

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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May 2025



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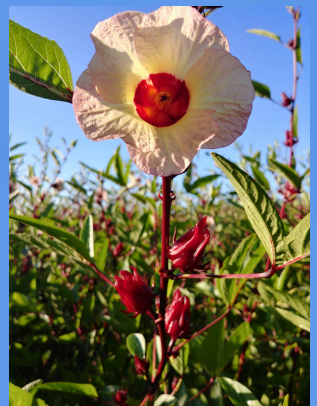
# SPRING STEM!

Worms break down food scraps and leave behind a valuable garden supplement: their castings (or worm poop)! Worm castings are a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used just like any other type of compost. Since worms only eat kitchen scraps, vermicomposting is an ideal method of composting. Worm farms are small, easy to manage, and can be kept indoors if needed.

## LEARN HOW TO BUILD A WORM FARM

For more information, check out:

<https://tinyurl.com/2242j67d>



## PLANT AN EATABLE GARDEN THIS MONTH! WHAT TO PLANT IN CENTRAL FLORIDA THIS MAY!

**EASILY  
TRANSPLANTED**

**GENTLY  
TRANSPLANT**

**FROM SEED**

**Boniato Sweet Potatoes, Gingers, Roselle,  
Sugarcane, Swiss Chard, Tropical Spinaches**

**Amaranth, Long Squash, Luffa, Papaya,  
Pineapple, Seminole Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes**

**Chayote, Okra, Peanuts, Peas (southern)**

**For more information  
[GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu](http://GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu)**



# 2025 Brevard County Fair & Market Poultry Auction

Congratulations to all of our 4-Hers for their hard work this year. It's so great to see you all shine.

We had 156 entries from 46 youth in our **Exhibits** competition this year. Competition was tough. This year's Best in Show went to **Emily Wilson** for her Crocheted Throw.

In our **Rabbit/Cavy Competition**, Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, and Champion Exhibitor went to **Mattie Chapman**.

In our first **Dairy Goat Competition**, Best of Show went to **Lucy Lester**, Reserve Best of Show went to **Zinnia Lester**, and Champion Exhibitor went to **Mattie Chapman**.

In our **Purebred Poultry Competition**, Best of Show went to **Tessa Good** and Reserve Best of Show went to **Riley VanPatten**.

In our **Market Poultry Competition**, the Grand Champion Trio went to **Emily Wilson**, Reserve Grand Champion Trio went to **Abigail Grove**, and our Champion Exhibitor went to **Henry Alberts**.

**THANK YOU** to all of our **club leaders** and **parents** for your dedication to supporting our 4-H youth in all of the projects they have worked so hard on this year.

# DISCOVER 4-H CLUB

**Monday, May 19, 2025**

**6 PM - 7:30 PM**

**MAY TOPIC:  
Science in the Kitchen**



The Brevard County Discover 4-H Club is open to **ALL** 4-H members and the general public. Join us to discover how everyday science happens in the kitchen.

Let us know you're coming:  
RSVP to [michelearoberts@ufl.edu](mailto:michelearoberts@ufl.edu) by May 16th



# County Summer Camp Opportunities



**UF IFAS Extension**  

## DIRT TO DISH: GROW IT, EAT IT, LOVE IT!

*A Hands-On Gardening & Nutrition Camp for Ages 8-14*

- **Plant & Grow:** Dig into soil science and learn how to grow your own veggies and herbs
- **Harvest & Taste:** Discover how to care for plants
- **Cook & Create:** Turn fresh ingredients into snacks and meals
- **Explore & Learn:** Fun food games, taste tests, and more!

Cost: \$75

**JUNE 2 - 6, 2025**  
9 AM - 12 PM

To register scan this code or visit:  
<https://loom.ly/6LODoMs>



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**ENGINEERING  
EXPLORATION!  
SUMMER CAMP**

Join us for an exciting week of engineering, where you will learn to use creativity and innovation as you build structures and design your own inventions!

**June 9 - 13, 2025**  
9 AM-12 PM

For youth, ages 8-13

Cost: \$75

To join, scan this code or visit this link: <https://loom.ly/VtxQ4-k>



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**FIZZ, POP, YUM!**  
The Science of Food  
Camp for Ages 8-14

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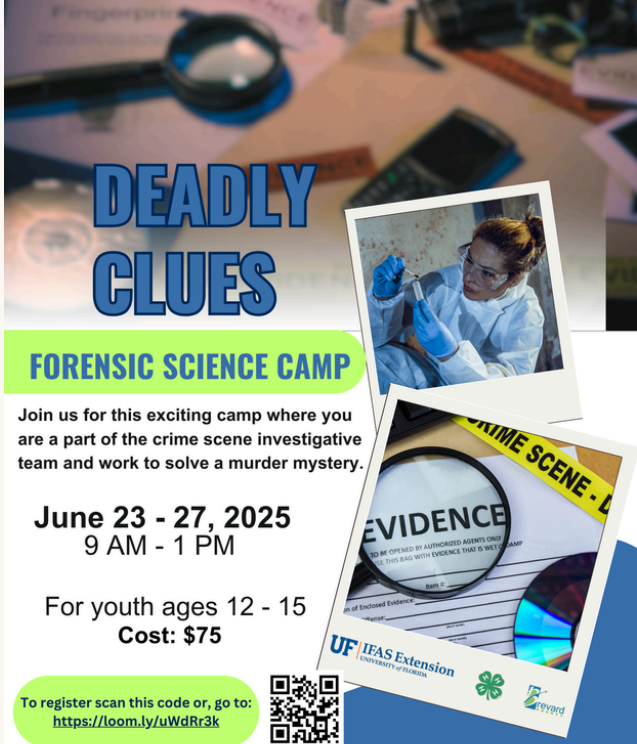
Join us for a fun, hands-on class that mixes chemistry and cooking! Learn how your favorite foods are made and why ingredients work the way they do. Perfect for curious kids who love to learn and help in the kitchen!

**JUNE 16 - 20, 2025**  
9 AM - 12 PM  
Cost: \$75

To register scan this code or visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2tka9j25>



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**DEADLY  
CLUES**

**FORENSIC SCIENCE CAMP**


Join us for this exciting camp where you are a part of the crime scene investigative team and work to solve a murder mystery.



**June 23 - 27, 2025**  
9 AM - 1 PM

For youth ages 12 - 15

Cost: \$75

To register scan this code or, go to:  
<https://loom.ly/uWdRr3k>



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**Come join us for one or for all!**  
**Register at Eventbrite.**





**FLORIDA 4-H**  
**iLEAD**

**INTERMEDIATE  
LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE**

**Intermediate aged youth (11-13 as of September 1 of current 4-H year) in Florida are invited to the University of Florida's campus for a two night and full day leadership development experience. They will have the opportunity to connect with others from across the state of Florida and explore potential interests to ignite their spark in life.**

<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Who</b>	<b>Intermediate 4-H Members (ages 11-13 as of September 1 of current membership year)</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>June 8-10, 2025</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>University of Florida Campus - Gainesville, FL Lodging at UF Campus Housing</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>Opens February 1, 2025 and <b>Closes May 21, 2025</b> via 4-H Online</b>
<b>Schedule</b>	<b><u><a href="#">iLEAD Sample Schedule</a></u></b>
<b>Packing List</b>	<b><u><a href="#">iLEAD Suggested Packing List</a></u></b>
<b>Ask 4-H About</b>	<b>Access recording at Ask 4-H About iLEAD (facebook.com). No login required. You can click the X when prompted to login. This goes through registration, activities, supervision, lodging, and more to make youth and families comfortable with registration and attendance.</b>
<b>Contact</b>	<b>Schedule, Activities, &amp; Registration   4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu Sponsorship   Caylin Hilton, grow4h@ifas.ufl.edu</b>





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# 4-H AI Challenge



Beyond  
Ready

**The 4-H AI Community Challenge launches April 1. The Challenge will ask, how can Artificial Intelligence be used to solve issues in your community? The AI challenge will have a state competition with the top winners advancing to the national level on June 1. Youth must be 13-18 years of age at the time of competing.**

**<https://events.projectboard.world/4HAI/>**

**The 4-H Artificial Intelligence Community Challenge is designed for youth aged 13 and 18, challenging youth to harness the power of artificial intelligence to solve everyday problems. It fosters critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills.**

**We are asking youth nationwide to answer the question: How can AI be used to solve problems in their community?"**

**The challenge starts on April 1. State submissions must be submitted by May 11 at 11:59 pm Central time.**

**To learn more about the 4-H AI Community Challenge, visit: <https://events.projectboard.world/4HAI>**



# FLORIDA 4-H

## *College and Trip Scholarships*

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**Applications are now open for the Florida 4-H college and national trip scholarships! Full details of the application and resources can be found here: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/awards-and-recognition/4-h-scholarships/>**

**Application deadline: June 1st at 11:59pm**  
**Questions: Contact [4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu)**

## Ask 4-H About

Do you have questions about state events and opportunities? The state 4-H office offers Q & A sessions to give youth and their families a chance to learn more.

Sessions are held on Facebook Live at 7:00PM ET and do not require login to access. Recordings are also available on the event webpages following the live broadcast.

Upcoming Sessions:

4-H University: Thursday, June 5

Executive Board: Thursday, July 10

Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC): Monday, July 14

Recorded Sessions:

State 4-H Camps: [Facebook](#)

iLEAD: [Facebook](#)





**Take a  
'BOULD'  
step for  
your  
FUTURE!**

**Dig into EARTH SCIENCE  
at 4-H UNIVERSITY  
JULY 28-31, 2025  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

**Scholarships Available  
APPLY BY MAY 16  
[tinyurl.com/4HSESgeo](https://tinyurl.com/4HSESgeo)**



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### **NEW 4-H U SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**Take a BOULD step for your FUTURE! Teens 4-H age 14-18 can dig into earth science and explore exciting college and career opportunities alongside UF scientists at 4-H University.**

**With support from the National Science Foundation, the UF Department of Geological Sciences is offering 10 registration scholarships for this summer's #FL4HU on the University of Florida campus, July 28-31.**

**Apply for a scholarship by May 16: [tinyurl.com/4Hsesgeo](https://tinyurl.com/4Hsesgeo)**



Florida 4-H wants to hear how 4-H has made you  
#4HBeyondReady!

You are invited to submit a story or encourage others to do so, highlighting how 4-H has empowered you to grow, overcome challenges, and make a difference. These stories are an important way to celebrate the impact of 4-H and inspire others to get involved.

[SUBMIT YOUR STORY TODAY](https://www.tinyurl.com/FL4HBeyondReady)





# COMING EVENTS

- **May 2 - 4** - *Area East Horse Show*, Clarcona Horse Park
- **May 9** - *Archery Shooting Sports Certification Training*, Broward County (Registration ends May 2)
- **May 20** - *Archery Shooting Sports Certification Training*, Camp Cloverleaf (Registration ends May 12)
- **June 7** - *Rifle Shooting Sports Certification Training*, Moore Haven FL (Registration ends May 20)
- **June 8 - 10** - *iLead Intermediate Leadership Conference*, UF - Gainesville, FL (registration ends May 21)
- **June 8 - 13** *Horsemanship School - Western Week*, Gainesville, FL(Registration ends May 14)
- **June 15 - 20** - *Horsemanship School, English Week*, Gainesville, FL (Registration ends May 14)

# Brevard County 4-H Clubs

**4-H Horse & Farm LIFE Club** - Varies - contact Kelly at [brevardpony@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:susanhillier0327@gmail.com)

**Primitive Opossums Shooting & Outdoor Skills Club** - Varies - contact [primitiveopossums@gmail.com](mailto: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