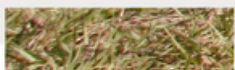
**UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office
3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL**

This program is open to youth ages 8 and up who have a disability and would like to participate in an animal project. Youth will be paired up with mentors to learn about poultry with the opportunity to participate in the Brevard County Fair. Youth don't need their own chicken to participate. Cost is \$25.00.

For more information, contact
Vanessa Spero, Regional Specialized 4-H Agent
vspero@ufl.edu or 321-615-7323

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UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Youth Development Program



Barnyard Challengers Mentor Program



**Mentor Training: January 13, 2025
6:00-8:00pm**

**Weekly sessions every Monday
January 27, 2025 - March 17, 2025
5:45-7:00pm**

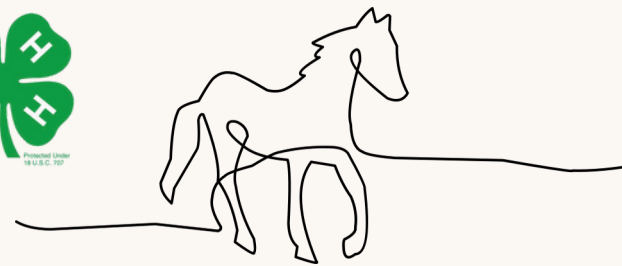


**FLORIDA 4-H
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

All senior 4-H'ers are invited to join us at our Second Executive Board on January 24-26, 2025 at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, FL. Registration is now open in 4-H Online and available through January 8. Cost is \$175.

This is a great opportunity for seniors interested in becoming an Executive Board member to explore and discover what's available to them.

For more information, you can go to the website at Executive Board (Florida4-H.org) or contact Derby Sale at sderby.sale@ufl.edu.



Area East 4-H Horse Show Artwork Design Contest

Prize for 1st Place
Free Area East t-shirt

1st Place Winner – Design
will be used on T-shirts

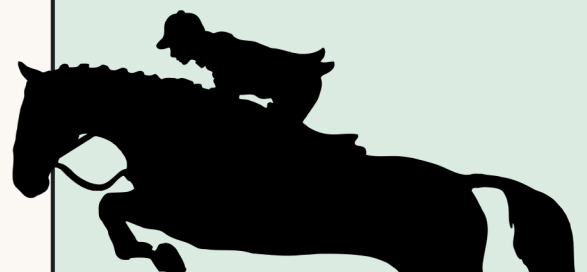
Rules

- The artwork must include the words "2025 Area East 4-H Horse Show".
- The artwork must include the official 4-H Emblem (as seen to right) and may not have any image superimposed on the official logo.
- Artwork must be submitted on white, unlined 8 ½ x 11 paper.
- The artwork must be in black and white. The clover can be green.
- If the artwork is hand generated it must be in **black ink**.
- The artwork may be computer generated. Graphic images pulled from the internet must be the property of the public domain.
- Only one (1) entry per 4-H member.
- Artwork should either encompass all riding disciplines or be generic in presentation.
- Emphasis will be placed on original artwork.



**Entries are
due by MARCH
3rd, 2025**

Entries must be submitted to:
<https://bit.ly/4g8f60K>



If you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact your 4-H Agent

2024 PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE
Great Work Brevard County!

YOU RAISED OVER 1,385 LBS!!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!

Sharing Center of Central Brevard
WWW.SHARINGCENTER.ORG

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE COUNTY BY THE SHARING CENTER!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Peanut Butter Challenge. Your donations will help feed hundreds of family with a nutritious and tasty protein.

2024 PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE
Great Work Sara!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Ms. Sara for taking this challenge to the next level in Brevard!

Thanks also to the McGee Family for collecting over 277 pounds of peanut butter!!

Brevard County 4-H Clubs

4-H Horse & Farm LIFE Club - Varies - contact Kelly at brevardpony@gmail.com

4-H Life Club - 2nd & 4th Thursdays/month @ 6:30 PM, Titusville

Bug Club - 3rd Tuesday/month, 5:30 PM - Ag Center, Cocoa

Discover 4-H Club - 3rd Monday/month @ 6 PM - Ag Center, Cocoa

Fantastic 4-H Farm Club - 2nd Sunday/month, 9 AM - Wickham Park

Leadership Development Club - 1st Wednesday/month @ 5:30 PM, - Ag Center, Cocoa

Outdoor Skills Club - 1st Tuesday/month @ 5:30 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa - contact fennyesther@hotmail.com

Photography Club - 2nd Wednesday /month, 5:30 PM Ag. Center, Cocoa

Pony Tails Club - every other Saturday, 10AM, Robertson Ranch, Melbourne - contact susanhillier0327@gmail.com

Primitive Opossums Shooting & Outdoor Skills Club - Varies - contact primitiveopossums@gmail.com

Sewing Club - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month, 6PM- Ag Center, Cocoa

Sharp Eye Shooters Club - 1st & 3rd Fridays/month, Titusville Rifle & Pistol Club, Mims

Tabletop Gaming Club - 2nd Thursday/month @ 5:30 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa

Island Dog Club - Looking for Leader - if interested, contact 4-H office

COMING EVENTS

- January 14, 2025, 6PM - Poultry Program Workshop #3
- January 22, 2025, 5:30 PM - County Events Workshop **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**
- February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2025, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Dog Obedience Agility Clinic, 4-part Series - Manatee Cove Park, Merritt Island
- February 28, 2025, 5:30 PM - County Events
- March 29, 2025 - District Events - 9AM, St. Lucie County
- April 7 - 12, 2025 - Brevard County Fair & Poultry Auction