



While this module is intended to provide an overview of the events offered through Florida 4-H some rules and regulations, dates, and locations may change. It is recommended that you stay current by visiting the Florida 4-H Events webpage and by reading your Weekly Update.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STATE 4-H EVENTS VISIT:

<http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/>

SCIENCE

- **ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENTS** (http://florida4h.org/programs/_science-program/animal-sciences/)
 - **Dairy Events**
 - *Dairy Goat Judging*
 - Held at the Florida State Fair and the Central Florida Fair this event provides 4-H'ers with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and ability in the selection and evaluation of dairy goats.
 - *Dairy Farmer Filmmaking Contest*
 - This contest encourages youth to learn more about milk, milk products, their importance to human health, the communication of these ideas to the public, and the meaning of the Real Seal program. (*Fuel Up to Play 60* filmmaking contest)
 - Entries due through State Events Office
 - *Dairy Judging Event*
 - Held at the Florida State Fair and the State 4-H Dairy Show in Kissimmee, FL. This event provides youth with an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and ability in the selection and evaluation of all breeds and ages of dairy cattle.
 - *Dairy Quiz Bowl*
 - Counties enter teams at the state level to enhance their knowledge of the dairy industry, agriculture, and biological sciences.
 - *Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat*
 - A week long camp for youth 8 to 19 years of age focusing on the area of Dairy.
 - The retreat's activities include various dairy industry professionals who will address youth on topics such as, milk marketing, dairy cattle reproduction, nutrition and dairy foods.
 - When: Mid- July
 - Where: Haines City, FL
 - For more info contact **Chris Holcomb**, *Dairy Youth Programs*
christophersholc@ufl.edu (863) 519-8677 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/Florida4HDairy>
 - **Horse Events**
 - *Hippology Contest*
 - Provides 4-H'ers with an opportunity to blend their knowledge and experience in horse-judging, horse bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, and showing into one contest.
 - Orange County Extension Office in March
 - *Horse Judging Event*
 - Provides 4-H'ers with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and ability in the selection and evaluation of different breeds and types of horses.
 - Contest is held in the Spring
 - Judging School is held in the Winter
 - *Horsemanship Schools*
 - Non-Competitive Event that provides 4-H members an opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of horsemanship.
 - Welaka State Forest, for three weeks in June pending statewide interest.



- **State Horse Events:** Held at UF in Gainesville during the summer
 - *Horse Public Speaking Contest*
 - Event is designed to give 4-H'ers experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech related to the horse industry.
 - *Horse Bowl*
 - Event is designed to give 4-H'ers experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech related to the horse industry Team competition in which individual members are able to demonstrate their knowledge by answering a series of questions about the horse industry, agriculture, and biological sciences.
 - *Horse Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks*
 - All qualifying youth from 4-H districts present their demonstration or illustrated talk in the horse project.
 - For specific info visit <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/index.shtml>
Sandra H. TenBroeck, Ph.D. Associate Professor & Extension Horse Specialist
- **Livestock Events**
 - *Hog-n-Ham Program*
 - Youth participating in this program will gain knowledge about pork production, processing, and utilization through hands-on experiences, which include selection, feeding and management, record keeping, slaughtering, processing, and curing. They will complete a retail comparison project, a record book, and present a demonstration or illustrated talk.
 - Maximum enrollment is 30 youth
 - Program runs January - August
 - Register through the Animal Science Youth Coordinator
 - *Livestock Evaluation (Judging)*
 - Educational activities related to the production and marketing of cattle, sheep, and swine. Along with the typical "placing four animals" classes, events include breeding cattle and swine selection classes, market hog evaluation, and feeder and fed cattle evaluation.
 - Youth develop decision-making and communication skills by defending them orally through reasons.
 - Clinic in January, practice contest held at State Fair and Qualification in April
 - Register through the Animal Science Youth Coordinator
 - *Meats Judging and Identification*
 - Youth evaluate and compare beef, pork, and lamb carcasses and their wholesale cuts, but also learn retail cut identification and factors affecting meat quality.
 - Senior age division will also prepare and present oral reasons.
 - Clinic is held in January and contest in April
 - *Swine Showmanship Clinic*
 - Youth are provided an opportunity to learn and practice swine showmanship skills.
 - Clinic is held fall at the Florida State Fairgrounds
 - For specific info visit <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/index.shtml>
Chad Carr, Ph.D. Assistant Professor & Extension Meat Science Specialist
- **Poultry Events**
 - *4-H Poultry Judging Event*
 - Youth will learn how to properly evaluate egg-producing hens and apply USDA standards in grading ready-to-cook poultry and eggs.
 - The contest will be held at the University of Florida in June.
 - *Miscellaneous Poultry Events*
 - Chicken & Turkey Barbecue Demonstration Contest (Hendry County)
 - Avian Bowl Contest Quiz Bowl Event
 - Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest



- **Dog Events**
 - *Florida 4-H Youth Dog Show*
 - This program teaches youth a variety of dog handling methods. Handlers are judged on the preparation and presentation of their dogs (i.e. grooming, posing, gaiting, etc.).
 - *Florida 4-H Dog Project Quiz Bowl*
 - *Dog Conference (Camp)*
 - Includes lodging, meals, seminars, training sessions for agility, showmanship, obedience & rally, activities, accident insurance, costume parade, best dog tricks, quiz bowl, swimming, canoeing, and fun with your dog.
 - For specific info visit <http://florida4h.org/programsandevents /dog-show/>
- **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**
 - **Marine Science Events**
 - *Marine Camp*
 - This five day overnight camping experience will allow participants to experience Florida's marine environments first-hand through exploratory activities such as canoeing, snorkeling, and sport fishing.
 - Marine education activities are lead by specialists with the UF Sea Grant Program and State 4-H staff.
 - Held for one week during the summer at Camp Timpooshee in Niceville, FL. Register through the Florida 4-H Camp office.
 - *State Marine Ecology Event*
 - Competitive event that provides youth with opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of the marine and aquatic worlds and identify organisms (i.e., vertebrates, invertebrates, plants) found in marine habitats.
 - The contest is held in the fall and registration is through the State 4-H Events Office.
 - *State Marine & Aquatic Photography Contest*
 - This state competition supports the 4-H marine education program and is held in conjunction with the State Marine Ecology Event. Awards are presented at the Marine Ecology Event.
 - Photo categories are:
 - Marine Habitats & Ecosystems
 - Marine Life
 - People and the Marine/Aquatic World
 - Aquatic Habitats
 - Aquatic Life
 - Photo entries due October to the State 4-H Headquarters the beginning of October and must go through the county extension office.
 - For more program info contact kblyler@ufl.edu
Karen Blyler, State 4-H Science Coordinator
 - **Shooting Sports Events**
 - Shooting sports includes Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Hunting disciplines.
 - These State level matches are open to 4-H participants who are in a county shooting sports club/program led by a discipline certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader/volunteer.
 - State Contests are typically held in the Spring.
 - Instructor trainings are held throughout the year for interested volunteers.
 - Register through the State 4-H Events Office
 - For specific info visit <http://florida4h.org/programsandevents /shootingsports/>



- **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program**
 - This is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (8-18) youth.
 - Participants learn to identify common wildlife foods, judge the quality of wildlife habitat from aerial photographs, and recommend wildlife management practices.
 - To find out about available 4-H project materials, see the Curriculum: Environmental Education section of our site.
 - This program has not been held in the past few years due to low participation. The facilitators ask that 5 counties participate to start up again.
- **Honey Bee Essay Contest**
 - 4-H club members write an essay in response to the Preservation of Honey Bees and the beekeeping industry.
 - Entries are judged on accuracy, creativity, conciseness, logical development of the topic, and scope of research.
 - The essay topic varies each year and is announced via their entomology department website.
 - Essays are due Mid February and cash prizes are awarded.
 - The contest is organized by the UF Honey Bee Research & Extension Lab and is part of a national competition offered by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.
 - For specific info visit <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honeybee/extension/4H.shtml>
- **Land Judging Event**
 - Florida land judging contests occur at the local and state level. This is a competitive team activity that supports the environmental and natural resource programs and provides youth opportunities to observe and interpret the soil in order to make wise land use decisions.
 - Youth must compete in a local contest for their county prior to attending the state contest.
 - Locations vary annually and is held in March.
 - For specific info visit <http://landjudging.org/>
Dr. Rex Ellis, rexellis@ufl.edu
- **Forest Ecology**
 - Forest-Ecology Judging Event
 - Participating 4-H members compete by identifying common Florida plants and animals, including common forest insects and diseases, answering questions about trees and ecosystems, and using maps and compasses.
 - Clinic is held at UF in September and the Contest is in April
 - Register through the State 4-H Events Office.
- **Plant Sciences, Horticulture Identification & Judging Event**
 - This event supports the plant science/horticulture project by providing youth with an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skills in identification and selection of horticulture products and apply to consumer decision making.
 - One senior level team from each county may compete at the State level.
 - The state contest is held at UF during the week of 4-H University.
 - State winning team qualifies to represent Florida in the National Junior Horticultural Association Conference and Contest.
 - For specific info visit http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_horiculture/
Dr. Jeffrey Williamson, *Extension Horticulturist Specialist*, jgrw@ufl.edu



CITIZEN – LEADERSHIP

- **CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP EVENTS**
 - **State Executive Boards**
 - Executive Board is made up of 4 delegates from the 13 4-H districts, up to 20 appointees, and 3 state officers.
 - Youth work together to represent their counties and districts to plan other statewide events.
 - Held 3 times a year. Third Executive Board is open to all Senior (14-18 yrs of age) 4-H members.
 - *How to join*
 - Each district elects or appoints their representatives so get active in your district council.
 - Presidentially appointed delegates must complete an application and turn in during 4-H University.
 - Register for the meeting through 4-H Online.
 - For more info about state council visit: <http://florida4h.org/youth/council/>
Grace Carter, *State 4-H Youth Leadership/Citizenship Coordinator*, wendiz@ufl.edu
 - **4-H Day of Service**
 - State council annually chooses a state service project which is announced and promoted at 1st Executive Board in the fall.
 - Held on 4-H Civic Engagement Day during National 4-H week. Youth are encouraged to participate in the statewide service project even if they are unable to do so at the appointed time.
 - **Citizenship Washington Focus**
 - Leadership program aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world.
 - Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow.
 - Open to all senior 4-H members age 14-18 as of September 1 of current year.
 - Held at National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD during the summer. Registration is held during the fall.
 - To Attend:
 - First come, first serve
 - Senior level 4-H'ers and adults
 - No financial aid given for trip from state headquarters
 - **Leadership Washington Focus**
 - Precursor to CWF for middle school age youth.
 - Opportunities for delegates to build confidence, practice effective communication skills, work with others across the nation, and tour national landmarks in Washington DC.
 - Held at National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD during the summer. Registration is held during the fall.
 - To Attend:
 - First come, first serve
 - Youth entering grades 7 through 9.
 - No financial aid given for trip from state headquarters
 - **Leadership Adventure Weekend (LAW)**
 - Senior Leadership Adventure Weekend (LAW) is held in January or February, this is a weekend event designed to provide leadership training to 4-Hers across the state.
 - The goal is for participants to use newly acquired skills in their counties and districts and to provide some training for other 4-H'ers on various leadership topics.
 - Held at one of the 4-H camps during the winter and open to all seniors (4-H age 14-18).



- **4-H Day at the Capitol**
 - 4-H youth will learn about the legislative and government processes and systems as they participate in workshops, tours and observation of our government at work.
 - Participants also have the opportunity to hear from and meet with their State Legislators and hear from other state VIP's.
 - Held in the Spring during the Florida Legislative Session at the Capitol Buildings in Tallahassee, FL.
 - Youth of all ages welcome, no prior 4-H enrollment necessary.
 - Leadership opportunities for Group leaders age 14-18 (must apply).
- **Legislature**
 - Florida 4-H Legislature is a five day learning laboratory in state government designed to give participants educational experiences such as:
 - learning about state level government and the state system of government
 - serving as mock legislators, reporters or lobbyists
 - meeting in the committee rooms of the House of Representatives as well as the House Chambers
 - Where: Tallahassee, FL
 - When: June
 - Registration: Online, End of March
- **Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference**
 - Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC) will teach both youth and adults to work side by side through youth/adult partnerships to make us all better leaders today and tomorrow. At this conference you will gain leadership skills that can be taken back and implemented in your state through youth/adult teaching teams.
 - Held during the fall at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Tennessee. Registration is due immediately following 4-H University and open to seniors (4-H age 14-18).
- **COMMUNICATION & FINE ARTS EVENTS**
 - **Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks**
 - County, District, and State Events give youth the opportunity to share what they have learned in their 4-H project through a demonstration or an illustrated talk.
 - Both "Standards of Excellence" and "Peer Competition" are used to recognize youth presenting project talks. Blue, Red, and White levels are used to determine the "standard" met based on pre-set criteria and determined by a set of judges. The participants also "compete" for the top three placing's in each category.
 - All counties should use the demonstration categories and score sheets provided by Florida 4-H.
 - All Seniors (age 14-18) receiving a "blue award" at the district level are eligible to compete at 4-H University. District chairperson will submit qualifying individuals to the state events coordinator.
 - Select project areas offer opportunities for competition beyond the state level.
 - Specific categories and rules for these contests can be found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_demotalk/
 - **Public Speaking Contest**
 - *General*
 - Must be original and related to 4-H in a demonstrable way.
 - Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H Public Speaking Project.
 - The top 2 Seniors from District events who receive a blue ribbon are eligible for state competition.
 - *Horse*
 - Horse public speaking entrants qualify from the County directly to State.
 - First place Senior County Horse Public Speaking participants qualify for State Horse Contest.
 - Must register to attend the state horse events day with Animal Sciences.
 - Public Speaking uses a different score sheet than that used for Demonstration & Illustrated Talks and time requirements also differ.



- **Photo Contest**
 - The annual state 4-H photo contests provide the opportunity for hundreds of youth across Florida to express their creativity and talent through the photography project.
 - Members may submit their top five blue ribbon photos for state judging but must be in a different class. No dual class entries.
 - Entry Classes:
 - People
 - Animals
 - Plant/Flora
 - Scenic
 - Architectural Elements
 - Still Life
 - Hat Tricks and Magic
 - Photo Story
 - Black and White
 - 4-H Theme
 - Entries are Due June 1st to the 4-H State Headquarters.
 - Specific rules can be found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/photo/
- **Poster Contests**
 - The poster contest is an opportunity for youth in the Visual Arts project to demonstrate the skills they have learned.
 - Posters should be submitted under one of the following themes: Healthy Lifestyles, SET (Science Engineering & Technology), and Citizenship.
 - Entry classes: Watercolor, Pen & Ink, Pencil, Marker, Crayon, Acrylic, Special Effects, Computer Enhanced.
 - All Blue ribbon posters from the county contest may be submitted to the state contest. Only one poster may be submitted per youth.
 - Entries are Due June 1st to the 4-H State Headquarters.
 - Specific rules can be found at http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/poster/
- **Share-the-Fun**
 - This program is designed to help 4-H'ers discover, develop, and share their talents. The objective of the program is to enhance appreciation of talent, leadership, confidence, interest in training, and the ability to discover wholesome recreation.
 - Youth must qualify at their district contest to advance to the state contest.
 - The state contest is held during 4-H University at UF.
 - Acts classification: Instrumental, vocal, dance, dramatic/novelty, General.
 - Group acts should be limited to a max of five participants.



MULTIPLE PROJECT AREAS

- **RESIDENTIAL CAMPS**

- The summer county camps are generally five days in length and introduce 4-H youth to various topics including:
 - Natural Resources
 - Ecology
 - Leadership Activities.
- Recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, swimming, and snorkeling.
- Four Residential Camps: Timpoochee, Ocala, Cloverleaf, and Cherry Lake
- Each county works through their camp advisory to develop programming and details for their week of camp.
- There are five specialty camps offered by the State.
- For more info visit <http://florida4h.org/camps/>

- **4-H UNIVERSITY**

- Florida 4-H University is a week-long overnight event for senior 4-H youth (4-H age 14-18) held at the University of Florida.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in educational workshops lead by University of Florida faculty, explore career opportunities, lead community service activities, interact with youth from all over the state, and have fun while developing critical life skills that will help them become productive and engaged citizens of the communities, their country, and their world.
- Youth participate in State Competitive Events and State 4-H Council.
- Youth interview for National Award Trips & Graduating Senior Scholarships.
- Held during July at the UF Campus. Registration begins in May through 4-Honline.

- **NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**

- A four day national program which provides youth a high quality and relevant educational experience they would not otherwise have within their state.
- Recreational, social, service, and cultural activities are exciting components of this program.
- National Congress is held the weekend after Thanksgiving in Atlanta, GA.
- Approximately 15 youth are chosen to participate based on their senior portfolio and interview. Trips are awarded at Florida 4-H University.

- **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

- National 4-H Conference is the premier 4-H civic engagement national opportunity for youth of the Department of Agriculture.
- Delegates will contribute constructive ideas on how to improve 4-H and strengthen 4-H public awareness efforts and reporting to the public.
- National Conference is held during the spring at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD
- Approximately 4 youth are chosen to participate based on their senior portfolio and interview. Trips are awarded at Florida 4-H University.

- **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

- This week presents an opportunity to celebrate 4-H with the rest of the nation and put the spotlight on 4-H in your community.
- Promotional materials including graphics, media releases, bookmarks, etc. Resources are available through Florida 4-H and National 4-H websites.
- Ways to highlight 4-H
 - Proclamation with your local Board of County Commission
 - Participate in National Youth Science Day
 - Participate in National Youth Service Day
 - Have youth make announcements at their school.
 - Club Open House.....



- **FLORIDA STATE FAIR SHOWCASE**
 - Held on 4-H Day at the Florida State Fair
 - Feature events include: Share the Fun, Public Speaking, and Interactive displays and booths.
 - Must register online to participate in the fun
 - The state fair is held in February in Tampa, FL
- **VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM**
 - These 4-H volunteer staff development opportunities are designed to provide a range of interesting and useful learning experiences which are applicable to "back-home" 4-H goals and objectives. Volunteers will have the opportunity to :
 - share ideas that have worked for them
 - gain knowledge and skills in working with youth
 - increase ability in organizing and motivating 4-H leaders
 - encourage teamwork in Program Development
 - For more info about volunteer programs contact
Dr. Bryan Terry, *Volunteer Specialist*, terrys1@ufl.edu
- **SOUTHERN REGION LEADERS FORUM**
 - Volunteers across the southern region come together to share ideas, gain knowledge and skills in working with youth, learn how to better organize programs and encourage and build teamwork through Program Development.
 - Typically held the beginning of October at either Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Georgia or in Arkansas.
 - Registration opens the beginning of August.
 - For more info about volunteer programs contact
Dr. Bryan Terry, *Volunteer Specialist*, terrys1@ufl.edu
- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**
 - An opportunity for University of Florida faculty, staff, and volunteers with middle manager responsibilities to come together with a shared goal of Positive Youth Development.
 - Faculty receive in-service credits for participating in this training event as well as an opportunity to network with their peers.
 - Opportunities to take part in the FAE4HA Association are also available.
 - Typically held in the winter and registration is through the 4-H State Headquarters.