

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Official Newsletter of Charlotte County 4-H



Continuing Virtual 4-H Meetings & Activities

With the continued concern of COVID-19, Charlotte County 4-H clubs and events will continue to take place virtually until further notice.

At this point, only "essential" activities are being considered by the State 4-H Office to be able to meet in person. Any essential events that were to be okayed would be required to follow the mandated safety measures below:

- Sanitizing plan for meeting rooms, restrooms etc.
- Social distancing for each person attending
- Mandatory use of masks by ALL
- Maximum number of people per room (less than normal)
- No sharing materials or presence of food during meetings



Virtual Meeting LOGIN OPTIONS

*DOWNLOAD THE ZOOM APP ON YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER

*DIAL IN ON A LANDLINE OR MOBILE PHONE USING THE TELECONFERENCING NUMBER

*CLICK ON THE MEETING LINK FROM AN EMAIL INVITATION

*ZOOM WEBSITE LOGIN

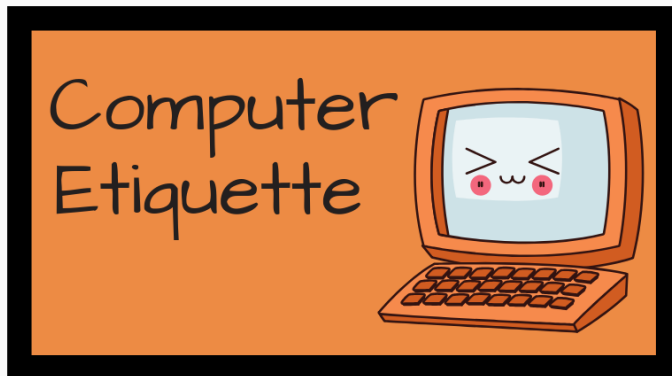
USE YOUR MEETING ID AND PASSWORD TO LOG INTO THE MEETING. USE YOUR NAME WHEN LOGGING IN.



Zoom Etiquette

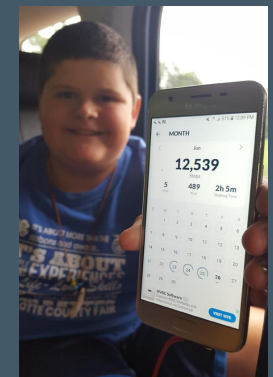
Although we will be meeting online / virtually, youth 4-H leaders have spent a lot of time and effort to put together an educational and informative meeting for you. It is important to show your appreciation and willingness to learn by following these guidelines:

- Keep your microphone on mute unless you are talking. This will help keep background noise to a minimum so everyone is easily able to hear the presenter.
- When you are un-muted, be mindful of background noise. Avoid having tv's or radios on, others talking etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings. When on camera, oftentimes the other participants can see what is going on around you - an unmade bed, messy room etc.
- Limit your distractions during the meeting. Turn off your notifications, close or minimize other programs/apps and mute your smartphone.
- Avoid multi-tasking during a meeting. Make sure that you are not on your phone, sending emails, checking social media etc. You are on the meeting for a reason - to learn from the speaker.
- Dress appropriately for the meeting. Remember that the camera shows everyone what you are wearing - make sure that it follows 4-H guidelines.
- Participate in the polls and chats requested by the presenter.
- Only chat about topics associated with the meeting taking place.
- Speak up when talking so that you can be heard clearly.
- Stay seated and stay present during the meetings to show your 4-H leader that you are paying attention.



Virtual 5K

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THAT COMPLETED THE 5K!



Klayton N.
Phoebe H.
Dalton H.
Lily A.
Katelyn W.
Kalina W.
Caleb L.
Connor L.
Owen C.
Cale B.
Trace B.

Caleb Z.
Kamden Z.
Addison Z.
Keira Z.
Kain Z.
Bryton S.
Nicholas R.





2020-2021 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H year will begin in late August. Please remember that you must be enrolled in 4-Honline to be considered an active 4-H member.



NATIONAL CAMPFIRE DAY

Growing up I always enjoyed sitting around a campfire with my family and friends. These days I share my love for campfires with my children. They seem to enjoy them as much as I do, if not more. I was excited to find out that National Campfire Day is celebrated each year on the first Saturday in August. This allows me the perfect opportunity to share with others one of my favorite past times. Campfires, to me, offer an inexpensive way to have fun and enjoy the company of my friends and family. I do not know exactly why, but I have found quite often that a campfire is a sure way to guarantee great conversation and/or song. I have both heard and told a many of stories as well as sang a many of songs around campfires. While campfires are a fantastic way to enjoy the outdoors with your family and friends, they can also be rather dangerous if not done properly. It is our responsibility to understand these dangers and we must take the appropriate measures to assure that we prevent any unnecessary mishaps.

Use these tips to safely create and enjoy your very own campfire experience:

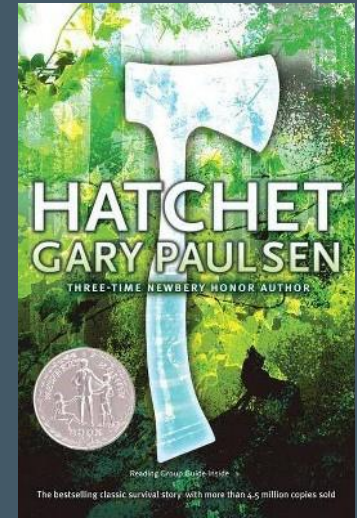
Who can build a campfire?

Youth and adults are capable of building a campfire. However, campfires can be dangerous. It is imperative that an adult be present at all times while a campfire is being built and as long as it is still lit.

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY 4-H BOOK CLUB

Are You Interested?



Do you enjoy reading? Charlotte County 4-H will be hosting a "book club." We will meet one time per week for 6 weeks. Durign these meetings, we will discuss the chapters read and will conduct a "hands-on" wilderness / survival activity related to the story.

This "book club" will be held via zoom. Supplies will be provided as well as a copy of the book. The cost for the program is \$10.00

If you are interested, fill out this form so that we can contact you with more information!

<https://tinyurl.com/yymr4egs>

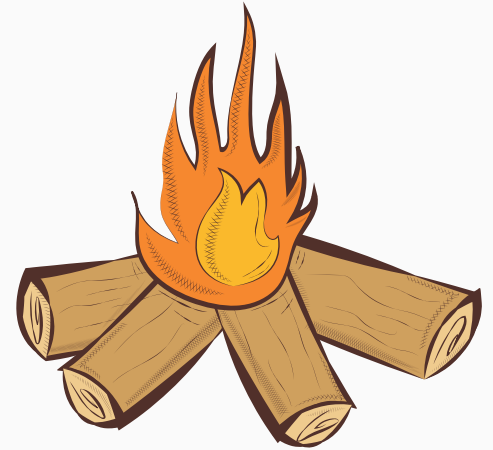


National Campfire Day Continued

SUBMITTED BY: CARRIE BAUCOM

What do you need to build a campfire?

- fire pit or fire ring
- water source (water hose, bucket of water)
- tinder (small twigs, dry leaves, wadded paper, pine needles, etc.)
- kindling (small sticks, less than 1 inch around)
- firewood (larger pieces of wood)
- spark or flame source (flint & steel, matches, lighter, etc.)



When can you build a campfire?

Campfires are fun any time of year. However, during dry seasons you should not build campfires. Doing so during these times increase the chance of wildfires.

Where can you build a campfire?

There are firepits and rings that are made specifically for campfires. Campfires can be built and utilized much more safely when built inside one of these. Your ring or pit needs to be placed in a cleared outdoor area (an area not surrounded by things that will catch on fire from an ember or ash). How do you build a campfire?

1. Find a safe spot for your firepit or ring. Place your pit or ring in that spot.
2. Gather burn material (tinder, kindling, and firewood). All wood should be dead and dry. Green, wet wood will not burn easily.
3. Collect a bucket of water or have a water hose nearby.
4. Add a good amount of tinder in the pit or ring. Too little tinder will cause the fire to go out quickly.
5. Light your tinder using a spark or flame source.
6. Once lit, add the kindling.
7. When the kindling catches fire, add the firewood. You can add it tepee style (arranging the wood to resemble a tepee around the bed of the tinder). Adding wood this way allows for proper oxygen flow. Oxygen flow is needed to keep fire going.
8. Enjoy!

Why should you build a campfire? Why not? Building a campfire is fun. Plus, once it is built you can just sit back, relax, and enjoy. There is something magical about watching and listening to a fire with your family and friends. You can create some of your best memories around a campfire. My love for campfires stem from when I was a child but continues to this day. I have shared this love with my kids and look forward to many more campfire memories with them. National Campfire Day is quickly approaching. I plan on celebrating with campfire smores this year. Hope you decide to celebrate too.

***NEVER leave your fire unattended and ALWAYS make sure that it is put out when you are done enjoying it.



2021 CHARLOTTE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK - DATES TO REMEMBER

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.
The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County
2333 El Jobean Road * Port Charlotte, Fl. 33948 * 941-629-4252 * Fax 941-629-6540
www.thecharlottecountyfair.com

2021 SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

FAIR DATES ARE JANUARY 29th - FEBRUARY 7th, 2021

RULES AVAILABLE			ON WEBSITE
STEER WEIGH-IN	AUGUST 2, 2020	8AM-10AM	XL BAR COWPENS
HOG/MARKET LAMB TAG-IN	OCTOBER 4, 2020	8AM-10AM	ALBOE FARMS
SMALL ANIMAL CHECK-IN (BAND/TAG)	OCTOBER 18, 2020	9AM-11AM	4-H OFFICE, GRACE ST
SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT ARRIVE	JANUARY 27, 2021	5PM-8PM	FAIRGROUNDS
MARKET/BREED LAMB ARRIVE	JANUARY 28, 2021	4PM-7PM	FAIRGROUNDS
BREED CATTLE ARRIVE	JANUARY 30, 2021	8AM-10AM	FAIRGROUNDS
POST WORK DAY (ALL)	FEBRUARY 7, 2021	9AM-3PM	FAIRGROUNDS

PAPERWORK DUE IS THE APPROPRIATE ENTRY FORM, EXHIBITOR & PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT, SIGNED BARN RULES. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNLOAD, WEIGH-IN, TAG-IN UNLESS ALL PAPERWORK IS PROPERLY FILLED OUT AND PRESENT WITH ANIMAL.

MARKET ANIMALS AT WEIGH-IN/TAG-IN
BREED CATTLE/SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT OCTOBER 18, 2020 IF NOT BEFORE TO JACKIE OR FAIR

DAILY ARRIVAL TIMES FOR EXHIBITORS WILL BE ANNOUNCED, YOU MUST CHECK IN YOURSELF NO LATER THAN 15 MINS AFTER THAT TIME, YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$25 FEE FOR EACH LATE ARRIVAL. EMERGENCIES ARE TO BE CALLED IN ASAP.

SHOWS/ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021	7PM	GOAT & LAMB SHOW
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021	1PM	STEER SHOW
	5PM	BREED SHOW & SALE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021	12:30PM	RABBIT & CAVY SHOW
	3PM	HOG SHOW
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021	3:30PM	POULTRY JUDGED (CLOSED BARN)
	6PM	POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP & AWARDS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021	3PM-6PM	PICTURES (Dressed in Club or Sale Attire, No ball caps)
AFTER SHOW/SALE PICTURES WILL ONLY BE TAKEN AFTER EVERYTHING IS COMPLETE AND APPROVED BY BARN CREW (NO EXCEPTIONS)		
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021	6PM	EXHIBITOR RIDE NIGHT (BANDS \$10EACH)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021	6-8PM	AGILITY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021	5PM-7PM	MARKET ANIMAL BUYER SOCIAL
	7PM	MARKET ANIMAL/BREED CATTLE SALE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021	6PM	RECORD BOOKS & THANK YOU'S
	4PM	SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT SALE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021	9AM-3PM	POST FAIR WORKDAY
DAILY SCHEDULE MARKET EXH.	5:30PM	FEED ANIMALS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE	5:45PM	MEETING (AS NECESSARY)
	6:00PM	ALL EXHIBITORS EAT DINNER

BREAKING ANY RULES OR LEAVING WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF \$100 PER OCCURANCE



CAMPAIGN SPEECH FOR OFFICER ELECTIONS

Candidates for each office will be expected to deliver a short speech (30 seconds - 1 minute) in which they will describe the following:

- 4-H experiences
- Why you would be perfect for the officer position.
- Why you want the officer position.
- What qualifications do you have for the position.

Remember to catch the reader's attention at the very beginning of your speech. You can do this by telling a joke or giving a surprising fact to your listeners.

*Be confident

*Speak up

*Maintain eye contact with your audience.

*TELL YOUR STORY!



Running for Club Officer Positions

President: Presides over meetings, builds the meeting agenda, assures that the meeting runs in an orderly manner and strives to make sure all members' opinions are heard. If committees are needed, presidents appoint committee members. Since the president is responsible for creating the meeting agenda, it is important they are familiar with the order of business.

Vice President: Fills in for the president and presides over the meeting if the president is absent, therefore, the vice president must understand the roles and responsibilities of the president listed above. Additional responsibilities to consider giving the vice president includes following-up with any committees to make sure they stay on task, having them responsible for the learning portion of the meeting and serve in the role of introducing presenters or guests.

Secretary: records all of the business of the meeting and a record of each member's attendance. Secretaries provide a report at each meeting by presenting the minutes from the previous meeting. This can be done by providing a handout or by reading the minutes aloud, and must be approved by the entire group. Once minutes are approved, they become the official record of the business that was conducted at the meeting. Secretaries should record full minutes as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting so that the discussion is fresh in their mind. Keep all meeting minutes in one safe place so they can be referenced as needed.

Treasurer: responsible for keeping track of and reporting the income and expenses for the club. Treasurers are responsible for writing checks for expenses, making any deposits into the club account, balancing the club check book, and preparing and reporting a treasurer's report to the 4-H club. A treasury report must include previous balance from the last report, a summary of income and expenses since the last meeting. The treasurer should be prepared to answer specific questions regarding income, expenses and current balance. Managing Money Wisely is a full financial manual for 4-H treasurers.

Reporter: writes a news story to submit to the 4-H Agent for the Newsletter each month.

Historian: records the history of the club through photos. Keeps a photo book or scrapbook of the year's happenings.



MAKE A NO-SEW FACE COVERING USING A BANDANA



This step-by-step guide gives instructions on making a face covering out of a standard sized bandana or similar piece of material that can easily be found around the house. This face covering is not intended as a replacement for the N-95 mask, for COVID-19 protection, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. This face covering can be used when in social distancing situations and public environments. Refer to the CDC link on the second page of this document for the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations for COVID-19.

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Face covering assembly information source: YouTube.com

Materials:

- 1 Standard Bandana or piece of cotton material, approximately 19" square
- 6 Metal twist ties (like for bread bags), bound together to make a flat rectangle or chenille pipe cleaners for crafts
- 2 Elastic hair bands or shoelaces measuring 24" each

1 Lay the bandana or material out on a flat surface and fold in half diagonally. If desired, cut the bandana in half diagonally creating two triangles. This will allow two face coverings to be made from one bandana. This also allows the finished product to only have two layers of fabric in the center of the mask, which is helpful in our Florida heat.



2 Fold Point A up towards Side 1 of the bandana, leaving about 2 inches of fabric at the top.



3 Place the twist ties above Point A and fold over the entire length of Side 1. The twist ties are used to help secure the bandana on the bridge of your nose. Fold in Points B & C and tuck under Point A.

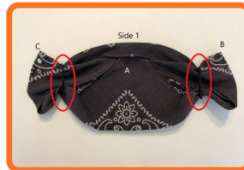


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4 Place an elastic hair tie on each side of the bandana, leaving 3 inches of fabric on each side. If you are using shoelaces or ribbon, tie the laces or ribbon to the bandana leaving 3 inches of fabric on each side.



5 Fold each side in over the elastic hair ties, laces, or ribbon. Do not fold the fabric all the way into the center of the bandana. This helps to maintain only 2 layers of fabric in the center of the face covering.



6 Hold the bandana by the elastic hair ties and loop each one around your ears. Adjust the fabric as needed and press up and around the bridge of your nose to bend the twist ties and secure the bandana. If you used lace or ribbon, hold the bandana to your face and tie the lace or ribbon behind your head. You can adjust the position of the hair ties, laces, and ribbon on the ends of the fabric as needed for a better fit.



Useful resources to help you stay up-to-date on COVID-19:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>



4-H Awards

INFORMATION
COMING SOON

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