



4-H News

Holmes County 4-H



January
2014

AGENT'S CORNER- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 and youth keep reading to see what you can do to participate in these events.

Please don't forget that in order to secure a slot for your child for Camp Timpoochee summer camp (June 9-13) this year, a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by January 24th, 2014. We only have 50 slots available for campers, CIT, and Counselors and we are giving 4-H Youth FIRST CHANCE at these slots. After January 24th, if there are slots still available, they will be opened up to the community/everyone.

I hope 2014 will be a healthy and prosperous year for us all. I am looking forward to us growing and improving our 4-H family and getting everyone involved!

~Ms. Niki

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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 all of the events coming your way!

Holmes County

4-H Club Meetings:

Teen Council Club: (Ages 13-up)

2nd Wednesday of month

3:00 — 4:30 PM

Cooking Masters Club:

(Ages 8-up)

Floating Mondays

3:00 — 4:30 PM

\$2.00 club dues per year

Dead Centers Archery Club:

(Must be age 8 by Sept 1, 2013)

1st & 3rd Thursdays

3:00 — 4:30 PM

Hammer Down Air Rifle:

(Must be age 10 by Sept 1, 2013)

Floating Fridays

3:00 — 5:00 PM

4-H Office

Bobbin Buddies Sewing Club:

(Ages 8-up)

1st Monday of each month

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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Gator Gears Robotics:

(Must be age 10 by Sept 1, 2013)

2nd Thursday of each month

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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United Clovers: (Ages 5-7)

4th Thursdays

3:00 — 4:00 PM

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NO 4-H CLUB MEETINGS WILL OCCUR ON TUESDAYS (JAN-MAY)

January

- January 1st – Holiday - 4-H Office is closed
- January 2nd – 4-H Camp Timpoochee Registration Begins
- January 2nd - Dead Centers Archery Club 3:00pm—4:30pm
- January 6th - Bobbin Buddies Club 3:00pm—4:30pm
- January 8th - Teen Council Club 3:00pm—4:30pm (Rescheduled due to weather & School outage)
- January 9th - Gator Gears Robotics Club 3:00pm—4:30pm
- January 16th - Dead Centers Archery Club 3:00pm—4:30pm
- January 17th - Hammer Down Air Rifle Club 3:00pm—5:00pm
- January 18th – Arbor Day Celebration (4-H Community Service Project)
- January 20th – Holiday - 4-H Office is closed
- January 22nd - Teen Council Club 3:00pm—4:30pm
- January 23rd - United Clovers 3:00pm—4:00pm
- January 24th - Deadline for \$50.00 camp deposits
- January 27th - Make A Difference Monday Volunteer Training 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
- January 27th – Cooking Masters 3:00pm—4:30pm

March

- March 1st – State Air Rifle Match...Details to come
- March 8th – State Archery Match in Newberry, FL
- March 24th – 28th - Spring Break

Calling All 4-Hers: Arbor Day Celebration

This month you can help give back to our wonderful community! On Saturday, January 18th, Holmes County 4-Hers are invited to participate in a community service project by celebrating Florida's Arbor Day. Arbor Day usually falls later in the year in most states but Florida celebrates early due to best planting practices. We need 4-Hers willing to assist in planting ornamental trees given by the Forestry Department in celebration of Arbor Day. The youth will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until the project is complete. Lunch will be provided. We will notify you where we will be planting our trees very soon.

If you are planning to help out, please remember to bring a shovel and wear your 4-H t-shirt! (Remember, if you are applying to be a Camp Counselor/CIT, this event counts as part of your required participation in 4-H events.)





Archery Tournament: March 8, 2014



The State 4-H Archery Tournament will be held on March 8, 2014 in Newberry, FL. We will be having an elimination match on February 6th here at the Holmes County 4-H Office to determine which youth will be eligible to attend the tournament. To be eligible to participate in the elimination, you **MUST** attend the meetings on January 16th and February 6th. An optional practice/meeting has been added on January 30th, at our regular time. 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 Ms. Niki at ncrawson@ufl.edu.

WANTED: 4-H Volunteers!



Holmes County 4-H keeps growing and growing! Therefore, we are seeking **fun-loving**, dependable, **enthusiastic** adults to give two to three hours per month to help youth become positive, responsible, and educated citizens. This person **MUST** love to have fun, be good with kids, and enjoy doing really cool things like shooting shotguns or riding horses. If you are able to give just a little bit of time each month to kids needing positive adult role models in their lives, please contact Ms. Niki at 547-1108 or ncrawson@ufl.edu. Don't wait! We need you NOW!



Purchase Your 4-H T-Shirt Now!

If you haven't already ordered your 4-H t-shirt, it's not too late to place your order. Each t-shirt is \$20.00 and comes in a variety of sizes. The t-shirt is navy blue with white lettering, "4-H To Make the Best Better." Please contact Ms. Wendy at the 4-H Office to request your shirt size. (wendytsmith@ufl.edu or 850-547-1108)



Note: For those of you who placed an order back in November, the shirts are in and can be picked up at your convenience.



4-H Camp Timpoochee 2014



Don't forget if your child plans to attend camp June 9-13, 2014 this year the **only way to secure a slot is to make a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit in the office by January 24th, 2014.** Slots can not be saved for youth based on phone calls this

year. We have set-up a payment option to help alleviate any burden due to increase in camp fees. We also are planning to hold fundraisers to help offset the cost of camp for those youth that participate. Also, don't forget that Tri-County Community Council may be able to provide scholarships to youth for camp. You must contact Tri-County Office at 547-3688 for further information on how to apply.

Complete camp packets and other information will be sent out the last week of January to all youth who register. If you have any questions or concerns about camp, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Parents: We Need You: Parent Committees

ATTENTION 4-H Parents: Starting in 2014, we would like to have committees in place to oversee upcoming events, such as Spring Fling, End of Year Banquet, Rodeo Parade Float, Christmas Party, etc... Each committee would be made up of 4 to 6 parents that will assist in the planning and coordination of a specific 4-H event from start to finish. If you would be interested in serving on a committee, please contact me for further information. We have several ideas for events/fundraisers we would like to hold but will need everyone's help in order to complete them! We are growing in great numbers and need everyone's help!! Call or email us for more details! 850-547-1108 or ncrawson@ufl.edu

Make a Difference Mondays Training Sessions

Our next training session for adult 4-H volunteers will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Holmes County Extension Office, beginning at 6:00 P.M. This training will be for both new and seasoned 4-H volunteers. Teen volunteers are also invited to attend this month's training. The topics which will be covered on this evening include: Recreation, Engaging Club Members, and Teaching Strategies. We highly encourage ALL volunteers to participate. Find out how you can enter to win an iPad Mini!! For more information or to RSVP, contact the Extension Office at 850-547-1108.



Teen Council Members

The Teen Council Club Meeting set for January 8th has been rescheduled for your convenience, due to the school closings and severe weather. We have rescheduled this meeting for Wednesday, January 22nd, from 3:00 until 4:30 PM. It is important that all members of Teen Council be in attendance at club meetings every month if possible. We need to discuss/vote on upcoming events and dates. For those members that plan to work as CIT or Counselors this year at summer camp, please remember that you must attend/volunteer at five 4-H events prior to May 2014, to apply as camp counselors this year.



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>

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