

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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September 2023

## Welcome to the New 4-H Year

The 2023-2024 4-H year is off to a great start! It was so nice meeting many of you at Open House and the 4-H Market Poultry Chick Pick-Up and class night, and to talk to many others via phone or email. It has been quite a busy time for me and I appreciate your patience in getting this newsletter out and in getting to requests and questions. As I continue to learn about all the wonderful things and opportunities 4-H has to offer, I ask that you continue to extend patience with me. I am excited about the upcoming year and all that 4-H will bring to the youth and adults in Brevard County. Please always feel free to contact me via phone, email, or even by stopping by the office.

*Gayle*

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# Club Mini Grants

The date for submission of Club Mini grants has been extended and is now Nov 1. These grants can be used to help support special club projects, educational programs, & field trips or to provide supplies, equipment, or other club needs. They can also be submitted for leadership development, community service, or hands-on experiences for club members and/or the community.

Clubs can receive up to \$250 per program year. To submit your request, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/6smez7br>



## Teen Leadership Club

Are you interested in strengthening your leadership skills? Are you a club officer? Are you interested in citizenship and serving your community? If any of these sound like you, you're a perfect match for the Brevard County Teen Leadership Club. Formerly known as County Council, this club will help to build leadership and civic engagement skills by providing opportunities for youth to plan programs and events for Brevard County 4-H and help spread the word and the work of 4-H with community organizations and businesses. The first meeting of the club has been **moved from September 25 to October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information or to sign up, contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu).

# National 4-H Week

October 1 -7 celebrates National 4-H Week. Be sure to check The Hub Facebook page daily for posts and ways you can interact. 4-H Week coincides with the Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign. If you shop at a Brevard County Tractor Supply store from Oct 4 - 10, be sure to purchase a paper clover or two. All monies collected from paper clover purchases at Brevard Tractor Supply locations come back to Brevard County to support our programs.



The poster features a green background with a white 4-leaf clover logo at the top center, each leaf containing the letter 'H'. To the left of the clover is the UF IFAS Extension University of Florida logo. Below the clover, the text 'NATIONAL 4-H WEEK' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Underneath this, the dates 'OCT 1-7, 2023' are displayed in a white box. A series of seven horizontal white bars with green text lists the daily themes for each day of the week. At the bottom of the poster, there is a photograph of a diverse group of young people, likely 4-H members, cheering and raising their arms in a celebratory mood.

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**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

**OCT 1-7, 2023**

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

# Upcoming Events

Keep up with what's going on monthly on our Brevard County 4-H calendar on our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/ak8fth92>.

We're working on making the calendar live and thus easier to update. Until then, be sure to keep an eye on it and look for posts on The Hub for new opportunities.

## **October 3 - Market Poultry Class - 6 pm at the Ag Center**



**October 23, 5:30 PM-** 4-H members and other school-aged youth are invited to join us for All Things Pumpkin! This class will have youth making pumpkin dishes and decorating pumpkins. Decorated pumpkins will be showcased at the Brevard County Farmers Market at Wickham Park on Thursday the 26th, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. for those interested.

For more information or to register, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/mwwaxpr6>

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## FOREST ECOLOGY CLINIC AND CONTEST

**Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you looking for a contest to learn more about our natural world and demonstrate your prowess at a state contest?**

Learn more about Forest Ecology this fall from experts and practice and apply knowledge and skills in tree, plant, and wildlife identification; use a map and compass; identify insects, diseases, and stresses that impact forest health; and more!

**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2023

**Location:** Austin Cary Forest Learning Center in Gainesville, FL

**Cost:** \$5.00

Register on 4-H Online

**Registration closes September 23, so don't delay!**

For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3cz8tuxr>

### DID YOU KNOW?

We have a private Facebook group for 4-H families where we share program announcements, updates, opportunities, pictures, and more! If you're not yet a member, consider joining us! You can find us on Facebook by searching for "Brevard County 4-H: The Hub" and requesting to join!