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## **Clover Club News**



### **Greetings Jackson County!**

My name is Angel Granger and I am your new 4H Agent! I am so excited to be here and I look forward to meeting all of the current 4H members, parents, volunteers, and community partners, as well as new ones! I know that the 4H year has already begun and I have a lot of catching up to do, but I am ready to work with you and anxious to see what each of you are doing.

I am new to Extension, but have served for many years as a volunteer 4H leader in Gadsden County. I worked for the Department of State in Tallahassee, Florida, for 32 years. I have been married for 32 years to my husband, Anthony, and we have two sons; Cole is 29 and Cody is 25. Both of our sons grew up in 4H. Some of you may remember me, and them, from competing in livestock and horse shows. My family and I live on our "Century Pioneer Family Farm" and raise commercial Angus cattle.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to working with you in the coming year!







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#### **Remembering Those in Need**

As we approach the holidays, we should all take a moment to pause and reflect on our blessings. We all are struggling with the state of the economy, but we need to remember that, as bad as things may be for



each of us, there are others in worse situations. With that thought in mind, I encourage all our 4-H families to incorporate community service projects into their club calendars by reaching out to those in need. The Jackson County UF/IFAS office is a drop off point for "Toys for Tots". We are also collecting non-perishable food items to be given to local food pantries. Donations may be dropped off at the Jackson County Agricultural Extension Office at 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue, Marianna, FL. Deadline for donations is December 16th.

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# Jackson County 4-H Clubs

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If you have not already done so, please remember to re-enroll. You may do so at 4-H online <a href="https://florida.4honline.com/">https://florida.4honline.com/</a> Login.aspx?4F514F2B424E3B394F29410D, or come by the office to fill out a paper enrollment form or use a computer we have set up for your use. Also, all Club Charters need to be renewed NOW.

#### **Jackson County Robotics Club**

4-H Robotics Programs engage youth in challenging experiences with science, engineering, and technology. These programs

also use a variety of media and delivery methods to reach youth. These programs are much broader than most of the robotic curricula available, which often focuses on one specific platform. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 3:45 –5:00 PM, at the Jackson County Extension Office. For more information, please contact Club Leader Nikki Bethea at 573-1317 or NikkiBethea@embargmail.com.

<u>Country Bumpkins</u> \*\*This club is currently at capacity and is not accepting new members at this time.

Country Bumpkins 4-H Club will hold their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are usually held at Cypress Park, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Terri Hardin serves as the Club Leader. For more information, please contact Terri Hardin at 272-3728 or <a href="mailto:terri.hardin@yahoo.com">terri.hardin@yahoo.com</a>.

#### **Explorers 4-H Club**

The Explorers 4-H Club currently has no club leader(s). Please contact the 4-H Agent ASAP if you interested in taking over this VERY active club. For more information, contact the Jackson County Extension Service at 850-482-9620.

#### **Dayspring Eagles 4-H**

Dayspring Eagles 4-H meets at Dayspring Christian Academy. Ginger Pittman serves as the 4-H Club Leader. Contact Ginger at 592-4994 for more information.

#### **Rabbit and Poultry Club**

Anita Crossley will be leading a new rabbit and poultry club. Anita has been a 4-H volunteer and Master Gardener for the Jackson County Extension Service for 8 years. You may now enroll in this club at 4-H online. A meeting date and time will be announced once members have enrolled. Please contact the 4-H office at 482-9620 for more information.



#### **Character Keepers 4-H**

Character Keepers is a character-based club. Youth learn character-building activities taught in afterschool programs once a month. If you are interested, please contact club leader Patty Melvin at 482-6674. At the time of publication, a meeting date had not been set for the first meeting of the new 4-H year. Participation Age: middle and high school students.

#### **County 4-H Council and Teen Council**

We are looking for County Council members This council is open to ages 8 and up! We also need a Teen Council for ages 14 and up. We hope to focus on developing leadership skills for all ages and for teen member, focusing on issues such as resume writing, financial management, applying for college scholarships, and finding internships through our research units. These educational topics will also provide teens an opportunity to teach their fellow members an activity or unique skill. Youth wanting to serve as a counselor or a counselor-in-training (ages 14 and up as of September 1, 2013) at Camp Timpoochee are required to be members of the Council. Please contact your 4-H Agent for more information.

\*\*\*We are looking for volunteer leaders for an additional livestock club and a horse club.

#### Country Bumpkins Start Off Year With a "BOO"!

The Country Bumpkins 4-H Club kicked off the 2013-2014 year on October 1st with a club meeting/officer election/Halloween Costume Party! Wow, do they know how to get it done! They started off the evening with a Power Point presentation by a representative from the office of the Supervisor of Elections who explained what voting is and how it evolved. Next, they heard speeches from candidates running for club office. After the speeches, all members went outside to vote in either of four voting booths that had been set up for them. While the voting was going on, another volunteer was teaching a craft inside! After the voting was completed, the votes were counted and the new officers were announced. Everyone was treated to awesome foods that were prepared with a "Halloween" theme. My hat is off to the ladies who work with this club. The volunteers and members did a fantastic job!





























#### NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST!!!!

Everybody put on your thinking caps and help us come up with a new name for our 4-H Newsletter. We are looking for something original, unique and 4-H related to give our newsletter a fresh look. Please submit your ideas to Miss Angel at amgranger@ufl.edu or Miss Lynn at lnowling@ufl.edu by January 10, 2014. Once all the entries are in, they will be reviewed for originality, uniqueness and creativity. The winner will be announced in the February newsletter and will receive a scholarship to Camp Timpoochee in 2014. We are anxious to see everyone's ideas!

#### 2013 Panhandle Youth Expo

The 2013 Panhandle Youth Expo was a great success! There were over 100 4-H and FFA exhibitors showing chickens, goats, rabbits, hogs, steers, heifers (and there was even a cow—calf pair!) We also had entries in the non-livestock events that showcased local talents with baked goods, drawings, paintings, hand-sewn items and so much more! This event would not have been possible without the support of the Panhandle Youth Expo Board, the Jackson County Extension team, community and business partners, schools, parents and the youth! Congratulations to all of our winners and to everyone who participated. Everyone did an outstanding job. We are so proud of you!

































# Panhandle Youth Expo Livestock Results

PUREBRED HEIFERS
Overall SUPREME CHAMPION
Angus, Joshua Birge, Graceville FFA
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION
Hereford, JaDee Barber, Jackson 4-H

ANGUS GRAND CHAMPION
Joshua Birge, Graceville FFA
ANGUS RESERVE CHAMPION
Hayley Helms, Jackson County 4-H
Angus 1st Place Winners
Class 2 - Hayley Helms, Jackson 4-H
Class 4 - Joshua Birge, Graceville FFA

BRAHMAN GRAND CHAMPION
Dustyn Sweeney, Marianna FFA
BRAHMAN RESERVE CHAMPION
Jeb Bruner, Marianna FFA.
Brahman 1st Place Winners
Class 4 - Dustyn Sweeney, Marianna FFA

JaDee Barber, Jackson 4-H
HERFORD RESERVE CHAMPION
Kaitlyn Renegar, Marianna FFA
Hereford 1st Place Winners
Class 4 - JaDee Barber, Jackson 4-H
Class 5 - Kaitlyn Renegar, Marianna FFA

HEREFORD GRAND CHAMPION

LIMOUSIN GRAND CHAMPION
Garrett Williams, Marianna FFA
LIMOUSIN RESERVE CHAMPION
Desmond Knox, Marianna FFA.
Limousin 1st Place Winners
Class 3 - Garrett Williams, Marianna FFA.
Class 5 - Desmond Knox, Marianna FFA

PARTHENAIS GRAND CHAMPION Kate Mayo, Marianna FFA RESERVE CHAMPION Dazhonna Dawson, Marianna FFA Parthenais 1st Place Winners

Class 2 - Kate Mayo, Marianna FFA Class 3 - Cheyenne Welch, Marianna FFA Class 4 - Jake Sims, Marianna FFA Class 5 - Darbey Sweeney, Marianna FFA

SANTA GERTRUDIS GRAND CHAMPION Trayce King, Altha MS FFA RESERVE CHAMPION Abbie Edenfield, Altha HS FFA Santa Gertrudis 1st Place Winners Class 2 - Kelsie Edenfield, MS FFA Class 3 - Abbie Edenfield, Altha FFA Class 4 - Trayce King, MS FFA

SIMMENTAL GRAND CHAMPION
Carol Boswell, Chipley FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION
Hayden Warden, Chipley FFA
Simmental 1st Place Winners
Class 2 - Carol Boswell, Chipley FFA
Class 4 - Tim Snyder, Marianna FFA

SPECKLED PARK GRAND CHAMPION
Jordan Smothers, Chipley FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION
Kyle Snyder, Marianna FFA
Speckled Park 1st Place Winners
Class 4 - Kyle Snyder, Marianna FFA

Class 5 - Jordan Smothers, Chipley FFA

Class 5 - Hayden Warden, 4-H Member

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS GRAND CHAMPION

Joshua Birge, Graceville FFA RESERVE CHAMPION

Sarah Kriser, Houston County 4-H
256-664 Lbs Division 1st Place
Cheyanna Graham, Jackson 4-H
800-940 Lbs Division 1st Place
Joshua Birge, Graceville FFA
1134-1196 Lbs Division 1st Place
Sarah Kriser, Houston County 4-H Livestock
Club
1212-1260 Lbs Division 1st Place

Cheyanna Clark, Washington County 4-H

COMMERCIAL STEERS
GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER
Josie Scott, Country Bumpkins 4-H
594-664 Lbs Division 1st Place
Miranda Odom, Chipley FFA
700-764 Lbs Division 1st Place
Josie Scott, Jackson 4-H
844-874 Lbs Division 1st Place
Sarah Kriser, Houston 4-H Livestock Club
956-960 Pound Divison 1st Place
Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP SENIOR DIVISION

Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
Wilton Pittman, Dayspring Eagles 4-H JUNIOR DIVISION
JaDee Barber, Jackson 4-H

COMMERCIAL SWINE WINNERS GRAND CHAMPION SWINE Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA RESERVE CHAMPION Caroline Rogers, Marianna FFA FIRST PLACE WINNERS

CLASS 1 - Wesley Rogers, Jackson 4-H CLASS 2 - Carol Boswell, Chipley FFA CLASS 3 - Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA CLASS 4 - Kaleigh Bruner, Lovedale 4-H LIGHT CLASS - Wilton Pittman, Dayspring Eagles 4-H

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
SENIOR DIVISION
Mary Katherine Pittman, Malone FFA
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
Tyler Lawrence, Grand Ridge FFA
JUNIOR DIVISION
Hunter Tyus, Sneads 4-H

RABBIT SHOW
BEST IN SHOW - Champagne D'Argent rabbit, shown by Leandra Williams, Grand Ridge FFA GRAND CHAMPION - Mini-Rex, shown by Nikolas Halling, Country Bumpkins 4-H
RESERVE CHAMPION - a Dutch breed, shown by Colby Hargrove, Cottondale FFA

FIRST PLACE WINNERS (Rabbits-continued) HOLLAND LOP - Garrett McDaniel, Grand Ridge FFA MINI-LOP - Elizabeth Halling, Country Bumpkins 4-H RHINELANDER - Allen Donaldson, Country Bumpkins 4-H FRENCH ANGORA - Kinsley Williams, Grand Ridge FFA REX/MINI-REX - Nikolas Halling, Country Bumpkins 4-H DUTCH - Colby Hargrove, Cottondale FFA CHAMPAGNE D'ARGENT - Leandra Williams, Grand Ridge FFA FLEMISH GIANT - Myra Miles, Country Bump-HIMALAYAN - Addyson Lewis, Grand Ridge FFA

COMMERCIAL DOE GRAND CHAMPION Ireland Johnson, Grand Ridge FFA RESERVE CHAMPION Haley Dime, Grand Ridge FFA 1st Place - Caleb Reed, Grand Ridge FFA MEAT GOAT GRAND CHAMPION Ireland Johnson, Grand Ridge FFA RESERVE CHAMPION Faith Hardin, Grand Ridge FFA 1st Place - Ireland Johnson, Grand Ridge FFA WETHER MEAT GOAT 1st Place - Faith Hardin, Grand Ridge FFA GOAT SHOWMANSHIP GRAND CHAMPION - Haley Dime, Grand Ridge FFA RESERVE CHAMPION - Ireland Johnson, Grand Ridge FFA

POULTRY RESULTS
BEST OF SHOW
Elizabeth Hallling, Country Bumpkins 4-H
FIRST PLACE WINNER - EXHIBITION CLASS
Myra Miles, Country Bumpkins 4-H
PRODUCTION CLASS
Kaitlyn Renegar, Marianna FFA
DISPLAY CLASS
A Tie, between Elizabeth Hallling of Grand

A Tie, between Elizabeth Hallling of Grand Ridge, and Kylie Mazzarese of Marianna, both Jackson County 4-H members MISCELLANEOUS CLASS Fancy Young, Cottondale FFA

#### FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM RESULTS

Grand Ridge FFA
Tyler Lawrence, Faith Douthit, Haley
Dime, and Charlie Alexander

1<sup>st</sup> PLACE HIGH INDIVIDUAL Tyler Lawrence, Grand Ridge FFA

4-H FARM JUDGING TEAM RESULTS INTERMEDIATE TEAM 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

Dayspring Eagles 4-H with a total score of 1069 Team members: Kinsley Mercer, Abante Gardner, Mega Blaylock, Wilton Pittman

INTERMEDIATE HIGH INDIVIDUAL Elizabeth Halling, Country Bumpkins 4-H

JUNIOR TEAM 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE Country Bumpkins 4-H with a total score of 985; Team members: Josie Scott, Nikolas Halling, Hannah Loy JaDee Barber

JUNIOR HIGH INDIVIDUAL Hunter Tyus, Sneads 4-H

# Education and Fun At 4-H Ag Adventures!





The 4-H Ag Adventures program is a free educational program offered to all first grade students in Jackson County. Jackson County Ag Adventures is held at the UF-IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center and the Beef Research Unit, both located in Greenwood, FL. The goal of this program is to provide a quality, hands-on educational experience for youth to learn the science of agriculture, what it means to our community, county and state, and to foster an appreciation for how the science of agriculture touches their everyday lives. Ag Adventures is mainly supported by grant money from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc.

This year, Jackson County 4-H hosted Ag Adventures on November 5-6, 2013. Tour guides lead groups of 20-30 students through 12 different agriculture-related stations., which included peanuts, cotton, corn, livestock, dairy and aquaculture. Nearly 390 students benefitted from the program.

in the Classroom, Inc. For more information about 4-H Ag Adventures, visit <a href="http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>.

#### Thank you, Lunch Sponsors!!!

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, Jackson County Farm Bureau sponsored lunches

for our volunteers during Ag Adventures.

Special Thanks to Po' Folks and Hungry Howie's for providing delicious food!



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# JACKSON COUNTY 4-H AT THE 72ND ANNUAL NORTH FLORIDA FAIR!

The North Florida Fair ran from November 7th –17th. 4-H Day at the Fair was Saturday, November 16, 2013. Many of the exhibits from the Panhandle Youth Expo were displayed at NFF and quite a few placed first and second. Country Bumpkins 4-H Club had two judging teams participate in the Farm Judging Contest, with the Junior Judging Team taking first place. We are so proud of all our young people who took part in this event and represented Jackson County so well.





JaDee & Dellon Barber



Wade & Jared Robinson



Josie Scott, JaDee Barber and Nikolas Halling



Josie Scott

# Big Changes Coming Involving 4-H Youth Enrollment and Volunteer Leader Enrollment

The month of October brought about major changes regarding enrollment of youth and adult volunteers. All of these changes are to ensure that all activities regarding youth involvement are as safe as possible. Everyone already enrolled as a member or as an adult volunteer needs to visit 4-H online and fill out the appropriate forms, or come into the office and use a paper form. We also have a computer set up in our office for your convenience.

The directions on the 4-H Youth Enrollment Form were updated so that it is clear that the Participation Form is a part of the enrollment process. These forms can be accessed online at the following site:

http://florida4h.org/getinvolved.

#### **Changes to the Participation Form include:**

- Revised Medical Release/Consent, and revised General Release Statements were added.
- New Transportation Policy added
- Instructions were added to specify which policies or releases require consent to participate in the Florida 4-H (Medical, Code of Conduct, General, and Transportation)
- "Yes" or "No" options have been added to the Media and Survey Releases

#### \* \* \* \* \* N O T I C E \* \* \* \*

All adults who are listed as club leaders currently have to have background checks done. Effective October 2013, they will also have to be finger-printed. Leaders who are currently active will have to have their fingerprints done by April, 2014. The following is an excerpt regarding the new rule change:

### 4-H Volunteer Application Revised and now on 4H Online

The 4-H Volunteer Application has been revised and can now be submitted through 4H Online. Paper applications should only be used at the convenience of clientele, such as when they do not have Internet access. For those cases, the printable PDF version of the Volunteer Application has also been updated. The revised application can be found at <a href="http://florida4h.org/getinvolved">http://florida4h.org/getinvolved</a>.

### 4H Online Update: Medical Release, General Release and Transportation Release

Based on recent recommendations made by University Counsel, the General Release and the Medical Release have been revised in 4H Online and on the Florida 4-H Participation Form. In addition, a Transportation Policy has been added to both. The new General Release is more explicit in explaining the potential risks of participating in 4-H activities. The new Medical Release/Consent explains more clearly what 4-H staff will do in the event of a medical emergency and is better aligned with current statutes. The Transportation Policy has been added to ensure that individuals transporting youth know the requirements, and to better inform parents/guardians of 4-H policy.

Ideally, these changes would have been made before enrollment opened for the current year, but we were advised it would be better to implement the changes now instead of waiting until August 2014.

This will not alter active enrollments in 4H Online. Youth and Adults who are currently enrolled and active for this year do not need to update their authorizations. Families and members will be notified about these changes through a broadcast e-mail which will be sent out through 4H Online. This information will also be posted to the 4H Online family homepages.



Make sure that your enrollments are up-to-date to ensure you receive information regarding these important changes as they occur, as well as preventing any nterruptions in memberships.

Please visit <a href="http://florida4h.org/getinvolved">http://florida4h.org/getinvolved</a> for the most up-to-date information.

#### **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

### Words of Wisdom...from a very Wise Woman!

"If you look up the definition of 'volunteering', you would find the word means 'doing work but not getting paid'. That does not apply to volunteering for 4-H! Ten years ago, when my husband Bob retired, we moved to Marianna to live in the woods



and have a mini-farm to occupy our time. After a life with 4 children, moving every few years in the military, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and church group activities, suddenly goats and rabbits and chickens weren't quite enough for me. I became a volunteer Master Gardener with the Extension Office, and my new life began. Other volunteer opportunities appeared. I discovered 4-H! I helped with a day camp one year, and I was hooked. The kids were great, each member of the staff was fun to work with, and the program was wonderful. I have now been to a number of trainings, helped with lots of day camps and much more. There are so many opportunities for children to explore in 4-H, all of them life-enriching for the kids, as well as the adults involved. Now I am starting a new adventure with a Poultry and Rabbit Club hoping to pass on another of my passions. As always, I know I will learn as much from the kids as they learn from me. 4-H is fun, but it's so much more! Being a volunteer has become a big part of my life, and I receive plenty of payment. Smiles are priceless."

-An interview with one of the most passionate volunteers with the Jackson County 4-H Youth Development Program, Mrs. Anita Crossley. For information on how YOU can share your gifts through volunteering, please contact Angel Granger, 4-H Youth Development Agent at (850) 482-9620 or email amgranger@ufl.edu.

### Sign-up for Your Free Online Subscription



To utilize SMS, parents, volunteers and teen 4-H members can simply go to <a href="http://subscribe.ifas.ufl.edu">http://subscribe.ifas.ufl.edu</a>. Once there, follow the instructions to create a new subscription profile. When asked to customize your choices, make sure to select the box *Kickin' In the Clover* under the **Youth Development** tab. When a new issue becomes available, you will receive an email containing a link to the newsletter. For more information about SMS, or assistance with subscribing, contact Angel Granger, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Jackson County.







### DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 4-H Country Bumpkins Club Mtg./Christmas Party	4	5 Robotics Club Meeting	6 2nd Executive Board, Camp Ocala thru 12/8	7
8	9 4-H Association Members Mtg.	10 Country Bump- kins Avon Fundraiser Orders Due	11 Country Bumpkins Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser Orders Due	12.	13	14
15 Country Bumpkins Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Orders Due	16	17	18 Country Bumpkins Fundraiser Pizza Kit & Donut Deliveries	19	20	21
22	23 Jackson Co. Schools Closed Until Jan. 6th, 2014	24 Extension Office Closed	25 Extension Office Closed Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### Did You Know...

# Know your turkey baking facts!



During the holiday season, people are buying turkeys for that big family meal. These tips can help you create a safe and delicious meal.

Fresh and frozen birds differ in cook and storage time, but not taste or quality. When buying a whole turkey, estimate one pound of turkey for each person. Fresh turkeys can be kept in the refrigerator for only one or two days. It is not recommended buying pre-stuffed fresh turkeys as they contain harmful bacteria if handled improperly. Do not thaw pre-stuffed frozen turkeys before cooking. The safest way to thaw a frozen turkey is in the refrigerator, in its original packaging. Allow 24 hours thawing time for every 4-5 pounds of turkey. Turkeys can be cooked frozen, however the cook time needs to be increased by 50%. Cook the turkey immediately after thawing. It is not safe to refrigerate or refreeze a microwave-thawed turkey. When handling any fresh or frozen raw meat, wash your hands, utensils, dishes and kitchen surfaces frequently with hot, soapy water, and use separate knives and cutting boards for the turkey and stuffing. Turkey and other cooked foods should be eaten within two hours. After that time, leftovers should be refrigerated or thrown away. Leftover meat should be eaten within 3-4 days; gravy within 1-2 days.

For questions or more information on turkey or other holiday foods, contact your local Extension office at 850-482-9620, or call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854.



Explore your back yard at Falling Waters State Park

Have you experienced the cascading waterfalls and breathtaking sink holes at Falling Waters State Park? The park offers something for everyone, whether it be fishing, camping, hiking or swimming. Home to several species of protected plants and animals, the park offers excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. There are excellent picnicking facilities, as well. Bring the whole family out to spend a day exploring!

Falling Waters State Park is located three miles south of Chipley off State Road 77. Turn left on State Park Road and follow it to the park entrance. From I-10, take the Chipley exit south on State Road 77 and follow signs to the park.

The 4-H initiatives include preparing youth to be responsible citizens; helping youth develop an interest in learning that will equip them to succeed in a rapidly changing society and global economy, teaching youth responsibility, developing their ability to become leaders and engage in their communities; helping youth develop healthy lifestyles; encouraging youth to get outdoors to develop an appreciation for nature, agriculture and natural resources. The continuous presence of caring adults is critical to achieving positive youth development. Volunteers can assist in reaching more youth. Florida 4-H is committed to developing youth and adult volunteers, valuing inclusiveness and increasing the diversity of program participants. Florida Extension works to provide the support needed for volunteer-led organizations to be effective in helping 4-H Youth Development Program meet its mission and goals. As an integral part of the land-grant mission, 4-H is relevant to diverse youth, achieves positive youth development and provides opportunities for adults to develop their own leadership and workforce skills.

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4 -H is the youth development program of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The focus of 4-H is to provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills through participation in community clubs, project clubs, day camps, residential camps, school enrichment programs, and competitive events. 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 5-18 regardless of gender, race, creed, color, religion, or disability. Persons with disabilities should notify the office at least 10 working days prior to a 4-H event so that proper consideration can be given to the request. For more information about Jackson County 4-H, contact our office at 850-482-9620 or visit our website at <a href="https://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/">https://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/</a>. You can also check us out on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-County-Florida-4-

4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.