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## Jackson County 4-H School Garden

Welcome to 4-H. We are excited to have your participation and looking forward to working with you.

We will be starting a 4-H School Garden Club at your site. Below you will find some helpful information as we get started this year. We will be using the **Junior Master Gardener Curriculum Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!** and **Florida Agriculture in the Classroom Curriculum Gardening For Grades**. Each site will receive a copy. All coordination for materials, lesson plans, enrollment, etc. will be done through Angel Granger ([amgranger@ufl.edu](mailto:amgranger@ufl.edu) or 850-482-9620). Each site will consist of raised garden beds (8ft by 4ft) and or in-ground beds, depending on the location. A variety of vegetables will be planted.

- Step 1- We need to get your volunteer status approved. Please contact Patti Peacock ([ppeacock@ufl.edu](mailto:ppeacock@ufl.edu) or 850-482-9620) to begin the process.
- Step 2- Start getting excited! Garden kick-offs and club meetings will begin in October. So how does this work? Angel will arrive at your site on the designated day. The first day will include the following: we'll start with an icebreaker to teach what 4-H is, take a pre-survey, and then get right into gardening. Youth will construct the garden beds on the first day and learn how to start seeds in paper towels. As a volunteer you will be expected to do some "homework" in between site visits: an example will be filling the garden beds with compost in between the October and November site visit. Materials such as wheelbarrows, shovels, etc. will be coordinated for drop off and use.
  - Some of the lessons will be done together and some may be done through group rotation. Youth will learn how to form a club, pick a name, elect officers, etc. on top of gardening and nutrition lessons. Angel will come with the materials necessary for the lessons and lead the monthly lessons.
- Step 3- Keep it going! As a volunteer you will assist with collecting enrollment forms (paper based), organizing the groups, assisting with the rotation lessons, assisting with the garden and maintaining it in between lessons, and performing some activities throughout the month. Instructions will be given as to what to do and if materials are needed, those will be left for the month.

The goal is to teach sites how to get the garden started and provide lesson plans so by the end of the year each site will be able to garden on their own the following year!