

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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December 2025



## DISCOVER 4-H CLUB

**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**6 PM - 7:30 PM**

### DECEMBER TOPIC: FUN & GAMES

Join the Brevard County Discover 4-H Club for an evening of games, hot cocoa, and getting to know one another. Feel free to bring your favorite game to play.

**RSVP** by Dec 12<sup>th</sup> to [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu)

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**Paper Clover Days** are here!! If your club wants to market and do a little fundraising, contact one of four TSC stores near you to set up a day and time.

Contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu) for more information or to let her know your club will be participating.



**Pick up your favorite 4-H ornament (or all three) at Tractor Supply Company. Check your nearest location or go online to get yours before they're gone.**



# COUNTY EVENTS

County Events offers junior, intermediate, and senior-level 4-H members the opportunity to showcase their knowledge on a topic of their choice. Youth have the option of presenting a speech, a presentation, or a demonstration as an individual or a team (max two per team). Participating in County Events helps youth learn to gather, organize, and present information, as well as practice their communication and public speaking skills.

**Join us to learn more about how YOU can participate in County Events. We'll discuss the various ways you can be a part, do a little brainstorming to get you started, and answer any questions you have. We can't wait to see you here!!**



**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

**UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office  
33695 Lake Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926**

Register to attend by January 21st at  
[tammy.adams@ufl.edu](mailto:tammy.adams@ufl.edu)





# Wreaths Across America

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

**Saturday, December 13**

**10:00 AM**

Clubs or individuals interested in participating in this community service opportunity should meet at the Brevard Veterans Cemetery on Day Street in Titusville. Members will then move to the Lagrange Cemetery located at 1575 Old Dixie Highway in Mims. For more information, contact Jen Hill at [ishu.4u@hotmail.com](mailto:ishu.4u@hotmail.com).





# FLORIDA 4-H EXECUTIVE BOARD

All senior 4-H'ers (ages 14 - 18 as of September 1, 2025) are invited to join us at our Second Executive Board on January 23-25, 2026, at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, FL. Registration is now open in 4-H Online and available through January 12. Cost is \$175.

This is a great opportunity for senior 4-H'ers interested in becoming an Executive Board member to explore and discover what's available to them.

For more information, you can go to the website at Executive Board ([Florida4-H.org](http://Florida4-H.org)) or contact [4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu) or 321-633-1702 for more information.



## Florida 4-H Day at the Capitol

**January 28, 2026**

The 4-H Day at the Capitol Program provides youth with an opportunity to learn more about their state government and experience the political process firsthand. During the day, participants will hear from public officials, spend time in the Capitol Building, and see their legislators in action.


**Cost: \$30**

For more information: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/day-at-the-capitol/>



# 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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# Leader Spotlight

## *Carla Bourtis*

Carla is in her second year as leader for the Bug Club. She took on this role to help support her son's interest in entomology. Her favorite part of being a leader is inspiring kids in the area of science. That's not hard to believe as she used to be a marine biologist at NASA! So, next time you find an interesting creepy (or not so) crawler and you want to know what it is, odds are she'll be able to assist!



## *Rochelle McGee*

Rochelle is in her second year as co-leader of the Fantastic Farm Club and her first year as co-leader of the Bug Club. She became a leader to help youth discover their interests and learn hands-on skills. Her favorite part of being a leader is watching kids grow in their skills and get excited about interests aside from routine sports and academics. One very interesting fact about her is that she has a degree in Arabic! Rochelle believes that 4-H shows how powerful hands-on learning can be, and she loves seeing youth grow in confidence and in real-life skills. She is good at organization, presenting, teaching, and project planning. So, if you're ever in the market for help in those areas, reach out!



# 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/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** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday/month, 5:30 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa

**Discover 4-H Club** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday/month, 6 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa

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

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

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

**Photography Club** - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [thehomeschoolbus@gmail.com](mailto:thehomeschoolbus@gmail.com)

**Sharp Eye Shooters Club** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/month, 5:30 PM, Ag Center, Cocoa



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Dec 6 - Archery Field Match, Newberry, FL**
- **January 17, 2026 - Archery 3-D Match, Newberry, FL**
- **January 20, 2026 - Poultry Project Program #3 - Extension office, Cocoa**
- **January 23 - 25, 2026 - Second Executive Board, Camp Clouerleaf - Registration open through Jan 12**
- **January 28, 2026 - Day at the Capitol - Tallahassee, FL - Registration open through Jan 12**
- **January 30, 2026 - FAIR Registration Opens**



*Happy Holidays!*