

Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
Summer 2023
June 12-16, 2023
Location: Wakulla Extension 84 Cedar Avenue &
WCSO at 15 Oak Street (daily schedule will be provided after registration).

UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension and the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners in partnership with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office are pleased to present a one-week leadership camp for teens in June 2023.

The Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership Camp will engage 15 youth ages 12 to 18 in an immersive, experiential camp that will develop their leadership potential while providing insights into potential career and life paths. During the week, youth will engage in hands on learning – including basic first responder training, cooking, leadership, financial management, and communication skills. Youth will interact with local and state leaders and engage in real-life problem-solving activities.

The week-long program is \$100. Lunch, snacks, and course materials are included. Payments are due May 15 to the Extension Office at 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, FL. Cash or checks accepted. Registration is required. Spaces are limited. Deadline to register is May 15. The camp is partially grant funded and supported by local financial sponsors to offset the camp costs. A limited number of scholarships may be available. Contact 4-H agent Dr. Rachel Pienta (r.pienta@ufl.edu) for a scholarship application.

2021 and 2022 Teen Leadership CERT Camp alumni are invited to attend camp at no charge as Mentor Leaders to help coach the 2023 group. Alumni must RSVP to Dr. Rachel Pienta by May 15, 2023.

Youth who participate in the Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership Camp will be introduced to the Teen CERT program. After the summer camp week concludes, youth may opt to continue with the Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership program. Note: Commitment to the Wakulla 4-H year is not required to attend camp. Youth may attend camp as a stand-alone activity.

Wakulla 4-H Teen Leadership CERT who choose to continue in the program will have the opportunity to complete additional training and participate in a variety of leadership activities over the course of a school year, starting in August and receiving a program certificate in May. Throughout the year, youth will engage in hands-on learning experience designed to develop leadership skills, introduce youth to potential careers, and provide youth opportunities to engage with community and state leaders.

The Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches participants leadership, readiness and response skills. Through participation in this program, teens will learn to recognize hazards, man-made or natural, in order to prevent a possible disaster. Additionally, teens participating in the program are trained to safely respond to an emergency and assist victims without endangering themselves. Examples of what youth may learn include:

- extinguishing small fires
- conducting light search and rescue
- setting up medical treatment areas
- assisting emergency responders

In addition to the CERT training, youth who participate in the year-long program will be able to sample a variety of 4-H activities as well as having an array of community service and civic engagement opportunity choices.

Youth who participate in the program will have opportunities to learn about public service careers including law enforcement, emergency management, first responder jobs, and more.

Participants will also have the opportunity to learn basic cooking techniques including outdoor food preparation and safety. Youth will also receive an introduction to basic outdoor survival skills.