

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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September 2024

## Welcome to the 2024-2025 4-H Year

The New 4-H Year is here and we are so excited to see all that this year brings! We had a great Open House and want to welcome all of our members, new and returning. As clubs begin meeting, please let us know if you have any questions.

We know communication is crucial to keep you in the know. We are always here to answer questions and help. To stay up-to-date, we recommend checking your email often, checking our monthly newsletter (always available at <https://tinyurl.com/yc7j9vxc>), and joining *The Hub*, our private Facebook page. Your club leaders are also a great source for help and information. We're also working on updating our website (<https://tinyurl.com/yc7j9vxc>) and making it more interactive, so stay tuned!

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# Brevard County 4-H Clubs

**4-H Horse & Farm LIFE Club** - Varies - contact  
brevardpony@gmail.com

**4-H Life Club** - 2nd & 4th Thursdays/month, Titusville

**Bug Club** - 3rd Tuesday/month - Ag Center, Cocoa

**Discover 4-H Club** - 3rd Monday/month @ Ag Center, Cocoa

**Fantastic 4-H Farm Club** - 2nd Sunday/month, 9AM - Wickham Park

**Leadership Development Club** - 1st Wednesday/month - Ag Center,  
Cocoa

**Outdoor Skills Club** - Meeting dates TBD, Ag Center, Cocoa - contact  
fennyesther@hotmail.com

**Photography Club** - COMING SOON - Meeting dates TDB, Ag. Center,  
Cocoa

**Pony Tails Club** - every other Saturday - contact  
susahiller0237@gmail.com

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

**Sewing Club** - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month - Ag Center, Cocoa

**Sharp Eye Shooters Club** - 1st & 3rd Fridays/month, Titusville Rifle &  
Pistol Club, Mims

**Tabletop Gaming Club** - 2nd Thursday/month 5:30 - 7 pm, Ag Center,  
Cocoa

**Island Dog Club** - Looking for Leader - if interested, contact 4-H office

# Market & Purebred Poultry Projects

**Poultry Projects are underway! Chicks have new homes and I know they're all being loved on and well cared for. As we move through the project year, I wanted to remind you all of the classes available to help support you in your project.**

**While not mandatory, these classes are highly encouraged, and youth attending classes will receive points toward Champion Exhibitor. Classes are open to Market Poultry and Purebred Poultry participants.**

**All classes are from 6-8 pm.**

**Sept 17 – Project Overview, Due Dates, Record Books**

**Oct 15 – Skill-a-thon & Showmanship**

**Jan 14 – Buyer Letter Writing**

**March 11 – Practice Auction Walk & Showmanship, Fair Overview**



# POULTRY JUDGING TEAM

Want to learn more about poultry judging? Join the team.

This SPIN club consists of 5 classes that prepare you for the State Poultry Judging Contest in February at the State Fair in Tampa. Topics learned include:

Past Egg Production - Examine 4 hens & rank by laying capacity

Oral Reasons - Explain your ranking sequence

Ready to Cook Chickens - Grade carcasses on quality

Chicken Parts - Identify 10 chicken parts

Grade Eggs - Exterior quality, Interior quality, Broken-out quality

Meeting Dates  
are  
TBD

For more  
information,  
contact Lisa  
@  
321-345-8871



# 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 8, 2024

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/98976155849?pwd=N4svSauVyFITDM4eHVX77wB0Gqanfn.1>

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

- *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 9/1/24*
- *Intermediates: age 11 – 13 as of 9/1/24*

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# Calling all Volunteers



## 4-H: VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

Spark\*Ignite\*Thrive  
October 3 - 6, 2024

**Join 4-H volunteers and ignite your passion during the 2024 conference, October 3 - 6, 2024. This year's conference includes participation on-site at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, and **virtual components** open to participants on-demand and during scheduled conference opportunities. The planning team hopes to bring together a record group of volunteers through the hybrid format.**

**For more information about the conference, visit our conference webpage <https://4hvcoss.regfox.com/4-h-ignite-your-passion>.**

**We can't wait to reconvene again on the banks of the lake for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning—Ignite Your Passion!**

**Brevard County 4-H will provide 10 Virtual Conference Registrations for interested Leaders. Contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu) for more information.**

# District Learning Opportunities

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**NOVEMBER 20TH**  
**4 PM - 6 PM**  
**SLC FAIRGROUNDS, BUILDING C**

**PRESENTED BY:**  
**WHEELER'S RABBITRY**

**QUESTIONS?**  
**CONTACT: CANDY WICKHAM**  
**AT 772-462-1669 OR WICKHAM.C@UFL.EDU**

**THIS CLINIC OFFERED TO DISTRICT 11 4-H YOUTH WILL BE AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THIER RABBIT AND CAVY PROJECTS AND GAIN SOME AMAZING SHOW TIPS!**



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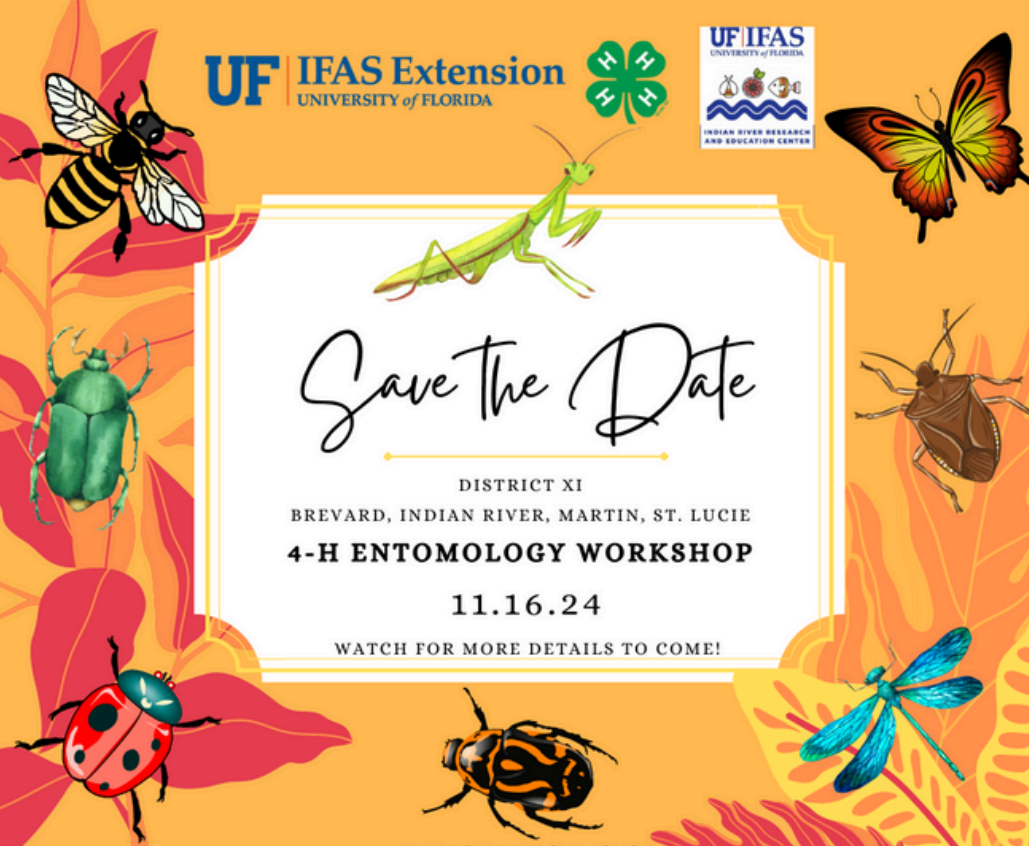
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*Save the Date*

DISTRICT XI  
BREVARD, INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, ST. LUCIE  
**4-H ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP**  
11.16.24  
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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# FLORIDA 4-H

## *Forest Ecology Clinic*

**September 28, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Austin Cary Forest**  
**Gainesville, FL**

### **Explore Forest Ecology with Experts and Sharpen Your Skills!**

- Get started with the Florida 4-H Forest Ecology Contest
- Discover contest stations: Tree Identification & Measurement, Forest Health & Management, Forest Ecosystems, Wildlife, Map/Compass, and the Senior Quiz Bowl
- Test your knowledge in a Mock Contest

#### **Bring/Wear:**

Lunch, a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, insect repellent, a clipboard, pencils, & closed-toed shoes

**More Information/  
Registration:**







## *Calling all Gator Football Fans*

**Join Florida 4-H at the Swamp on September 7 as the Florida Gators take on Samford! Purchase your tickets and pre-order 4-H Day shirts online. Shirts will be available for pick-up on game day at the official 4-H Day tailgate.**

**The 4-H Day tailgate in partnership with UFAA's Gator Nation Game Day Tailgate is FREE for 4-H members, families, volunteers, alumni and supporters! Stop by and enjoy the pre-game festivities:**

**4-H Day T-shirt pick-up  
Mojo's BBQ & drinks for purchase  
college football on the big screens  
face painting**

**Pre-order your 4-H Day with the Gators shirt when you buy your tickets for only \$15! Order tickets and shirt at <https://tinyurl.com/h7h33rvx>. Already have tickets? Pre-order shirts for pick-up/payment at the tailgate at <https://tinyurl.com/bdd9z6h5>.**

**Not attending 4-H Day but would like a shirt? Order your through the Florida 4-H Shop at <https://tinyurl.com/cxf3xn9m>**



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# 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

*Become an amateur zookeeper  
and discover firsthand what it  
takes to care for animals from  
around the world. Assist zoo staff  
behind the scenes and observe  
animal care sessions.*



**Camp dates: Dec 27 – Dec 31, 2024**

**4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)**

**4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11–13)**

**Registration deadline: Dec. 1, 2024**

**For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4xp9tsw7>**

# 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://tinyurl.com/yds7f9bm>. Register via 4Honline.**

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## Florida 4-H Food Challenge Virtual Club

Calling all aspiring young chefs and inquisitive foodies! Join the new Food Challenge Virtual 4-H Club and embark on a fun, yet challenging, food-focused adventure right from the comfort of your kitchen! With the help from Florida 4-H Youth Development Agents, you will get to unleash your culinary creativity, while learning kitchen safety and nutrition, and make friends with fellow 4-H members across the state. You will also learn more about participating in the Florida 4-H Food Challenge event!

**The virtual club is open to youth members ages 8-18.**

**The club will meet on the following Tuesdays from 6pm – 7pm (ET) via**

**Platform: Zoom**

**September 3rd & 17th**

**October 1st & 15th**

**November 5th & 19th**

**December 3rd**

**Adult supervision is necessary, and participants will be asked to gather a list of supplies for each meeting. Do not miss this flavorful opportunity – sign up now via Florida [4-H Online](#) and get cooking with 4-H!**