



St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development

St. Johns County 2024-2025 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 5-18 years old by 9-1-2024.
- 3rd - Attend the club meetings, meet new friends and learn new things!
- 4th - 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 2024-2025 4-H year. **It is recommended that you choose no more than 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. For questions, please call the St. Johns County 4-H office at 904-209-0430. **Registration is not complete until registration fee 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, 2024. 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 a Wednesday once a month from 4-5pm. Dates will be given in September. For more information, contact Kellie Anderson kelliecanderson@ufl.edu



CALICO CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - This year we will continue our learning in hiking. Our club meetings include learning through games, activities, and arts & crafts. We will be exploring state and national parks throughout the year. We will be setting goals for the year to complete projects and learn new life skills both individually and as a club. This is a highly interactive club. Due to the nature of our meetings parents should be willing to drive to varying locations throughout the year for meetings and events. Club meetings will be held one Sunday afternoon each month. Parents will be provided a yearly calendar of meetings and events at the first meeting. For more information please contact Holli Craven at Holljcraven@gmail.com or Caryl Hayes at Caho512@aol.com

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LITTLE CLOVERS -This year our littlest 4-H'ers will continue learning in hiking. Our club meetings include learning through games, activities, and arts & crafts. This club is for youth ages 5-7 as of September 1, 2024. We will be exploring state and national parks throughout the year. We will be setting goals for the year to complete projects and learn new life skills both individually and as a club. This is a highly interactive club. Due to the nature of our meetings parents should be willing to drive to varying locations throughout the year for meetings and events. Club meetings will be held one Sunday afternoon each month. Parents will be provided a yearly calendar of meetings and events at the first meeting. For more information please contact Holli Craven at Hollijcraven@gmail.com or Caryl Hayes at Caho512@aol.com



CUBE CLUB - If you're passionate about solving Rubik's Cubes or want to learn, our club is the perfect place for you! Join us once every month as we twist, turn, and solve these colorful puzzles. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned cuber, you'll find a friendly and supportive community here. We'll share solving techniques, host mini-competitions, and even organize cube-themed events by Cube Coach Sarvesh Govardhanan. Come join the fun and let's make every twist count! This club is for youth ages 8-13, as of September 1, 2024. For more information contact club leader, Govi Govardhanan at bgovardhanan@gmail.com or Sarvesh at sarveshkrishnaa3@gmail.com



BUSY BEES 4-H SEWING & QUILTING PROJECT - The Busy Bees 4-H Sewing & Quilting Project is gearing up for the 2024-2025 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 optional extra sew days. Eligible members must be 10-18 years old by September 1, 2024 and must have completed Beginning Sewing Camp and are familiar with basic sewing machine skills. You need not own your own machine. All interested members, please plan to attend a Pre-Busy Bee meeting with your parents on Saturday, August 24, 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm to find out more. After the meeting, we plan to take a short trip to Hobby Lobby with parents and members who wish to purchase supplies for your project. All patterns and materials must be pre-approved based on skill level by Ms. Tara. New members will make a simple skirt or pant. Members may also choose to do a quilt. Finished sewing projects will be judged at Fashion Revue on April 10, 2025. Sewing Leaders are volunteers from the St. Augustine Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Space is limited to 15 members in this project. For more info contact Annette DeRenzo at akderenzo@gmail.com, Tara Benyacko at tbenyacko@live.com or Courtney Toelle at cj.toelle@gmail.com



PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB - The objective of the Public Speaking project is to prepare members to compete in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest and/or 4-H Demonstration/Illustrated Talks contest. Monthly meetings will use lessons from both 4-H Public Speaking workbooks and the National Speech and Debate Association. As part of the project, students will be asked to prepare at least one speech or demonstration that will be entered in a 4-H Competition. Parents are urged to attend monthly meetings and will be expected to assist their students at home as they prepare their speech. In addition, members and their families will learn about and be encouraged to attend 4-H Day at the Capitol and other county and state events in order to improve their public speaking skills. Intermediate-aged members will be encouraged to attend ILEAD, while senior-aged members will be encouraged to attend 4-H Legislature and 4-H University. For more information, please contact Vicki Peterson at vicki@petes-place.net



MARINE ECOLOGY 4-H CLUB -The Marine Ecology club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm. The location varies depending on our planned activity and is communicated via the Remind app. Marine Ecology accepts members from the ages of 8-18. Each month we focus on an activity that studies marine-life habitats, populations, and interactions in their surrounding environments. We use a mix of trips to various waterways, state parks and reserves along with learning from each other. 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. For more information please contact Angie Foldi at angelafoldi@gmail.com .



REEL DEAL 4-H SPORTFISHING CLUB - Fishing is more than tying knots and reeling in fish - it's also all about conservation and education. Reel Deal is a saltwater fishing club which was created to enable our youth to learn how to fish our amazing shorelines and understand what's needed to ensure a future in fishing. This 4-H club year, along with fishing, Reel Deal will be spending time with our local conservation & manufacturing groups as well as with established anglers. Meetings will be on Saturdays (once or twice a month) & locations/times will vary depending on the tides. We end each club year with an offshore trip. There is no charge for the youth attending, however the youth club members must attend at least 2/3 of the club meetings to be eligible. This club is for ages 10-18 as of September 1, 2024. Club dues are \$40 per member for the year. Due to the nature of the club meetings, we do ask for a parent or guardian to be present at each meeting. Our first meeting date is September 7th from 9:00-10:30AM where we will participate in the Sol Margin Coastal Cleanup at Lighthouse Park. (Location: St Augustine Lighthouse Park, 446 Ocean Vista Ave, St. Augustine 32080). At the end of the event, we'll discuss the club calendar, elect officers and you may pay dues at this event. For any questions, please contact Tira Clyce. Email: tira1405@gmail.com Text: 904-460-5757.



FLAGLER ESTATES 4-H CLUB - The Flagler Estates 4-H Club will be meeting at the Flagler Estates Community Center in Flagler Estates. Dates and time to be announced at a later date. The Flagler Estates 4-H Club is a club for all ages. During our monthly meetings we collaborate as a team to decide what activities we want to do as a club. We have a lot of fun painting pumpkins, making gingerbread houses, learning how to do line dances, petting chickens, rabbits and other critters. We have fun being together as a group. 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. For more information please contact Angie Foldi at angelafoldi@gmail.com



HOOVES & HORNS 4-H CLUB - This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5-18 as of September 1, 2024. 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. The focus will be on basic care, education, and showmanship skills. Highlights include all club members showing at the St. Johns County 4-H Goat Show, farm based community service at CJ Acres, and baby goat yoga! There will be opportunities for showing and competing for ALL members. For more information, call or text Cathy Brewster (904) 382-4824.

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4-H CROCHET CLUB - Are you interested in learning how to crochet? We will be accepting kids in 5th grade and higher and at least 10 years old by Sept 1, 2024. Any age exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis and will be dependent upon volunteer availability. We will meet once a month on Thursdays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5-6:30pm with possible optional extra work days. Mandatory informational meeting at the Bartram Trail Library on 8/22 at 5:30pm. Club dues TBD, and there will be a cost for a starter crochet kit. Space is very limited and preference is given to returning members. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda Mishra (4hcrochetclub@gmail.com or call 412-225-5345).



CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - The Clever Clovers 4-H Club will be coordinated by senior 4-H members with a focus on preparing for the 4-H Horticulture Contest, visiting local nurseries and garden spaces to see study material in person, coordinating and providing community service, taking part in county based 4-H activities, and creating plant-themed art. Our business meetings will often be held at the locations we visit to learn plant material. This Club is open to youth ages 8-18 years old. Please note: we will NOT be carpooling when meeting at various locations - each family is responsible for their own transportation. Please reach out to ladyoflakeshore@gmail.com if you have questions and after you register in 4-H Online. We look forward to meeting you!



CRAZY COMETS 4-H CLUB -We are starting our 2024-25 year and we are looking for new members that will be in 6th grade and higher this year and at least 11 years old by Sept 1, 2024. Preference is given to returning members. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5-6:30pm with possible optional extra work days. We cover a wide variety of subjects in science and STEM related topics. Mandatory preplanning and informational meeting at the Bartram Trail Library on 8/20 at 5:30pm. 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).



TOXOPHILY 4-H ARCHERY PROJECT – The objective of the 4-H Toxophily Archery Project is to prepare archers for one of the five state archery contests taking place from October-April. As a project, we will be focusing on proper shooting form, target types and competitions, and fundraising. This project is only open to archers who have completed the Intro to Archery summer day camp or were a member of the Toxophily Project last year. We meet one Saturday per month from 9:00-11:00am at the Agricultural Center Wind Mitigation Building. We will have optional practices 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 project fee of \$35 payable at the first meeting. Please contact project leaders Kevin Kelly kellykevin8886@gmail.com & Julia Kelly julia.kelly@ufl.edu for more information.



THE FOREST ECOLOGY TEAM 4-H PROJECT - The objective of the 4-H Forestry Project is to prepare for the State Forest Ecology Contest in April. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are all welcome. Meetings are held approximately once a month, depending on the time of year. Meetings may be held at various parks and nature preserves, as well as at the Ag Center or club leader homes. Meetings are typically held on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Members practice identifying tree, plant, and animal specimens, study Florida ecosystems, learn map and compass skills, and are encouraged to study on their own as well as with the group. The 2025 4-H Forest Ecology Contest will be held Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Austin Cary Forest in Gainesville, FL. For more information, please contact project leaders Jerry Reich at reich965@yahoo.com or Vicki Peterson at momtopiglet@gmail.com .

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PLANTS R US 4-H 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 and 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. 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 11-18 as of September 1, 2024 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. Youth will be eligible to compete in the State 4-H Hippology contest in April. This is a great way to compliment any youth interested in a career in Animal Science. Meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 6pm. Meetings will be held at the SJC Extension Office. Details will be emailed to everyone who registers for the project in 4-HOnline. Teams will be led by Allie Prevatt, Maci Cerasale and Kellie Anderson. For more information email Kellie at kelliecanderson@ufl.edu .



4-H BERRY PROJECT - Would you like to learn all about blueberry & strawberry plants? In this project, you will grow your own blueberry & strawberry plants, learn about the berry industry, visit a berry farm, and create crafts & recipes. Meetings will be held one Monday a month at 4:30 PM at the Agricultural Center. Open to youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2024. Registration cost is \$35 and it includes blueberry plants, strawberry plugs, and everything you need to plant them. 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. For more information about the project, contact Julia Kelly at julia.kelly@ufl.edu.



4-H PUMPKIN PROJECT - 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 8-18 as of September 1, 2024. The project will meet four times throughout October and November (days vary). Meeting dates will be announced in September. 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. For more information about the project, contact Julia Kelly at julia.kelly@ufl.edu

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