

4-H WEEKLY CONNECTION

Hey Levy 4-H'ers -

There are lots of upcoming events next week; please make sure to read the announcements for this week in order to have the most up-to-date information on the 4-H program in Levy County. Feel free to pass along the information to your neighbors and friends.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES - All youth in Levy County who plan to show at the Suwannee River Fair must be enrolled in Florida 4-H Online and their membership dues paid by November 15. Members of community clubs are considered inactive members until their membership dues are received. If you have already enrolled and still need to pay, please remember to pay your \$20 membership fees before the deadline. If you have paid, please e-mail Kristen Brault - kbrault@ufl.edu - with a confirmation of payment. If you are unable to pay, please let us know so we can help.

OCTOBER YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - The next youth county council meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. All active 4-H youth members are strongly encouraged to attend since the county council officer installation will be held during the meeting. We hope to see you there!

4-H DAY AT SUNBELT AG EXPO - The 4-H Day at Sunbelt Ag Expo is on Wednesday, October 18. For those of you who have not attended, it is a great experience for youth to learn about production agriculture and the various industries that are involved in bringing food to the table. The cost of admission and transportation is \$10 per participant and the deadline to sign up is NOON on Tuesday, October 17. You can sign up to attend with Levy County 4-H through Eventbrite. Please contact the 4-H office if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!

HARTLEY'S BBQ CONTEST & HALLOWEEN PARTY - The annual Hartley's BBQ Contest and Halloween Party will be held on October 21. Official contest rules and guidelines can be found our our UF/IFAS Extension - Levy County blog page. Following the contest, all 4-H youth and their families are welcome to attend the Halloween Party. The party will be from 6 to 8 o'clock and includes a pumpkin decorating contest, a costume contest, and many other fun activities for the family.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME & ORIENTATION MEETING - In order to help our newest members (and some not so new) get better acquainted with the lingo of 4-H, the office will be hosting a new member meeting in conjunction with the Hartley's BBQ Contest and Halloween Party on October 21st. The meeting will start at 5 PM in the Conference Room. If you have families interested in joining 4-H, please share with them about this opportunity. They are also welcome to stay and join us for the Halloween Party.

SHOOTING SPORTS - Many folks have contacted the 4-H office regarding our shooting sports program. The next shooting sports meeting is on Monday, October 23, from 6 to 7 PM at the 4-H Pavilion. Youth who attend the meeting will have a chance to shoot while learning the basics of firearm safety.

NOVEMBER FISHING CLINIC - Levy County 4-H & Animal Adventures 4-H Club will be hosting a Fishing Clinic on November 4th. Please mark your calendars to attend this fun and family friendly event in Cedar Key, FL.