



St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development

*****St. Johns County 2017-2018 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 application at: <https://florida.4honline.com>
- 2nd - Contact the 4-H Leader for Club meeting date, time and place.
- 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 2017-2018 4-H year. **It is recommended that you choose no more than one or two clubs.** When you enroll in 4-HOnline there is a \$20 registration fee that can be paid by debit or credit card. Or a check along with the pay by check form may be mailed to the Florida 4-H Headquarters at P.O. Box 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611. Have questions, please call the St. Johns County 4-H office at 904-209-0430.



CRAZY COMETS 4-H SCIENCE CLUB - Crazy Comets, the 4 H Science Club, is starting our 2017-18 year and is looking for new members. We meet twice a month on Mondays at the Bartram Trail Library from 5-6pm. The club is open to students 4th grade and up. We cover a wide variety of subjects in science and STEM related topics. Club dues of \$30 per semester is due at the first meeting. Please visit www.4honline.com to complete the enrollment process. Call Ms. Kellie Anderson (904-209 0430) at the 4-H office if you require assistance with the online enrollment. Space is limited, so please sign up quickly. For more information, please contact club leader Shipra Panda (spcmu2@gmail.com or call 412-225 5345).



TOXOPHILY 4-H Club - If you are interested in learning to shoot a bow while making new friends, then consider joining the Toxophily (love of archery) Club. You will learn about the history of archery, proper shooting form, target types, public speaking, giving demonstrations, plus background history of bows and arrows. Club is open to archers ages 8-18 as of 9/1/17 and can compete and go on field trips during the 4H year. We meet one Saturday per month from 9:00-11:00am at the Agricultural Center in the Wind Mitigation building. We will have optional practices twice a month. If you don't have your own equipment, there's a \$50/family refundable deposit for the season and you can use ours. There is a Club fee of \$25 which includes a club T-shirt. Space is limited in this club; please contact club leaders Kevin Kelly & Isabelle Pitcher ipitcher@aol.com for more information.



BUSY BEES 4-H SEWING CLUB - The Busy Bees 4-H Sewing Club is gearing up for the 2017-2018 year. We meet at the Agricultural Center Auditorium the 2nd Saturday of each month from September through May between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, and optional work days are scheduled throughout the year giving us time to complete our sewing garments, work on service projects, and just have fun. **New this year we are offering members the opportunity of creating a quilt.** Members must be 8 – 18 years old by September 1, 2017 and have completed the 4-H Beginning Sewing Camp. All returning members and interested new members, please plan to attend a Pre-Busy Bee meeting with your parents on Saturday, August 26, 2017, 10am-12:00pm to find out more. Club Co-Leaders are Patty Girvan & Annette DeRenzo. Space is limited in this club. For more info contact Annette DeRenzo at akderenzo@gmail.com.



THE PIONEER 4-H CLUB - is affiliated with The Pioneer School St Augustine, a small private middle school offering morning tutoring support for academic classes taken at Pioneer in affiliation with Florida Virtual School, together with afternoon enrichment programs for grades 6-8. The Pioneer 4-H Club's focus is entrepreneurship and leadership, public speaking and community service. Membership of the club is only open to students of The Pioneer School.

******Club availability is subject to change**



HAIRY CATERPILLERS 4-H CLUB - Hairy Caterpillars 4-H Club is a group that has been in existence for 6 years, and at this time has all boys ranging in ages from 10-14. We meet every two weeks and pride ourselves on doing a variety of projects. We have done fishing, cooking, marine ecology, rabbits, and veterinary care. We try and expose ourselves to many different things as we grow up and figure out what we enjoy and want to do in our lives. We are a very close group of kiddos, and usually participate in the Holiday parade and we just love 4-H camp.



THE OUTDOOR BUCKAROOS 4-H CLUB - for youth between ages 5-18. We will be meeting once a month. Meeting locations will be announced and held at the 4-H properties such as Ag Center or wind building. We will be learning rules and safety in fishing. We will continue education on camping and outdoor skills. Our campouts will be held at the Bermeo home in the winter and Anastasia State Park in the spring. We will also meet some Saturdays. Our Veterans Day dinner will be held November 10 at the Ag Center. We look forward to an exciting year! For more information please contact Ashley Bermeo 386-329-5220 or ambermeo@aol.com Assistant Leader Mary Lou Brown and 4-H Volunteer Karen Bradley will be helping this year.



HAPPY HOPPERS RABBIT 4-H CLUB - The rabbit club this year will be for those wanting to learn about rabbits and showing rabbits. We will focus on learning breed ID, diseases, conformation and type, breeding, and showmanship. Our club will require the commitment of attending shows throughout the year and a breeding program. For more information please contact Julia Gordi at constellationbunnies@gmail.com



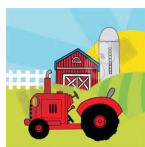
DREAMCATCHER STABLES RIDING 4-H CLUB - At DreamCatcher Stables 4-H Riding Club, we work to develop life skills through the love of horses. The club's activities will enhance a child's self-confidence, social skills and decision making all while promoting independence, responsibility and cooperation. This is achieved by educating and developing around understanding of the horse and horsemanship from a team level. DreamCatcher Stables 4-H Riding Club includes activities at the stable, field trips outside of

the stable, guest speakers, various horse competitions, activities and shows. We would welcome the opportunity to further enhance your love of horses and riding skills. Club meetings are the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 6pm. Horse ownership is not required. Please contact Bridgitte Cerasale at 904-377-4219, Tira Clyce at 904-460-5757 or email us at dcs4hridingclub@gmail.com.



AEROSPACE 4-H CLUB - Fly high with the 4-H Aerospace Club! Club leaders Warren McCrary of the St. Augustine High School Aerospace Academy, Nikki Angelo and Junior Leader Andrew Angelo hope to inspire both new and old members with this year's theme: Aviate! Navigate! Communicate! Club members will learn the fundamentals of flight, airport communication and airplane/helicopter identification. Younger members will meet from 9-10:30 am one Saturday of each month. Seasoned

members will stay until noon for more advanced education and more advanced hands-on activities. Special field trips will be included! The year will conclude with the traditional flight in a light aircraft. For more information, contact Nikki Angelo @ 794-2497.



FARM LIFE 4-H CLUB - Through hands-on learning, 4-H members will learn about Florida Agriculture and how important agriculture is to our everyday life. Each meeting will focus on developing life skills that will enable 4-H members to become a productive members of the club and community. 4-H members will be encouraged to exhibit what they have learned throughout the year at the St. Johns County 4-H Expo 2018. This club is for youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2017. For more information please

contact Wendy Jo Williams at farmlife4h@earthlink.net.



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 event, and turn in record books. Youth enrolled as independent members are encouraged to meet with 4-H staff throughout the year regarding their projects and record books. For more information on the

“At Large” membership please contact the 4-H office at 209-0430.

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HORSEINATION 4-H CLUB - Kids will learn leadership and confidence through Natural Horsemanship. Club members can experience showing in local 4-H shows, plus fun club outings and activities both with and without horses. We will have mounted and un-mounted meetings and clinics to round out your experience and education as a young horse person. Ownership of a horse is not required! There are plenty of opportunities in this club to enjoy and be around horses. For club members who do not own a horse, but want to show or participate in mounted activities we have several lease options available as well. Contact Tina at thebarn goddess01@gmail.com or call 904-806-8117.



CLOVERBUD CLUB - This 4-H club is open to children ages 5-7, as of September 1, 2017 and introduces them 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 once a month. Meeting dates, times and topics will be posted on the 4-H website by mid August. Please contact the 4-H Office at 209-0430 with questions. Club leaders are GERALYN SACHS and MANDY FIGEROA-BATTS.



MARINE ECOLOGY 4-H CLUB - The Marine Ecology Club begins meeting in January each year and continues through November. Meetings are held at the Guana Research Reserve off of Route A1A on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:15-5:15. At this time the Club is not accepting new members.



PALENCIA CULINARY & GARDEN 4-H CLUB - Limit 10 students, 5th grade only. Students will learn to grow food in the school gardens outdoors and use the fruits & vegetables in recipes to plan meals. Students will learn culinary techniques in the commercial kitchen. This class will be alternating Thursdays (schedule to be handed out in mandatory parent meeting 9/14) For more information contact Kathleen.Damiano@stjohns.k12.fl.us



PALENCIA GARDEN 4-H CLUB - Limited to 20 students in 4th grade. Youth will learn to care for the gardens at Palencia to include planting seeds, harvesting vegetables, weeding, watering and donating time to community outreach and use those skills to serve the community. We will be alternating Thursdays (schedule to be handed out in mandatory parent meeting on 9/14 at 3:00pm) For more information contact Kathleen.Damiano@stjohns.k12.fl.us



CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB - Whatever you've heard about 4-H, the members of this group will be experiencing. Membership in this group will consist of monthly business meetings either after school, in the evenings, or on the weekend. The dates of meeting will be determined by those that express a commitment to this Club by August 1. The meetings will be led by YOUTH and anyone that would like a leadership role will have the opportunity to have one. Only Juniors and older (age 8 as of September 1, 2017) will be holding the offices of Pres/VP/Tres/Sec't. Members will do at least two community service projects and one fundraiser. Membership consists of attending a minimum of 6 of the meetings, completion of the St. Johns County Clever Clover Award application and the completion of at least one Project Record book to be submitted by the end of May. Each member will take part in 4-H Public Speaking competition at the County Level during the year and will exhibit at least one entry in a County level 4-H exhibition. Each member will pay \$7 at the first meeting and this fee will include a binder pre-loaded with materials you'll need to make the year the best it can be. Please contact Laurie Simmer for more information at cleverclovers4hclub@yahoo.com



CULINARY CHOPS 4-H CLUB - A 4-H Club that will introduce intermediate and junior members to the basics of preparing a real meal! This club is for ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2017. This club will explore where our food comes from, how to safely and effectively use a kitchen knife, how to whip up a home cooked meal, and the best way to shop for delicious, healthy groceries (FIELD TRIP)! This class will be led by the desire of the members. Classes will be held at the St. Johns County Extension Office auditorium every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. starting in October, ending in May. There will be a small fee/ingredient list prior to each class. Please email me at patrick.h.doty@gmail.com if interested.



DOG 4-H CLUB - you will learn how to train your individual dog in the area of performance dog sports like Obedience, Rally Obedience and Showmanship along with handling skills. Members will also learn life skills such as responsible dog ownership, basic dog healthcare, dog grooming and safety around dogs. You and your dog will also do FUN tricks and games! Youths from age 10 – 18 may participate.



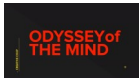
INSECT 4-H PROJECT- The Insect Project provides 4-H youth with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of the entomology world. Participating youth will explore all aspects of entomology while learning to properly collect, identify and curate insects during a series of classes and collecting trips from September 2017 -January 2018. Youth will have the opportunity to compete in the Insectathon Event at the 2018 4-H University within one of the following four categories: Insect Collection Contest, Honey Bee Essay Contest, Insect Art Contest and Entomology and Skillathon Team Contest. All 4-H youth ages 5-18 are invited to participate and the registration fee will be \$50 per individual to cover the cost of collecting equipment and supplies. Please contact Dr. Bonnie Wells at bcwells@ufl.edu or 904-209-0430 for additional information.



THE MEAT JUDGING TEAM 4-H PROJECT- is a competition team project led by County Extension Director Tim Wilson and Wendy Smith. It is open to youth ages 11-18. Team members will become educated consumers and learn the factors that will enable them to identify cuts of meat at the retail store. There will be a training clinic held at the University of Florida in January, as well as regular practices that will teach the skills needed to identify retail cuts of beef, pork, and lamb, as well as how to judge classes of cuts and carcasses, answer questions and give reasons. The team will also learn about livestock judging and compete at area county fairs. The state meat judging contest will take place in April 2018 with opportunities for the state winning first and second teams to compete at national contests. An orientation meeting will be announced for November. Please contact Wendy Smith at (904)692-3542 or jebandwendy@yahoo.com to sign-up or for more information.



HORTICULTURE ID/PLANT SCIENCE 4-H PROJECT- This club meets once a month on the grounds of the St. Johns County Agricultural Center from 3:30 to 5:15pm. Students participate in projects about “all things horticulture” including plant identification, plant biology and growing plants for many projects and competitions. Although participation in local and district events for plant identification and judging is encouraged, there are many opportunities for fun with plants without attending the competitive events and a general atmosphere of learning through interesting projects is fostered. In addition, the projects are geared to facilitate participation in next year’s 4-H Expo. Members will participate in EPIC, Home & Garden Show and the Community Gardens. Members may also attend the NJHA annual national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October , with a September deadline for registration. We look forward to working with you! Contact Gayle Prevatt at gaylep@moultriecreek.com or Richard Highman at rchmlh@yahoo.com.



THE ODYSSEY OF THE MINDS 4-H PROJECT-The Odyssey of the Mind is coming to the St. John County 4-H Program. Odyssey of the Mind, also known as OM, allows students that are interested in science, technology, engineering, art, and math to come together and CREATE something spectacular. The creative problem-solving environment rewards thinking "outside of the box." An OM team is comprised of 5-7 students who will select from 1 of the 5 problems presented by the organization. The team will work from September to March on their solution. The final product will be presented to an audience with an 8 minute skit which will be scored (the Long term problem). To keep the team members on their toes there will be a quick short answer problem (the Spontaneous problem) which will take place on the day of the competition. The competition groups include: Division I (grades 3-5), Division II (grades 6-8). There will be a \$25 supply fee per member. The age group chosen for this project will depend on the age of 4-H youth who are interested. For more information, please email Julia Felter at juliafelter@knights.ucf.edu



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 confirmation & movement of the amazing horse. This project is for ages 8-18 and requires a full commitment to learning about horses by workshops, fieldtrips & clinics. Youth will attend the Horse Judging Clinic at the UF Horse Teaching Unit in Gainesville in December, compete in the Florida State Fair Horse Judging contest in February & compete in the Hippology contest in March. Seniors will be eligible to qualify to compete in the 4-H State Horse Judging contest in April. This is a great way to compliment any youth interested in a career in Animal Science or specializing in Equine. For more information contact Kellie Anderson at kcanderson@sjcfl.us or 904-209-0430.

***Could YOU start a 4-H club ?? Call the 4-H Office at 904 209-0430 or email kcanderson@sjcfl.us for more information.



TALES TO TAILS 4-H PROJECT-This is an opportunity to build social skills and practice reading aloud to pets at the St. Johns County Pet Center. We need readers who will benefit from time spent with animals that we can help make more adoptable by allowing them to hear the voices of caring youth. Every person that will participate needs to contact the Pet Center and complete the volunteer paperwork for the county. This is the single most difficult part of the project ~ do it now and we'll be ready for fall!! For this project there will be quarterly meetings to discuss achievements and challenges. A planning meeting will take place in August. There will be, to start, three sessions/month scheduled at the Pet Center: one during a weekday, one after school on a Wednesday, and one on a weekend. Each family will bring a pillow or blanket to sit on, bring whatever your child would like to read to the animals, and settle in OUTSIDE a kennel to read to the dogs or cats. This isn't a hands-on program. Each member will be expected to complete and submit a Project Record Book based on this project and Clover Award Form to the 4-H office by the end of May. Each member will pay \$7 at the first meeting and this fee will include a binder pre-loaded with materials you'll need to make the year the best it can be. For more information contact Amanda Leonard at aneleonard@yahoo.com



RECREATION/TEAMBUILDING/HEALTH 4-H PROJECT - Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 4pm based out of the pavilion in Walden Chase once monthly. This is for all ages and abilities; totally for fun and fitness and aims to build friendships and acceptance while learning about healthy habits, teambuilding, and team sports! This group really needs a fun new NAME! Each month youth will learn about a sport and will try their hand at it. We'll also aim to have one member or a family share a healthy treat at each meeting ~ no-cook would be awesome if the students make them there! Each member will be expected to complete a Project Record Book based on this project and Clover Award Form and submit to the 4-H office, end of May. Each member will pay \$7 at the first meeting and this fee will include a binder pre-loaded with materials you'll need to make the year the best it can be. Please contact Laurie Simmer for more information at cleverclovers4hclub@yahoo.com



THE FOREST ECOLOGY TEAM 4-H PROJECT -is a competition team project that will prepare members to compete at the State Forest Ecology Competition in April 14th. Each member will be expected to attend the 4-H Forestry Clinic on September 23rd that will be held at the Austin Carey Memorial Forest in Gainesville. This group is open to Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. A minimum of three members in any age group will be required. Meetings will be held to teach the skills needed to compete at the state contest in the spring. Skills learned will include plant and tree identification; Forestry Health: pests and diseases; compass and map reading skills; and Florida wildlife and ecology. A qualifying mock contest will be held prior to the state contest. The winning State Senior Team will then compete at the national contest. This is a great learning opportunity for those 4-H members who love the great outdoors. To join this group contact Wendy Smith at (904)692-3542 or jebandwendy@yahoo.com

*Clubs are always forming . Please check the 4-H website or call the 4-H office at 904-209-0430 for updated club information.