

Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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January 2024

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe it's a new year, but we are excited to see what 2024 holds for Brevard County 4-H and for YOU! There's so much youth can participate in, both here in Brevard and in the state. Check out this month's newsletter for upcoming opportunities, and keep abreast of future events on our 4-H [Master Calendar](#).

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the year at various events. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Gus, Sara, Michele, or me. We're here to help and to make Brevard County 4-H the best experience for you.

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FLORIDA 4-H EXECUTIVE BOARD

All senior 4-Hers (14 - 18 years as of Sept 1, 2023) are invited to attend the Second Executive Board on January 26 - 28 at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, FL. Executive Board weekends allow members to come together from across the state to plan and support statewide programs and build lasting relationships. Registration is open in 4-H Online through **January 8**. The cost to attend is \$175. For more information, visit the [Executive Board](#) website or contact Derby Sale at sderby.sale@ufl.edu

INSECTATHON

The 4-H State Insectathon Event provides 4-H youth with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of the entomology world. This event is open to Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. All levels will compete in the same four sections of the contest but each age division will have different sets of study materials. The event is set for **February 3** in Gainesville. Registration for the event is open through January 25 on [4HOnline](#). For more information and content materials, contact Dr. Rebecca Baldwin, baldwinr@ufl.edu

FLORIDA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

February 6 is 4-H Day at the Capitol, an event that provides youth with an opportunity to learn more about their state government and experience the political process first hand. Plans are being made for Brevard County 4-H youth to visit Representative Thad Altman and share with him how the Florida 4-H Program has impacted their lives. During the day, participants will hear from public officials, spend time in the Capitol Building, and see their legislators in action. Registration for the event is open until January 22 via [4HOnline](#). Please note that youth must have an adult parent or volunteer present. To find out more about Brevard County's plans, or if you have questions, contact Vanessa Spero at vspero@ufl.edu or 321-615-7323.

BREVARD COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Plans are underway for the 2024 Brevard County 4-H Fair and Poultry Auction. To make the fair the best, we want to know what categories you'd like to see. Let us know what you think. Maybe photography is not your thing, but you're great at paper crafts. Let us know if you'd like to see a category to show your paper crafting skills. This fair is all about YOU! Help us make it better with your input. Fair Books will go out the first full week of February, so let us know what categories you want to see no later than January 26. Email Ms. Gayle at gowhit@ufl.edu with your suggestions!

Current Categories

Needlework and Sewing
Quilting

Fine Arts: Photography
Fine Arts: Sketches and Drawings
Fine Arts: Paintings
Fine Arts: Educational Posters
Fine Arts: 3D Art



Culinary: Quick Breads
Culinary: Yeast Breads
Culinary: Cookies
Culinary: Cakes
Culinary: Pies
Culinary: Preserves



Horticulture: Vegetables
Horticulture: Fruit

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.

Need to share your club news and events with others? Send your information to Gayle at gowhit@ufl.edu.

Table Top Gaming Club

The Tabletop Gaming Club will immerse youth in the world of tabletop games. The club will learn several different types of tabletop games throughout the year, such as D&D, Warhammer, and many more. Youth will learn character and world building, as well as strategy, team, and leadership skills. There is no prior experience needed and no age restrictions, but for optimal participation, youth should be able to read and grasp basic math skills. If you are interested in joining the club or would like more information, please contact Kristi and Jessica at primitiveopossums@gmail.com.

Next meeting is **January 11th**
5:30 pm - 7 pm
UF/IFAS Extension office.



POULTRY PROJECT CLASS

The next poultry project meeting is on Tuesday, **January 16** at 6 pm. At this meeting, we will be writing letters to community partners and individuals. ALL youth participating in the auction are required to write a letter. This night will help us get letters written so that we can get them out and help increase awareness of our auction so that it is successful for EVERYONE!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLUB

January 17, 6 - 8 pm

There is still room available for Intermediate and Senior level 4-Hers interested in strengthening leadership skills to join the Brevard County 4-H Leadership Development 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. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, contact Gayle at gowhit@ufl.edu.

HANDS ON HORSES

If you have a youth wanting to learn more about horses, consider participating in the Hands on Horses event hosted by the 4-H Horse and Farm Life Club. This event happens each month in conjunction with their club meeting. 4-H members are welcome to attend. Next meeting date is **January 20**. For more information go to their [event page](#).

CLUB MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Sharp Eye Shooters and 4-H Life Clubs on receiving our Fall club mini-grants. The Sharp Eye Shooters club will be using their funds to purchase targets that will be shared among all three Brevard County 4-H shooting sports clubs and that will allow them more opportunity to host shooting sports tournaments. The 4-H Life Club will be using their funds to purchase supplies to use in learning how to show small ruminants (sheep/goats).

We are very excited to have this program available to Brevard County 4-H Clubs. The next mini-grant applications will be due March 1. Start thinking now of how your club could use funds to strengthen your program. To help get started, use the mini-grant [application](#).

