

September Newsletter as up 9/5/24

4-H Dates

September 6 – All Club Auction Baskets due to Tina Brynes or County Office

September 7- 4-H Spirit Day at Tampa Tarpon Game

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/tampa-tarpons-vs-dunedin-blue-jays-ewwdvif-eff86d2>

September 12 – 7 pm Bingo Fundraiser – Bullfrog Creek – Valrico – Everyone encouraged to come

September 16 – All 4-H Youth Hands-on Meeting – All Adult Info. Meeting – both are 6:30 – Extension office at 5339 CR 579 Seffner

September 21- State Fair Seminar – State Fair Grounds

<https://floridastatefairag.com/seminar/>

October 21 – All Club Officers 4-H Youth Hands-on Meeting – All Adult Info. Meeting – both are 6:30 – Extension Office

October 23 – Bingo Night - Foundation – Sunrise Cafe

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- 4-H Skating Fundraiser at Astro Skate

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/>

Link to Events and Activities Handbook 2024-2025: See what the state is offering.

[Events - Florida 4-H - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - UF/IFAS \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.ifas.ufl.edu/4h-events)

Hello and welcome to a new and exciting 4-H year. We have all been working very hard to get the new year kicked off! You will find a lot of dates and activities already planned. It is important to keep informed. I challenge everyone to try something in 4-H that you have not tried yet. Who knows you may find something you never knew you would love.

All 4-H Youth Members

Hillsborough County Executive Board will host hands-on learning opportunities at their meetings beginning September 16 at 6:30 at the Extension Office. All parents can attend the adult information sessions simultaneously in the conference room. Come join us to learn about what 4-H has to offer.

Opportunities to fellowship and invest in 4-H

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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

Did you know there are a lot of new contests this year? You should really take a moment to look through their website. I found it interesting that if you would like to enter a picture into the photography contest, all you have to do is upload it through their site. They even have a picnic table decorating contest. <https://hillsboroughcountyfair.com/contests/>

They have many species of livestock events as well.

<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/>

Hillsborough County Food Challenge Teams – September 17 @ 5:00

Are you curious what the Food Challenge is all about? Thinking about maybe becoming a team member? Want to see it in action? **Come see** what all the fuss is about and watch our team at the Extension office do a final practice before the National Competition.

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 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.

Calling all aspiring young chefs and inquisitive foodies! Join the new Food Challenge Virtual 4-H Club and embark on a fun, yet challenging, food-focused adventure right from the comfort of your kitchen! With the help from Florida 4-H Youth Development Agents, you will get to unleash your culinary creativity, while learning kitchen safety and nutrition, and make friends with fellow 4-H members across the state. You will also learn more about participating in the Florida 4-H Food Challenge event! The virtual club is open to youth members ages 8-18 and will meet on the following dates: **The club will meet on the following Tuesdays: September 3rd, September 17th, October 1st, October 15th, November 5th, November 19th, and December 3rd from 6pm – 7pm (ET) via Zoom.** Adult supervision is necessary, and participants will be asked to gather a list of supplies for each meeting. Do not miss this flavorful opportunity – **sign up now via Florida 4-H Online (<https://4honline.com>)** and get cooking with 4-H!

4-H Indoor Archery Match Registration is Open!

The registration for the first match of the year is open. The window is very short. Because of NAE4-HYDP, registration closes on September 29th. Please make your archery club leaders aware of this short window. The match handbook is here with dates for all the matches, along with rules, scorecards, schedules, and more. We plan to have the rest of the match registrations open by the beginning of September. The Handbook will also be available on the Shooting Sports page on the website. If you have any questions about archery matches, contact Julia Kelly (julia.kelly@ufl.edu).

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.

Expanding Agriculture: Workforce Seminar

Join us for the “Expanding Agriculture: A Workforce Seminar” on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the College of Central Florida’s Wilton Simpson Conference Center. This free event is designed for Junior and Senior high school students, as well as recent grads from 2022 to 2024. Explore exciting career opportunities in agriculture through presentations by industry experts, including a keynote address by Jeb Smith, President of the Florida Farm Bureau. Discover pathways in both technical and college programs, as well as trade schools and hands-on fields. Don’t miss this chance to learn about the future of agriculture and find your career path!

Contact Marnie Ward (mlward@ufl.edu) for more info.

4-H Day at the Swamp

4-H Day at the Swamp is September 7! Show your 4-H pride and cheer on the Gators as they take on the Samford Bulldogs. Game kicks off at 7pm at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium - and don't forget to order your brand new 4-H Day t-shirt with your tickets! Order tickets and shirts online at <https://tinyurl.com/4HDay24> Tickets issued digitally by UAA. Shirts will be distributed by 4-H on game day. Questions? Contact 4Hevents@ifas.ufl.edu

Changes to 2025 State Fund Grant Application Deadlines for the state of Florida

The Florida State Fund Committee (the Grant Committee) has moved to one state deadline, rather than two deadlines, as they have had in the past. There will be only one meeting of the Florida State Grant Committee. The one and only Florida deadline for 2025 grant applications is:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Moving forward there will be only one grant application deadline and one grant committee meeting a year for FL. All grant information and the link to the 2025 application maybe found at <https://www.nrafoundation.org/grants/> .

2024 – 2025 Level 1 Shooting Sports Trainings Now Open

There are now a handful of shooting sports trainings open in 4-H Online for volunteers and staff to register for. More trainings will continue to be opened through the new 4-H year, so please continue to look in 4-H Online. The trainings will also be added to the State 4-H Calendar as soon as possible. As with last year, each district will have a designated training in rifle, archery, and shotgun once throughout the year. If there is a waitlist and we cannot accommodate all registrations, we will try and schedule an additional training in that district. Except for in this case, we will not be adding trainings throughout the year; please ensure volunteers and staff attend those already scheduled. Any Approved Level 2 volunteer or staff can attend any training throughout the state, so please look at all training availabilities when trying to fill needs.

Registration costs will vary between districts, as expenses for each training does vary and will need to be covered. Some districts require the Level 2 instructor to travel several hours, and those travel costs must be covered by registration fees. Additional costs, such as range and facility fees and program materials, will also be covered with registration fees, so there is an increase to some districts' trainings this year to ensure all expenses are covered. With any questions about 4-H Shooting Sports Trainings, please reach out to Erin Mugge, erin.mugge@ufl.edu.

Below are the trainings currently open, along with their URL for direct access to register. Please share to ensure we can reach minimum capacity for all trainings. Here is a link to a printable flyer for anyone wanting to share this way as well: [Shooting Sports Trainings 2024-2025 Flyer.pdf](#)

Archery

Washington Co. – 9/7: <https://washingtonarchery9724.4honline.com>

Polk Co. – 9/28: <https://polk92824.4honline.com>

Hamilton Co. – 10/5: <https://hamilton10524.4honline.com>

St. Johns Co. – 12/14: <https://stjohns121424.4honline.com>

Shotgun

Washington Co. – 9/7: <https://washingtonshotgun9724.4honline.com>

Levy Co. – 10/19: <https://levy101924.4honline.com>

Palm Beach Co. – 2/8/25: <https://palmbeach2825.4honline.com>

Oceola Co. – 4/19/25: <https://osceola41925.4honline.com>

Rifle

Alachua Co. – 11/9: <https://alachua11924.4honline.com>

Escambia Co. – 11/23: <https://escambia112324.4honline.com>

Osceola Co. – 2/8/25: <https://osceola2825.4honline.com>

Polk Co. – 4/5/25: <https://polk4525.4honline.com>