

Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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November 2025

Discover 4-H November Meeting

The Discover 4-H Club is open to all 4-Hers and community members as a way to learn about all 4-H has to offer. There will be a different topic area covered at each meeting.

This month, we will learn the art of flower pressing and will put our talents to use in making a creation with pressed flowers.



**November 17, 2025, 6 PM
UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office**



Space is limited. Reservations required by November 10:
Go to: <https://loom.ly/bkKKYKo> to reserve your spot.

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Club Community Service Opportunity



Peanut Butter Challenge



**SPREAD
THE WORD...
PEANUT BUTTER
*Fights Hunger!***

Donate unopened jars of peanut butter at the UF/IFAS Extension office in your county. All peanut butter donations go to local food pantries to help feed families in need. We thank the Florida Peanut Producers Association and Florida Peanut Federation for their continued support and contributions.

During the months of October and November, support Florida's peanut producers and people in need in your community by generously donating to the Peanut Butter Challenge.

Find the Peanut Butter Challenge drop-off location closest to you:



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Is your club participating in the Peanut Butter Challenge? It runs through November 24th. Let us know how you're doing and if you need any type of help.

Wreaths Across America

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

The Brevard County **4-H Life** and **Sharp Eye Shooting** clubs will be participating in the Wreaths Across America event on December 13 at Titusville Brevard County Veterans Cemetery through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

If you or your club are interested in participating in this community service opportunity with them, contact Jen Hill at: ishu.4u@hotmail.com or 321-458-3733.

If you would like to participate in another area of the county, go to <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/> and click the VOLUNTEER button to search for a cemetery near you that participates. If you choose another area in which to participate, please share with the 4-H office so that we can let others know.

This is a great Community Service opportunity for individuals and clubs and helps to put our hands to larger service.



Holiday Parades

Do you want to increase the visibility of your club and Brevard County 4-H?
Consider participating in a holiday parade. Many cities and towns have opportunities for participation.

Some of these include:

December 6

- Merritt Island Parade - <https://registration.brevardfl.gov/webtrac/web/>
- Mims Parade - <https://www.hollyjollymeadows.com/events/mims-christmas-parade>
- Palm Bay Light Parade - <https://www.palmbayfl.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/18185/1373>

December 13

- Cocoa/Rockledge Parade- <https://registration.brevardfl.gov/webtrac/web/>
- Titusville Parade - <https://christmasparadeirc.com/>

December 14

- Cocoa Beach Street Parade - <https://www.cocoabeachkiwanis.org/2025-christmas-parade.html>

December 20

- Port St. John Parade - <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade/index.html>



OFFICER TRAINING



If you are a current club officer or are interested in being one, join us on Saturday, November 15 from 10 AM - 12 PM at the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office. This is a great time to come learn about each of the officer roles and learn how to effectively run a club meeting, all in a fun, interactive way. Club leaders are also welcome.

RSVP to Gayle at gowhit@ufl.edu by Nov. 7.

District Learning Opportunities

Florida Youth Purebred Poultry & Rabbit Youth Show

15TH ANNIVERSARY

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Where: Osceola County Fairground @ KVLS PAVILLION

[1911 Kissimmee Valley Ln, Kissimmee, FL 34741](https://www.osceolacountyfair.com/events/2025/poultry-rabbit-show2222)

Activities:

- *Skillathon
- *Showmanship
- *Egg Decoration
- *Photo Contest
- *Costume Contest
- *Raffle Table
- *Informational Poster
- *Food Booth

All proceeds go towards awards and support of the program
YEPA Sanctioned show. Opened to 4H, FFA, and YEPA Members in Florida.
*YEPA members ages 3 & 4 can only do showmanship.

Information & Registration:



<https://www.osceolacountyfair.com/events/2025/poultry-rabbit-show2222>

EASTSIDE BARNYARD BASH

4TH ANNUAL

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Fort Christmas Historical Park
1300 Fort Christmas Road, Christmas, FL

This is a practice workshop/show for Orange, Seminole and Brevard County 4-H and FFA members, to gain experience in the show ring. It will be more of a workshop environment than a JackPot atmosphere. Emphasis is placed on creating a fun, learning experience.

Check-in & Scale: 7:00-9:00A.M. **Opening Ceremonies: 9:30 A.M.**

SATURDAY 1/24/26 **SUNDAY 1/25/26**

Main Barn

Goat & Sheep
10:00 Start
Show
Showmanship Clinic
Showmanship

Cattle
10:00 Start
Showmanship Clinic
Show
Break
Showmanship

Swine
10:00 start
Showmanship Clinic
Show
Showmanship

Tent

Rabbit & Cavy
10:00 start
Showmanship Clinic
Showmanship
Show

Poultry Tabletop
10:00 start
Showmanship Clinic
Show & Showmanship

Registration:
Opens: November 1st **Closes: January 23rd at NOON**

Hosted By: EAST ORANGE LIVESTOCK 4-H
UF IFAS Extension

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CONTACT US
For any questions, please contact eastsidebarnyardbash@gmail.com
Or
Rebecca Simmons at 407-696-1410
Melissa Jordan at 407-739-6951

<https://tinyurl.com/EBB-sponsor>

Space Coast Turkey Trot

November 27

Come out and support the **Fantastic 4-H Farm Club** as they show off two of their turkeys at this annual event. To participate in the event, go to: [Space Coast Turkey Trot](#)



Leader Spotlight

Katie Wilson

Katie has been a leader of the Fantastic 4-H Farm for one year. She took on this role as she wanted to spend more time with her daughter, who is a member of the club, and work with youth. In fact, working with youth is her favorite part of being a leader! Katie is an avid runner and loves to cook and meal plan. If your club is looking to do some meal planning and cooking, she's willing to help!



Paper Clover Days are a great time for your club to market and do a little fund-raising. Contact one of four TSC stores near you to set up a day and time.

Contact Gayle for more information or to let her know your club will be participating.

4-H ornaments are available now at Tractor Supply Company. Check your nearest location or go online to get yours before they're gone!



TRIG-STAR *Math Competition*



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trig-star.com

**4-H and County
Participation**



National Math Competition Opportunity for Homeschool 4-H Youth and Agents



Informational Flyer

- For distribution to youth and parents
- Information and sample problem
- For students who have are taking or have completed trigonometry



Exposure to Careers

- High demand for professional and technician level in the Florida Surveying industry
- Exposes youth to lesser known career fields



Industry Connections

- Presentations from local surveyors about competition and careers
- Industry sponsorship of awards



State Competition

- Low time commitment
- State and National level competitions
- Resume builder for youth
- Available to homeschoolers



Awards and Benefits

- Cash prizes for student winners and 4-H agents
- National level awards etc.
- Scholarship opportunities for those in surveying degrees


4-H homeschool youth are invited to participate in the national Trig-Star math and trigonometry competition sponsored locally by the UF Geomatics Extension program and nationally by the National Society of Professional Surveyors. This competition connects youth interested in competing with local surveying industry professionals to learn about how surveyors apply trigonometry in their careers and helps prepare students for the competition. Youth who have covered trigonometry concepts, including the Law of Sines and Law of Cosines, can compete in a national competition with only a few hours of time commitment. State winners receive cash prizes and compete at the national level. Any participant is eligible to apply for the Trig-Star college scholarship if they pursue a surveying and mapping degree.

If interested, please let Gayle know so that a county-level competition can be arranged for the spring.



FLORIDA 4-H

Leap into Legislature

February & March 2026  **Virtual**

4-H youth ages 13-18 as of September 1, 2025

Register in 4-H Online: <https://LeapintoLEG.4honline.com>

Wednesday Nights at 7:00PM EST/ 6:00PM CT

Club Meeting Dates:

February 18, 2026

February 25, 2026

March 4, 2026

March 11, 2026

March 18, 2026

March 25, 2026

Join Florida 4-H for a virtual short-term club to explore civic engagement in your community and prepare 4-H members for Florida 4-H Legislature!
Topics covered: citizenship, three branches of government, how a bill becomes a law, understanding self and others, civil discourse, 4-H LEG roles and preparation.



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Statewide Virtual 4-H Clubs

Work Ready Florida

Work Ready Florida is a grant-funded program for any Florida teenager (even if you have never been in 4-H before) that prepares youth for agricultural industry certifications (AEST) that prepares them for careers in various facets of Florida agriculture.

Ages: 13-18

Meeting Times/Dates: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6 PM EST

Platform: Zoom

Club Leader: Dr. Chris DeCubellis (cdecube@ufl.edu)

For more information: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/4-h-clubs/virtual-clubs/work-ready-florida/>

Virtual Poultry Club

This is a continuation of the virtual poultry club from this summer's 4-H Summer Adventures. We will meet once per month and cover topics related to the 4-H poultry project, poultry science

Club Leaders: Chris DeCubellis (cdecube@ufl.edu) Prudence Caskey, Marnie Ward, Evie Blount, Noelle Guay.

Meeting Times/Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

Platform: Zoom

Register in 4-H Online.

Brevard County 4-H Clubs

4-H Horse & Farm LIFE Club - 2nd Saturday/month, 9 AM, Happiness Horse Farm, Palm Bay

4-H Life Club - 2nd/month, 6:30 PM, Mims United Methodist Church

Barnyard Challengers - 1st Monday/month, 6 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa & OR last Monday/month, 6 PM, Adaptive Recreation Center, Wickham Park, Melbourne

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

Feathers & Fur Club - Last Sunday/month, 2 PM, Melbourne

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

Photography Club - 4th Monday/month, 4:30 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa & various locations

Pony Tails Club - Every other Saturday, 10 AM, Robertson Ranch, Melbourne

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

Sharp Eye Shooters Club - 3rd Saturday/month, 8:30 AM, Ag Center Shooting Range, Cocoa

Soccer for Success - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 PM, Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, Cocoa

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

COMING EVENTS

November 4 - Poultry Project Class, 6 PM, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office

November 15 - Officer Training - 10 AM, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office

November 17 - Discover 4-H - 6 PM, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office

December 6 - Archery Field Match - Newberry, FL - Registration Open through November 17

December 14 - Canaveral Marsh Clean-Up - 9 AM, 5293 State Rte 50, Titusville

For more dates, check out the statewide 4-H Calendar at:
<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/state-calendar/>

