



St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development

St. Johns County 2022-2023 4-H Clubs

Interested in becoming a 4-H member? There are just a few things you need to do to get started:

- 1st - Complete the online enrollment at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
- 2nd - Pay the \$20 membership fee in 4-HOnline if youth is 8-18 years old by 9-1-2022.
- 3rd - Contact the 4-H Leader for club meeting date, time and place.
- 4th - Attend the club meetings, meet new friends and learn new things!
- 5th - Read the 4-H News & Notes for information on MORE 4-H FUN!

Thank you for your interest in the St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development Program. We have a wide variety of 4-H Clubs for youth to join. Below is a list of 4-H Clubs and 4-H Projects that are offered for the 2022-2023 4-H year. **It is recommended that you choose no more than one or two clubs.** When you enroll in 4-HOnline there is a \$20 registration fee that can be paid by debit or credit card or send a check with the “pay by check” form and mail it to the Florida 4-H Headquarters at P.O. Box 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611 . Make checks payable to University of Florida. “At Large” members will need to send a \$20 membership check to SJC 4-H Association, 3125 Agricultural Center Drive, St. Augustine, FL. 32092 For questions, please call the St. Johns County 4-H office at 904-209-0430. **Registration is not complete until registration is paid.**



AT-LARGE 4-H MEMBER - Independent 4-H members do not belong to a specific 4-H club nor attend traditional club meetings; however, they are still able to participate in countywide 4-H activities and events, and turn in record books. Youth enrolled as “At-Large” members are required to meet with 4-H staff throughout the year regarding their projects and goals. For more information on the “At-Large” membership please contact the 4-H office at 209-0430.



CLOVERBUD CLUB- This 4-H club is open to children ages 5-7, as of September 1, 2022. The Cloverbud Club introduces our youngest youth to a variety of 4-H projects in a non-competitive environment where they can explore their interests. Club meetings will be held at the St. Johns County Extension Office on Wednesday once a month from 4-5pm. For more information, contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu.



CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - We will be meeting at the St. Johns County Cooperative Extension office for monthly business and activity meetings. Express your creativity while learning about the world around you. Youth ages 11-18 are invited to join us for Crafting Around the World. Each meeting we will explore a different culture or ecosystem and create a corresponding craft. We will be using different techniques and mediums including paper crafts, painting, jewelry making, string and yarn art, clay, and textiles. Our club will discuss the tools and materials needed for various crafts, color theory, composition, and design principles and how they apply to each project. Topics this year will include crafts from Germany, Poland, Japan, Kenya, Australia and Mexico as well as arts that explore desert, ocean, tundra, grassland, forest, and rainforest ecosystems. We will also participate in an international visual letter exchange, the Arts and Crafts contest and the annual county craft night. For more information email Laurie Simmer at cleverclovers4hclub@yahoo.com

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BITS & BOOTS 4-H CLUB - Do you love horses? Then this is the club for you! This club will provide youth who are interested in horses a place to belong and learn. In our monthly meetings, members can expect to learn about equine-related topics, as well as develop confidence, leadership, and communication skills. Members are not required to own a horse, but members without a personal horse will not have any hands-on or riding opportunities with horses. This club is for ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2022. As a St. Johns County 4-H member, 4-H'ers will also be encouraged to embrace all that 4-H has to offer such as attending County Council meetings and participating in public speaking. Club co-leaders are Allie Prevatt and Adison Murphy. For more information, please contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu or (904) 209-0430.



BUSY BEES 4-H SEWING & QUILTING CLUB-The Busy Bees 4-H Sewing & Quilting Club is gearing up for the 2022-2023 year. We meet at the Agricultural Center Auditorium once a month from September through May between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm with some extra sew time offered on select Saturdays as needed to complete projects for Fashion Revue. Members must be 10-18 years old by September 1, 2022. The club is open to members new to sewing with a \$35 kit fee, but spot preference is given to previous members. All interested members, please plan to attend a Pre-Busy Bee meeting with your parents on Saturday, August 27, 2022, 10am-12:00pm to find out more. All patterns and materials must be pre-approved based on skill level. New members will make a simple skirt, pant or apron. Members may also choose to do a quilt. Club Co-Leaders are Tara Benyacko & Annette DeRenzo. Sewing Leaders are volunteers from the St Augustine Piecemakers. Space is limited to 15 members in this club. For more info contact Annette DeRenzo at akderenzo@gmail.com



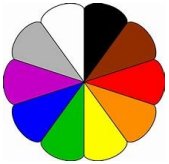
MARINE ECOLOGY 4-H CLUB -This year the Marine Ecology club will be concentrating on preparing to compete in the National Oceanic Science Bowl (NOSB). The NOSB is an academic competition for high schoolers, focusing on ocean and marine science education. Juniors and intermediates are encouraged to participate in lessons as well, in order to prepare for future competitions. Study materials and more information about the contest are available at: <http://nosb.org/>. Additionally, club members will be expected to participate in all 4-H has to offer, including the Team Leadership Club meetings, public speaking, fundraising and community volunteer efforts. Opportunities to practice and prepare for 4-H events, both virtually and in-person, will be provided as much as possible. Meetings will be held once a month on the second Wednesday of the month, from 4-5:30pm, in the auditorium at the SJC Extension Office. For more information, please contact Angela Foldi angela-foldi@gmail.com or Vicki Peterson momtopiglet@gmail.com.



TEEN LEADERSHIP 4-H COUNCIL CLUB-Are you between the ages of 13-18 and looking to meet other teens and develop your leadership skills? If so, join the St. Johns County 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) club. This club is youth-led and supported by both 4-H agents. The TLC officers were elected at the final County Council meeting and have spent the summer preparing to create a fun and friendly environment to plan fun activities and events, engage in community service, create opportunities for teens to connect, and learn how to be a more effective leader. Most months, TLC meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Some dates will vary due to holidays. For more information, contact Allie Prevatt (vanderson2@ufl.edu) or Julia Kelly (julia.kelly@ufl.edu). Youth must register for this club in 4-HOnline to participate in TLC.



CRAZY COMETS 4-H CLUB – We are starting our 2022-23 year and we are looking for new members that will be in 6th grade only this year and at least 11 years old by Sept 1, 2022 (older members please look at our sister Advanced Scientists club). Preference is given to returning members. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5-6:30pm with a possible optional extra work day on a Thursday. We cover a wide variety of subjects in science and STEM related topics. Preplanning and informational meeting at the library on 8/16. Club dues TBD. Space is very limited. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda Mishra (4hcrazycomets@gmail.com or call 412-225-5345).



CALICO CLOVERS 4-H CLUB- Come explore animals with us! This club is for youth 8-13 by September 1, 2022. We will be meeting one Sunday afternoon per month for 2 hours. This year we will be exploring all different types of animals. We will be meeting at different locations throughout the county to visit different animal habitats. We will work on building friendships within our club, participate in workshops and contests individually, make crafts, and service our community the 4-H way! For more information call Caryl Hayes at (904)219-0233 or email at cah0512@aol.com.



LITTLE CLOVERS - Join us as we explore our world this year as Little Clovers! This club will be ages 5-7 by September 1, 2022. This year will have a combination of animal study, crafts, and community projects. We will be meeting one Sunday a month and have extra activities sprinkled throughout the year! We will be "on location" for most meetings so meetings will

be held at different locations around the county. Parents will be provided a list of dates and locations at the first meeting. Our goal is to help our little clovers learn what a BIG impact their little selves can make on their community by building relationships, learning crafts and trades, volunteering, and so much more! For more information contact Holli Craven at holljcraven@gmail.com



TOXOPHILY 4-H CLUB - If you are interested in learning to shoot a bow while making new friends, then consider joining the Toxophily (love of archery) Club. You will learn about the history of archery, proper shooting form, target types, public speaking, giving demonstrations, plus background history of bows and arrows. This club is open to archers ages 8-18 as of

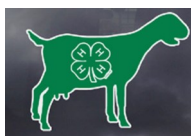
9/1/22 who have completed the Intro to Archery summer day camp. Members of this club compete and go on field trips during the 4-H year. We meet on Saturday per month from 9:00-11:00am at the Agricultural Center. We will have optional practices twice a month depending on participation. If you don't have your own equipment, there's a \$50/family refundable deposit for the 4-H year to use ours. There is a Club fee of \$25 for needed supplies. Space is limited in this club; please contact club leaders Kevin Kelly & Isabelle Pitcher SJC4HToxophilyClub@gmail.com for more information.



REEL DEAL 4-H SPORTFISHING CLUB - Our focus this 4-H year is fishing the beaches and other brackish/saltwater shorelines and piers in St Johns, Duval, and Clay Counties. Meetings will be on Saturdays (once or twice a month) and locations/times will vary depending on the tides. All meetings will be hands on, and we will cover everything you need to know from beginner basics to more advanced techniques as well as learning about our local waterways, fish species and conservation and environment responsibilities. This club is for ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2022. Club dues are \$20 per member. For additional information, please contact Tira Clyce. Email: tira@clyce.com Text: 904-460-5757.



4-H ADVANCED SCIENTIST CLUB - This is the sister club to the 4-H Crazy Comets for youth 7th grade and higher. Preference will be given to youth that have been in the Crazy Comets and youth that attended any of our summer science camps. Youth must be at least 12 years old by Sept 1, 2022 and in the 7rd grade or higher. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5-6:30pm with the Crazy Comets. We may have a possible additional extra work or planning meeting one Thursday a month. The Advanced Scientists will be taking on a leadership role in the planning of our topics and experiments. We will cover a wide variety of subjects in science and STEM related topics. Informational meeting at the library on 8/16. Club dues TBD. Space is very limited. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda Mishra (4hadvancedscientists@gmail.com or call 412-225-5345).



HOOVES & HORNS 4-H CLUB - This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5-18 as of September 1, 2022. We will meet once per month at the extension office or at various farm locations. Goat ownership is not required. This club is open to both meat goats and dairy goats. Goats do not need to be registered, but must be disbudded or polled (if dairy). The focus will be on basic care and education for Cloverbuds (5-7) and care/education and showmanship for ages 8-18. We will also participate in farm based community service. There will be opportunities for showing and competing. For more information, call or text Cathy Brewster (904) 382-4824.



9 MILE HARVESTERS 4-H CLUB - This a club centered around farming and gardening and is open to all kids ages 5-18. Each meeting we will discuss a new plant and have the kids plant them in a container to take home to tend to regularly. We will learn the basics of propagating and the importance of pest control, fertilizer and how to harvest. Kids will have an opportunity to show a plant in the Clay County Fair. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month from 3-4pm at the St. Johns County Agricultural Center. For additional information, please contact Alex Reese (904) 495-4609 or Amanda Edwards (904) 814-2115.



FLAGLER ESTATES 4-H CLUB - This is an interest based club that will have many project areas. Project areas will be determined by members each month. Meetings will be held once a month and dates are TBD. All meetings will be held at the Harris Center in Hastings until the community center is completed in Flagler Estates. For more information on this new & exciting club please contact Angie Foldi at afoldi@jaxlogistics.net or Heather Coleman at heatherrcoleman11@gmail.com

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ROMPUS ROOSTERS 4-H CLUB- Do you want to learn about the secret lives of Chickens? Join us this year and we will learn everything from chicken breeds to anatomy. And so much more! We may even have a chance to go to a couple poultry shows to watch judging and learn about the world of showing chickens and visit a local poultry farm that raises and sells chickens. Do you have to own chickens to join? No we have plenty to share and learn about. For more information please contact Heather Coleman at heatherrcoleman11@gmail.com



4-H HORTICULTURE/PLANT ID PROJECT-This project is open to all 4-H youth interested in plants. Horticulture is the study of the art and science of plants. Skills are developed to gain an appreciation of plant growth, structure, and beauty. There are 200 plants the University of Florida has established to study. They are in the following classifications; 50 fruits & nuts, 50 ornamentals, groundcovers, & grasses, 50 vegetables, 50 flowers & foliage plants. Those that wish to may test their expertise by participating in county, state, & national contests. Some of these events have classes or methods to include Clover Buds. Project members become enrolled in the National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA). Former project members have been youth leaders in the NJHA, Vice President, President, Regional Chairs, as well as competing in contests and placing top in the nation. In the past members have participated in community projects, youth garden, fundraising booths, Florida Arbor Day, EPIC Garden Show, county fairs, state and national horticulture contests, and NJHA National Convention. Meetings are held monthly at the Ag Center on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Richard Highman at rchmlh@yahoo.com



HORSE JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY 4-H PROJECT- Do you want to be the complete horseman?

Then this is the project for you! Learn how to judge the conformation & movement of the amazing horse. This project is for ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2022 and requires a full commitment to learning about horses by attending workshops, field trips & clinics. Youth will attend the December Horse Judging Clinic at the UF Horse Teaching Unit in Gainesville. Team members will compete in the Florida State Fair Horse Judging contest in February. Intermediates and Seniors will be eligible to compete in the State 4-H Hippology contest in April. Seniors will be eligible to qualify to compete in the 4-H State Horse Judging contest in April. This is a great way to compliment any youth interested in a career in Animal Science. Meetings will take place once a month at the SJC Extension Office. Details will be emailed to everyone who registers for the project in 4-HOnline. For more information contact Allie Prevatt at vanderson2@ufl.edu or 904-209-0430.



4-H PUMPKIN S.P.I.N. CLUB -Have you ever wondered where your fall pumpkins come from? Join

the 4-H Pumpkin Project to become a pumpkin expert! In the project, you will learn about a variety of different topics in the pumpkin industry including how to harvest, market, and utilize your pumpkins in the kitchen. Open to youth ages 8-13 as of September 1, 2022. Meeting dates are October 11th for Pumpkin Harvest at 5:30pm, October 20th for Pumpkin Prep at 5:30pm, October 22nd for Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser & November 2nd for Pumpkins in the Kitchen at 5:30pm. To register for this project you will need to pick the 4-H Pumpkin Project as one of your clubs in 4-HOnline. If you have already been approved in 4-HOnline, call or email the 4-H office at kelliecanderson@ufl.edu to have the project added to your profile.

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4-H BLUEBERRY S.P.I.N. CLUB- Would you like to learn all about blueberry & strawberry plants? In this special interest club, you will grow your own blueberry & strawberry plants, learn about the berry industry, visit a berry farm, and create crafts & recipes. The first meeting will be on October 12th at 4:30 pm in the auditorium of the St. Johns County Extension Office. Subsequent meetings through December will be held one Wednesday a month at 4:30 pm. In January, we will announce the spring meeting dates based on when we are able to set up our field trips. Open to youth ages 5-13 as of September 1, 2022. Registration cost is \$35 and it includes blueberry plants, strawberry plugs, and everything you need to plant them. Registration for this project ends on September 23rd . To register for this project you will need to pick the 4-H Blueberry Project as one of your clubs in 4-HOnline. If you have already registered and been approved in 4-HOnline, call or email the 4-H office at kelliecanderson@ufl.edu to have the project added to your profile. You will also need to mail a check to the 4-H Office for \$35. Your membership will be confirmed once payment is received. Make check out to SJC 4-H Association.



THE FOREST ECOLOGY TEAM 4-H PROJECT - The objective of the 4-H Forestry Project is to prepare for the State 4-H Forest Ecology Contest in April. Meetings are held once a month to practice identifying tree, plant, and animal specimens, study Florida ecosystems, and learn map and compass skills. Project members will be encouraged to study both on their own and with the group. Meetings will be held in person whenever possible, in order to view live specimens. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors are all welcome. Study materials can be found at http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/extension/4h/about_contest.html. Meetings will be held at the Agricultural Center. With advance notice, outside meetings using map and compass skills or other field locations will be announced. Meetings are typically held on Wednesdays at 4pm. For more information, please contact project leaders Jerry Reich at reich965@yahoo.com or Vicki Peterson at momtopiglet@gmail.com .

Note:

CLUB - Has business meetings, meets September-May and may have multiple project areas.

S.P.I.N.-Has no business meetings and concentrates on a special interest project. Meets during specific months.

PROJECT-Has no business meetings, studies one project and competes at a state contest. Meets during specific months.

***Clubs are always forming and subject to change. Please check the 4-H website or call the 4-H office at 904-209-0430 for updated club information.**

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