



CLOVER CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2014



A Newsletter for Jackson County 4-H

Jackson County 4-H Club Calendar

Character Keepers – at Dayspring

March 18 – 12:45 PM

April 15 – 12:45 PM

May 20 – 12:45

Country Bumpkins –Cypress Park

April 8 – 6:00 PM

May 6– 6:00 PM

Dayspring Eagles –at Dayspring

March 18 – 3:15 PM

April 15 – 3:15 PM

Hoppers & Cluckers (Rabbit & Poultry) Club – Extension Office

March 29 – 9:00 AM

April 26 – 9:00 AM

May 31 – 9:00 AM

Robotics Club – Extension Office

March 27 – 4:00-5:00 PM

April 24 – 4:00-5:00 PM

May 22 – 4:00-5:00 PM

Teen Council – Extension Office 1st Thursday each month – 4:00-5:00 PM

Livestock Club –Livestock Club Now enrolling new members. Date/times to be announced.

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ANGEL'S CORNER

*****Please share this with anyone you know who might benefit from the information, and/or does not have internet access.*****

Hello Jackson County 4-H!



The weather is getting warmer and wetter, but sunny days are ahead! There are so many things going on in 4-H, that it's hard to keep up! That's why I encourage all of you to take advantage of our 4-H Event Calendar on the county web page at <http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/4-h-calendar/>. Miss Lynn and I, are working hard to keep it up-to-date so you can take advantage of all the opportunities that 4-H has to offer! Please visit the calendar often to see what is going on in Jackson County, as well as at the State level. Many of you are involved in projects that can lead to multiple competition opportunities or 4-H University, and we want to keep you informed!

The dates for Camp Timpoochee have been set, as well as dates for day camps (please see the 4-H Event Calendar on our county website for more information). However, we are in GREAT NEED of counselors! All of you former counselors need to get in touch with Miss Patti as soon as possible. Due to changes in State and Federal guidelines, all counselors, counselors-in-training, are required to pass background checks, and counselors have to be finger-printed. We need everyone planning to volunteer as a counselor, counselor-in-training or chaperone for Camp Timpoochee to come in ASAP and speak with Miss Patti or myself to get paperwork started so it will be completed in time for camp. **All counselor background check packets must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than April 1, 2014.** In addition, all counselors must complete the counselor training sessions prior to camp.

I am getting ready to send out orientation materials to parents and volunteers, so please complete your orientation as soon as possible. Once you have done so, and I have received your confirmation, I will begin setting up training sessions. Anyone who has not completed their background screening or finger printing will not be able to continue as a club leader, so please make sure everything is in order. If you have questions, contact Miss Patti or me and we will be glad to help! We will be holding a series of training sessions on different dates and times in an effort to accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

As promised, I am beginning my "Club Highlight" series in this month's newsletter. So if you want your club to be highlighted, you need to send me your information! I will also be taping television interviews with Chipola TV and want to include you there, too. If there are members or volunteers without internet access, please let me know so we can make sure they are getting information.

Keep up the good work! Let's spread the word about the wonderful things you are doing in Jackson County!

~Miss Angel

Find out what's going on with Jackson County 4-H on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-County-Florida-4-H/135642513125691?ref=hl> or visit our website at <http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/>.



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF EXTENSION!

This year Ag Extension Service offices throughout the nation are celebrating 100 years of Agricultural Extension Services Program. Signed into effect in 1914, the Smith-Lever Act created the Agricultural Extension Service through the college **land** grant program. Jackson County Ag Extension Service falls under the auspices of the University of Florida and reaches out to meet the needs of the agricultural community, as well as individuals, through our agricultural, horticultural, Family Consumer Science and 4-H Programs.



Displays were a collaborative effort of
Angel Granger and Lynn Nowling

A display celebrating 100 Years of Extension Service was on view at the Jackson County Fed Cattle Show on February 17 and 18, 2014. The display featured photographs from shows spanning over 50 years. An exhibit featuring memorabilia is available in the Extension Office. You can help us celebrate by providing typed stories of how Ag Extension has impacted the lives of you and your family, contributing old photos of participation in Extension events, or other memorabilia centered around the services provided by the Jackson County Ag Extension Service. If you have something to contribute, please contact Angel Granger at 482-9620, or email her at amgranger@ufl.edu.

How are we doing?



In an effort to make the 4-H Programs offered in Jackson County the very best that they can be, I am asking that anyone who has an interest in making that happen provide me with your feedback regarding your 4-H experience. Please take a moment to share with me what you have gained from 4-H and what you would like to learn or do in the future. This is YOUR 4-H Youth Development Program, so your opinion matters very much.

Jackson County has a long history of involvement in 4-H and I have made it my mission to see that history continue. With that thought in mind, I would sincerely appreciate your input as to what direction you would like to see 4-H go, and whether there are areas that you feel need to be addressed or improved. I want to build the 4-H Youth Development Program in Jackson County, and I will need your help as involved parents, volunteers and leaders, to make that happen.

Please take a few moments to complete a [youth survey](#) or an [adult survey](#) and return it to the 4-H Office. Provide contact information in the event that you have any issues you would like to discuss with me personally.

Sincerely,

Angel Granger

Extension Agent I, 4-H Youth Development
UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT – ROBOTICS CLUB



This month we are featuring the Robotics Club, one of the new clubs that has been formed here in Jackson County. We are very pleased to have Anita Halling on-board as the club leader. This club is made possible, in part, by a grant from Lockheed Martin. This grant allows Jackson County 4-H to enhance our educational programs with inquiry-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic (STEM) programs. We hope to expand our Robotics programming soon with the addition of the Sea Perch Underwater Robotics program. We are very excited about the possibilities that this program offers!

In January, Anita Halling and Angel Granger (4-H Agent) attended a two-day training where they gained hands-on experience in building and programming a robot - specifically a "Cow Bot" robots!



Pictured from left to right: Anita Holing, Robotics Club Leader, and Angel Granger, 4-H Youth Development Agent, building Cow Bots at the Leader Robotics Training.

The Jackson County Robotics Club met on Thursday, February 28th and had a great time building Mobile Lego Cars and Cow Bots. They also elected officers for the year, with results as follows: President, Nikolas Halling; Vice-President, Dustin Lipford; Secretary, Jackson Basford; Treasurer, Owen Basford; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Colton Griffin. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25th at 4:00 PM at the UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension on Pennsylvania Avenue in Marianna. New members are welcome. For information on how to join 4-H, or any of the 4-H programs, please contact your 4-H Agent, Angel Granger, at (850) 482-9620.



Jackson and Owen Basford show off the Mobile car they built.



Pictured (L-R) Nikolas Halling, Weston Basford, Dustin Lipford, Jackson Basford, Colton Griffin, & Owen Basford.

Teen Council Meeting

The Teen Council meets the first Thursday each month, from 4:00-5:00 PM, at the Ag Extension Service office. Topics covered are the direction of the council, counselor training, upcoming events and opportunities for our 4-H teens to be involved in growth and community involvement. This is a tremendous opportunity for teens to develop and improve their portfolio with their future college and career in mind, as well as serving as a mentor to the younger 4-H members as they learn and grow. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



If you have any questions about participating in the Teen Council, contact Miss Angel at 482-9620.

You can give back and support your local youth ...while having fun!



Today, in our local Communities and across the State of Florida, 4-H youth are stepping up to make positive changes. Behind every success story there is a mentor – someone just like you! As a 4-H volunteer, you can share your skills and experiences to help transform a new generation of confident young leaders who are responsible, resourceful and ready to make our world a better place. This is your chance to be the spark that inspires a revolution to make a positive difference!

Volunteer Training through Make-A-Difference Mondays

Designed with adult volunteers in mind, Make-A- Difference Mondays are geared toward helping 4-H volunteer leaders fine tune their skills as mentors. These training sessions are held the 3rd Monday of each month and can be accessed online from your home, or, if you don't have internet access at home, a face-to-face meeting can be arranged at the Extension Services Office located at 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue in Marianna.

The next training session will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 beginning at 6:00 PM. March's topic is "Youth Volunteer Development Counselors & Teen Leaders". This particular session would also be helpful for our Summer Camp Counselors and Counselors-in-Training.

**** Note ****

All hours of participation in the Make-A-Difference sessions count toward the required training hours for volunteers, and all participants are automatically entered for prizes!

For a schedule of speakers and topics, or to find out more about making a difference through 4-H, please visit <http://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/4hn/>.

Morelinks to training are available at: <http://nextgeneration.4h.org/volunteerism/vrkc>.

**JOIN | THE REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY** 

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED NOW!!!

Screenings must be completed by April 1, 2014 for all camp counselors!

Contact us immediately by calling 850-482-9620.

Due to new State and Federal regulations, ALL VOLUNTEERS, CAMP COUNSELORS AND COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING are required to be fingerprinted and pass a background check. ALL PACKETS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2014 IN ORDER TO GET THEM PROCESSED BEFORE TIME FOR CAMP. If your background has not been completed in time for Camp, then you WILL NOT be able to participate as a counselor or counselor-in-training. DON'T DELAY! Get your background paperwork started today!

4-H CAMP TIMPOOCHEE 2014



CAMPER REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee due at time the packet is picked up. This \$10 will be applied to the total cost of tuition for camp. Start making plans now for your child to attend Camp Timpoochee. This year we have a cut off of 50 campers, so get your packets in early. All others will go on a waiting list with a high probability of being able to go.

The dates for this year's camp are June 16-20, 2014. Camp packets will be available in the Ag Extension Service office the third week in April. To secure your child's spot, a \$10 non-refundable deposit is required for each camper, due at the time the packet is picked up, and will go toward the total tuition amount. The remainder of the camp tuition will be due no later than June 2, 2014. This covers the 5-day cabin lodging, meals, snacks from the camp store, program activities, and a T-shirt.

All campers must be current 4-H members, so make sure your memberships are up-to-date!



Visit our 4-H Even Calendar on our website for a list of 4-H and Community events for 2014.

<http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/4-h-calendar/>.

Upcoming Events

Please visit the 4-H Event Calendar on the Jackson County IFAS website:

<http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/4-h-calendar/>

****NOTE: COMPETITORS IN LIVESTOCK SHOWS MUST BE ACTIVE 4-H OR FFA MEMBERS.**

**Please check your status. Enrollment can be made at 4-H online
or at the Jackson County Extension Service Office.****

MARCH

- 5 & 6** West Florida Livestock Show and Sale ((4-H Judging Contest on the 5th at 6:00 PM ; Hog Show at 9:00 AM & Cattle Show at 1:00 PM)
- 9** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – Set clocks ahead one hour
- 10** On-line Registration for 4-H Day At The Capitol (Senior 4-H members needed!)
- 11** Portfolio Workshop. Register on-line at <http://florida4hawards.eventbrite.com>
- 17** Make-A-Difference Monday volunteer training – 6:00 PM
Topic: “Youth Volunteer Development, Counselors & Teen Leaders”
- 24** Spring Break Begins for Jackson County Public Schools
- 26 & 27** Day Camp – Bicycle Safety and Rodeo – Two fun-filled days to learn how important bicycle safety is, as well as a chance to display your abilities. Each participant will receive a helmet and earn camp dollars to buy healthy snacks in the Camp Store.
- 28** Registration due for Area A Horse Show

APRIL

- 4** Registration Deadline for State Livestock Judging Contest
- 5** State Horse Judging Contest, Gainesville
- 5-10** National 4-H Conference
- 6-13** National Volunteer Week
- 10** Registration Opens for Legislature
- 11 & 12** Area A Horse Show – Jackson County Ag Center on Hwy 90 West, Marianna (Visit the Jackson County website for the schedule of events:
<http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/2013/12/20/area-a-horse-show/>

MAY

- 5** Tropicana Workshop – 8:00 AM to 12 Noon, Jackson County Extension Office
- 6** Jackson County Tropicana Speech Contest – 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Jackson County Ag Complex
- 30** Camp Timpoochee Registration Deadline

JUNE

- 10 & 11** Day Camp – “Culinary Craziiness”

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Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact the Jackson County Extension Office, (850)482-9620 or TDD via Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771) at least five working days prior to the event so that proper consideration may be given to the request.

BICYCLE SAFETY CAMP& RODEO



March 26 & 27, 2014
 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 Jackson County Extension Service
 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue
 Marianna, FL

COST: \$30 per child (Family discount available)
 Includes snacks, lunch, and a fitted bicycle helmet.

WHO CAN ATTEND? Youth between the ages of 5-18*.

*Note: Age is determined by youth's age as of September 1st of the current school year.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a cap of 40. For more information, please call Angel Granger at 850-482-9620.

Bicycle Safety Camp & Rodeo Registration

Name _____ Age (as of Sept. 1, 2013) _____

Is the participant currently enrolled in 4-H? _____ YES _____ NO

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Daytime Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please list names of adults authorized to pick up the camper from camp (if different from parent/guardian listed above).

1. _____ 2. _____

Does the camper have any medical condition(s) or a disability that the 4-h Office needs to be aware of?
 _____ Yes _____ No

(If yes, please list) _____

NOTE: If you own a bicycle, please bring it with you.

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date

Return this form and registration fee to the Jackson County Extension Office. Forms can be mailed to **ATTN: Angel Granger** at:

Jackson County Extension Office
 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 3
 Marianna, FL 32448

Method of Payment: _____ Check _____ Cash

Amount Enclosed: _____

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