



*4-H Weekly Connections  
from Genevieve Mendoza*

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### **Hey Levy 4-Hers –**

Fair season is getting closer and we have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few months. Please be 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.

#### **4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

This year's 4-H Day at the Capitol is on February 22. While registration through the State 4-H office has closed, we are still organizing a group of youth to attend the day as a county. Please contact the office by Friday, February 9th, if you are interested in attending with our county. For more information about the day's schedule, please visit the [Florida 4-H website](#).

#### **COUNTY EVENTS**

This year's date for County Events is coming up on Saturday, February 24, starting at 9:00 AM. Why participate in County Events? Well, this is a chance for our 4-H'ers to showcase their projects and special interests. More details about the event and ways each 4-H member can participate is posted on our [website](#). The deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 15th.

#### **CAMP CHERRY LAKE & SUMMER DAY CAMP**

We are excited to announce that Camp schedules and registration will OPEN next week. Be on the look-out for a separate e-mail with links to Eventbrite. The biggest change coming this year is that youth turning 8 by June 1st will be able to attend both camps and youth turning 14 by June 1st will be eligible to earn community service hours through volunteering as a camp counselor. This is really exciting news!

#### **FLORIDA STATE FAIR**

The Florida State Fair runs February 8-19, 2018. The 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging competition is on Saturday, February 10th, and the Poultry & Dairy Judging competitions are on Saturday, February 17th. If you are interested in getting involved in a judging team, this is a great chance to see what it's all about. We will also have a few of our youth showing in Tampa. Best of luck to your kids at the Fair!

#### **SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR**

The Suwannee River Fair is coming up quickly. The show dates for 2018 are March 8-11 & March 16-21. While the deadline to enter animal projects has passed, there is still an opportunity to enter creative life skills projects. If you know of families who may be interested in participating, pass the word along.

**My best,  
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