



4-H News

Holmes County 4-H

AGENT'S CORNER

Hello 4-Hers!

I have so much to share that I don't even know where to begin! So much is happening in Holmes County 4-H and it is WONDERFUL to be growing as fast as we are! There is so much to do in 4-H this Spring. I hope you are hopping about like me and enjoying the beautiful weather and fun activities.

The Holmes County 4-H State Archery Match Team Members will be heading to Newberry, Florida in two weeks to compete against other Florida 4-Hers in the world of archery! We are so excited about our team as they have worked hard and are having fun in the process! Wish us luck as we travel on March 13th to compete on March 14th!

Guess what? The 4-H Chick Chain is finally HERE! Registration is now open and will end on March 18, 2015. If you are looking to participate in a small animal project in 4-H to get started, your wait is over and the fun is about to begin! Be sure to check out the information on Page 5 of this issue for registration information. I am so excited for this 4-H project!

Of course, 4-H Camp Timpoochee is right around the corner! There are only 10 spots left open at this time. Do you have your paperwork in yet? I am sure that we will need a waiting list this year as camp is in demand. Do not wait much longer or you may miss out!

~Ms. Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H Agent

March 2015



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

4-H Club Reminders

United Clovers: Please bring one clean, plain white t-shirt for March's United Clovers 4-H Club Meeting. We will be making a t-shirt design you will love!

Sewing Club: Please bring at least one old t-shirt that you do not mind recycling by cutting up for our sewing project. It may be large or small in size. Any color, design, etc. will work.

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!



March 2015

March 2nd—DEADLINE: Area A 4-H Horse Show T-Shirt Contest Entries Due

March 3rd—Dead Centers Archery Club (ALL Youth) @ 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 (ALL Youth) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range) *Pizza Party
All State Match Team Members should bring their equipment for final inspection.

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 18th—4-H Chick Chain Registration DUE!

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 27th—4-H Area A Horse Show Registration DUE!

March 30th—Cooking Masters @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

April 2015

April 2nd—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

April 7th—Dead Centers Archery Club (Beginners) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)

April 8th—United Clovers @ 3:00 until 4:00 PM (Ag Center)

April 9th—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

April 10th—Dead Centers Archery Club (Advanced) @ 3:30-5:30 (Jim's Range)

April 13th—Bobbin Buddies Sewing @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

April 14th—Livestock Club Meeting @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

April 16th—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

April 17th—Hammer Down Air Rifle @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

April 17th & 18th—4-H Area A Horse Show; Marianna, FL (Pre-Registration Required)

April 21st—Teen Council @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

April 23rd—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

April 27th—Cooking Masters @ 3:00 until 4:30 PM (Ag Center)

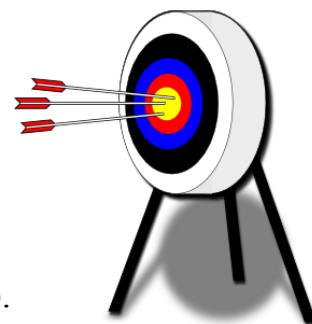
April 28th—4-H Chick Chain MANDATORY Meeting; Ozark, AL @ 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

April 30th—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

Archery Tournament: March 14, 2015

Congratulations to all members of the Dead Centers Archery Club for their hard work during the county elimination shoot off. Everyone did a fantastic job! The following 4-Hers will be attending this year's state match:

Chad A.	Tyler D.	Jack M.
Isaac B.	Hannah F.	Kaiya O.
Karlee C.	Layla H.	Noah O.
Logan C.	Roland J.	Carson S.
Wes C.	Rachel M.	Seth S.



- Team members need to bring at least \$25.00 for meals on the trip.
- Dress code must be adhered to (closed toe shoes and long pants).
- Cell phones/electronics may be brought at your own risk. We will not be responsible for damage, theft, or loss.

Please wish us luck and good wishes as we travel on March 13th to attend the match on the 14th. Parents, if you would like to donate Gatorade, water, and/or snacks for the community cooler, we would appreciate it!

2015 Area A 4-H Horse Show Registration Due



The 2015 Area A 4-H Horse Show will be held on April 17-18, 2015 at the Jackson County Ag Center on Hwy 90 in Marianna, Florida. This event is a pre-qualifying show to determine who will be able to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show held in the summer. Only the top percentage from each Area qualify to go to State.

Registration is required. Bona fide 4-Hers, ages 8 and up (by September 1, 2014) are eligible to participate, with their 4-H Agent's permission. **Youth must have good knowledge and abilities in working with/riding their horse(s).** Registration packets are available in the Holmes County 4-H Office and are also downloadable at <http://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/district-4h/area-a-horse-show-information/>. Registration forms and payment are due in the Holmes County 4-H Office by March 27, 2015. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Payment should be made out to the Holmes County 4-H Association.

For more information, please contact Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H Agent, at ncrawson@ufl.edu or via telephone at 850-547-1108.



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 is now open. We only have 15 slots left available for campers, CIT, and Counselors this year before a waiting list is created, 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. (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! Slots cannot be saved for youth based on phones. 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. A visit to Tri-County Community Council for a camp scholarship should occur **AFTER** you have turned in a completed camp packet to the 4-H Office. The 4-H Office cannot process Tri-County invoices for camp until a camp packet is received in the office. 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 or Ms. Niki at 547-1108. If you have any questions or concerns about camp, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Niki.



4-H Chick Chain Is Coming!

The 4-H Chick Chain project encourages youth to produce healthy chickens and, along the way, they get an introduction to business management, develop record keeping skills (income and expenses), contribute to their family's home food supply and realize the pride of accomplishment!

How the Chick Chain works...

Youth will select 6 chicks from three different breeds, for a total of 18 chicks. The selection of breeds youth will choose from include: **Black Laced Golden Wyandotte, Buff Orpington, Dominique, Easter Egger and Rhode Island Red.** (Note that



Easter Eggers are a selection but are not a breed per se and do not conform to a breed standard, but they are considered very good layers). During the spring, youth will receive 18 chicks that are 1-2 days old and are all pullets (females). They will come from a reputable hatchery and will be properly vaccinated. Youth will care for these pullets for approximately 21 weeks. At that time, youth will bring their 3 best pullets (all of the same breed) to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction. As long as youth participate with their 3 pullets, youth will receive back their deposit and applicable awards and auction monies.

How to participate...

4-Hers must complete the registration form with a \$50.00 check made out to Holmes County 4-H Association, to be received by **March 18, 2015**. (FL 4-H Agents will then turn all registrations and monies in to AL 4-H.) Both youth and a parent/guardian are required to come to the Dale County Extension Office in Ozark for a **mandatory meeting**. FL 4-H youth & parent(s) will attend the mandatory meeting on **April 28, 2015**. The meeting will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, and is designed to provide valuable information to help youth prepare for and raise their pullets. Holmes County 4-H will pick up your 18 pullets from the Dale County Extension Office (as a courtesy) on **May 15, 2015 (estimated date of arrival)**. You will be called as soon as the chicks arrive to arrange to pick up the chicks no later than 3:00 p.m. from the Holmes County Ag Center [Bonifay, FL].

A showmanship clinic will be offered on **July 14, 2015** from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the Holmes County Ag Center [Bonifay, FL] to help prepare you for the show and auction. You will need to bring one of your chicks for showmanship practice.

The Southeast Alabama 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction will be held at the Ag-Plex Arena in Ozark, AL on **October 3, 2015**. Bring your 3 best pullets.... have fun and do your best!

Who can participate?

Bona fide 4-H'ers who meet Alabama 4-H age eligibility (9 years old as of January 1, 2015) from the following counties: **FL:** Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Walton, and Washington.

See Ms. Niki for your Chick Chain Registration Forms!
The deadline to register is March 18, 2015!!



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 March 16, 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. We ask that you attend the March session by the online connection at home.

Date	Scheduled Session Topic
March 16	Languages of Appreciation and Recognition for 4-H Clubs

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