

**2016 Regional & State Championship Florida 4-H Tailgating Contest**  
**Presented by Sonny's BBQ and Winn Dixie Supermarkets**

Florida 4-H is excited to announce the First Annual Florida 4-H Tailgating Contest sponsored by Sonny's BBQ & Winn Dixie Supermarkets. The purpose of this new contest is to promote the use of animal protein in the diet by teaching the art and science of safely preparing beef, pork, poultry, and seafood in an outdoor setting. Investment in this activity will provide 4-H youth with life skills, including decision making, healthy lifestyle choices, and communication.

Four regional contests will be conducted between mid-May and mid-August across Florida. Check-in for each contest will start at **8 am**.

**Who is eligible?**

- All bona fide Florida 4-H members who are between 11 and 18 years of age prior to September 1, 2015.
- All participants are REQUIRED to prepare their recipe in the presence of a parent or guardian prior to the contest.

**What will the contest consist of?**

- Contestants will have 2.5 hours to prepare a beef, pork, poultry (1/2 chicken or turkey breast must be presented to judges), or seafood (shrimp) dish on a provided 14" charcoal grill.
- Poultry – ½ chicken or turkey breast
- Seafood – peeled, deveined shrimp only
- More information about contest logistics and scoring is found here @ [Florida 4-H Tailgating Contest](#)
- The State winner for poultry (chicken/turkey) will be eligible to participate in the National competition in November 16-17, 2016 in Louisville, KY. For rules, visit <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/national4hpoultry/> for more information.

**How do I learn more?**

- A twenty minute "How & What to Do" video is posted to the [Florida 4-H website](#)

**When and Where will the regional contests occur?**

**Region 1 – Northwest district contest** - 8 am Saturday, July 23, 2016 @ at the Washington County Agricultural Center, 1424 Jackson Ave. Chipley, FL 32428

- Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington
- **Coordinator:** Mark Mauldin [mdm83@ufl.edu](mailto:mdm83@ufl.edu)

**Region 2 – Northeast district contest** – 8 am Saturday, June 18, 2016 @ Animal Sciences Horse Teaching Unit, 1934 SW 63rd Ave Gainesville, FL 32608

- Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
- **Coordinators:** Chad Carr [chadcarr@ufl.edu](mailto:chadcarr@ufl.edu) & Brian Estevez [besteveez@ufl.edu](mailto:besteveez@ufl.edu)

**Region 3 – Central district contest** - 8 am Saturday, July 2, 2016 @ Pasco County Fairgrounds, Clayton Hall, 36702 State Rd. 52, Dade City, FL 33525

- Brevard, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia
- **Coordinator:** Ed Jennings [edjennin@ufl.edu](mailto:edjennin@ufl.edu)

**Region 4 – South district contest** – 8 am Saturday, June 4, 2016 @ Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, FL

- Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie
- **Coordinator:** Sonja Crawford [sycr@ufl.edu](mailto:sycr@ufl.edu)

#### **State Contest**

- **Saturday, September 10, 2016** with grills to be started at 9 am
- Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center 2142 Shealy Drive PO Box 110225 Gainesville, FL 32611-0225
- **Coordinators – Chad Carr, Brian Estevez, Sonja Crawford**

**How do I sign up?** 4-H members must meet contest requirements and notify their county agent. County agents should then email Chad Carr @ [chadcarr@ufl.edu](mailto:chadcarr@ufl.edu) and a password will be issued for those 4-H members to register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) by 5 pm on the date 10 days prior to the contest. The cap of 10 4-H members per protein category will be first-come-first serve.

#### **What will I receive for participating in the district contest?**

- Cooking thermometer
- \$25 voucher from Winn-Dixie Supermarkets to purchase ingredients for the contest.
- After the competition, all participants will receive a \$15 gift certificate to eat at Sonny's BBQ.

#### **What can I win at the district contest?**

- In each protein category
- First place = \$500 cash award
- Second place = \$300 cash award
- An invitation to compete against the two high placing individuals at the State Championship Contest

#### **What if I win my protein at the State Contest?**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place- \$1,500 college scholarship

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$1,000- for all four proteins.

**Will I get to do anything else cool?** An award reception will occur outside Gate 3 of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center starting 3 hours prior to kickoff including a large public promotion facilitated by Sonny's and Winn Dixie. Additionally, award winners will be interviewed on the Gator IMG Radio Network during the third hour of the Gator Pre-Game Show.