



4-H News

Holmes County 4-H

AGENT'S CORNER - Whew, A New Year Brings a Lot!

Hello 4-Hers!

Well, you asked and we delivered...WHEW! This newsletter is full of 4-H opportunities for youth to get involved! From creating a rodeo parade float to competing in fair competitions, we are starting this brand new 4-H year with a BANG!!

Now, before we get too deep in the FUN stuff, we need to make sure that every single youth is ENROLLED in the 4-H program AGAIN this year. It is a simple process but if it is not done, you are not an official 4-Her and will not be able to participate in our offered events!! Please have your parents pay close attention to Page 3!!!

We are offering some new 4-H Clubs this year...how EXCITING! Be sure to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h> and our UF/IFAS Extension website at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/> to keep up with all of the events coming your way! See you soon! :)

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4-H Meet & Greet

Just a quick reminder that the 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 ask that youth be accompanied by a parent/family member during this event. Teen Leaders are asked to attend, if possible, to assist at the event.



Holmes County 4-H Club Meetings:

Teen Council Club: (Ages 13-up)

Thursday, September 5th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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Cooking Club: (Ages 8-up)

Tuesday, September 24th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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Archery Club: (Ages 8-up)

Thursday, September 26th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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(Must be age 8 by Sept 1, 2013)

Air Rifle Club: (Ages 10-up)

Friday, September 27th

3:00 — 5:00 PM

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(Must be age 10 by Sept 1, 2013)

Sewing Club: (Ages 8-up)

Monday, October 7th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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SeaPerch Robotics: (Ages 10-up)

Tuesday, October 8th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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(Must be age 10 by Sept 1, 2013)

United Clovers: (Ages 5-7)

Tuesday, October 15th

3:00 — 4:00 PM

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- **September 1st** — The NEW 4-H Year Begins (Re-enrollment Begins)
- **September 2nd** — Labor Day Holiday (4-H Office is Closed)
- **September 5th** — Holmes County Teen Volunteers Meeting @ 3:00 PM
- **September 9th** — Steer Weigh-In (In Washington County @ 5:00 PM)
- **September 9th** — Beef Project: Grooming, Showmanship & Nutrition Workshop (Washington County 4-H @ 6:00 PM)
- **September 10th** — Holmes County 4-H Meet & Greet Event @ 6:00 PM
- **September 16th** — Make a Difference Monday Volunteer Training @ 6:00 PM
- **September 24th** — 4-H Cooking Club Meeting ***NEW***
- **September 26th** — Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting
- **September 27th** — Hammer Down Air Rifle Club Meeting
- **September 28th** — 1st Annual 4-H Day at LEGOLAND
- **October 1st** — DEADLINE to register: Consumer Choices Judging Teams
- **October 7th** — 4-H Sewing Club Meeting
- **October 7th - 12th** — Walton County Fair
- **October 8th** — SeaPerch Robotics 4-H Club Meeting ***NEW***
- **October 15th** — United Clovers 4-H Club Meeting
- **October 16th** — 4-H Advisory Council Meeting/Luncheon @ 11:30 AM
- **October 21st** — Make a Difference Monday Volunteer Training @ 6:00 PM
- **October 22nd - October 24th** — Panhandle Youth Expo (Jackson County)
- **November 1st** — 4-H Ticket Stubs for the Berretta Shotgun are due in the 4-H Office
- **November 1st - 10th** — National Peanut Festival
- **November 7-17th** — North Florida Fair
- **November 18th** — Make a Difference Monday Volunteer Training @ 6:00 PM



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

Are you an *official 4-Her for the 2013-2014 year*? September 1, 2013 was 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, you may find these forms on our website or drop by the 4-H Office. 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.

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

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 required by the club).

If you need any help, please contact Niki Crawson 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!



Get Your Fundraising Tickets Now!

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 by helping sell ticket chances, which begins September 3, 2013 and ends on November 2, 2013. Ticket stubs and money will be required to be turned in on November 1, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. at the 4-H Office. The drawing will be held at the Holmes County 4-H Office 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 are available for 4-Hers to pick up now at the 4-H Office!! Be sure to come by and help sell tickets!!!

Rodeo Roundup: 4-H Parade Float Workers Needed

Okay, you asked. We are delivering...well, sort of! Several 4-Hers and parents have asked over the years to have a 4-H float in the rodeo parade. So, this year, we are going to experiment. If you are serious about a float, then we need your help! We have a truck and a trailer but we need more...

Here is what I can tell we will need:

- A float idea (This year's theme is "Rodeo Reboot")
- As many 4-Hers to help as possible during the building stage.
- Adults to supervise the construction of the float
- Adults to assist during the parade (1 float driver, 1+ float riders).
- Float supplies such as chicken wire, tissue paper, plywood, paint, etc.
- Bottled water & snacks (for youth during the construction after school)
- Candy or beads to throw? (Do they still do this?)



If you are able to assist with any of the above list, please contact the Holmes County 4-H Office at 850-547-1108 as soon as you can so we can get started building!!

We Need Competitive 4-Hers!!

Consumer Choices

Are you up for a little competition? Want to be on a winning team? We have a competition just for you! The 4-H Consumer Choices Contest can help you practice making decisions by matching your knowledge, skills and abilities against those of others. You will learn to rank articles or products over others based on standards and quality. This year's products are: movie rentals, jeans, tablets and backpacks.

Consumer Choices is divided into three age categories: (Ages are as of September 1, 2013.) Juniors - Ages 8-10; Intermediates- Ages 11-13; Seniors - Ages 14-19. Each team can have 3-4 members. Members will compete as a team and may then also compete on an individual level as well.

Even if Consumer Choices is new to you, we will train you to be ready for the competition on November 16, 2013! 4-Hers interested in joining a Consumer Choices Team to compete at the North Florida Fair in November need to contact Ms. Niki at the 4-H Office by October 1, 2013. We will have simple study guides to help you learn and will also offer a MOCK Competition for practice at the Holmes County Ag Center prior to the North Florida Fair. For more information regarding the North Florida Fair Rules to compete in the 4-H Consumer Choices, visit <http://northfloridafair.com/?p=1260>

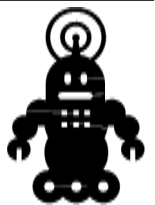


Holmes County Senior 4-H Consumer Judging Team won 1st Place in 2008!

Junk Drawer Robotics

Junk Drawer Robotics is a new competition at this year's North Florida Fair on 4-H Day. Each team will be given a challenge and a supply kit to build a robot out of every day objects to complete a task or action! Junk Drawer Robotics is divided into three age categories: (Ages are as of September 1, 2013.) Juniors - Ages 8-10; Intermediates- Ages 11-13; Seniors - Ages 14-19. Each team needs 4 official 4-H members.

Junk Drawer Robotics competition is new to all of us so we will train you to be ready for the competition on November 16, 2013! 4-Hers interested in joining a Junk Drawer Robotics Team to compete at the North Florida Fair need to contact Ms. Niki at the 4-H Office by October 1, 2013. We will have simple study guides to help you learn and will also offer practice at the Holmes County Ag Center prior to the North Florida Fair. For more information, visit the North Florida Fair Rules at <http://northfloridafair.com/?p=1259>



Make a Difference Mondays Training Sessions

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS:

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



Our next training session for adult and teen volunteers will be held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at the Holmes County Extension Office, beginning at 6:00 P.M. This training will be for both new and seasoned 4-H volunteers, to include Teen Leaders. We encourage all Teen Leaders to attend this training series as we will be discussing the 4-H Club Meeting and the role of 4-H Officers. Find out how you can enter an iPad Mini!! For more information or to RSVP , contact the Extension Office at 850-547-1108. See how you can make a difference in the leaders of tomorrow!

4-H Archery Certification



At this time, the Holmes County 4-H Archery Club needs additional adult volunteers to be certified. Without at least one more adult volunteer to assist with the club, we may find ourselves having to shut the archery program down soon!! Please help us, we don't want this to happen!!

Here is how you can help: recruit at least one adult willing to become a 4-H volunteer and participate in the 4-H Level 1 Instructor training in Archery coming soon in our area. The certification is 20 hours in length and is usually scheduled with 16 face-to-face hours on a Friday evening and Saturday day/evening schedule and a brief questionnaire assignment. In order for the training to be confirmed on the schedule, our district needs at least 10 adult volunteers to participate.

There is no cost to the volunteer!! Holmes County 4-H will pay for the archery certification! Please contact Niki Crawson, 4-H Agent, at 850-547-1108 or ncrawson@ufl.edu to receive more information regarding this opportunity.

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
- ◆ Horse Club
- ◆ United Clovers Club
- ◆ Cooking Club
- ◆ Savvy Sewers Club

New 4-H Clubs!

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

Current Club Leaders: Duane Crawson & Niki Crawson

Cooking Club - Youth ages 8 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in learning basic kitchen safety and cooking skills.

Current Cub Leader: Judy Bowdish

Club Needs: 1-2 more Adult Volunteers to assist during meetings for 2 hours monthly.

Teen Leadership/Council Club - Youth ages 13 and up (as of September 1, 2013) interested in becoming a 4-H Teen Leader/Volunteer.

These youth will be eligible for community service hours, a role as a Camp CIT/Counselor, and other leadership events.

Current Cub Leader: Niki Crawson



4-H Day at LEGOLAND

LEGOLAND is sponsoring the first ever 4-H Day at LEGOLAND on September 28th! 4-H club leaders and families can purchase tickets to LEGOLAND for only \$30.00 each (regular price is \$75.00). Five dollars from every ticket sold will go to the Florida 4-H Foundation. LEGOLAND is located at the old Cypress Gardens and is an amusement park targeted to 2-12 year old youth. They have a botanical gardens, a Department of Ag Greenhouse Exhibit, LEGO exhibits, LEGO robotics classes, rides and roller coasters, and a water park. Their website is: <http://florida.legoland.com/>.



To order tickets, you must contact Ms. Niki, your 4-H Agent, at 850-547-1108 or via email at ncrawson@ufl.edu. This is a great opportunity for 4-H families and clubs to have a fun and educational day together while raising money for our Florida 4-H Foundation.



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