



CLOVER CLUB NEWS



A newsletter for Jackson County 4-H youth, parents and volunteers.

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

Jackson County 4-H

August

AGENT'S CORNER

2014

Greeting 4-Hers,

I can't believe how quickly my first year here in Jackson County is flying by! I hope everyone has enjoyed their time off from school and had a great summer break! I know you are all eager to get back to school (LOL) and I sure hope you are excited and ready to get back to 4-H as well! All of our club meetings will pick back up in September 2014. Dates and times for each club will be announced after I have met with the club volunteers to determine what days we will meet.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up and the new 4-H Year is just around the corner! In fact, **Enrollment and Re-Enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H Year Opens August 23, 2014!**

Be sure and check out all of the 4-H Clubs that we have now and let your friends know that might be interested in 4-H too! I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Ms. Angel

Jackson County 4-H Agent



Save the date:

August 9—Jackson County 4-H Livestock Club Yard and Bake Sale at Tractor Supply 7AM-12PM

August 23—2014-2015 Enrollment and Re-Enrollment opens on 4HOnline

September 1—2014-2015 4-H year begins **Science Teaching Kits available at Extension Office

September 2—4-H Open House

September 13—4-H Livestock Clinic

September 22—Deadline for ALL entries in Panhandle Youth Expo

September 27—4-H Livestock Clinic and 2015 Fed Cattle Show Weigh-In

October 20-23—Panhandle Youth Expo

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4-H Livestock Clinics—Teaching Activities and 2015 Fed Cattle Show Weigh-In September 13 & September 27, 2014 8:30-11:30 AM

Jackson County Ag Center (Hwy. 90)

The Jackson County 4-H Youth Development Program will be offering two livestock workshops. Topics to be covered include animal nutrition and health, showmanship, bio-safety, and record books.

Dr. Carolyn Gable, DVM of Keller Veterinary Services, will be with us on September 27, 2014 to write Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), as will Dr. Mary Gessert, VMO with USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, who will share information regarding bio-safety issues with livestock.

Vaccinations for Jackson County 4-H exhibitor's animals will be available at both clinics and the official weigh-in for the 2015 Fed Cattle Show will be held at the September 27, 2014 clinic. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

These teaching activities are open to the public.





Come Join the 4-H Fun in Jackson County!

4-H Clubs

Here are the current 4-H Clubs in Jackson County. Please contact Angel Granger, 4-H Agent at the Jackson County Extension Office for information regarding joining a club, or on how to volunteer and possibly start a new club, at (850) 482-9620 or email: amgranger@ufl.edu

Age Divisions: 5-7 Cloverbud
8-10 Junior
11-13 Intermediate
14-18 Senior

Hoppers and Clucker's 4-H Club

This club is working on rabbit and poultry projects and meets on the last Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Extension Office. Club leader is Mrs. Anita Crossley, if you need further information concerning this club contact Mrs. Crossley at 209-5942 or the Extension Office.

Country Bumpkins 4-H Club

This club is a very active community based 4-H club which covers many 4-H project areas; they meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M at the Cypress Park Community Center in Cypress. Club leader is Mrs. Terri Hardin. If you need further information concerning this club contact Mrs. Hardin at 272-3728 or the Extension Office.

Character Keepers 4-H Club

This club has a leadership and character based interest. Members meet once a month to plan character First programs for after school groups. Fourth through sixth grade members help perform skits to demonstrate character qualities. Seventh through twelfth grade members lead and teach the character qualities. Club leader is Mrs. Patty Melvin, for further information contact Mrs. Melvin at 718-4201 or the Extension Office.

Jackson County Robotics 4-H Club

This club is working on Robotics Curriculum sponsored in part by a grant from Lockheed Martin. Club members are learning to construct and program their robots. This club meets on the last Thursday of each month from 4:30-6:30 P.M. at the Extension Office. Club leader is Mrs. Anita Halling. If you need further information concerning this club contact Mrs. Halling at 693-1421 or the Extension Office.

Dayspring Eagles

This 4-H club is a school based club which meets in the cafeteria at Dayspring Christian Academy. The Dayspring Eagles Club leader is Mrs. Ginger Pittman. If you need further information concerning this club contact Ginger Pittman at 592-4994 or the Extension Office.

Jackson County 4-H Livestock Club *New Club*

We have just opened enrollment for a new Livestock Club and are accepting new members at 4HOnline, <https://florida.4honline.com/>, or in person at the 4-H Office. This club is led by Mrs. Stacey Warden. They meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the Extension Office. For information on how to join this club please contact Stacey Warden at 693-3275 or the Extension Office.

Jackson County 4-H SeaPerch Robotics Club *New Club*

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program. This club is led by Mr. Tony Walker, who is a retired Professional Electrical Engineer and he will be assisted by Mrs. Betsy Willett who works with the Panhandle Public Library. This program is Sponsored by the **Office of Naval Research (ONR)** and managed by **The AUVSI Foundation**. Funding for our start up kits was made possible by a grant from **The AUVSI Foundation**. **This club is currently at capacity but may be accepting new members sometime this fall, depending on Club attendance.** A club meeting day and time has not been set yet. For more information contact Mr. Walker at (850) 209-0676 or the 4-H Office at (850) 482-9620, or email Angel Granger, 4-H Agent at amgranger@ufl.edu.

TBA—Horse Club—We need a volunteer leader !

TBA—Shooting Sports Club — We need a volunteer leader!

Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-County-4-H/135642513125691>

Visit the 4-H Event Calendar on our website for a list of 4-H and Community events. <http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h/4-h-calendar/>.

You can also see videos of volunteer interviews and club events on YouTube! Search using the terms: **Jackson County Florida 4-H.**

4-H Open House



To kick off the 2014 program year, 4-H is holding a Meet & Greet in September that is open to all currently enrolled 4-Hers/families and those that would like to enroll. This meeting will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the Jackson County 4-H Program. It will also provide prospective members a chance to meet and interact with the 4-H Agent as well as other enrolled 4-Hers. The Meet & Greet is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014 at the UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension Office from 5:00pm until 7:00pm.** If you know anyone who may be interested in 4-H, please help spread the word about our Meet & Greet and encourage them to attend. Refreshments will be served.

To our Jackson County 4-H Volunteers—Thank You!

As we prepare to start a new 4-H year, we want to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers for helping to bring 4-H programs to the youth of Jackson County! We simply **COULD NOT** have done it without you, and we look forward to working with you all again in the new 4-H year! Because of you, we have added four new 4-H Clubs, increased our membership to 153 enrolled youth, and 22 screened volunteers! Our Jackson County 4-H Volunteers truly are, "Our Greatest Natural Resource"!



Enrollment and Re-Enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H Year Opens August 23, 2014!

September 1, 2014 will be 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 2014-2015 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, we have included the enrollment and participation forms in this newsletter for convenience. If you need more than one set of forms, you may make a copy of the blank forms or call our office at 482-9620 and we will send you more. 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—you will not have to wait until September 1st.

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

Wait until September 1st.

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 2014-2015

Update all of your contact information and medical records.

Change the date on your health form approval to 2014.

Make changes to clubs and projects if needed.

Club dues will be paid at your club meeting.

If you need any help, please contact Angel Granger, Jackson County 4-H Agent or Patti Peacock, 4-H Program Assistant at (850) 482-9620.

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!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser at the Marianna Tractor Supply Store. Jackson County 4-H received a check for \$95.00. Thanks Tractor Supply!

We would also like to send a big "Thank You" to the Tallahassee Tractor Supply and Assistant Manager Ms. Belinda! She helped make our Rabbit and Poultry Cloverbud kits possible by donating DuMor Chick Starter and Scratch Feed, County Line poultry and rabbit waterers, and feeders, rabbit feed, salt and mineral wheels, and rabbit chew toys! Thank you Ms. Belinda and Tallahassee Tractor Supply!



Are You Ready For The Fair?

It is never too early to begin thinking about getting ready for a livestock event. In fact, if you wait until the last minute, you probably will miss a great opportunity to show your animal! Whether you are showing cattle, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits or poultry, there are some very important items that need to be addressed well in advance of a livestock event. Aside from the general preparation of your animal: breaking it, working with it, grooming it, etc., you need to pay close attention to [RULES & REGULATIONS](#) and [ENTRY FORM](#) due dates. Remember, that if you work with your animal your hard work will pay off!

*If it is required that you be a **BONAFIDE** active 4-H member, make sure you have [enrolled or re-enrolled](#) in 4-H for the current year.

Here are a few things to remember when getting ready for a livestock event:

- Work with your animal well in advance of the show. If you cannot control your animal, you may be asked to leave the ring. Practice, practice, practice! It will be worth it!
- Learn about your animal. You should have general knowledge such as: breed, age, weight, what kind of feed you use, protein and fat content, how long have you owned it, how much feed do you use and why, would you change anything about your animal?
- Make sure your animal's vaccinations are up-to-date. Remember, you will be traveling with your animal which can stress it and make it more susceptible to health problems.
- Submit your **PROPERLY SIGNED** entry form(s) and fee(s) on time! If your 4-H Agent must sign it, don't wait until the last minute.
- If your animal is required to have a tattoo, make sure to take care of that well ahead of time. It will be checked at weigh-in against the information on your entry form. They must match!
- Registered and commercial heifers may be leased. A copy of the [Official Lease Agreement](#) will usually need to be submitted with the entry form.
- Pay close attention to ownership date requirements. **All** animals must have an [Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection \(OCVI\)](#) for travel. FDACS Rule [5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison](#).(1) OCVI Required.
- (a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an **OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition**. Additional requirements vary by species. Sheep and goats will need a [Scrapie Tag](#) in addition to the [OCVI](#).
- Poultry and domestic birds are required to have an [OCVI](#) for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. Birds presented for exhibition without an [OCVI](#), will usually be inspected by a representative from the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Poultry. Ensure that your poultry have no external parasites, i.e., mites, fleas.
- Rabbits should be disease free and have no external parasites. All rabbits will be inspected.
- Swine entered into shows that are "non-terminal", will be required to have proof of negative blood tests for brucellosis and pseudorabies in addition to an [OCVI](#).
- Make a check-list of items to take with you: (A show box or tote will come in handy.)
 - ⇒Grooming utensils/items (scotch comb, brush, shampoo, blower, extension cord, clippers, scissors), water hose etc.
 - ⇒Show equipment. Show stick, show halter/lead, tie out halter, lead ropes, neck tie, and **your** show clothes! **Proper attire is required**. Collared shirts (tucked in), close-toed shoes (no tennis shoes).
 - ⇒ Feed, hay, buckets, feed tubs (rubber feed tubs work well), extra rope (you never know!), pitch fork, square point shovel (easier to lift up manure from cement!), rake, wheel barrow, water hose and spray nozzle.
 - ⇒General animal [first-aid kit](#). Antibiotic cream/salve, aspirin boluses and balling gun, blood stop powder, etc. If you are showing animals in a bed made with sand, it is a good idea to disinfect the sand before you place your animal on the ring. A simple bleach mixture of 1 part bleach to 4 parts water, in a spray bottle will do. You may need a fan, depending on the time of year.
 - ⇒Paperwork: A copy of the registration form you mailed/submitted. Depending on the species, your health papers (OCVI), your Scrapie tag information, swine blood test results, NPIP test, your lease document (if applicable), and your **ORIGINAL** breed registry papers, if required. Photocopies will usually not be accepted.
 - ⇒**Bring your knowledge and good sportsmanship!**
- Contact your 4-H Agent or the Department Chair of the event you are attending for additional information .
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