

4-H CLUBS

4 Paws
Animal Crackers
B & S Farms
Blazers
4-H Caterpillars
Clogging Clovers
Eagles
Florida Crackers
Foxmill Kids & Colts
GEO Gang
Hammerheads 4-H Club
Heart and Horses
Herd Nerds
Horse N Around
Indian Creek 4-H Club
Jr. Cattlemen 4-H Club
Kelly Community Clovers
Livestock Club
Miakka Allstock
Mini Hooves of Sarasota
Ridin' Rednecks
Sarasota Cows & Company
Sarasota Sharp Shooters
Southern Spurs
The Bridge
The Whalers

The 4-H Pledge

I pledge,
My **Head**
to clearer thinking,
My **Heart**
to greater loyalty,
My **Hands**
to larger service,
and My **Health**
to better living,
for my club,
my community,
my country,
and my world.



The Clover Times

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FROM THE AGENTS DESK— Rebecca McCafferty

Good Evening! Bonsoir! Dom-Guam-Ma! (Here, one would respond with Laa-Fieh!)

My name is Rebecca McCafferty and I am your new 4-H Agent! After a long and bitter cold winter, I was ready to make the move so I would never again have to shovel! My 2 dogs- Buster & Belle, my Cat- Lynx, my mom (she lives in Citrus County), and I piled into a car and a rental truck and made the long trek south. Piloting the truck meant I was stuck with the cat, who was very vocal about this new endeavor. While my mom's journey with the dogs may have seemed a bit more peaceful, it was not. The car broke down twice- once in Knoxville, and then again when we crossed into Florida, so I missed my first day of work! I arrived mostly unscathed on June 23rd, only to have my car break down again my second day on the job! But, all is right with the world and I am here now, with pretty much a brand-new car!

I grew up in Michigan, but in 4 very different parts of the state. I call the Upper Peninsula (UP) my home and while living in the UP, I was a 4-H'er for 7 years, taking part in various community service & teen leader projects and participating in the 4-H/LABO Japanese exchange. My 8th grade summer, we hosted Miki and the following summer I spent 6 weeks with Miki and her family. That was pretty much the time my travel bug reared it's hungry head.

During college summers, I worked at an all-girls' camp in upstate New York, spending 2 summers on the waterfront and a 3rd in the out-of-doors. Upon graduation from Albion College, in 2009, with a degree in History and Environmental Studies, I joined the Peace Corps. I spent 2 ½ years living in a small village in the West African Country of Togo focusing on environmental public health education & youth development. *At this point you're probably wondering about my greeting- in Togo, I spoke French and Gourma, the local language, and so wanted to share a few greetings with you!*

Before arriving here in Florida, I served as the 4-H Program Coordinator for 2 West Michigan Counties- Ionia and Montcalm, which are 2 predominately dairy and ag-focused counties. I spent a lot of time promoting and educating the communities about the diversity and viability of 4-H as a positive youth program.

I am excited by the unique 4-H opportunities Sarasota County has to offer. From Camp Cloverleaf and Demonstrations to the yearly tradition of Fair, I am ready to learn, meet, and become a part of the Sarasota 4-H community! So with the new 4-H year right around the corner, I would love to come to your Club meetings! Shoot me an email (rmccaffe@scgov.net) or give me a call (941.861.9814) to let me know when and where you meet & I will make sure I am there!

Community Service/Learning Advertisement

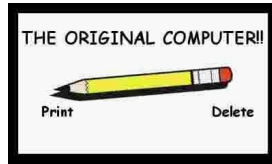
WANTED One of the things I really liked about Sarasota's 4-H program was the amount of Community Service the Clubs are involved with. So I am looking for short stories about some of the Community Service projects your Club has done, either this year, or in the past. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, I am just looking for funny, informative stories including the Who, What, Where, When, & Whys of your project. These stories will be used at the *Saturday, August 16th* Extension Adventures, which take place at the Sarasota Farmers' Market. August's theme is Community Service/Learning & 4-H! So what better way to show off all the great work our 4-H Clubs are doing while also educating the community as to the variety and community pride of our Sarasota County 4-H Clubs?! Please submit your stories to me (rmccaffe@scgov.net) **no later** than Friday, August 8th.

Rebecca McCafferty
4-H Extension Agent

Make Your Plans NOW...

August 2014

- 4 Senior 4-H Camp—Cherry Lake
- 11 4-H Foundation Meeting
- 13-17 SE Dairy Youth Retreat
- 18 Council & Leader Meeting
- 23 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 27 New Leader Orientation



September 2014

- 1 4-H Year begins; Have YOU enrolled?
- Labor Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 6 Steer Weigh-In, Fairgrounds
- 8 4-H Foundation Meeting
- 15 Leader and Council Meetings
- 25–28 Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference, TN

**Let's Get
the 4-H
Year
Started!**

News You Can Use...

Attention Steer Exhibitors... The first steer weigh-in will be held at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds on Saturday, **September 6, 7:00—9:00 AM**. Exhibitors must turn in a completed entry form (with all required signatures), entry fee, and bill of sale. The Bill of Sale must include: the date and place of birth, location raised and breeding information.



These forms can be found in the Sarasota County Fair Rule Book. Visit their web site at: www.sarasotafair.com

Steer Record Books can be found on the Sarasota County 4-H website. Steer record books have been revised.

Dairy News... Moo-Crew meetings will start back up for the 2014 -2015 4-H year on Tuesday, September 23. The meetings are at Macintosh Vo-Ag every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. This will also be sign up for the lease program as well going over changes to the dairy program. A lot of information will be handed out as well as information and upcoming dates of events. Contact Vicki at 952-3447

Ridin' Rednecks Club News; After a great year end trip to Sun 'n Fun, some of our members headed to Camp Cloverleaf. We are happy to have them go and have a great time. One or two more will go later this month and Nina will attend "Congress-University" experience too. On August 9 we will be hosting the North Port Library in their "Summer Reading Awards" dinner. It will be another experience for us and great community service. Keith Wilson does some classes with them and the people there are excited to have us come and help out. We will be doing the Annual Awards for Gulf Gate Library on August 23. Members will be called to assist and parents and leaders will need to assist with these events. Our Annual 4-H ROUND-UP will be at Twin Lakes Auditorium on Sunday, August 24 between 3-5:30. It will be an ICE CREAM Social!! We will be checking on your favorite toppings for the ice cream. Mrs. Strickland will be sending out forms and you will need to bring them to her at that event and turn in dues so we can be all lined up to start the new 4-H year. If you have friends who want to join let her know their names, phone numbers and addresses so we can all get started on time. On Sept 18 we will be electing officers plans for the new year. October will bring on our opportunity to assist in the Master Gardeners Plant Sale where we will have the concessions. Finish the summer with great fun and get ready to delve into 4-H with a renewed effort. Mrs. Steele will send out an email with some details of our Library events the time gets closer. See you soon. Mrs. Strickland

It's not too early to make your plans. Why not try something NEW!

Now is the time to consider what projects you may want to participate in for the 2014-2015 4-H Year.

Have you given a club demonstration? Why not take it to the next level... County Demonstrations? Blue ribbon demonstrations at county level advance to District Events. Sarasota County will host District Events this year. District Junior and Intermediate category winners receive a scholarship to Camp Cloverleaf, and Senior District winners advance to State competition, a week long trip at UF.

4-H has over 200 projects to choose from. During the fair last year did you say "I want to try that"? Well now is the time to set goals and start planning!

Sarasota County Fair, March 13—22, 2015

If you have questions please contact the 4-H Office, we are here 4-YOU! 861-9810

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 15 Sarasota County 4-H Foundation CASINO NIGHT

Learn by Doing

Would you be interested in raising the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Swine for the 2015 Sarasota County Fair? The Foundation will supply the animal and feed; the 4-H member may raise the animal at home, or a facility will be provided. You will also receive a portion of the profits.

It's a great way to learn about this livestock project.

Contact the 4-H office at 861-9810 to receive an application form. Applications are due Monday, September 15, 2014.

Clogging Clovers by: Hannah Nichol

Hi everyone. Hope you all had a great Fathers Day. We will be electing our new officers this summer. Our classes have moved back to every other Monday. We are all very excited about the beach cleanup coming up in July. Our Seniors will be attending the Suncoast Jamboree this summer, where we hope to learn some great new steps and dances. Have a good 4th of July!

Congratulations—Shannon Kehoe!

Shannon received 1st PLACE at State Hog & Ham !

Let's Get Ready!



Florida 4-H Online Registration

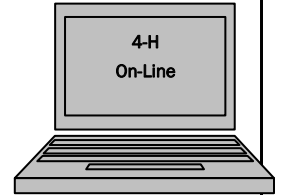
Once again Sarasota County 4-H will be enrolling and re-enrolling 4-H members, leaders, foundation members, and all volunteers using the **Florida 4-H On-Line** system.

Registration for the 2014-2015 4-H year will open on August 23.

DO NOT attempt to enroll prior to August 23rd. Please do not create a new family profile if your family was previously enrolled.

How to enroll:

1. Login to: florida.4honline.com
2. Select: I have a profile or / I need to setup a profile or / I forgot my password.
3. Enter your family email address and password. If your email has changed, enter the email address associated with your 4-H online account, then make the change to your current email.
4. Check role as "**Family**", then login
5. If you forgot your password; choose "I forgot my password", a temporary password will be sent to your email (this may take about 30 minutes).



How to Re-enroll:

1. Click "Edit" on a Family Member to open their Personal Profile screen.
2. Review your information and click "Enroll for 2014-2015".
3. Select "Continue" and update all information.
4. Carefully review addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, and medical history. Make any changes as needed.
5. Verify your club and project information. The system assumes you have re-enrolled in the same club and projects. You can add or delete clubs and projects for the new year. Click "Continue" to move to the next screen.
6. When you have updated your information click "Submit Enrollment".
7. Your enrollment status will change to "Pending" and will remain pending until "Confirmed" by your club leader and then the 4-H office. Once accepted, the enrollment status will change to "Active".

To add a family member - on the "Add New Family Member" drop down menu, select either "youth" (4-H member) or "adult" (volunteers, alumni, etc.) and click "Add New Member". Complete all sections and submit for approval.

To update a members profile at anytime; Click "Edit" next to the member name, make the appropriate changes, select "Continue" at the bottom of the screen. You must select "continue" to save any changes.

We will use "4-H On-line" for our newsletters, mailings and emails, so please register as soon as possible (after August 23) **Leaders;** don't forget to sign-in and confirm your 4-H members.

Leader Meetings

The first 2014—2015 Leader and County Council meetings will be August 18, 7:30 PM, at Twin Lakes Park. Leader meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. Leader meetings provide important training and information. Contact Keith Wilson for details 861-9818.

Attention New Leaders:

Mark Your Calendars! "New leader orientation" is scheduled for August 27, 7:00—8:00 PM, Twin Lakes Park. All new leaders, who have not attended an orientation, are invited. For details contact Keith Wilson at 861-9818.

Forms, Forms, Forms

Please complete and return the "Leader Renewal" and "2014-2015 Club Information" forms as soon as possible. Leader Renewal forms should be completed by **all organizational, project, and activity leaders.**

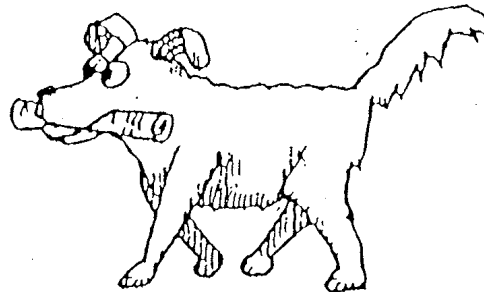
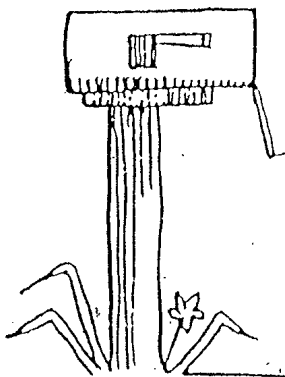
Organizational leaders: Please complete your "2014 – 2015 Club Information" form. Your clubs information (where and when you meet, who to contact, if your club is open or closed) is posted on our 4-H website. Potential new members view this information when choosing a club. Thanks!

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