



2024/2025 4-H Program Handbook

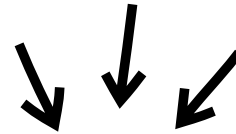
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4-H Youth Development
An Equal Opportunity Institution



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information,
registration links, & Quarterly
SLC 4-H Spotlights!



Participation shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, or political beliefs. Persons with disabilities should contact the Extension Office at least 10 working days prior to an event so that proper consideration can be given to the request.

St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension

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Learn more about 4H; Program Standards

sfy.ifas.ufl.edu/stlucie/4-h-youth-development/



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NEW!

4-H Program Kits

Everything you need to run an official 4-H curriculum program with your students. Simply sign-out a kit, work through the curriculum and arrange for kit pick-up.

Kits for Loan:

- Rockets to the Rescue
- Watersheds: Where We Live
- The Food We Eat
- Public Speaking
- Drone 101, with career discussion
- Food Challenge Kit



St. Lucie County 4-H
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St. Lucie County 4-H Education Programs



Since 1902



"Learn by doing"



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St. Lucie County 4-H proudly offers a variety of engaging programs FREE of charge, unless otherwise noted.

In-School Programs 2024-25

STEM in Agriculture

Embryology- This is a 21-day adventure into the developmental stages of a chicken. Students watch the chickens develop from an embryo to the final stages of hatching in the classroom. Appropriate for grades K-12.

Fun with Insects- In this interactive program, students learn about insect anatomy, ecology, and their beneficial roles in the environment. Appropriate for grades K-5.

Pet Care, Animal Husbandry- This program provides students with the knowledge they need to become responsible pet owners. A visit with a furry friend is included. Appropriate for grades K-5.

STEM in Horticulture

Pollinator Partners- Students take a look at the special relationship between plants and pollinators. Appropriate for grades 2-3.

Composting Critters- Decomposition and the nutrient cycle are highlighted as students learn gardening skills and construct a worm bin for their classroom. Appropriate for grades 4-5.

Indian River Lagoon

Know the Flow- This introduction to stormwater education uses an interactive watershed model to demonstrate the connection between land use and water quality. Targets grades 3-12. The field trip associated with this program is Indian Hills. See details below.

The Lagoon and You- Dive deep into the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem! This presentation covers estuaries, habitats, common species, and water quality. Lagoon and You may serve as a stand-alone program but is also a prerequisite for our Seining Adventure & IRL Boat Tour field trips. See below. Appropriate for grades 2-12.

What's in the Water- An introduction to the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem, this interactive program showcases preserved specimens and highlights habitats and food chains. Appropriate for grades 2-8.

Life Skills / Workforce Readiness

Healthy Living- Children learn to establish sustainable, healthy lifestyle choices, and learn how these choices benefit them, their families, and their community. Targets grades 3-12.

Living on My Own- A simulation, role-play activity focusing on real adult responsibilities, this program helps teens prepare for their future. Appropriate for grades 9-12.



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Lagoon Boat Tours offered through a partnership with Swampland Tours, Inc.

STEM-Infused 4-H Field Trips

4-H Farm Guided Visit- This outdoor, hands-on adventure highlights the role of farms in food production. Visit our gardens, animal pens, and AG-tivity Center. \$2/student. Targets K-12.

Indian Hills Recreation Area- See first-hand how stormwater is cleaned and filtered before entering the Indian River Lagoon. Students use the Action Bound app on their phones to complete a scavenger hunt. Know the Flow is a prerequisite for this field trip. Appropriate for grades 3-12.

Indian River Lagoon Boat Tour- Embark on a boating adventure to explore the Indian River Lagoon. A pre-tour orientation (K-2) or Lagoon & You program is a pre-tour requirement. Targets all grade levels. A boat rental fee applies.

Seining Adventure- Students collect marine organisms to learn about seagrass meadows and lagoon inhabitants. The Lagoon & You program is a prerequisite for this field trip. Appropriate for grades 2-12. Not offered December-March due to water temperature.



THE 4-H EXTENSION AGENT IS CURRENTLY PROMOTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY 4-H INDIAN HILLS SCAVENGER HUNT AS A 4-H CLUB RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE ACTIONBOUND APP.](#)



SLC 4-H AGENT, JOHN FERGUSON

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SLC 4-H YEAR AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

- Club Enrollment Begins
- Food Supply Drive Begins

OCTOBER

- Food Drive Begins
- 4-H Booth at IRL Science Festival
- Club Enrollment Ends

NOVEMBER

- Entomology Workshop
- Rabbit/Cavy Workshop
- Officer Training
- 4-H Family Farm Festival
- Food Drive Ends
- Pet Supply Drive Begins

DECEMBER

- Pet Supply Drive Ends
- County Food Challenge Contest

JANUARY

- Opportunity for All Gala
- Seats & Feets Drive Begins
- District Food Challenge Contest

FEBRUARY

- SLC Fair Begins
 - Home Arts/Horticulture
 - Laying Hens Auction
 - Tree Auction
 - Derby Car
 - Rooster Crowing
 - PeeWee Pig
- State Food Challenge Contest
- 4-H Booth at Naturefest
- Seats & Feets Drive Ends

MARCH

- SLC Fair Ends
- 4-H Home Arts and Horticulture Display Pick Up
- County Council Post Fair Event

APRIL

- 4-H Booth at Oxbow Earth Day Festival
- Tentative Area South Horse Show

MAY

JUNE

- 4-H Discovery Camp
- Tentative State Horse Show

JULY

- Annual Leader Meeting
- Southern Regional Horse Show

AUGUST

- 2nd Annual Awards & Appreciation Ceremony



Club Opening in 2025-26 & we would love to have more adult volunteers!
Contact:
wickham.c@ufl.edu

2024-25 Level 1

Shooting Sports Trainings

[CLICK HERE](#) 

Archery Trainings

- Sept. 7 - Washington Co. at Hard Labor Creek Shooting Range (Lakeland)
- Sept. 28 - Polk Co. at Tenoroc Shooting Range
- Oct. 5 - Hamilton County Extension Office
- Dec. 14 - St. Johns County Extension Office

Shotgun Trainings

- Sept. 7 - Washington Co. at Hard Labor Creek Shooting Range (Lakeland)
- Oct. 19 - Levy Co. Extension Office
- Feb. 8 - Palm Beach Co. of Pal Beach Co. Shooting Sports Complex
- April 19 - Osceola Co. at Triple N Shooting Range

Rifle Training

- Nov. 9 - Alachua Co. at Shoot GTR
- Nov. 23 - Escambia Co. Extension Office
- Feb. 8 - Osceola Co. at Triple N Shooting Range
- April 5 - Polk Co. at Tenoroc Shooting Range

Muzzleloader Training

January 13: Tenoroc Public Shooting Range (Lakeland)

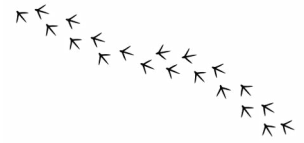
Hunting Training

February 3, 2024: Brevard County Extension Office





4-H Market Projects



UPCOMING EVENTS

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4-H MARKET LAYING HENS PROJECT

1. General St. Lucie County youth livestock rules apply. No exceptions.
2. All entries must be preapproved through the St. Lucie County 4-H Office and approved by the 4-H Agent.
 - Exhibitors may show or auction only one market project during the 2025 St. Lucie County Fair.
 - Members must have completed one successful 4-H project year before enrolling in the Market Laying Hens Project.
 - Only Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Her's are eligible to participate.
3. Exhibitor Project Fee: A \$35 entry fee for each project will be due upon registration and no later than Chick Project Pick Up. This entry fee helps to cover the cost of the chicks.

[Click here](#) to read the 2024-25 SLC 4-H Commercial Laying Hens Rules & Guidelines.

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15

St. Lucie County Fair

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4-H MARKET TREE PROJECT

1. General St. Lucie County youth livestock rules apply. No exceptions.
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 - Exhibitors may only show or auction one market project at the 2025 St. Lucie County Fair.
 - Members must have completed one successful 4-H project year before enrolling in the Market Tree Project.
 - Only Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Her's are eligible to participate.
3. Exhibitor Entry Fee: A \$25.00 entry fee for each project will be due upon registration and no later than August 9, 2024. This entry fee helps to cover the cost of the tree and the starting supplies.

[Click here](#) to read the 2024-25 SLC 4-H Commercial Tree Project Guidelines.

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15

St. Lucie County Fair



Join us in the Swamp for 4-H Day on September 7! Show your 4-H pride and cheer on the Florida Gators as they take on the Samford Bulldogs.

Game kicks off at 7pm at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Don't forget to order your brand new 4-H Gator Day shirt with your tickets! Get tickets and shirts before they sell out!

Tickets issued digitally by UAA. Shirts will be distributed by 4-H on game day.

Questions? Contact 4Hevents@ifas.ufl.edu

CLICK HERE

[CLICK HERE](#)

kick off the Season Showpig Seminar **FREE TO ATTEND**

4 topic event

Barn setup

Swine Selection

Feeding

Health and Wellness

September 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. to Noon

SLC Fairgrounds

15601 West Midway Road Ft Pierce, FL 34945



kick off the season Showpig Seminar

have you wondered how to get started or have you been in the game a few years and are still feeling lost. Take the time to spend the morning with us at the FREE seminar and hopefully we can guide you in the right direction.

The worst thing that can happen is people quitting because they feel lost.

Hosted by





SEPTEMBER 19 - 22

[Visit 4-H.org for more information](http://4-H.org)

Join us for the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC) and develop the leadership skills you need to make your clubs, communities, country, and world a better place!



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ATTENTION
PLEASE!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Steer and Swine Lottery links for 4-H Market Club placements, for the 2025-26 St. Lucie County Fair Show Year, will open **October 1 and closes on March 1.**

Youth must be at least 8 years of age by Sept. 1 & meet ALL requirements set forth by 4-H, St. Lucie County, & the St. Lucie County Fair.





The 4-H Food Challenge is a contest that provides a fun, yet challenging, food-focused learning opportunity for youth ages 8 to 18, (as of September 1st of the current 4-H year). Youth work in teams of 3-4 youth, of the same age division, to create a dish using a predetermined set of ingredients and cooking utensil/equipment. First, each team plans and prepares one of the randomly assigned dish while being judged on their food safety skills, teamwork, and ability to manage time and resources. Then youth present their finished dish, deliver a five-minute presentation, and answer questions about their dish to a panel of judges.

St. Lucie County

Contest Date: December 18

Location: St. Lucie County Extension: Hurricane House

Age Divisions: Juniors/Intermediates/Seniors

1st place for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Team Moves to District

Southeast District

Contest Date: January 18, 2025

Location: Highlands County Extension, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875

Age Divisions: Top Juniors/Intermediates/Seniors from each County

1st Place for Intermediate and Senior moves to State Contest

State Contest

Contest Date: February 15, 2025

Location: Florida State Fair in Tampa - Special Events Center Building

Age Divisions: Top intermediate and senior teams from the District level

1st place Senior qualifies for the National Food Challenge at the State Fair of Texas

Contact our office for more information or visit Florida 4-H



Beyond Ready

We equip youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Through 4-H, we offer opportunities and experiences that shape youth into their full, authentic selves, enabling them to shine both now and in the future.

National 4-H Week
Oct. 6-12

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DISTRICT XI



4-H Poultry Clinic

WITH CINDY KIM

DUE TO LACK OF REGISTRATION

**EVENT
CANCELLED**



15 per Person

SLC FAIRGROUNDS

15601 Midway Rd, Fort Pierce, FL 34945

Building A

CLICK HERE  **to Register**

Questions? Please contact Candy at Wickham.c@ufl.edu

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4-H: Volunteer Conference

Spark*Ignite*Thrive

October 3 - 6, 2024



SPARK, IGNITE, THRIVE

4-H Volunteer Conference

October 3 - 6, 2024

Rock Eagle 4-H Center ~ Eatonton, GA

www.4hvcoss.com

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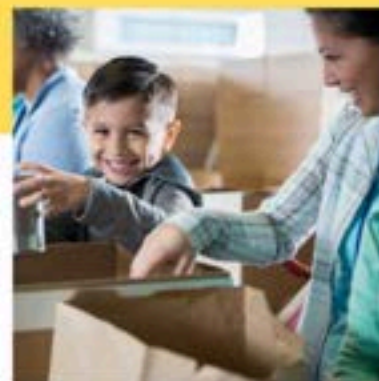
FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT



OCTOBER 4 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned fish and meats
- Diapers
- Pop top foods
- Grains
- Hearty soups, stews, chili
- Laundry detergent
- Canned Beans
- Other non-perishable food items



Collection Bins will also be located at the 4-H Office, Extension Classroom, and Hurricane House



Executive Board

The Florida 4-H Executive Board is the programming body of the Florida 4-H Council. It is comprised of four (4) delegates from each of the 13 4-H districts, up to 30 Appointees, and the eight (8) state officers.

Throughout the year, there are three (3) Executive Board Weekends that allow members to come together to plan and support statewide programs while build lasting relationships with one another.

1st Executive Board: Open to Members Only

October 25-27, 2024

4-H Camp Cloverleaf - Lake Placid, FL

2nd Executive Board: Open to all Seniors 4-H Members ages 14-18

January 24-26, 2025

4-H Camp Cloverleaf - Lake Placid, FL

3rd Executive Board: Open to Members Only

April 25-27, 2025

4-H Camp Timpoochee - Niceville, FL



Executive Board applications are due in July for the following year

Scholarships Available
Visit Florida 4-H for more information

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YOU'RE INVITED TO
SLC 4-H
CLUB OFFICER

Training

NOV. 5, 10 -12

IRREC, 2199 S ROCK RD,
FORT PIERCE, FL 34945

ALL 4-H CLUB OFFICERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THIS
INFORMATIVE AND INTERACTIVE TRAINING!



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PET SUPPLY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH DECEMBER 13

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Collars & Leashes
- Cat Litter
- Indestructible Dog Toys
- Foldable Pet Bathtub
- Pill Pouches
- Science Diet Foods
- Fleece Blankets
- Cat Toys



**Collection Bins located at the 4-H Office,
Extension Classroom, and Hurricane House**

NOVEMBER 8TH

5 PM - 7 PM

**SLC FAIRGROUNDS,
BUILDING C**

**PRESENTED BY:
WHEELER'S
RABBITRY**

REGISTER NOW



Contact: Candy Wickham
at 772-462-1669 or
wickham.c@ufl.edu



RABBIT



CAVY CLINIC

**THIS CLINIC OFFERED TO
DISTRICT 11 4-H YOUTH WILL BE
AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN ALL ABOUT THIER
RABBIT AND CAVY PROJECTS
AND GAIN SOME AMAZING
SHOW TIPS!**



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COUNTY**
FLORIDA

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YOU ARE INVITED

ST. LUCIE COUNTY 4-H

FALL FARM FESTIVAL

-  \$5 PER CHILD
-  ADULTS FREE & DONATIONS ACCEPTED
-  USE QR CODE TO REGISTER & PAY
-  ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT 4-H FARM PROGRAMS

November 16

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1901 S FFA Rd., Ft. Pierce, FL

Farm Animals, *New* Safety Day Booth, 4-H Club Activity Booths, Treats, Music, Face Painting, Food Trucks & More!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE



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ST. LUCIE COUNTY 4-H FALL FARM FESTIVAL Sponsorship Opportunities

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT 4-H FARM PROGRAMS

🍊 2024-25 Farm Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor the 4-H Farm and know that you are supporting maintenance and improvements. Your Logo will be prominently displayed on our event banner, Social Media sites, and in our annual St. Lucie County 4-H Yearbook.

🍊 2024-25 Education Sponsor \$500

Sponsor a designated Education Area at the 4-H Farm. Your Logo will be displayed on our event banner, on the designated sign for your chosen education area, and our Social Media sites.

🍊 2024-25 Field Trip Sponsor \$200

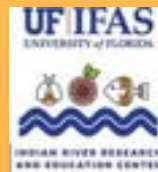
Sponsor a school grade level to come out to the 4-H Farm and we will waive our fee! Your gift will be known to the school officials, Your Logo will be displayed on our event banner, and our Social Media sites.



🍊 Sponsor Details

Please email or call Terri Zuidema at 772-462-1285 or tzuidema1@ufl.edu with your business and logo information or to ask questions. St. Lucie County 4-H association is a 501c3 organization. Checks can be made payable to St. Lucie County 4-H Association. We also accept Venmo using the code to the right.





DISTRICT XI

4-H INSECTATHON WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 16, 2024

9:00- 12:00 NEW PARTICIPANTS

9:30 -12:00 RETURNING PARTICIPANTS

2199 S ROCK RD, FORT PIERCE, FL 34945

WORKSHOP ATTENDEES WILL

- LEARN ABOUT THE DIVERSE INSECTS AROUND THEM
- PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS OF DIFFERENT COLLECTING TECHNIQUES
- LEARN WHICH FEATURES TO LOOK FOR WHEN IDENTIFYING INSECTS
- LEARN HOW TO PRESERVE AND CURATE THEIR COLLECTED INSECTS PROPERLY
- GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE 4-H INSECTATHON AND COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS
- HEAR ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TO JOIN A NEW ENTOMOLOGY CLUB.

*WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES, A HAT, AND BRING WATER FOR THE OUTSIDE PORTION OF THE ACTIVITIES.

Insect Display Boxes, Pins, & Insect Blocks will be available for purchase at \$40 for each set.
Contact: Terri Zuidema at 772-462-1285 or
tzuidema1@ufl.edu with questions.



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Photography Clinic

**POSTPONED
WATCH FOR A
NEW DATE TBD**



**HONE YOUR TECHNIQUES
OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEEDBACK
LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING CONTESTS**

**REGISTRATION IS ONLY COMPLETE WHEN YOU
SUBMIT 1 PHOTO BY OCT 11**

Submit to:
E.UNDERWOOD1@UFL.EDU

Open to ages 8-18
FREE

[Register HERE](#)

Happy Holidays!



Dear Fellow Non-Profit, We invite you to participate in our **Holiday Non-Profit Awareness Campaign**

as part of our Inaugural **"Fairgrounds Festival of Lights"** Christmas Tree Forest. The Fair Association is hosting a mile long drive thru of light displays ending at Santa's Village, featuring a full Petting Zoo, real Reindeer, and more fun! This attraction will run from **Thanksgiving night thru New Year's Eve.**

It's EASY TO PARTICIPATE.

You bring: A decorated artificial Christmas tree with lights on it, decorated in your non-profit likeness or appropriate decor, and a 25' extension cord. (You get it all back at the end). And please send me a high res logo.

The Fair will provide: The power, stakes to hold your tree up, and make you a sign with your logo and QR code to your website or donation page.

NOTES:

- You may bring your tree or display starting the second week of November, but it needs to be in place no later than the 22nd of November. Your spot will be marked so you may come any time.
- The trees will be OUTSIDE! All decorations and ornaments must be secure to the tree.
- Please mark your extension cord with a piece of tape and name.
- Please remove your tree after Jan. 1 and before Jan. 11.
- Please provide if you can, a COI naming the St Lucie County Fair and the St Lucie BOCC as Additional Insured.

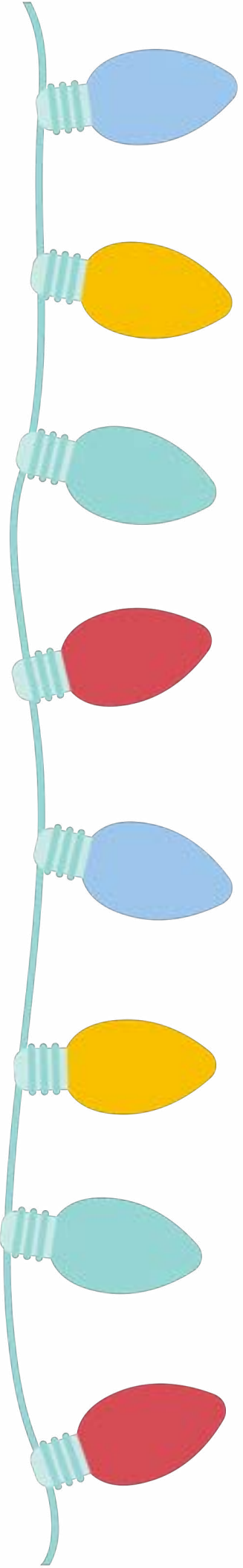
It's **FREE TO PARTICIPATE**, and **NO NEED TO HAVE EMPLOYEES ONSITE DURING THE EVENT.** We've tried to make it as easy as possible for you to participate with us.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,
Jay Spicer**

Executive Director, St Lucie County Fair Association

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15601 W. Midway Rd, Ft Pierce, Florida 34945



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FLORIDA 4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



4-H 2024 HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS ARE HERE!

Celebrate the season with these Barnyard Buddies



100% of your purchase benefits 4-H.



Paper Clover

Nov. 29 – Dec. 15



Funds support 4-H camp,
scholarships & leadership activities.





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the Neighborhood™
Applebee's

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Flapjack FUNDRAISER

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Tickets
\$15

Date and Time: Sat., Dec. 7th at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: 4898 Okeechobee Rd., Ft. Pierce, FL 34947

Contact: Any County Council Member or Ms. Terri

@tzuidema1@ufl.edu



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS
Christmas
PARADE

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Fort Pierce

*click
here!*





Nature Poetry Clinic

FREE

Friday, January 3, 2025

10am-Noon

Hurricane House

Nature has been inspiring artists, including poets and philosophers, for millenia. Nature immersion and writing nurture an appreciation of the natural world while encouraging self-reflection, and building inner strength and resilience. This clinic is open to ages 5-18.



Features:

Nature immersion

Famous Poems

Fixed Form Poetry

Rhymed Verse

Blank Verse

Free Verse

State contest

details



Seats & Feet Drive



Donate new diapers,
underwear, and socks

JANUARY 3 THROUGH 31



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Wish List+

2ND ANNUAL SLC 4-H OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL
BENEFIT GALA AT ADAM'S RANCH

ADAMS RANCH



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ST. LUCIE
COUNTY
FLORIDA

Ranch Life & Moonlight

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

DINNER, DJ, DANCING, CASH BAR, SILENT
AUCTION, & MORE!



Eventbrite

\$60 PER PERSON WITH ALL
PROCEEDS DIRECTLY
BENEFITTING THE SLC 4-H
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



Bid Beacon

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2ND ANNUAL SLC 4-H OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL BENEFIT GALA SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



ADAMS RANCH



Eventbrite

Emerald - "Opportunity for All Sponsor" - \$10,000+



- This donation can be used as a match and significantly adds funding for our scholarship goals
- Sponsor Table + 8 dinner tickets
- Logo prominently displayed at Sponsor Table, promotional materials, Social Media, & our annual St. Lucie County 4-H Association Yearbook

Gold - "Benefit Gala Sponsor" - \$5,000



- This donation significantly adds funding for our scholarship goals
- Shared Sponsor Table + 4 dinner tickets
- Logo prominently displayed at Sponsor Table, promotional materials, Social Media, & our annual St. Lucie County 4-H Association Yearbook

Silver - "4-H Senior Scholarship Sponsor" - \$1,000



- This donation is enough to cover 1 Senior Scholarship and can be designated for a specific senior if so desired
- 2 dinner tickets
- Logo prominently displayed on promotional materials & Social Media

Bronze - "4-H Event Sponsor" - \$500



- This donation is enough to cover 1 State Event for one 4-H Youth and can be designated for a specific 4-H Member if so desired
- Logo displayed on promotional materials & Social Media

Clover - "Friend of 4-H Sponsor" - \$100



- This donation can be combined with others to make a difference for our 4-H Youth
- Name displayed on promotional materials & Social Media

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2ND ANNUAL SLC 4-H OPPORTUNITY FOR
ALL BENEFIT GALA SILENT AUCTION

ADAMS RANCH



SLC 4-H
Access
Code
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REGISTER WITH EMAIL

LOGIN WITH EMAIL

Or sign in with

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January 21 | 9:00 A.M.



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Insectathon



**4-H members - Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors
Cloverbuds may participate in the Insectathon Art Contest**

February 8, 2025

**UF Entomology Steinmetz Hall, 1881 Natural Area Dr.
Gainesville, FL 32608**

CLICK HERE



The 4-H State Insectathon Event provides 4-H youth with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of the entomology world.

This event is opened to Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Each county may send up to two teams plus two individuals in each 4-H age level to compete in the state event. A total of 30 youth may represent each county. Teams consist of 3-4 members.

All levels will compete in the same four sections of the contest but each age division will have different sets of study materials. Where possible, contest materials will be tailored to fit each age division.

Contact our office for more information or visit Florida 4-H



St. Lucie County Fair

4-H Youth Exhibits

Home Arts Overview



REGISTRATION

All 4-H “Arts & Crafts” AND “Horticulture” entries must be registered through the 4-H online form prior to bringing it to the Fair. These exhibits must also come with a preprinted label adhered to back or bottom of the exhibit. Up to 3 entries are allowed to be registered for through 4-H for each category and up to 3 additional entries for each category can be registered through the St. Lucie County Fair.

All 4-H “From the Kitchen” entries must be registered through the Fair. Up to 3 entries are allowed to be registered for through 4-H for each category.

Please note that for the Arts & Crafts AND Horticulture, the 4-H and Fair registrations are not the same and that 4-H entries will be checked in with 4-H representatives where a prior 4-H online registration and label are needed and that Fair entries will be checked in with Fair representatives where a prior Fair online registration and QR code are needed.

CATEGORIES

- Arts & Crafts
 - Art and Photography
 - Crafts and Ceramics
 - Posters.
- Horticulture
 - Vegetables
 - Citrus
 - Ornamentals
 - Plants
 - Rain Barrels.
- From the Kitchen
 - Cakes
 - Pies
 - Candies
 - Breads
 - Cookies
 - Jellies
 - Jams
 - Relish
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**2024-25 Details TBD
& SUBJECT TO CHANGE
BASED ON SLC FAIR
UPDATED RULES & GUIDELINES**

[Click here](#) to register for 4-H Arts & Crafts Exhibits.

[Click here](#) to register for 4-H Horticulture Exhibits.

[Click Here](#) to register for 4-H From the Kitchen Exhibits.

[Click Here](#) to register for NON 4-H Arts & Crafts, Horticulture, or From the Kitchen Exhibits



St. Lucie County Fair



4-H Youth Exhibits

Home Arts Overview Cont.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

“Arts & Crafts” entries are all being accepted on **Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in the Home Arts Building.

Horticulture entries are being accepted on **Thursday, February 27, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** at the Horticulture Tent between Buildings B & C.

“From the Kitchen” entries and judging dates/times can be found below:

- Cakes, Pies, and Candies accepted in the Home Arts Bldg.
 - **Monday, March 3, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
- Judging of Cakes, Pies, and Candies in the Home Arts Bldg.
 - **Monday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m.**
- Breads, Cookies, Jellies, Jams & Relish accepted in the Home Arts Bldg.
 - **Wednesday, March 5, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
- Judging of Breads, Cookies, Jellies, Jams, and Relish in the Home Arts Bldg.
 - **Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.**

2024-25 Details TBD

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RULES AND GUIDELINES

Rules and Guidelines for Arts & Crafts, Horticulture, and from the Kitchen can be found in the St. Lucie County Fair Premium Book. Rules and Guidelines for “Posters” and “Rain Barrels” can be found in the St. Lucie County 4-H Program Book.

AGE DIVISIONS

- **Division 1 – Pee Wee (a.k.a 4-H Cloverbuds) – Under 8 years of age**
- **Division 2 – Youth Junior (a.k.a. 4-H Juniors/Intermediate) – 8 – 12 years of age**
- **Division 3 – Youth Senior (a.k.a. 4-H Intermediate/Seniors) – 12- 18 years of age**
- **All Youth must be in grades K-12**

AWARDS

Only **YOUTH** will receive monetary awards. Awards consist of first, second, third, and honorable mention ribbons. Ribbons are awarded on the merit of the project. More than one of any of the ribbons may be awarded per class. Best of Class and Best of Show ribbons may also be awarded.

- **4-H Best of Show: \$25.00**
- **4-H Rosette: \$15.00**
- **4- H 1st Place Ribbon: \$10.00**
- **4-H 2nd Place Ribbon: \$8.00**

Did you know that in addition to opportunities for Premium Awards, that the SLC Fair offers Scholarships? [Click Here](#) to learn more!

All exhibits will be judged by volunteer judges and the decisions will be final.

Name:

Age Division:

4-H Club:

Category:

Title:

Sub-category or Medium:



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St. Lucie County Fair

4-H Youth Exhibits

Poster Guidelines



General Rules

1. Poster Art must include aspects of 4-H and can be educational and informative (ie. a poster you may have created for a demonstration) or they can incorporate 4-H by using the Pledge, Motto, or goals. There are many examples and tips available online.
2. All posters must be 22" x 28" or 14" x 22" poster board material and must be exhibited horizontally.
3. Posters must be mounted on a firm backing. Any thin, lightweight material that will keep the poster from bending forward will work. Examples are very stiff cardboard, thin paneling, or foam board.
4. All posters must have a title.
5. An exhibit label is to be placed on the back of your poster.
6. All posters, notebooks, and display boards include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.
7. IMPORTANT: Spelling, Neatness, and cleanliness are important.





St. Lucie County Fair

4-H Youth Exhibits

Rain Barrel Guidelines

1. Entries can be from a club or an individual 4-H Member
2. All entries will be accepted on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 4:00-6:00pm at the Horticulture Tent between Buildings B&C.
3. All 4-H exhibits are required to register through our Google Form and have prefilled entry form completed prior to exhibit check in. Each exhibit is to have a prefilled exhibit label adhered to the bottom or back of exhibit. Exhibit registration DOES NOT take place at check in.
4. A standard plastic drum must be used.
5. Faucet must be attached and in working order.
6. An exterior primer should be used before decorative painting using an exterior paint is completed. An exterior sealer should also be applied. Adding accessories is allowed





4-H Rooster Crowing Contest

**If you are showing a rooster at the
St. Lucie County Fair,
come join the fun!**

**March 7, 2025
6:30 pm**

**Registered small animal barn roosters only
One rooster per competitor
Whichever rooster crows the most times in 20 minutes wins!
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place**

4-H Derby Race



Friday, March 7, 2025
St. Lucie County Fair
Livestock Show Arena
Registration 6:30pm & Race 7:00pm



Awards will be given in each division. Winners will be determined by heats and will run against each other until the winner of each division is decided.

Cloverbuds 5-7 Juniors 8-10 Intermediate 11-13 Senior 14-18

Each car must pass inspection by the official inspection committee before being allowed to compete. Cars that do not meet ALL requirements will not be allowed to race.

Requirements:

- Car Weight can not exceed 5 oz. Overall length shall not exceed 7 in.
- Overall width shall not exceed 2 3/4 in.
- Overall height will not be greater than 3 in.
- Bottom clearance no less than 3/8 in. clearance Inside wheel width no less than 1 3/4 in.
- Only the wheels and axles provided may be used. Weights may be used but the overall weight of car can not be more than 5 oz.
- No starting devices are allowed. (only gravity may power the car)
- Derby cars may be displayed in the Home Arts Building during the week of fair.
- 4-H is not responsible for loss or damage. Drop off is Sat. Feb. 8 & Sun. Feb. 9, from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Official Racing Rules

- Only one car may be registered to each racer.
- If during the race, a car leaves the track without interfering with its opponent, it has ended its heat at that point.
- If during the race, a car leaves its lane and interferes with another racer, then the car at fault will be declared to have lost the heat.
- If during the race, a car leaves the track, at the discretion of the race committee, if the track is found to have caused the violation, a re-race can be called after the track is repaired.
- Only dry lubricants, such as graphite can be used for lubricating the wheels.





Pee-Wee Pig Show



Registration for the 2025 Pee Wee Pig Show Opens: **January 6 at 9:00 a.m.**

Participants must be between the ages of 4 and 7 years old.

A link to register will be posted on the St. Lucie County 4-H Facebook Page.

Sixty participants will be allowed.

Closed toe shoes and long pants are required.

Tentative Check-in is **March 8 at 12:30** behind the Show Arena.

Pee Wee Pig Show begins at **1:00pm.**



4-H Post Fair Celebration



St. Lucie County 4-H
County Council

Lunch
Included

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ACTIVITIES

Tentative Date:
March, 22

AT THE 4-H FARM

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March 1

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2025

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Join us for four days of inspiring
and engaging panels.

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FLORIDA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Check for 2024-25 Info.

The 4-H Day at the Capitol Program provides youth with an opportunity to learn more about their state government and experience the political process first hand. 4-H members are highly encouraged to make an appointment with their representative, senator, or a legislative aide to talk about how the Florida 4-H Program has impacted their lives. During the day, participants will hear from public officials, spend time in the Capitol Building, and see their legislators in action.

MARCH 25, 2025



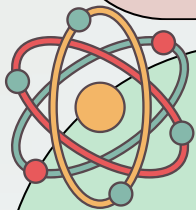
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County Showcase



What is a Demonstration? A "Demo" is an opportunity for any 4-H participant to prepare, organize, and present an idea by using visual aids and teaching skills.



All 4-H Members are **REQUIRED** to complete a Demo at the Club Level by February 4, 2024.

Each 4-Her is encouraged to demonstrate a topic or activity that interests them! To be successful, understanding and enjoying what you are presenting is important! For a list of topics **CLICK HERE**.

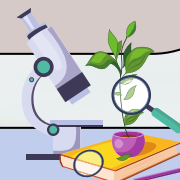


Why should I do a Demonstration? Giving a demonstration in front of an audience will help 4-Hers think on their feet and to speak in front of a group of peers and families. This is a fun opportunity to prepare you for more challenging events and practice important public speaking skills.



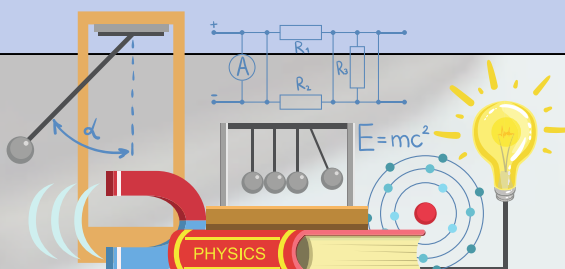
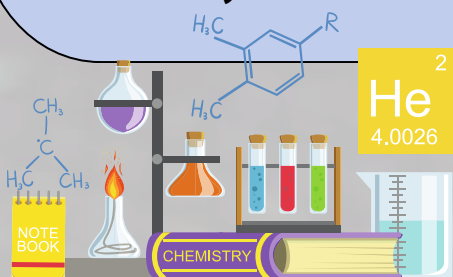
All qualifying Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, club level presentations are invited to attend the **County Showcase and Share the Fun Event** on **Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00**.

Here, 4-Hers will present their demos & Share the Fun presentations to a panel of judges and their peers from other 4-H clubs. This is an awesome opportunity to polish their demonstrations and showcase what they have learned throughout the project year. Presentations that receive a blue ribbon will qualify to move on to District Level Demonstrations.



District Showcase Events will be hosted by St. Lucie County
Date: **Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 9:00**.

Any 4-Hers who earned a blue ribbon at County Events are eligible to compete. Members will compete against 4-Hers from Martin, Brevard, Indian River and St. Lucie County who have also received blue ribbons at their County Level Events. Seniors who qualify may be eligible to compete at State Showcase Events.



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- CLARCONA HORSE PARK,
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- AREA EAST FACEBOOK GROUP
- WEBSITE
- REGISTRATION WILL BE VIA 4-H
ONLINE

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**JULY 10 -
12**

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REGIONALS

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2024-25

Scholarships

The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach and caring adults to help youth gain the knowledge and life skills they need to be productive, responsible citizens.



Seniors

We provide scholarships for college and career programs



Programs

We provide scholarships for Executive Board, 4-H LEG, iLead, 4-H University, & More



Camps

We provide scholarships for Discovery Camp and 4-H Summer Camps



Senior Scholarships will Open March 10 - April 4.
All other Scholarships dates will open & close based on Program Registration Dates.



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AWARDS & APPRECIATION

THURS., AUGUST 14, 5:30 - 7:30

Havert L. Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Ave.
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Please join us in thanking our BOCC, County Administrators, 4-H Volunteers, Families, and Community Supporters, as well as, recognizing our 4-H Clubs & Youth who have achieved the 4-H Standards of Excellence & More!

Dinner will be available at 5:30 and the ceremonies will begin promptly at 6:00.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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4-H Camps

Florida's three UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Camps are open year-round and provide a variety of different ways guests can visit camp. Overnight and day summer camp programs run at all Florida 4-H Camps and are open to all youth, whether they are 4-H members or not. All camps also rent their facilities to 4-H groups and other local and state organizations for meetings, retreats, and field trips. Another option for visiting one of our camps is by scheduling an environmental education program.

We provide a variety of environmental education classes between the three camps, and we invite you into our outdoor classroom.

Our mission statement is to develop life skills in youth through experiential education in the camp environment.

For more information about each camp and its availability, please click below to visit each camp's individual page and contact them directly. If you'd like general information about Florida 4-H's camps and/or environmental education programs at camps, feel free to contact Erin Mugge, Florida 4-H Camping and Environmental Education Coordinator, at erin.mugge@ufl.edu or (352) 294-2924.



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SLC 4-H DISCOVERY CAMP



UF IFAS Extension
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JUNE
9-13



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1 week, indoor and outdoor activities



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Legislature

Florida 4-H Legislature provides an opportunity for Senior 4-H members to have a “learn by doing” experience in state government each summer. During this event, 4-H’ers will serve as Florida 4-H senators, representatives, lobbyists, media correspondents, Lt. Governor or Governor in a “mock” style experience. 4-H participants will get to experience what it takes for laws to be considered and passed or vetoed in a model legislative session at the Florida State Capitol.


Dates: June 23 - 27

Tallahassee, FL | Housing in Florida State University Dorms, Programming at the State Capitol

Scholarships Available



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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Week 1: TBD

Week 2: TBD



iLEAD Conference

JUNE 8-10

INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

They are ready. They are capable. Your 11-13 year old has leadership potential that we are ready to tap into at iLEAD: Intermediate Leadership Conference.

A first of its kind experience in Florida 4-H, we are excited to invite all intermediate aged youth (11-13 as of September 1 of current 4-H year) in Florida to the University of Florida's campus for a two night and full day leadership development experience. They will have the opportunity to connect with others from across the state of Florida and explore potential interests to ignite their spark in life.



Scholarships Available

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