



4-H News

August 2013



Holmes County 4-H

AGENT'S CORNER

Hello 4-Hers!

I am so excited that our new 4-H year is right around the corner! If you are fairly new to 4-H, you should know that our 4-H Program Year always starts on September 1st and ends on August 31st. So, with our new year fast approaching, we need to have everyone re-enroll in Holmes County 4-H soon. Read the article on Page 3 for more information.

Our 4-H Club Meetings will begin meeting after September 30, 2013. This will give everyone a chance to re-enroll again. Be sure to check our website at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu> or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h>. Remember, a minimum of five 4-Hers must be enrolled to start your club meetings! Call your friends to remind them to enroll. Club members should prepare to meet in October!

Teen Volunteers - be prepared to meet in September so that we can begin plans for your involvement and community service hours as needed.

I am ready for our Fall 4-H activities and events. Aren't you? C U Soon!!!!

~Ms. Niki

Newsletter Written By:

Niki Crawson

UF/IFAS Extension

Holmes County

4-H Youth Development Agent

1169 East Hwy 90

Bonifay, FL 32425

(850) 547-1108

FAX: (850) 547-7433

ncrawson@ufl.edu



4-H Meet & Greet

Holmes County 4-H will host a 4-H Meet & Greet on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Holmes County Ag Center from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

We will be available during this event for you to ask questions, share ideas, explore a variety of past 4-H clubs and activities and also assist with enrollment/re-enrollment to get you involved in the 2013-2014 4-H Year. We will have activities, refreshments, and information on 4-H that you and your parents can take home. (We ask that youth be accompanied by a parent/family member during this event.)

4-H Age Divisions: **Cloverbud:** Ages 5-7 **Junior:** Ages 8-10
Intermediate: Ages 11-13 **Senior:** Ages 14-18

- Membership is open to all youth regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, handicap, or geographic location within Holmes County.
- There are no ownership requirements (such as a steer, sewing machine, etc.) to belong to a club or enroll.
- Members are expected to participate in monthly club meetings.
- Members may participate in 4-H projects/events outside the county if it's not already being offered in their home county. However, a member cannot be enrolled in the same project/event in more than one county.



4-H New Year: Time to Re-Enroll!!

September 1, 2013 will be the beginning of our new 4-H year and that means we need you to fill out your enrollment papers again to be an official 4-Her for the 2013-2014 year! And since most of you have already seen this paperwork before, it will be a breeze to get it done and turn it in, right?

Re-enrolling in 4-H is very important and easy to do. It is required so that all of your information from your mailing address, school grade and your medical information is up-to-date. There are two ways to re-enroll; by paper forms or online.

If you prefer to re-enroll using the paper forms, we have included the enrollment forms in this newsletter for convenience. If you need more than one set of forms, you may make a copy of the blank forms or call our office at 547-1108 and we will send you more. It is VERY important that all blanks are filled out and all signatures are complete. You may turn these forms in as soon as you receive them and fill them out—you will not have to wait until September 1st.

To re-enroll online, simply follow the instructions below:

Wait until September 1st.

Go to <https://florida.4honline.com>

If you're a new 4-H'er, click "I need to setup a profile" and follow the instructions.

If you are already in 4-H, click "I have a profile."

Enter parent's email address and password.

(If you forgot your password, click "I forgot my password.")

Choose Role: Family

Click enroll 2013-2014

Update all of your contact information and medical records.

Change the date on your health form approval to 2013.

Make changes to clubs and projects if needed.

Club dues will be paid at your club meeting.

If you need any help, please contact Niki Crawson, Holmes County Agent at ncrawson@ufl.edu or (850) 547-1108.



Sign up as soon as you can so you will receive all of the benefits of being a 4-Her! Lots of events and activities are coming up and you don't want to miss out!



2013-2014 Holmes County 4-H Clubs



United Clovers - Youth ages 5-7 (as of September 1, 2013), also known as 4-H Cloverbuds interested in learning about general 4-H topics, working together in groups, and fun activities to explore hobbies, talents, and skills.

Club Dues: \$5.00 for the year (to be paid by 2nd club meeting)

Current Club Leader: Niki Crawson, Agent

Club Needs: 2-3 Adult Volunteers to assist during club meeting for 1-1.5 hours monthly.

Dead Centers Archery Club - Youth ages 8 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in learning the fun sport of archery. No previous knowledge of archery is required. It is not required for youth to have their own equipment to join.

Club Dues: \$5.00 for the year (to be paid by 2nd club meeting)

Current Club Leaders: Brett Kandzer, Jerrett Kandzer

Club Needs: 1-2 Adult Volunteers are needed to assist during meetings for 2 hrs monthly.



Hammer Down Air Rifle Club - Youth ages 10 (as of September 1, 2013) and up interested in learning the safe practice and fun sport of air rifle. No previous knowledge of air rifle instruction is required. It is not required for youth to have equipment to join.

Club Dues: \$5.00 for the year (to be paid by 2nd club meeting)

Club Leader: Duane Crawson & John Ernst

Savvy Sewers Club - Youth ages youth ages 8 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in learning basic to intermediate sewing skills. It is not required for youth to have their own sewing machines to join.

Club Dues: \$5.00 for the year (to be paid by 2nd club meeting)

Current Cub Leader: Niki Crawson

Club Needs: 1-2 Adult Volunteers are needed to assist during meetings for 2 hrs monthly.



SeaPerch Robotics 4-H Club - Youth ages youth ages 10 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in learning about underwater robotics. Limited spacing.

Club Dues: \$5.00 for the year (to be paid by 2nd club meeting)

Current Club Leaders: Duane Crawson & Niki Crawson

Club Needs: 1-2 Adult Volunteers are needed to assist during meetings for 2 hrs monthly. Training will be provided at no cost to the volunteers.

4-H PARENTS—We need your help!

We are asking for the help from as many parents that are able to get involved with our 4-H programs. Do you enjoy sewing, horses, livestock, technology, skeet shooting, cooking or some other great hobby? Holmes County 4-H is looking for adult volunteers to start the new 4-H Program year with new 4-H clubs. In fact, in order for Holmes County 4-H to continue to deliver great educational and fun activities in which your child learns important life skills, we need your time during 4-H club meetings and events! If we do not get additional volunteers to assist us soon, we will need to limit the number of youth participating in 4-H and we will not be able to offer some projects that we currently have youth wanting to participate in! Please help us!

Here is how you can help us at this time:

- ☆ Apply to be a volunteer club leader and give 2-4 hours per month total.
- ☆ Help us recruit adults that will be willing to become volunteer club leaders.

All adults who wish to volunteer in the Holmes County 4-H program will go through a mandatory background screening and interview before working with 4-H youth. There is no cost to the volunteer for the screening process. Please call the Holmes County 4-H Office for more information, (850) 547-1108 or email Niki Crawson at ncrawson@ufl.edu

Additional Adult Volunteers are needed for:

- ◆ Archery Club
- ◆ Savvy Sewers Club
- ◆ SeaPerch Robotics Club



The clubs listed below are under development and are not at the meeting stage at this time. In order for these clubs to begin meeting and participating in 4-H events & activities, the necessary requirements must be met:

Holmes County 4-Hers

Youth ages 8 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in general 4-H topics with a focus on leadership, life skills, and community service projects.

REQUIRED in order for this club to begin meeting monthly:

1-2 adult volunteers willing to lead the club a minimum of 2-4 hours per month.

4-H Horse Club

Youth with an interest in horses. It is not required for youth to have a horse in order to join.

REQUIRED in order for this club to begin meeting monthly:

Minimum of 2 adult volunteers willing to lead the club a minimum of 2-4 hours per month.

4-H Livestock Club

Youth interested in raising livestock projects.

REQUIRED in order for this club to begin meeting monthly:

Minimum of 2 adult volunteers willing to lead the club a minimum of 2-4 hours per month.

4-H & National Wild Turkey Federation Sponsors Fundraiser

Holmes County 4-H is partnering with the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation to raise funds for 4-H. The NWTf has assisted Holmes County 4-H in securing a Berretta A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun for the fundraiser. Tickets will be sold for the chance to win the Berretta Outlander. Tickets will be sold as follows: one chance = \$5.00 or three

chances = \$10.00. All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser, which will begin September 3, 2013 and end on November 2, 2013. The drawing will be held at the Holmes County Fair on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

The 4-Her that sells the most chances will win a \$25.00 Gift Card to the Bass Pro Shop.

The tickets for sale will be available for 4-Hers to pick up on September 3, 2013 at the 4-H Office.



Berretta A300 Outlander
Black Synthetic
12 Gauge Shotgun



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 & First Federal Fundraising Event

HELP SUPPORT
HOLMES COUNTY 4H ASSOCIATION



JUST SWIPE, SIGN AND SUPPORT

Every time you use your First Federal Visa™ Debit Card as a signature based transaction, First Federal will donate \$0.50 to Holmes County 4H Association to reach the goal of \$1,000 to help support ongoing programs for participating students.*

BANKING WITH US IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOU.

Call today to Enroll!

Frances Reynolds

(850) 547-3624 ext. 3718

reynoldsf@ffsb.com

Amy Bowers

(850) 547-3624 ext. 3730

bowersa@ffsb.com



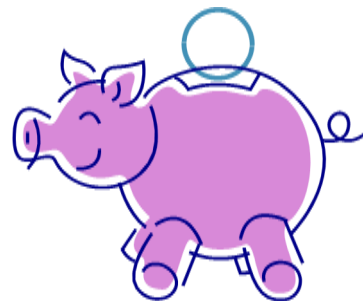
*Only signature based transactions made with an enrolled First Federal Visa™ Check Card count towards the donation goal. ATM and PIN based transactions excluded. The Holmes County 4H Association Rewards Program will be active until 1/10/2014 or until the goal is met. Online banking required to register for this program.

Holmes County 4-H is partnering with First Federal Bank of Florida to raise funds for 4-H. As a member of First Federal Bank, you simply sign up to support Holmes County 4-H and then swipe your debit card as a credit transaction when making any purchase. First Federal will donate \$0.50 to Holmes County 4-H for every credit transaction made.

There is ABSOLUTELY NO COST to you to do this!

We will be raising money from now until January 1, 2014 or until we reach our set goal of \$1,000.00.

Please help support the Holmes County 4-H Program—Sign, Swipe and Support today! In order to support Holmes County 4-H in this fundraiser, you must call Amy Bowers at First Federal Bank at 850-547-3624, ext. 3730 to sign up. Tell your family and friends to do the same!



Animal Science Project WorkDay Set

The Washington County 4-H is helping Holmes County 4-Hers interested in raising and exhibiting a beef or swine projects this year. Any Holmes County 4-H youth ages 8-18 years old interested in learning more about an animal science project is invited to participate in Washington County's Animal Science Project Workday set for Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Washington County Ag Center.



This parent/exhibitor workshop will give you the resources you need to get your project started. From where to purchase an animal, the tools you'll use, to the feed you'll need, you'll get the answers you need from Mark Mauldin, Washington County Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent. Cindy Yeager, Loan Officer from the Farm Service Agency, will be presenting information on the Youth Loan Program and other programs that may help youth with their projects.

In order to participate in this Workshop, it is required that parent(s) contact the Holmes County 4-H Office at 850-547-1108 to reserve seats.

4-H Steer Weigh-In Day Set

Any 4-Her planning to show a steer or heifer for the up-coming show season are invited to participate in the first workday for steer weights held at the Washington County Ag Center on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 5:00 PM. There will be a \$10.00 fee per animal to participate. Payment will be made to the Washington County 4-H Fund to cover the costs associated. Payment will be accepted at the weigh-in only.

You must RSVP through the Holmes County 4-H Office at 547-1108 by Friday, August 30, 2013 if you are going to participate. Let us know the number of head you'll be bringing.



Make a Difference Mondays Training Sessions

Beginning Monday, August 19th, the Holmes County Extension Office will be kicking off a volunteer leader training series for both new and seasoned 4-H volunteers. Join 4-H for “Make a Difference Mondays” on the 3rd Monday of each month. Both face-to-face as well as online sessions are available. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 850-547-1108 or visit our website at holmes.ifas.ufl.edu for more info. See how you can make a difference in the leaders of tomorrow!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS:

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



Holmes County Extension Office

University of Florida IFAS
Holmes County Extension Office
4-H Youth Development
1169 East Highway 90
Bonifay, Florida 32425

For more information about the Holmes County 4-H Program, please call (850) 547-1108 or contact me at ncrawson@ufl.edu or visit us on the web at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu>

**Nicole “Niki” Crawson,
4-H Youth Development Agent
University of Florida IFAS
Holmes County Extension**



The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer authorized to provide research, educational information, and other services only to individuals and institutions that function without regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. For information on obtaining other extension publication, contact your County Extension Service Office, Florida Cooperative Extension Service/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/University of Florida/Nick Place, Dean.

The Foundation for The Gator Nation

An Equal Opportunity Institution