

October Newsletter

4-H Dates

October 18-19 County Fair Family Living items - Drop off

October 21 Adult Volunteer/Youth Meeting - Canceled

October 23 – 6:30 pm - Bingo Night - Foundation – Sunrise Cafe

October 24 – 12:00 Harvest Awards Banquet – County Fair Grounds

October 26 - County Service Project – County Fair Grounds <https://CtnyServiceProj.4honline.com>

October 31- November 11th -Hillsborough County Fair –

<https://hillsboroughcountyfair.com/contests/>

<https://hillsboroughcountyfair.com/livestock/>

November 5- 4-H Day at the Fair & **Round Robin Judging**

<https://RRJudging.4honline.com>

November 18 - All 4-H Youth Hands-on Meeting – All Adult Info. Meeting – both are 6:30 – Extension Office

December 4- 6:30 pm 4-H Skating Fundraiser at Astro Skate in Brandon – Everyone welcome! Invite your friends

December 16 - All 4-H Youth Hands-on Meeting – All Adult Info. Meeting – both are 6:30 – Extension Office

December 31- Must be officially approved through 4-H online and in good standing to participate in the Florida State Fair, Strawberry Festival, and the Equine Program.

January 18 – SW Food Challenge – Sebring

February 6-17- Florida State Fair

February 22- Hillsborough 4-H Foundation Strawberry U-Pick

February 27- March 9th- Florida Strawberry Festival

May 19 - Record Books Due to County 4-H Office

June 14 - Awards Breakfast - County Fairgrounds

Link to Florida 4-H State Calendar:

<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h-state-calendar/>

It is a good day to have a good day!! Hello, fellow Hillsborough County 4-H members!!

Project Grants

Project grants of up to \$400 are available through the Florida 4-H Foundation to help members, clubs and county programs repair, rebuild or replace 4-H projects impacted by natural disasters.

Charitable donations can be made online at: tinyurl.com/4Hserves. Checks payable to Florida 4-H Foundation may be mailed to PO BOX 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Members, clubs and counties impacted by Helene can apply online: tinyurl.com/4Hservesapp

Projects must be educational and for the benefit of enrolled Florida 4-H member(s).

Initial application deadline is October 21, 2024, with award notifications made as funding is available.

Application will remain open and project grants awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds remain available. Total number of grants and amounts depend on total funds available.

For questions contact grow4H@ifas.ufl.edu.

Opportunities to fellowship and invest in 4-H

October 23 – Bingo Night - Foundation – Sunrise Cafe

October 26 - County Service Project – County Fair Grounds - come help us give back

<https://CtnyServiceProj.4honline.com>

December 4- 4-H Skating Fundraiser at Astro Skate Brandon

February 22 – Strawberry U-Pick

Hillsborough County Fair

Our county fair is just around the corner. Come out and support your fellow members as they show off their projects. <https://hillsboroughcountyfair.com/contests/> <https://hillsboroughcountyfair.com/livestock/>

Clover Buds at the County Fair

Many people have asked me about including more activities for the clover buds. We added the 4-H pledge competition to our events day last year.

This year, Dr. Chris DeCubellis will come to our county fair and read his book to them. Don't miss this! He will be in the main inside ring at 4:30 on November 5 - 4-H Day at the Fair.

2nd Annual Round Robin Judging Event

Join us on November 5 at 5 pm 4-H Day at the Fair & Round Robin Judging to learn what to look for when selecting a 4-H project. You will get an opportunity to try out your new judging skills. Register for the event - <https://RRJudging.4honline.com>

Florida State Fair

As we all know, the State Fair takes place right here in our backyard in February. Make sure you do not miss entry deadlines as they are quickly approaching.

<https://floridastatefairag.com/>

💎 Let them shine! 💎 Showcase your 4-H'ers creativity to our stakeholders this holiday season

Florida 4-H members ages 8-18 (as of September 1 of current 4-H year) are invited to submit for the 4th Annual Holiday Card contest! Submissions will be accepted at <https://24holidaycard.4honline.com> until Monday, November 4, 2024.

One design and one greeting will be used for a holiday card to be sent on behalf of the Florida 4-H Foundation to 4-H supporters to express our gratitude and well wishes. The two first place winners (design and greeting) will receive \$100 gift certificates to the Florida 4-H Store.

Contest rules can be found at Florida 4-H Holiday Card Contest (florida4h.org).

Contact 4hevents@ifas.ufl.edu with any questions regarding the Holiday Card Contest.

Virtual State Food Club

Do you like to cook or would you like to learn a little more about it? You could join the State Food Challenge virtual club. Agents from all over the state will be sharing their culinary/nutritional knowledge to anyone that wants to join. They will explain the food challenge in a hands-on manner. They meet twice a month via zoom until December. Sign up with 4honline if you are interested.

Exciting 4-H News From AKC

You have been asking for AKC to provide learning materials that are accessible online. This has been in the works for six months or more. Our Public Education team has done a fantastic job creating this resource for you. Please remember to include junior numbers and dog numbers on the forms.

To access the materials;

- Drop down the "Access Presentations" menu
- Select the link "Complete this form"

Once you have completed the form, you should receive an email with a link to the resource materials.