



## 4-H News

# Holmes County 4-H

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Hello 4-Hers!

Earth Day is celebrated this month so be sure to do something fun and environmentally friendly such as planting a garden, composting, or a fun recycling activity.

Remember that as summertime approaches, all of our 4-H club meetings come to an end UNTIL the new 4-H year begins in September. Thus, we only have two more months to meet in our club meetings before camps start! Be sure to keep up with our meeting dates to avoid confusion! AND, summer day camp events & dates will be posted soon so keep looking for it!

I am proud to say that we *finally* have our Holmes County 4-H Facebook Page up and going. Be sure to find us at <https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h> and **LIKE US!!** And, as always, if you are not a Facebook follower, you can always keep up with Holmes County 4-H via our website at <https://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu>

If you have not yet decided to participate in this year's County & District Events, you still have a little time. Talk to me about what you can enter and we will get you going in the right direction before the registration deadline!

I hope you have a wonderful April and let's keep 4-Hing!

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## 4-H Club Reminders

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**Sewing Club:** Please bring any size t-shirt that you want to recycle! If it no longer fits or is stained, bring it with you to club meeting. You may bring more than one if you like. Be sure to ask your parents first!

**Dead Centers Archery:** We will not be having two meetings in April and May due to Ms. Niki's schedule. Be sure to check the dates!

**United Clovers:** We will be doing an activity on Earth Day and what recycling can do! If you can, please bring as many empty toilet tissue rolls to club meeting for us to use!



*April 2013*

"Believe you can and  
you're halfway there."

~Theodore Roosevelt



### Holmes County Club Meetings:

#### Air Rifle Club:

Friday, April 5th

3:00 — 5:00 PM

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(Must be age 10 by Sept. 1,  
2012 to participate.)

#### Archery Club:

Tuesday, April 9th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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(Must be age 8 by September  
1, 2012 to participate.)

#### United Clovers:

Thursday, April 11th

3:00 — 4:00 PM

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#### Sewing Club:

Thursday, April 25th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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### 4-H Summer Day Camps!

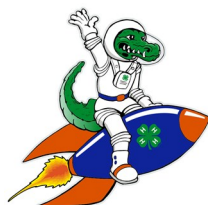
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leased this month so be  
sure to check our website  
and Facebook for more in-  
formation soon!!



- **April 5th** — Hammer Down Air Rifle Club Meeting
- **April 9th** — Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting
- **April 11th** — United Clovers Club Meeting
- **April 12th** — County 4-H Events Registration Deadline
- **April 12th & 13th** — Area A Horse Show
- **April 15th** — Camp Timpoochee Deposit (\$50.00) Due
- **April 22nd** — Earth Day
- **April 21st - 27th** — National Volunteer Week!
- **April 23rd** — ~~Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting~~ — **CANCELLED**
- **April 25th** — Sewing Club Meeting
- **April 30th** — Florida Agriculture Literacy Day
- **April 30th** — 4-H County Events
- **May 3rd** — Hammer Down Air Rifle Club Meeting
- **May 4th** — Camp Counselor Training (**Mandatory for CITs & Camp Counselors**)
- **May 9th** — United Clovers Club Meeting
- **May 14th** — Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting
- **May 16th** — Sewing Club Meeting
- **May 16th** — Camp Timpoochee Orientation (**Mandatory**)
- **May 21st** — County Tropicana Public Speaking Contest
- **May 28th** — ~~Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting~~ — **CANCELLED**
- **May 31st** — Camp Timpoochee Remaining Balance Due
- **June 1st** — 4-H "Get Your 4-H On" - District II Events (GY4HO)
- **June 10th—14th** — Camp Timpoochee for Holmes County
- **June—August 2013**—4-H Summer Day Camps are coming!



## 4-H Camp Timpoochee



Please remember that if you have signed up for summer's 4-H Camp Timpoochee for June 10th through the 14th and you have not turned in ALL paperwork and/or camp fees, be aware that your camping spot could be in jeopardy!

Only thirty get to go to camp this year and we have only two camping spots left! A waiting list will be started for those that don't get a spot quick enough.

If you are one of the lucky few that are going, be sure to check with the Holmes County 4-H Office to complete all paperwork and camp fees. **All camp paperwork and the \$50.00 non-refundable camp deposit is due in our office by Monday, April 15th.** Tri-County Community Council is offering assistance for families that qualify. Confirmation of Tri-County Scholarships should be completed by April 15th as well. **The remaining camp balance must be paid in full by May 31st.**

Please call the 4-H office if you have any questions at (850) 547-1108 or email me at [ncrawson@ufl.edu](mailto:ncrawson@ufl.edu) **Missing paperwork or unpaid fees after the deadlines will result in your child being unable to attend camp.**

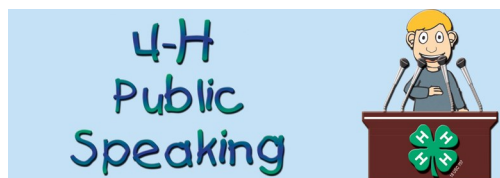
### Camp Orientation

Thursday, May 16, 2013

6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Mandatory for all campers.

## 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is Here!



The Holmes County 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is almost here! All of the materials and awards will be making their way to our schools so teachers can help the students participate in this COOL event.

School competitions will be happening in April and May for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders of participating schools. Each school will hold their competitions on different days so be sure to check with your teacher. At school, you will get to write your OWN speech on an important topic and then present it before your class. If you win the classroom competition, you get to compete in the school grade level competition. If you win your school grade level competition, we will see you at the Holmes County competition on May 21, 2013! County winners for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades win the title of Holmes County 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Winner and receive a full paid scholarship to 4-H Camp Timpoochee Summer Camp (worth \$220.00) for June 10th—14th.

You may be the next WINNER and going to 4-H camp for FREE!!! Helpful handouts are available on our 4-H website at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu> Good Luck!



## We LOVE Our 4-H Volunteers!

Holmes County 4-H loves their volunteers and appreciates the time given to the 4-H youth in their quest to be the best! We are thankful for our volunteers for joining the 4-H family and recognize all that you do for us! The week of April 21-27 is your time to shine! National Volunteer Week, April



21-27, is a time dedicated to demonstrating our appreciation for those that volunteer across the nation. This dedicated week is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demon-

strating their collective power to foster positive transformation. National Volunteer Week is sponsored by Points of Light. It was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each subsequent year, with literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week.

Holmes County 4-H wants to celebrate National Volunteer Week with bigger and better numbers in volunteers each year! We are always looking for more adults and youth to get involved in 4-H programming to make a positive impact on our local youth. By volunteering with Holmes County 4-H, you will find yourself able to give back to your community, support your local youth, have fun in the volunteering process AND still have time for you and your loved ones! Volunteering is easy and requires little to no specialized knowledge other than being able to work with youth ages 5-18. Adults ages 21 and older and Teens ages 14-21 are eligible to apply as 4-H Volunteers.

During this week of Volunteer Recognition, we encourage you to get involved! You will love that you did! Step up to the challenge our nation is facing and join the revolution of change with our young people. Make a difference in your local community today – call the Holmes County 4-H program to begin your path as a 4-H Volunteer - a positive adult role model that will help shape our youth's development and lead the path to a safe, fun, and bright future.





## 4-H County & District Events

Holmes County is preparing for the “**4-H Get Your 4-H On**” **District Events (GY4HO)** on June 1st and the deadline to participate is fast approaching. April 30, 2013! If you are interested in participating in the GY4HO event, you must participate in the *Holmes County 4-H Events* on April 30th to qualify. **Event Registration Forms are due in the Holmes County 4-H Office by April 12th and are available through the Holmes County 4-H Office.**

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

4-H participation in County/District Events provides 4-Hers the chance to compete in a fun, friendly, and environment. There are so many different area to compete in: a science fair, photography, fashion, public speaking, etc...Every 4-Her should be able to find something that interests them at GY4HO. **Competitive events are an important part of any well-rounded 4-H Program, and serves to help youth develop poise, and self confidence.** These events also provide youth with the experience of developing and presenting public presentations, compete for awards and recognition, and to practice good sportsmanship. 4-H members ages 8-18 (as of September 1, 2012) are eligible to participate. For a list of events, visit our website at <https://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu>

Registration for the Holmes County *4-H County Events* ends on April 12th. If we have enough entries (3 or more in each category) we will host *County Events* which is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2013. From County Events, those youth placing 1st and 2nd place in each division are eligible to compete in GY4HO-District Events. So, as long as we have enough entries, we will host County Events this year! If we do not need a county elimination, the County Events date will be cancelled. Contact the 4-H Office now for more information! Don't wait til the last minute!

### Holmes County Extension Office

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