



4-H News

Holmes County 4-H

January 2015



AGENT'S CORNER

Hello 4-Hers!

Now that the holiday season is behind us, and you all have had some time to relax, I hope everyone is ready to hit the ground running, as we have a lot of exciting and fun-filled events coming up with 4-H over the next few months. Parents, volunteers, and youth—Please be sure to check our website and Facebook regularly to keep up with our 4-H events and dates!

4-H Camp Timpoochee summer camp (June 15-19) is fast approaching! Registration for camp spots will begin on February 2, 2015. We only have 40 slots available for campers, CIT, and Counselors this year so get ready to sign up!

Also, we are excited to announce that Holmes County 4-H received grant funding to start the Tech Wizards program in 2015. 4-H Tech Wizards is a group for 4-H youth and adults that are interested in technology. The members of the Gator Gears 4-H club will move to this new meeting time and location and will get to start meeting WEEKLY beginning in February so they can use new technology for creative ideas! New 4-H members will also be accepted into this club/program too. The club is designed for youth and adults to work more one-on-one for a positive mentoring relationship. Be sure to read all about our Tech Wizards program on page 4 in this newsletter!



I hope 2015 will be a healthy and prosperous year for us all. I am looking forward to us enjoying the 4-H clubs and events that are planned already!

~Ms. Niki Crawson,



Be sure to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h> and our website at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/> to keep up with 4-H events!

January 2015

- January 6th**—Dead Centers Archery Club (BEGINNERS) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- January 9th**—Dead Centers Archery Club (ADVANCED) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- January 13th**—Livestock Club Meeting @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- January 16th**—Hammer Down Air Rifle @ 3:00 until 5:00 PM (Ag Center)
- January 20th**—Bobbin Buddies Sewing @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- January 21st**—United Clovers @ 3:00 until 4:00 PM (Ag Center)
- January 23rd**—Dead Centers Archery Club (ADVANCED) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- January 26th**—Cooking Maters @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- January 27th**—Teen Council @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

February 2015

- February 3rd**—Dead Centers Archery Club (BEGINNERS) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- February 6th**—Dead Centers Archery Club (ADVANCED) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- February 9th**—Bobbin Buddies Sewing @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- February 10th**—Livestock Club Meeting @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- February 11th**—United Clovers @ 3:00 until 4:00 PM (Ag Center)
- February 12th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS) NEW!
- February 13th**—Hammer Down Air Rifle @ 3:00 until 5:00 PM (Ag Center)
- February 17th**—Teen Council @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- February 19th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- February 20th**—Dead Centers Archery Club (ADVANCED) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- February 23rd**—Cooking Maters @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

March 2015

- March 3rd**—Dead Centers Archery Club (BEGINNERS) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- March 5th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- March 6th**—Dead Centers Archery Club (ADVANCED) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)
- March 9th**—Bobbin Buddies Sewing @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- March 10th**—Livestock Club Meeting @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- March 11th**—United Clovers @ 3:00 until 4:00 PM (Ag Center)
- March 12th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- March 14th**—State 4-H Archery Match (Youth must qualify to attend)
- March 17th**—Teen Council @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)
- March 19th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- March 20th**—Hammer Down Air Rifle @ 3:00 until 5:00 PM (Ag Center)
- March 26th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- March 30th**—Cooking Maters @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

Introducing Our New Staff Members!

Ms. Leah Steverson, Holmes County Extension Secretary

Please help us welcome our new secretary for the Holmes County Extension Service, Ms. Leah Steverson! Leah will be handling some of the 4-H reminders and phone calls beginning in 2015!

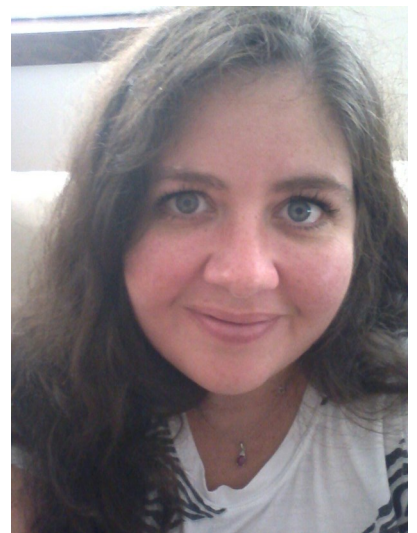


Ms. Leah was born and raised in Holmes County. She has worked in the childcare industry for twelve years. She spent almost two years living in Springfield, MO serving as a Missionary Associate with Convoy of Hope's Disaster Response Team. She is very excited to be a part of the UF IFAS Holmes County Extension staff.

Ms. Charlea Horn, Holmes County 4-H Tech Wizards Program Assistant

Ms. Charlea Horn will be joining the Holmes County Extension/4-H Team as a Program Assistant for the new 4-H Tech Wizards grant. She will be working in the office and at the grant program part-time.

Ms. Charlea is from Bonifay. She is a mother of two children and married to Mr. James, our newest archery volunteer. Ms. Charlea will be working to enroll youth in the new 4-H grant club, Tech Wizards, at Bonifay Middle School. More information is coming so stay tuned!!



Camp Timpoochee Open Enrollment!

4-H Camp Timpoochee summer camp (June 15-19) is fast approaching! This year's camp theme is **"Once Upon A Camp"** which will involve cool fairy tales, legends, and myths from popular storybooks.

Registration for camp spots will begin on February 2, 2015. We only have 40 slots available for campers, CIT, and Counselors this year so get ready to sign up! Camp Timpoochee fees will be \$250.00 again this year. CITs and Camp Counselors will receive a discounted rate for their work at camp. (CITs and Camp Counselors will be required to apply and interview BEFORE being selected to work this year. A limited number of CITs and Counselor slots are available this year so not every youth may be elected to serve at camp.)



If your child plans to attend 4-H Camp Timpoochee, parent(s) must turn in a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and a camp registration packet for each child to the 4-H Office, starting February 2, 2015! Slots can not be saved for youth based on phone calls this year. Camp sign up will go until May UNLESS all slots are filled. If all slots are filled, a waiting list will be started.

We have set-up a payment option to help alleviate any burden due to the cost of camp, after the deposit and paperwork has been received. Remember to visit Tri-County Community Council in Bonifay as they may be able to provide scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp. You must contact Tri-County Office at 547-3688 for further information on how to apply for a scholarship.

Camp Timpoochee registration packets are available in the 4-H office. You may come by any time to pick up a packet. We will mail registration packets directly to your home UPON REQUEST. For a mailed camp packet, simply contact Ms. Leah (our new secretary) or Ms. Niki at 547-1108. If you have any questions or concerns about camp, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Niki.



Interested in Becoming A Camp Counselor?

Being a Camp Counselor is an excellent opportunity to gain skills and experience as a role model, in leadership, teamwork, decision-making, and problem-solving skills, all while having fun in a safe, learning environment. Your job as a Camp Counselor or Counselor-In-Training is very important to the county camp week. Every camper will look up to you and depend on you to help them.



If you are age 13-18, are looking for a great way to spend a week of

your summer, need community service hours for high school (college scholarships), and if you want to make a difference as a role model for others, become a Camp Counselor or CIT. The memories you make and create for others at Camp Timpoochee will last forever!



A very limited number of Camp Counselor/CIT positions are available this year. To become a Camp Counselor or CIT, contact Ms. Niki at the 4-H Office. Certified Camp Counselors/CITs will receive a discount on camp registration. Upon selection to be a CIT/Camp Counselor, training will be mandatory. Training dates will be released soon.

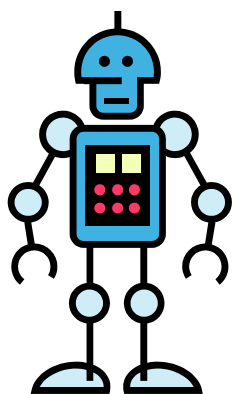


New 4-H Opportunity—Gator Gears Tech Wizards Program

All youth in Holmes County are getting a special opportunity to participate in a new 4-H opportunity! The Holmes County 4-H program has been awarded a new mentor and technology grant which will allow us to set up a new program that will meet weekly for youth and adults to work together in a mentoring program involving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We will start our STEM exploration by learning about creating videos and movies such as our own music videos, commercials, game shows and even build robots and other neat science experiments! We will design sets, costumes, film scripts, use movie cameras and editing software to begin movie stars and directors!



Youth interested in enrolling in this cool program can enroll in January by contacting Ms. Charlea, our new grant Program Assistant, and filling out 4-H enrollment forms. The program will begin meeting weekly on Thursdays, from 2:30 until 5:30 PM at Bonifay Middle School, starting on February 12, 2015. Although the program is meeting at BMS, the program is open to any Holmes County youth, ages 10-14. (Youth ages 15 and up may apply to work as a Teen Mentor for community scholarship hours.) Only 60 openings are available for the entire year. Once the spots are filled, a waiting list will be created. Ms. Charlea Horn, Tech Wizards Program Assistant, will be handling enrollment and attendance for this program. You may contact her directly at 547-1108. In addition, Ms. Kelly McKee will be the STEM Coordinator.



All current 4-H members of the Holmes County 4-H Gator Gears Club are already eligible to start attending these meetings in February. All they must do is notify Ms. Charlea at 547-1108 or Ms. Niki at ncrawson@ufl.edu that they wish to join the Tech Wizards program.

WHAT: 4-H Tech Wizards/Gator Gears Program

WHO: Any youth (ages 10-14) in Holmes County

WHERE: Bonifay Middle School

WHEN: Meetings begins February 12, 2015

HOW OFTEN: Every Thursday from 2:30—5:30 PM

4-H is for all
youth who
like action,
learning, and
FUN!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS:

*Inspiring 4-H leaders of today to make
a difference for the leaders of tomorrow*



As a reminder to all volunteers in Holmes County 4-H, the next **Make a Difference Monday Volunteer Training** for both new and seasoned 4-H volunteers is scheduled for January 26, 2015 at 6:00 PM Central. **Make a Difference Monday** is a monthly training series to help 4-H volunteers “make a difference” in their clubs, community, country, and world.

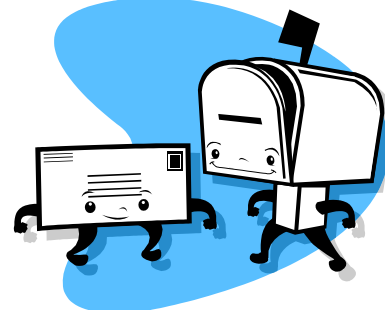
Volunteers are highly encouraged to participate in these trainings. You can choose to visit the 4-H Office or you can simply participate online from home. There will be six, 1-hour sessions in the next series. In addition to the interactive presentations, there will be monthly prizes for volunteers!

Be sure to join us for **Make a Difference Mondays** on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Date	Scheduled Session Topic
January 26	Using Positive Discipline with Difficult Children
February 16	Creating Welcoming Environments in 4-H Clubs
March 16	Languages of Appreciation and Recognition for 4-H Clubs

Please Verify Your 4-H Information!

Please be sure to give us a quick call or email so that we can verify your current mailing address, email address, and telephone number. So often we hear that our 4-Hers are disappointed they missed out on a club meeting or event because we could not get up with them. Be sure that we have your most current information on file. AND, if your child's medical information changes, please contact us immediately!!!



Archery Tournament: March 14, 2015

The State 4-H Archery Tournament will be held on March 14, 2015 in Newberry, FL. We will hold a qualifying match in January-February for those youth that would like a chance to be on the Holmes County 4-H State Archery Team this year. Mr. Jim and Mr. Ralph will discuss all rules for qualifying at the upcoming archery meetings.



Please note that youth are expected to attend all meetings deemed mandatory by the instructors in order to participate in the qualifying event. Youth that attend the state competition will be required to purchase/wear the 4-H shirt designated for competition. Shirt design and price will be announced shortly....cost will range between \$10—\$20. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Jim directly or Ms. Niki at ncrawson@ufl.edu.

4-H County & District Events

Do you love fashion? Do you have a natural singing or dancing ability? Do you like to give your opinion on an important topic? Well, we have the competitions for you!!

Holmes County 4-H will host 4-H County Events this year. 4-H County Events is an opportunity for 4-Hers to compete in several fun events that may even take them to the state level competition! If we have enough participants this year, we will host a County Events which is tentatively scheduled for March/April.

Competitive events include: Share The Fun, Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks, Poster Contest, Photography Contests, and Public Speeches. Take a look on the next page for more information on the categories available to enter. 4-H members ages 8-18 (as of September 1, 2014) are eligible to participate. More information will be coming soon!

4-H County & District Events

SHARE THE FUN

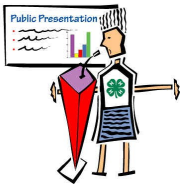


This event is designed to help 4-H'ers discover, develop and share their talents. The objective of this program is to enhance 4-H'ers appreciation of talent, confidence, creativity, discipline and wholesome entertainment through singing, dance, drama, etc.

Poster Exhibit

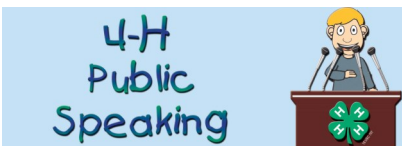
This contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to create posters to promote public awareness and support of 4-H as well as encouraging 4-H'ers to develop an awareness of visual imagery and its power to express ideas and thoughts.

Demonstration/Illustrated Speech



This contest is designed to provide 4-H'ers experience in the preparation and delivery of a demonstration (a presentation that shows how to do something) or an illustrated speech (a speech with visual props). This program requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize and present information on a topic that relates to certain topics. Participation in this event allows 4-H'ers to learn how to express ideas in an orderly and thorough way with poise and confidence in a public setting.

Public Speaking



This contest is designed to provide 4-H'ers experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. This program requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize and present information on a topic that relates to 4-H'ers and their peers. Participation in this event allows 4-H'ers to learn how to express ideas in an orderly and thorough way with confidence in a public setting.

Photo Exhibit

This contest provides a showcase for 4-H member's photographic accomplishments. The winning photographs are displayed for public view with the intent of increasing public awareness and understanding of 4-H.



What Every 4-Her Should Know:

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."



4-H Motto

"To make the best better"

4-H Slogan

"Learn by doing"

4-H Colors

Green (symbolizes youth and growth)

White (symbolizes purity)

4-H Emblem

The national 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each lobe of the leaf. It represents the four-square development of the:

HEAD-think, plan, and reason

HEART-kind, true, and sympathetic

HANDS-to be useful, helpful, and skillful

HEALTH-to enjoy life

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