

Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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September 2025

Welcome to the 2025-2026 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. You can also find other great 4-H information on our website (<https://tinyurl.com/yc7j9vxc>).

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4-H Open Enrollment

4-H enrollment for the 2025-2026 program year is still underway! We can't wait to see what this new year will bring.

We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and to welcoming new ones into the Brevard County 4-H program.

As a reminder, new and returning youth members and adult volunteers must register at www.4honline.com each year to be considered active members. **If you have not yet completed enrollment, be sure to get it done by the end of September.** This helps club leaders know to expect you and to have a way to reach out to you with any information.

Be sure to check out our website, <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/brevard/4-h-and-youth/4-h-clubs/>, to view our list of clubs and meeting days/times,

If you need assistance with 4honline or have any questions, please contact our office at 321-633-1702.



Welcome Jamison

Jamison is our new 4-H Program Assistant. She grew up in Burlington Township, New Jersey before going to Florida Institute of Technology to pursue a bachelor's degree in marine conservation with a minor in sustainability. Throughout some of her school breaks, she worked as a paraprofessional for an extended school year program as well as a paraprofessional substitute at the Evesham School District in NJ. She then was able to apply her education background with her passion for marine sciences last summer as a summer camp counselor at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, where she solidified her interest in marine/environmental education and outreach. She graduated from college this past May and interned with the Sea Turtle Conservancy at the Barrier Island Center, where she continued to pursue stewardship for marine ecosystems through education and outreach programs. In her free time, she loves to cook, play board games, line dance, and hunt for sea glass and shark teeth on the local beaches. Please give a big Brevard County 4-H Welcome when you see her!



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 poultry health.

Members will meet twice a month from October - January to prepare. For more information or to join, contact Gayle at gowhit@ufl.edu.

Market & Purebred Poultry Project Classes

Classes are available to all youth participating in either the **Market** or **Purebred** Poultry Project to help increase knowledge in showmanship, skill-a-thon, and to learn more about what it takes to take home the Champion Exhibitor at the Brevard County Fair.

While not mandatory, these classes are highly encouraged, and youth attending classes will receive points toward Champion Exhibitor.

All classes begin at 6 PM

Sept 30 – Dates, Record Books, Photo Contest,
Poster Contest

Nov 4 – Skill-a-thon & Showmanship

Jan 20 – Buyer Letter Writing

March 10 – Fair Competition/Auction Know-How



District Learning Opportunities



RABBIT CLINIC

WITH JEFF ALBRIGHT

SEPTEMBER 20
11AM-3PM

ST. LUCIE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS -
BUILDING B

\$10 SUGGESTED
DONATION

Payment can be made
via cash, checks or Venmo
in advance or at the door

BRING YOUR BUNNIES
IN A SECURE CAGE FOR

- demonstrations
- health and care
- anatomy and handling
- breed standards judging

BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS AS THERE
WILL BE NONE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

CONTACT FOR ANY QUESTIONS AT
wingswhiskersandwags4h@gmail.com



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>

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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 5th: Night collecting & Part III Jan 5th: 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 with questions.



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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

Calling all Volunteers

National 4-H Volunteer Conference

Thrive in 2025: Spark*Ignite*Thrive

October 2 - 5, 2025

Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, GA

On-site and Virtual Options Available

Brevard County 4-H is offering scholarships to leaders who are interested in attending. Contact Gayle for more information.

For conference information, go to: <https://www.4hvcoss.com/>

Registration is open now



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 - 3rd 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

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

- **Sept 4 or 5 – Market Poultry Project Chick Pick-Up, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office**
- **September 15 – Discover 4-H Club, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office**
- **September 25 – Ask 4-H About Day at the Capitol, Facebook Live @Florida4H, 7 PM**
- **September 30 – Poultry Projects Class, 6 PM, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office**