



# 4-H News

## Holmes County 4-H

*April 2015*



### AGENT'S CORNER

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 this month to meet in our club meetings as we will not have club meetings in the month of May. 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!

We will hold our second end-of-the year banquet to celebrate this program year and recognize our 4-Hers and volunteers on May 7, 2015. Be sure to RSVP to the 4-H Office so you can join us for an evening meal and a lot of celebration!

Of course, summer is right around the corner which means that 4-H Camp Timpoochee is almost here!!!! There are only 6 spots left open at this time. Do you have your paperwork in yet? Do not wait much longer or you may miss out!

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

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

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

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### 4-H Club Reminders

**Sewing Club:** Please bring one bathroom hand towel (not a wash cloth but hand towel) to our sewing club meeting on April 13th. You may bring any color, design, etc. of your choice.

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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 4-H events!**





## April 2015

- April 2nd**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- April 3rd**—Good Friday Holiday (4-H Office is Closed)
- April 8th**—Teen Council @ 3:00 until 4:00 PM (Ag Center) \*\*\* This is a date change\*\*\*\*
- 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 12th**—4-H Sunday Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser @ 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM (Ag Center)
- 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 23rd**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- April 25th**—Camp Counselor/CIT Training (MANDATORY) @ 8:30 until 3:00 PM (Ag Center)
- 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)

## May 2015

- May 1st**—RSVP Deadline for 4-H Awards Banquet
- May 1st**—4-H Camp Timpoochee Scholarship Essay Entry Due to 4-H Office
- May 2nd**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- May 7th**—4-H Awards Banquet (Youth, Parents & Volunteers to RSVP by May 1) @ 6:00 PM
- May 7th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- May 15th-16th**—Adult/Teen Volunteer Shooting Sports Certification (Archery & Shotgun) Pre-reg. Required
- May 18th**—Camper Orientation (MANDATORY for ALL Campers, CITS, Counselors) @ 6:00 PM
- May 21st**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)
- May 25th**—Memorial Day Holiday (4-H Office is Closed)
- May 28th**—Gator Gears/Tech Wizards @ 2:30 until 5:30 (BMS)

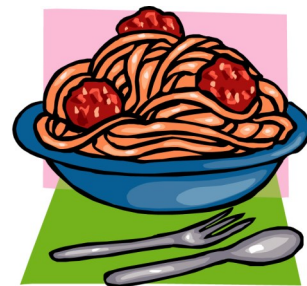
## June 2015

- June 6th**—4-H District Tropicana Competition, Marianna, FL (County Winners Only)
- June 8th**—4-H Summer Day Camp: Topic to be announced; 8:00 until 2:00 (Ag Center)
- June 10th**—4-H Summer Day Camp: Topic to be announced; 8:00 until 2:00 (Ag Center)
- June 15th-19th** — 4-H Camp Timpoochee
- June 22nd-24th**—4-H Summer Day Camp: Sewing Savvy; 8:00 until 2:00 (Ag Center)
- June 30th**—4-H Summer Day Camp: Topic to be announced; 8:00 until 2:00 (Ag Center)

## Upcoming 4-H Events & Information

### 4-H Fundraiser: Sunday Spaghetti Supper, April 12, 2015

4-H Camp Timpoochee has been a 4-H tradition in Holmes County since the 1930's. We want all Holmes County youth that want to attend camp be able to afford to go. Therefore, we are asking our community members to help reduce this burden on our 4-H families by supporting the upcoming **4-H Sunday Spaghetti Supper** on **Sunday, April 12, 2015** from **11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.** at the Holmes County Ag Center in Bonifay.



Individuals may stop by any time between 11:30 and 2:00 P.M. to support 4-H by eating spaghetti supper at the ag center for just \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 per youth. Each meal will include a huge portion of spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and a drink. Take out dinners will be available. No RSVP is required.

4-H Youth Responsibilities: 4-H youth that are planning to attend camp are asked to donate one box of spaghetti noodles and/or one can of tomato sauce. 4-Hers are also encouraged to assist with preparation, serving, and clean up in order to be eligible to share in the fundraising proceeds. Youth can arrive on April 12, 2015 as early as 10:00 A.M. to assist.

Any 4-H parents interested in assisting with the cooking and/or supervision of the youth as servers on the 12th, please contact Ms. Niki at [ncrawson@ufl.edu](mailto:ncrawson@ufl.edu) or 850-547-1108.

Please be sure to share this event with your family, friends, neighbors, business partners, churches, etc. so we can assist our youth in attending camp at a lower rate!



### No Archery Club Meetings for April

At this time, Mr. Jim has requested to not host any archery club meetings for the month of April. He would like to take this time to spend with his family. Therefore, until further notice, there will be NO archery club meetings in April.

### MANDATORY Camp Counselor/CIT Training

Teens signed up to be Camp Counselors/CITs are **REQUIRED** by the University of Florida and Florida 4-H to attend the offered 4-H Camp Counselor training. The training for Holmes County Camp Counselors/CITs is **Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Holmes County Ag Center**, from 8:30 until 3:00 PM. All teens must attend.





## Upcoming 4-H Events & Information (cont.)

### 2015 Mandatory Chick Chain Meeting

ATTENTION All Chick Chain Participants!! Both youth and their parent/guardian are required to attend a mandatory Chick Chain meeting at the Dale County Extension Office in Ozark, AL. The mandatory meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 28, 2015**. The meeting will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This meeting will provide valuable information to help you prepare for and raise your pullets. During the mandatory meeting, you will receive several documents to assist you with your project.



### 2015 4-H Awards Banquet

We will hold the **2015 4-H Awards Banquet** on **May 7, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.** at the Holmes County Ag Center. 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers are invited to join us for the evening of celebration. **We ask that all individuals that plan to attend please RSVP by May 1, 2015 to Ms. Leah at 547-1108 or lsteversen@ufl.edu** There will be no charge for 4-H youth and volunteers. There will be a \$5.00 meal fee at the door for all parents and family members not enrolled as a 4-H member, to assist in the

costs of the meal.

Again, please **RSVP by May 1, 2015 to Ms. Leah at 547-1108 or lsteversen@ufl.edu** if you plan to attend the 2015 4-H Awards Banquet!

### 2015 Mandatory Camper Orientation

We will hold the **Mandatory Camper Orientation** for all campers, new and returning, parents, and CITs/Counselors, new and returning, at the Holmes County Ag Center on Monday evening, **May 18, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM.** We will review camp rules, dress code, and complete a few more forms that are necessary for camp safety!



# Camp Timpoochee Open Enrollment!

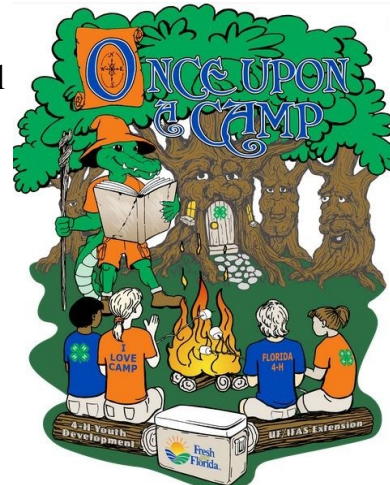
4-H Camp Timpoochee summer camp (June 15-19) is fast approaching! This year's camp theme is **"Once Upon A Camp"** which will involve cool fairy tales, legends, and myths from popular storybooks.

Registration for camp spots is still open. We only have 6 slots left available for campers, CIT, and Counselors this year before a waiting list is created. Camp Timpoochee fees will be \$250.00 again this year. CITs and Camp Counselors will receive a discounted rate for their work 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 phone calls.**

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.

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.



**Only 6 Slots LEFT!!**

**NEW**

## Camp Scholarship Opportunity

Thanks to a very generous donor, Holmes County 4-H is able to offer one full camp scholarship (\$250.00) to a Holmes County youth, age 8-12. In order to apply for this camp scholarship, youth must write a one page essay on one of the following topics: **Why 4-H is Important to Me OR Why I Love Going to 4-H Camp Timpoochee**

**The essay must be typed and submitted to Ms. Niki at [ncrawson@ufl.edu](mailto:ncrawson@ufl.edu) by May 1, 2015 in order to qualify to be selected.** Youth must include their name, birthdate, age, phone number, and mailing address on the essay. A panel of judges will review all entries and select one essay winner to receive the full camp scholarship.

Prior to the end of camp, the scholarship winner must write a thank you note to the donor. Ms. Niki will assist the camper in the writing and mailing of the thank you note.





## Congrats State Archery Match Team!



On Saturday, March 14, 2015, fourteen members of the Holmes County 4-H Dead Centers Archery Club accompanied by twenty-seven adults, traveled to Newberry, Florida to compete in the 2015 Florida 4-H State Archery Match. These youth worked hard to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities in the sport of archery due to the great instruction since September of 2014 from 4-H certified volunteers, Jim Forman and Ralph Bowdish.

This year, the Junior and Intermediate age groups were required to shoot 5-color face FITA targets with a total of 72 arrows at various distances appropriate for their age division. Of the fourteen members traveling to the competition, nine 4-Hers represented the Junior age category of 8-10: Layla Hodges, Roland Jackson, Noah Owens, Carson Sherrouse, Kaiya Owens and Isaac Boatwright (Instinctive Compound) and Chad Albury, Wes Cook and Racheal McCormick (Sighted Compound). Five 4-Hers represented the Intermediate age category of 11-13: Jack Middlebrooks (Sighted Recurve), Logan Chitty, Tyler Dunn, Hannah Faircloth and Seth Smith (Sighted Compound). These 4-Hers rose to the challenge and represented the county well in the shooting sports competition in the 4-H program.

After a long day of competition, the results were very impressive for Holmes County youth! The results were as follows:



In the Junior Age Instinctive Compound Division, **Noah Owens**, 1<sup>st</sup> place; **Carson Sherrouse**, 5<sup>th</sup> place; **Layla Hodges**, 6<sup>th</sup> place; and **Isaac Boatwright**, 7<sup>th</sup> place.

In the Junior Age Sighted Compound Division, **Chad Albury**, 4<sup>th</sup> place; **Wes Cook**, 7<sup>th</sup> place; and **Racheal McCormick**, 10<sup>th</sup> place.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior Team Award - Instinctive Compound Bow went to **Layla Hodges**, **Roland Jackson**, **Carson Sherrouse**, and **Noah Owens**.

2nd Place Junior Team Award - Sighted Compound Bow went to **Chad Albury**, **Wes Cook**, and **Racheal McCormick**.

In the Intermediate Age Sighted Compound Division, **Seth Smith**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In the Intermediate Age Sighted Recurve Division, **Jack Middlebrooks**, 4<sup>th</sup> place.

We are very proud of all of our 4-H youth that attended the 4-H State Archery Match this year. They all did a fantastic job of demonstrating what they have learned in the sport of archery. We are thrilled that Holmes County 4-H had the opportunity to participate in this event. We thank all of the volunteers, parents, grandparents, and community leaders for their support of our archery program!

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