

## Sarasota 4-H Showcase 2026 at the Sarasota County Agricultural Fair

The 4-H Showcase is an opportunity for Sarasota 4-H Youth to highlight their efforts in their 4-H projects and demonstrate their visual, written and verbal communication life skills.

- **Dec. 15 (Mon):** Registration is open on 4-H online – <https://SRQ4HShowcase26.4honline.com>
- **Feb. 13 (Fri):** Registration closes (*late registration Feb 14 – 22*).
- **March 7 (Sat):** All non-food entries accompanied with project stories are due at the fair during designated time slot (sign-up will be emailed after registration closes).
- **March 7 (Sat), 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.:** 4-H Club Display in-person talks will be done at designated time and location at the Fairgrounds. 4-H leader will sign up for a designated time for club to present to judges.
- **March 7 (Sat) midnight:** Digital entry—such as photos and Powerpoints—graphic design lots must be uploaded to DropBox by midnight Please name photos: Class-Lot-Name of 4-H Youth-Photo Title. Stories and releases can be submitted during project drop off or electronically submitted with photos, link will be shared after registration closes.
- **March 11 (Wed):** Food entries due 8:30 a.m. at fair.
- **March 13 (Fri) through March 22 (Sun):** 4-H Showcase opens at the fair; open for display during fair hours.
- **March 23 (Mon), 3-6 p.m.:** Pick up entries during designated timeslot and fair premiums, sign up will be shared after registration closes. Exhibits **MUST** be picked up by the **designated pick-up day** or they will be recycled.

Contact 4-H Office if you need to make alternate arrangements to drop off or pick up items.

\* **Please note** that the Showcase building may not be staffed during fair. Participants will need to sign up for a designated time slot to drop off items and pick them up. If you are not comfortable leaving your items in the building, unstaffed, please make arrangements with the 4-H office.

### Awards Sponsored by Sarasota County Agricultural Fair

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| • Score: 90-100 – Blue Ribbon and \$10.00       | Best of Show for each class 1-12            |
| • Score: 80-89 – Red Ribbon and \$8.00          | • Junior Division – Trophy - \$50.00        |
| • Score: 79 and below – White Ribbon and \$3.00 | • Intermediate Division – Rosette - \$50.00 |
|                                                 | • Senior Division – Medallion - \$50.00     |

### 4-H Club Displays Sponsored by Sarasota County Agricultural Fair

Awarded to Clubs

- 1: Rosette and \$100
- 2: Rosette and \$100
- 3: Rosette and \$75

- 4: Rosette and \$50
- 5: Rosette and \$25
- All other clubs Green Rosette

## Sarasota 4-H Showcase Sarasota County Agricultural Fair

1. All general Fair rules apply: <https://www.sarasotafair.com/p/getconnected/rule-book>
2. All general Florida 4-H procedures and policies apply, refer to Florida 4-H State Events and Activities Handbook 2025-2026: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/4-h-state-event-and-activities-guidelines/>
3. Work must have been completed in the last twelve months as part of a 4-H related project. The exhibitor should be enrolled in a 4-H related project, refer to the project categories in Florida 4-H State Events and Activities Handbook 2025-2026 (link above) activities handbook link above or <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/>.
4. The following website provides links and information to many 4-H curriculum and projects: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Curriculum-Clearing-House.pdf>
5. ENTRY FORMS for all classes are to be submitted through 4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>, by the designated deadline.
6. A Junior, Intermediate, or Senior exhibitor may enter only two entries per lot for classes 1-11, not exceeding a maximum of fifty total entries, across classes 1-11.
7. Each youth can enter one lot for their age division for 4-H interviewing (Class 12)
8. Each Club can submit one exhibit for the club display (Class 13) with up to five youth presenting.
9. Each Cloverbud exhibitor may enter up to twelve entries total (only two per lot).
10. All exhibits for all classes will be submitted at the designated location at the fairgrounds on the designated deadline and timeslot.
11. Judging of entries will be related to age divisions as of Sept. 1, 2025: participation only for Cloverbuds (5-7 years of age as of Sept. 1); Juniors (8-10 years of age as of Sept. 1), Intermediate (11-13 years of age as of Sept. 1), or Seniors (14-18 years of age as of Sept. 1).
12. **Each entry** requires a short description or project story. The story will highlight the background to the project, connection to 4-H and explain the creative processes to help the judges and attendees to better understand the entry and give context. Do not glue or staple story paper to exhibit as story will be exhibited separately in flip book near the exhibit. [Suggested template](#) Story must be typed or neatly printed:
  - Cloverbuds: 15-25 words, 1-3 sentences;
  - Juniors: 100-150 words, 1-2 paragraphs;
  - Intermediate: 200 - 250 words, 2-4 paragraphs; and
  - Seniors: 300 -350 words, 3-4 paragraphs.
13. All exhibits for all Classes **MUST** have completed entry tags **securely attached to each item at the time of check-in**. Entry tags may be obtained from the 4-H website or will be available during the check-in process or can be picked up in advance from the 4-H office.
14. Judging of exhibitor work may not be anonymous. Judges provide initials on judging sheet so any questions can be addressed before ribbons are finalized. The selection process for judges will prevent any conflict of interest.
15. Best of Show - one best of show for each age division (junior, intermediate and senior) per class 1-12 will be awarded based on the judging criteria.
16. This year there will be an additional lot in each class (1-11) America 250 – celebrating 250 years of our nation’s history and celebrating all voices of our nation. For inspiration and ideas, check out <https://america250.org/>

17. Additional guidelines are listed with Class information.

### Sarasota 4-H Showcase — Classes 1-13

Class 1 — Plant Sciences  
Class 2 — Expressive Arts 2-D  
Class 3 — Expressive Arts 3-D  
Class 4 — Graphic Design  
Class 5 — Creative Arts  
Class 6 — Communication/Writing  
Class 7 — Photography

Class 8 — Family and Consumer Sciences  
Class 9 — Healthy Living  
Class 10 — Sciences and Technology  
Class 11 — Community Engagement,  
Entrepreneurship and Leadership  
Class 12 — 4-H Interviewing  
Class 13 — Club Displays

## CLASS 1 — PLANT SCIENCES

*Would you like to learn how to grow your own garden? This category includes projects to help you learn about basic gardening, specialty gardening, junior master gardener projects, horticulture, and lawn care, and helps you develop important life skills along the way!)* <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/scienceanimal-sciences/>

Gardening: [https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufl.edu/docs/project\\_files/sciencex2fanimal-science-projects/plant-sciences/4-H-Gardening-Project.pdf](https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufl.edu/docs/project_files/sciencex2fanimal-science-projects/plant-sciences/4-H-Gardening-Project.pdf)

### Guidelines

- All exhibits must be clean and prepared attractively. All plants shown should be free of all insects or disease. Plants must be in suitable containers. Containers may be decorated, covered by foil or painted.
- All plants must be labeled properly with common and scientific names.
- Only live plants may be used unless otherwise specified.
- A **3" x 5" index card** must accompany the live plant exhibit, indicating:
  - When the item was acquired (purchased or gift)
  - How long the exhibitor has cared for the item
  - When the item was potted in the present container
  - Care instructions for the item
- Designs, plans and guides need to be the original work of the exhibitor, including illustrations or photographs (photographs must indicate time and place taken).
- Designs, plans and guides should be printed neatly and clearly indicate and describe the key components and highlights.
- Common and scientific plant names should be used in the designs, plans or guides.

### LOTS for Class 1 — Plant Sciences

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Flowered or Berried Ornamental
- Terrariums
- Dish Garden
- Garden Design
- Florida Friendly Landscaping plan
- Plant Guide (illustrated or photographed plant guide to Florida vegetables, fruits, ornamentals, or major

agronomy crops grown in Florida)

9. Plant Sciences Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your plant sciences project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
10. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your plant sciences related item to this Lot).
11. America 250 – submit a plant or poster – maybe a historical plant grown 250 years ago or history of plant sciences in our country – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 2 — EXPRESSIVE ARTS 2-D

*This category explores the art of visual arts, fine arts, crafts, and many other Expressive and Visual Art topics as you develop important life skills. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members and your community.*

<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Curriculum-Clearing-House.pdf>

### Guidelines

- a. All exhibits must be ready for display and firmly attached or mounted, depending on the Lot.
- b. All items should be dry and ready for display (no wet glue, paint, etc.).

### LOTS for Class 2 — Expressive Arts 2-D

1. Painting (must be matted or mounted on foam core or on a wrapped canvas).
2. Drawing or sketching (any media, must be matted or mounted on foam core).
3. Mixed Media – 2D
4. Expressive Arts 2-D Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your 2-D expressive arts project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
5. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your 2-D expressive arts item to this Lot).
6. America 250 – submit a 2-D Art or expressive arts poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 3 — EXPRESSIVE ARTS 3-D

*This category explores 3-D Expressive Art topics as you develop important life skills. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members and your community.*

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### Guidelines

- a. All exhibits must be ready for display and firmly attached or mounted, depending on the Lot.
- b. All items should be dry and ready for display (no wet clay, paint, glue etc.).

### Lots for Expressive Arts 3-D

1. Sculpture (any media, free form)
2. Pottery
3. Ceramics (pre-formed)
4. Mixed Media

5. Expressive Arts 3-D Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your communication or expressive arts project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
6. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your expressive arts 3-D item to this Lot).
7. America 250 – submit a 3-D Art or expressive arts poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 4 — GRAPHIC DESIGN

*This category explores the visual communications life skill of graphics design with youth exploring their perspective on 4-H and how they would communicate 4-H to a broader audience. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members and your community.*

### Guidelines

- a. All blue ribbon graphic design entries promoting 4-H or 4-H project for junior, intermediate and senior entry for graphic design will be eligible to submit one blue ribbon graphic design entry to the Florida 4-H graphic design competition.
- b. Florida 4-H Graphic Design Guide [https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/st-johns/4-h/pdf/Graphic\\_Design\\_Guidebook.pdf](https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/st-johns/4-h/pdf/Graphic_Design_Guidebook.pdf)
- c. Florida 4-H Graphic Design Contest <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/st-johns/4-h/pdf/Graphic-Design-Contest-Guidelines.pdf>
- d. Please note this is the qualifying competition for the Florida 4-H graphic design competitions.

### LOTS for Class 4 — Graphic Design

1. Graphic Arts Design – Brochure (promotion of 4-H or 4-H project)
2. Graphic Arts Design – Flyer (promotion of 4-H or 4-H project)
3. Graphic Arts Design – Other (promotion of 4-H or 4-H project)
4. Graphic Arts Design – Power Point Presentation (promotion of 4-H or 4-H project uploaded to designated site and labeled with Class-Lot-Name of 4-H Youth-Presentation Title)
5. America 250 – submit a Graphics Art Design – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/> (please note this lot, does not qualify for Florida 4-H state graphic design competition).

## CLASS 5 — CREATIVE ARTS

*This category explores the creative arts, such as woodworking, leather crafts, and collections and other creative art topics as you develop important life skills. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members and your community.*

### Guidelines

- a) All exhibits must be ready for display and firmly attached or mounted, depending on the Lot.
- b) All items should be dry and ready for display.
- c) Exhibitor must have applicable education or research permits if entering natural collections of items that may be prohibited by law for regular collections (such as feathers, bones and certain endangered species).  
[https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Florida\\_4-H\\_Curriculum-Clearing-House-2019-20.pdf](https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Florida_4-H_Curriculum-Clearing-House-2019-20.pdf)

**LOTS for Class 5 — Creative Arts**

1. Project-Related Scrapbook (specify 4-H project area)
2. Collections
3. Lego Creations
4. Leathermaking
5. Woodworking
6. Creative Arts Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your communication or creative arts project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
7. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this lot).
8. America 250 – submit a creative Art or creative arts poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

**CLASS 6 —COMMUNICATION/WRITING**

*This category explores the art of writing including poetry, short story, or speech. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members and your community.*

<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Curriculum-Clearing-House.pdf>

**Guidelines**

- a) All exhibits must be typed or printed neatly.
- b) Exhibits should not be loose. Poetry can be mounted on card stock, foam, or mat board. Short stories can be presented in a three-ringer binder or folder with prongs.
- c) Poetry should be labeled as to what kind it is (sonnet, haiku, free verse, lyrics, ballad, etc.)
- d) Short stories should not exceed 500 words.
- e) Speeches should be between 250 and 650 words (this is an approximately a 2 -to 5-minute speech).

**LOTS for Communication–Writing Class 6**

1. Creative Writing Poem (must be TYPED or PRINTED neatly, the ORIGINAL work of the exhibitor, and mounted on card stock, foam, or mat board)
2. Creative Writing Short Story (must be TYPED or PRINTED neatly, the ORIGINAL work of the exhibitor, and mounted on card stock, foam, mat board, or bound in a three-ring binder)
3. Speech Writing- with cues (must be TYPED or PRINTED neatly, the ORIGINAL work of the exhibitor, and mounted on card stock, foam, mat board, or bound in a three-ring binder)
4. Communication- Writing Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your writing project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
5. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this lot).
6. America 250 – submit a writing (poem, short story or speech) or communications poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 7 — PHOTOGRAPHY

*This category explores the art of communication through photography and filmmaking as you develop important life skills. Project guides and materials promote learning and interaction with other youth, adult helpers, family members, and your community.* <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/Curriculum-Clearing-House.pdf>

### Guidelines

- a. This is the qualifying competition for the Florida 4-H photography contest.
- b. Digital submissions only, photos will be displayed at the Fair on screens, no print photos will be accepted.
- c. Pixel size: Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG.
- d. Photo Upload – a jpeg of the photo needs to be submitted to designated site and labeled as follows: Class-Lot-Name of 4-H Youth-Photo Title.
- e. Each photo needs to have a release submitted (either printed or emailed before entry deadline.)
- f. All photos exhibited must have been taken by 4-H members within one year of the date of the state photo contest deadline (June 1 of the previous year).
- g. All photos exhibited must have been taken by 4-H members within one year of the date of the state photo contest deadline (June 1 of the previous year).
- h. Pixel size: Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG. The ideal 8×10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels, which is the same as an 8×10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Any higher variations of the 8×10 ratio are allowed. If photos have a different pixel ratio you may still submit. However, the photos will be judged using the 8×10 pixel dimensions. Which may cause your photo to appear stretched, compressed, or distorted. If you view a photo's properties on your computer, it will tell you the width and height in pixels
- i. Alterations of photo: Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- j. Model Release Statement: Recognizable pictures of any adult or youth under the age of 18 must include a "Model release" signature. If a minor is in the photo, the signature MUST come from their parent or guardian. Available at check-in or in advance from 4-H office.
- k. Refusal Rights: The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries. Photograph must NOT be offensive, degrading, racist, or contain pornography of any form.
- l. The top overall junior, intermediate and senior entry for lots 1-5 will be eligible to submit their photo to the Florida 4-H state photo competition.

### LOTS for Class 7 — Photography

1. Photography People – Any photo where the main subject(s) is a person or people. Still shots or active.
2. Photography Flora and Fauna – plants, animals; living items found in nature.
3. Photography Scenic – Cityscapes, rural landscapes, natural settings that do not fit into the Flora and Fauna category.
4. Photography Still Life – an arrangement or display of inanimate objects.
5. Photography Black and White – Any subject presented in black and white.
6. Photography Poster, no larger than 24" x 36" or digital (detail and illustrate your photography project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning, please note does not qualify for FL 4-H Photo State Competition)
7. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this Lot, please note does not qualify for FL 4-H Photo State Competition).
8. America 250 – submit a Photo or photo poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for

inspiration - <https://america250.org/> (please note this lot does not qualify for FL 4-H Photo State Competition).

## CLASS 8 — FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

*This project area helps 4-H youth learn about childcare and development, eating right and taking care of yourself, how to sew your own clothes, how to be smart with your money, and more.*

Clothing, Textiles and Fashion: [https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project\\_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/family-and-consumer-pdf/Updated-Version 4H Clothing Textiles Fashion Project Fact Sheet 2021-\(2\).pdf](https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/family-and-consumer-pdf/Updated-Version%204H%20Clothing%20Textiles%20Fashion%20Project%20Fact%20Sheet%202021-(2).pdf)

### Guidelines

- a) All exhibits must be clean and carefully pressed.
- b) All garments must be on hangers.
- c) All exhibits must be sewn by the exhibitor.
- d) Pattern instruction sheets (if used) must be attached to garment or hanger.

### LOTS for Class 8 — Family and Consumer Sciences

1. Sewing Accessories (scarves, bags, etc.)
2. Sewing Garments or Clothing
3. Sewing Quilts, Bedspreads, Pillows or Draperies.
4. Needlework Crochet
5. Needlework Knitted
6. Needlework Embroidered
7. Needlework Cross Stitch
8. Needlework Needlepoint
9. Family Meal Table Setting and Menu (Choose a theme, devise a menu, set the table, and photograph it. Submit your 8" x 10 photo of the table setting firmly mounted on foam or mat board, and include the menu complete with calories, fat, sugar, and salt amounts.)
10. Family and Consumer Sciences Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your family and consumer sciences project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)
11. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this lot.)
12. America 250 – family consumer sciences item or a historical approach to family consumer sciences from 250 years ago or family consumer sciences poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 9 — HEALTHY LIVING

*Healthy Living is a cornerstone of 4-H nationally and is even part of our pledge, “I pledge my health to better living”. 4-H believes healthy living habits of young people begin in the context of their families and communities. We strive to equip youth with healthy living knowledge and skills that will prepare them physically, emotionally, and socially to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Florida 4-H strives to meet the needs of today’s youth through education in nutrition, physical fitness, substance abuse, safety, and social and emotional wellness.*

### Resources

Healthy Living: <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/healthy-living/>

Food and Nutrition: [https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project\\_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/4-H-Food-and-Nutrition-Project.pdf](https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/4-H-Food-and-Nutrition-Project.pdf)

Personal Well Being: [https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project\\_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/4-H-Personal-Well-Being-Project.pdf](https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project_files/healthy-living-project-pdf/4-H-Personal-Well-Being-Project.pdf)

Calculators and counters: <https://fdc.nal.usda.gov/>

### Guidelines

- Items requiring refrigeration will NOT be accepted.
- All food items should be attractively displayed and sealed in a Ziploc-type bag or securely wrapped in plastic wrap (not foil) to prevent drying out before being judged.
- A 4" x 6" photo printed/mounted on card stock, foam, or mat board needs to accompany each food entry to be displayed for the Showcase.
- All food items will be discarded after judging, and photos will be displayed in place of the item.
- Recipes on 3" x 5" cards must be attached to each exhibit.
- Recipes should include serving size information with calories, fat, sugar and salt amounts for the serving size.
- Entries made entirely from mixes are acceptable only from exhibitors enrolled in their first year of the project.

### Food Preservation

- An entry will consist of two standard clear canning jars and lids.
- Each jar must be labeled as to contents and date of packaging.
- Each label should also include information with calories, fat, sugar and salt amounts for the serving size.
- Improperly sealed jars will be disqualified.
- One jar will be opened for judging purposes; the other jar will not be opened and will remain on display for the Showcase.

### LOTS for Class 9 — Healthy Living

- Healthy Snack Plan (devise and illustrate a healthy snack plan for one week, complete with calories, fat, sugar and salt amounts)
- Food Cake (1/4 cake or 6 cupcakes)
- Food Cookies (6 dropped, rolled, baked, no-bake, or bar cookies)
- Food Candy (6 pieces)
- Food Muffins or Biscuits (3)
- Food Yeast Products (bread, ½ loaf, ¼ recipe donuts, rolls, Danish, croissants, etc.)
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Vegetables
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Fruits
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Jellies
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Jams
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Marmalades
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Butters
- Food Preservation Canning/Preservation Pickles
- Healthy Activity plan (devise and illustrate a detailed activity plan for one week)
- Healthy Living Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your healthy living project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning).
- Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this lot).
- America 250 – healthy living item (maybe a recipe from 250 years ago) or healthy living poster – showcasing

250 years of our country's history related to healthy living – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 10 — SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

**Animal Sciences:** *This project area provides youth with many opportunities to learn about different animals and how to care for them. Projects can cover animal care and feeding, selection and judging, fitting and showing, management and health, and animal reproduction* (<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/scienceanimal-sciences/>)

**Environmental Science:** *This large project area provides youth with many exciting opportunities to explore and investigate the natural world. Projects help youth learn about aquatic and marine life, weather and climate, water quality and conservation, insects and spiders, wildlife and forest ecology, shooting sports, sport fishing and more!* <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/scienceanimal-sciences/>

**Environment** - <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project-files/sciencex2fanimal-science-projects/environmental-sciences-pdf/4-H-Environment-Project.pdf>

**Entomology** - <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project-files/sciencex2fanimal-science-projects/plant-sciences/4-H-Entomology-Project.pdf>

**Marine Science** - <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/media/florida4hifasufledu/docs/project-files/sciencex2fanimal-science-projects/environmental-sciences-pdf/4-H-Marine-Project.pdf> **Science and Technology** - *Do you like to work with engines and/or computers? Are you curious about outer space and flight? Do you want to learn how to build and program a robot? This category of projects provides youth with opportunities to design, build, problem solve, and investigate a variety of physical phenomena. Youth can design and build a rocket, learn how to conserve electricity, learn how to use GPS/GIS, work with robots, and more!* (<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/scienceanimal-sciences/>)

### Guidelines

- a. All exhibits must be ready for display and firmly attached or mounted, depending on the Lot.
- b. All items should be dry and ready for display (no wet glue, nothing sticky, etc.).  
Items such as website and animated presentation should be submitted to the designated site, either electronically or provided on a flash drive, ready to view.

### LOTS for Class 10 — Sciences and Technology

1. Entomology – Insect Collection
2. Entomology – Illustrated Florida Insect Guide
3. Ecosystem map of your neighborhood (identifying major habitats, species and watershed)
4. Nature in Florida Identification Guide to Plants and Animals (illustrated native plant identification, native tree identification, and native animals)
5. Florida Breed Identification Guide to Large and/or Small Animals (illustrated identification guide for dog, cattle, swine, caprine, rabbit, cavy, poultry or other Showcase animal identification)
6. Aerospace – kites, rockets, airplanes
7. Citizen Science Project – submit poster/display/exhibit of your project
8. Computer Technology – website design
9. Computer Technology – animated presentation
10. GPS – Geospatial – GIS mapping
11. Electricity or Electronics (built compass, flashlight, simple switch, electric motor, or electrical tool)
12. Robotics – robot
13. Small Engines
14. Energy– (alternative-energy-powered item, solar oven, solar-powered toy car)
15. Sciences and Technology Poster no larger than 3' x 4' (detail and illustrate your sciences and technology project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning)

16. Do your own thing (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item).
17. America 250 – sciences and technology item (maybe science/tech item from 250 years ago) or Science and Technology poster – showcasing 250 years of our country's history related to Science and Technology – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

## CLASS 11 — COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

*Entrepreneurship: This is an opportunity for youth interested in taking their creative and innovative ideas to the next level and building a business plan, prototype, and display of their entrepreneurial business ideas. Youth will demonstrate goal setting, financial literacy, creativity, communication skills, and effective marketing.*

*Community Engagement and Leadership: "This program explores leadership and citizenship skills. You will explore citizenship, community development, service, personal development and many other leadership-citizenship topics as you develop important life skills (<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/citizenship-leadership/>)". This is an opportunity for youth engaged in community engagement and leadership projects to share their innovative ideas and successful accomplishments.*

### Guidelines

1. Individual or groups can submit up to two items per Lot.
2. Printed business plan and any photos or illustrations of their prototypes. See the following resource for how to write a business plan: <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/plan-your-business/write-your-business-plan>
3. Business plans - Participants will need to prepare a professional typed or neatly printed poster (11" x 17") describing their plan, product, and/or service, including their budget (a detailed breakdown of their yearly actual or projected income and expenditures), their past six months (if applicable), and next six months of projected income from the business.
4. Project posters – Participants will need to prepare a professional typed or neatly printed poster (no larger than 3' x 4') describing the main goals of their project, including what they learned through the project, examples of what they did and photos of what they learned and of the project process.

### Resources

- Financial Management of Businesses: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/finance>
- Entrepreneurship 4-H Course: <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/entrepreneurship/>
- Starting a Business: <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/10-steps-start-your-business>
- Citizenship and leadership Project <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/citizenship-leadership/>
- Service Learning - <https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/projects/citizenship-leadership/community-pride/>

### LOTS for Class 11 — Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement and Leadership

1. Business Plan (Agriculture, Cottage Foods, Sustainable Food Systems, Expressive Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Living or STEM).
2. Entrepreneurship Poster (detail and illustrate your entrepreneurship project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning).
3. Civic Engagement - detail and illustrate your civic engagement/citizenship project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning.
4. Community Engagement Poster – detail and illustrate your service learning or community engagement project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning.
5. Leadership Poster – detail and illustrate your leadership project using photos and text and showcasing what you are learning.
6. Do your own thing – (Can't fit something into one of the lots in this Class? Submit your creative item to this Lot.)

7. America 250 – Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement and Leadership poster – showcasing 250 years of our country’s history related to Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement and Leadership poster – for inspiration - <https://america250.org/>

### **CLASS 12 — 4-H INTERVIEWING**

*Communication is at the foundation of 4-H learning. Members learn through their 4-H projects and through 4-H youth are often asked to present on their 4-H projects or discuss them at club meetings. This competition will give youth an opportunity to verbally discuss with a judge about their 4-H experiences and their projects they are involved with.*

*Youth will sign up for an interview time – meet with a judge for about 15 minutes and answer questions about their 4-H project and experiences. Judging will be based on a rubric. Ribbons will be awarded and a best of show for each age division.*

#### **LOTS for Class 12 — 4-H Interviewing**

1. Junior
2. Intermediate
3. Senior

### **CLASS 13 — CLUB DISPLAYS**

*Clubs are the foundation of 4-H. Kids in 4-H Clubs participate in a wide variety of fun projects based on members’ interests. Members learn through projects on such topics as gardening, woodworking, bicycle care and safety, photography, aerospace, and model rocketry, and much more. Members choose their own projects. 4-H members build life skills like decision-making, communication, citizenship, and leadership. They also meet new friends and – most important – have lots of fun!*

This is an opportunity to showcase to the community all the great things 4-H is doing in Sarasota. We want to show all the great things our youth are doing in 4-H.

1. Each Club can submit one poster.
2. The trifold or poster display should be no larger than (3’ x 5’).
3. The poster should include the following:
  - Photos of Club experiences and activities.
  - What are the main projects for 4-H youth in your Club?
  - What are your Club goals for the year?
  - Highlight community service for your Club.
  - Highlight important education activities for your Club
  - Showcase 4-H Standards of Excellence your Club is striving for.
  - Include what is so great about 4-H and your Club.
  - What is the history of your club – how does the celebration of our country’s history of 250 years related to your club or 4-H? Check out <https://america250.org/>
4. Individuals (at least two and no more than five) from each Club should be ready to present their Club poster to judges at the designated time and date, discussing the highlights and sharing their Club experiences in a 5-10 minute presentation about their poster and Club.