

# 4-H County Events

Who: All 4-H Members

When: First Saturday in February

Where: Cornerstone Baptist Church  
1100 W Highland Blvd, Inverness, FL 34452

What: This is showcase event of Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, Demonstrations, Tabletop display and Share the Fun. All members are invited to participate in, for personal enjoyment, points towards Standards of Excellence Awards (aka Clover Awards) and is required of 4-H members who have a Market Animal Project or wish to join the 4-H Drill Team.

4-H County Events Citrus are held between 8:00AM and 4:00PM on the First Saturday in February.

Citrus County 4-H members are encouraged to participate in County Events. This is a great opportunity to show off your speaking skills, your talents or talk about your interests. Open to all Citrus County 4-H members.

\*\*Participation at County Events is required of 4-H members who have a Market Animal Project or wish to join the 4-H Drill Team.

The divisions are:

- Public Speaking (J, I, S)
- Illustrated Talk /Demonstrations (J, I, S)
- Share the Fun (J, I, S)
- Tabletop displays (C, 8-9 yr old)

County Events is open to all Citrus County 4-H members in all age groups  
Cloverbuds to Seniors

- Cloverbuds, C, (5-7 year olds)
- Juniors, J, (8-10 year olds)
- Intermediates, I, (11-13 year olds)
- Seniors, S, (14-18 year olds)

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*While Cloverbuds may participate, they will receive only a participation ribbon they will not receive a score or placing ribbon.*

### Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks

A demonstration or illustrated talk is a “show and tell” type of presentation. This presentation uses posters and visual aids to share information or ideas with others.

They should fall under one of the following categories:

- Livestock & Small Animals
- Horse, Communication
- Expressive Arts
- Citizenship and Leadership
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Healthy Living Nature and Outdoors
- Plants and Gardening & Science and Technology

Demonstrations or illustrated Talks must be between 3-12 minutes for juniors and intermediates, and 5-12 minutes for seniors.

A team demonstration is one in which two team members participate both in speaking and presentation. No more than two members per team. Only teams comprised of youth in the same age division will be eligible to move on to districts.

Competitors are responsible for all aspects of their preparations and set-up of their presentations.

The 4-H staff will provide a table and easel for all participants in the demonstration/illustrated talk category.

### Public Speaking

This program is designed to give 4-H'ers experience in the preparation and delivery of a 4-H related speech. This contest requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize, and present information on a given topic. The timed speech must be orderly and thorough. 4-H'ers must acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public, expressing ideas effectively with poise and confidence.

Categories: General Public Speaking & Horse Public Speaking  
General Regulations

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Speech must be original and specifically related to 4-H in a demonstrable way. The entire speech does not necessarily have to feature 4-H, but every contestant must, at some point in his/her speech, mention 4-H and its relationship to the material being presented. Contestants who break this rule will be subject to penalization by the judges

- Juniors (8-10 year olds) no less than 3 and no more than 7 minutes in length
- Intermediates (11-13 year olds) and no less than 3 and no more than 7 minutes in length
- Seniors (14-18 year olds) no less than 5 and no more than 7 minutes in length

*Cloverbuds (5-7 year olds) May not participate in county events public speaking*

Contestants whose speeches ignore the outlined time specifications and reference to 4-H will be subject to penalization as outlined on the score sheet. Individual participation only, no team speeches will be allowed and no props or visuals.

4-H Staff will provide a podium for those in the public speaking category.

## Share the Fun

The 4-H Share the Fun Program is designed to help 4-H'ers discover their talents, develop them, and have opportunities to share those gifts with others. It is part of the 4-H Recreation Program and is conducted at County, District, and State levels. The objective of the Share-the-Fun Program is to enhance the following areas: appreciation of talent, leadership, confidence, interest in special training, and the ability to discover opportunities for wholesome recreation.

## Act Classifications:

- Instrumental: *Musical instruments of all types*
- Vocal: *Singing numbers*
- Dance: *All dance, baton, and acrobatic routines*
- Dramatic and Novelty: *Skits, stunts, pantomimes, monologues, puppetry, ventriloquism, impersonations, etc.*
- General: *Acts which include two or more of the above classifications*

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### Share the Fun Act Size and Length:

- Acts may be presented by individuals or groups.
- Group acts should be limited to a maximum of 5 participants.
- The time for each act can range from 3-5 minutes.
- Participants will have a one-minute warning and then the act will be called at 5 minutes.

### Tabletop Demonstrations

Members exhibit a display on a table, display board (e.g. poster board) and answer the judge's questions about their project.

The event is open to:

- Clover Buds (for participation)
- 8-9 year olds (for competition)

*This is only a County level contest.*

Regardless of category entered, the following regulations apply:

- No living vertebrates (i.e. fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals) may be brought to county, district, or state level events.
- Each presentation (i.e. demonstration, illustrated talk, Share-the-Fun activity, speech, etc.) will be the same from county level to district level to state level (if a senior 4-H member). A 4-H'er should improve on his/her activity but it must remain basically the same.
- The 4-H staff will provide a table and easel for all participants in the demonstration/illustrated talk category and a podium for those in the public speaking category. The classrooms DO NOT contain computers. Some have TV's with HTMI capability.
- A 4-H member may choose to create a Power Point presentation rather than a display board (e.g. poster board) to accompany their demonstration/illustrated talk. Contact the 4-H Office if you have a question. Ms. Toni at [Tnoaker@ufl.edu](mailto:Tnoaker@ufl.edu) or Ms. Marnie at [mlward@ufl.edu](mailto:mlward@ufl.edu) 352-527-5722.

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### Attire

Florida 4-H does not have an “official dress” or “uniform” that is required to be worn during 4-H events. As part of any County, District or State Event, proper conduct and dress by 4-H participants, leaders, and agents is important.

Appropriate dress means:

- Clothes are neat, clean, and modest.
- Green and white or black and white fashions are highly encouraged and appropriate. *However, youth will not be penalized in competitive events if attire in these colors is not available.*
- Clothing with messages or commercial logos are discouraged.

Additionally, when youth are participating in certain projects, i.e. livestock, ATV, or shooting sports, safety should be considered.

### Attendance and Participation

Event scheduling is based on room availability, judge availability, and a pre-determined schedule of acts and allotted tallying times. For this reason, any request to be exhibited at specific times is not an option. Any request for time slots at the beginning or end of the event will only be considered if received by Friday of the second week of January to the 4-H office by email for date stamp purposes.