

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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October 2025

## Discover 4-H October 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 about an October staple...pumpkins. Come join us as we bake, learn some science, and make a fall decoration.**

**Cost: \$5 per youth**

**October 20, 2025, 6 PM**

**UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office**

**Reservations required:**

Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-about-pumpkins-with-brevard-county-discover-4-h-club-tickets-1754939544419?aff=oddtcreator> to reserve your spot.

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# Celebrate National 4-H Week October 5 - 11

**On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H State spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H programs being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint—anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN, on Monday, October 6!**

**Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag National 4-H, your State 4-H program, and use: #4HBeyondReady  
#National4HWeek**



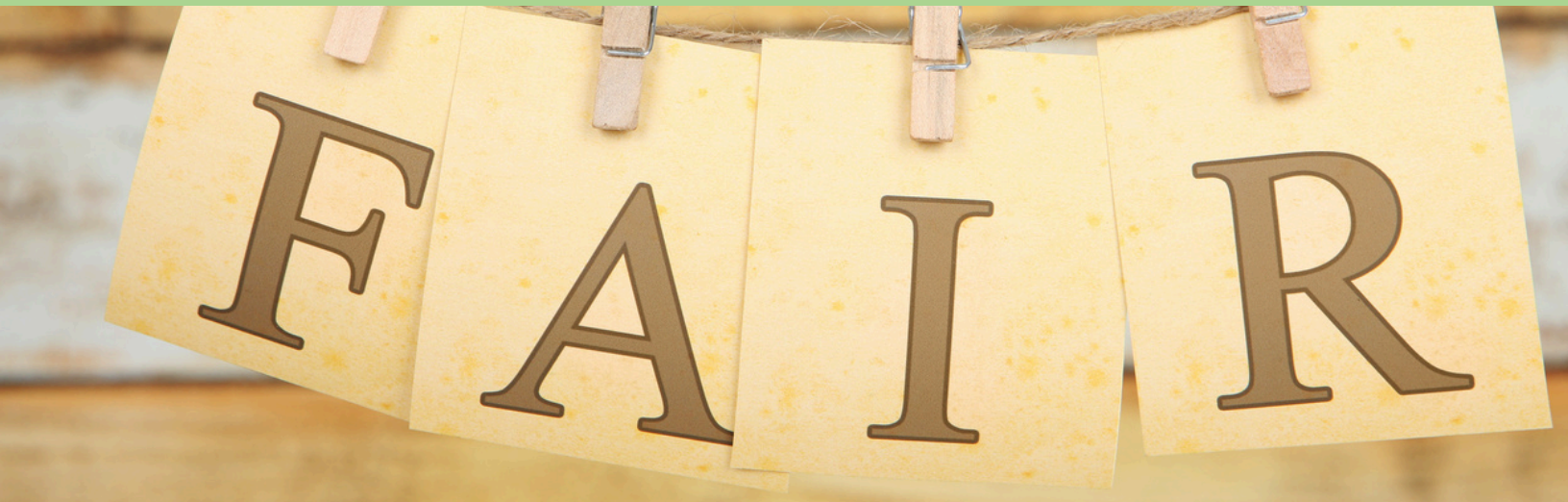
# Project Books

Project books for animal programs at the fair are now available on the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County website under *Additional 4-H Resources - 4-H Fair Resources*. These project books are available in both print and fillable PDF forms.

All other project books can also be found under *4-H Youth - 4-H Project Books*.

The website is: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/brevard/4-h-and-youth/4-h-youth/>

If you do not see a project book for a subject you are interested in, contact the 4-H office.



To assist youth in choosing and getting started on a project for the 2026 Brevard County 4-H Fair, **Rulebooks** are now available on the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County website. They can be found under *Additional 4-H Resources - 4-H Fair Resources* at <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/brevard/4-h-and-youth/4-h-youth/>. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office.



# POULTRY JUDGING TEAM

Do you have an interest in learning about chickens on a higher level?

We're looking for members to form Poultry Judging teams (Junior/Intermediate & Senior) to compete at the State Poultry Judging Contest in February at the State Fair in Tampa. This year's subject is Health Care Management.

Members will meet twice a month from October – January to prepare. No prior poultry knowledge required.

If interested, please contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu)





# 4-H Youth Development Horse Judging Project

Do you think you might be interested in learning more about how Judges look at and place a class of halter horses or performance events?

Then join our Brevard County 4-H Horse Judging Coach to learn what the project is all about.

Via Zoom, October 14, 2025  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/98568153079?pwd=mgyaPhq5WcJlC7eSrvo5FZ6vuauBHk.1>

The education offered by the Horse Judging project will help youth:

- *Objectively evaluate the conformation and performance of horses based on fact*
- *Organize ideas and present persuasive arguments.*

Who is Eligible

- *Enrolled in Brevard County 4-H*
- *Seniors: age 14–18 as of 9/1/25*
- *Intermediates: age 11 – 13 as of 9/1/25*

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The Florida 4-H Virtual Ag Judging Contest allows participating 4-Hers ages 8-18 to learn about Florida agricultural products and learn to evaluate and rank livestock, crops, and hay in a photo-based contest. Young people will judge beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, goats, poultry, hay, corn, grains, peanuts, interpret a UF/IFAS Soil Sample Report, and identify tools and weeds. There are separate divisions for 4-H juniors, intermediates, and seniors.

- **Contest date: Thursday October 23, 2025, at 6PM EST**
- **Judging Training: Tuesday October 21, 2025, at 6PM EST**

**Registration is now open in 4-H Online.**

**There is no registration fee to participate**

All registered participants will receive a zoom link and a virtual judging card through [judgingcard.com](http://judgingcard.com) via email to participate in the contest.

Contest Contacts: Dr. Chris Decubellis at [cdecube@ufl.edu](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu).

# 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](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu))**

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

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## 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](mailto: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.**

# District Learning Opportunities






**DISTRICT XI**  
**4-H INSECTATHON WORKSHOP - Part I**  
October 13, 2025 1:00- 4:00  
NEW PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE at 1:00  
RETURNING PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE at 1:30  
UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center  
2199 S ROCK RD, FORT PIERCE, FL 34945 - Rm 219

WORKSHOP ATTENDEES WILL

- LEARN ABOUT THE DIVERSE INSECTS AROUND THEM
- PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS OF DIFFERENT COLLECTING TECHNIQUES
- LEARN WHICH FEATURES TO LOOK FOR WHEN IDENTIFYING INSECTS LEARN HOW TO PRESERVE AND CURATE THEIR COLLECTED INSECTS PROPERLY
- GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE 4-H INSECTATHON AND COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Part II Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: Night collecting & Part III Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Student collection checks

\*WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES, A HAT, AND BRING WATER FOR THE OUTSIDE PORTION OF THE ACTIVITIES. RETURNING PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING THEIR INSECT KILL JARS AS WELL.



Insect Display Boxes, Pins, & Insect Blocks will be available for purchase at \$40 for each set. Contact: Terri Zuidema at 772-462-1285 or [tzuidema1@ufl.edu](mailto:tzuidema1@ufl.edu) with questions.

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## 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-show22222)

**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-show22222>

## MARTIN COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# KICK'N CHICK'N YOUTH POULTRY SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MARTIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
2616 SE DIXIE HWY, STUART, FL 34996

REGISTER: [4HONLINE.COM](https://4HONLINE.COM)

POULTRY SHOW  
POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP  
POULTRY SKILL-A-THON



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## St. Lucie County Ethics dates

1pm-4pm Sunday, September 14th 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in building C

1pm-4pm Sunday, September 21st 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in building B

9am-12am Saturday, October 18th 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in building C

1pm-4pm Sunday, November 8th 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in building C

9am-12am Saturday, January 31st 2025 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in building C



# Brevard County 4-H Clubs

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

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

**Barnyard Challengers** - 1<sup>st</sup> 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** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/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 [thehomeschoolbus@gmail.com](mailto:thehomeschoolbus@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

# Join 4-H Photography Club

If you have a love of photography and want to learn more, consider joining the 4-H Photography club. The club teaches all about how to get the perfect shot. Club meetings alternate between in-club meetings to learn subject matter and going out into the community to practice what is learned. We need just a couple of folks to join so this club can be active. If you're interested or if you have questions, please reach out to the club leader. If you're already enrolled in 4-H, you can simply add the club to your list. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office at 4:30 PM.



## 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB




Are you eager to dive into the world of photography but feel overwhelmed with the technical jargon and endless options on your camera? Look no further!

The 4-H Photography Club will introduce youth to concepts such as exposure, composition, focus, and lighting to help you take control of your camera and unleash your creativity.

Grab your camera and get ready to unlock your creative potential and create photographs you will be proud to share.

**Due to the technical nature of this club, enrollment is limited to Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers only (11 - 18 years old).**

### CLUB OBJECTIVES

-  build a strong foundation of technical skills (understand buttons and dials & their usage)
-  creatively use composition principles to strengthen images
-  understand the impact of the quality & behavior of light

### Club Requirements:

a digital camera (DSLR, Mirrorless, or compact digital) which allows the following camera mode settings: Manual, Aperture (A/Av) and Shutter speed (S/Tv)

- **Meets:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting Sept. 17, 2025
- **Location:** Meetings will take place in a classroom setting at UF/IFAS Extension Office, 3695 Lake Dr, Cocoa 32926 Or an offsite photo meetup
- **Meeting time:** 4:30 - 6:00 PM
- **No prior photography knowledge is necessary.**



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For more information, contact Lisa at [lisaparlottovanmeter@gmail.com](mailto:lisaparlottovanmeter@gmail.com) or Marilyn at [marolfoto@earthlink.net](mailto:marolfoto@earthlink.net)

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# COMING EVENTS

**October 5 – 11 – NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!**

**October 18 – Archery Indoor Match, Newberry**

**October 20 – Discover 4-H Club, UF/IFAS Extension Office, 6 PM**

**October 24 – 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board, Camp Cloverleaf**

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

