

New Website

If you haven't caught it in the weekly updates, 4-H University now has its own standalone website! If you haven't taken a look yet, go take a peek now:

<http://florida4h.org/4hu>

We hope that this will help increase Florida 4-H's visibility and take 4-H University to new audiences.

Registration Cost

With the Reitz Union finishing its construction, 4-H University has needed to raise its cost to reflect the increase in pricing. ☹ For full information concerning registration costs, please check out the following webpage.

<http://4huniversity.com/costs/>

Early Bird Registration April 1 – 30			Regular Registration May 1 - 31		
Code	Context	Cost	Code	Context	Cost
A	Monday - Friday	\$250	F	Monday - Friday	\$270
B	Monday - Wednesday	\$135	G	Monday - Wednesday	\$150
C	Wednesday - Friday	\$135	H	Wednesday - Friday	\$150
D	State Competitive Events	\$30	I	State Competitive Events	\$30
E	Share-the-Fun	\$30	J	Share-the-Fun	\$30

New 4-H'er Registrations

Many of the changes that are coming about are to help bring 4-H University to its full potential and help us better market the event to sponsors, educators, and potential new 4-H'ers.

In an effort to help these new 4-H'ers understand what Florida 4-H is all about and make sure they are kept safe, we will be bringing in available past camp staff to serve as their chaperones and give them a sense of belonging. We will be connecting them with their counties and districts once they are at the event to form a bond that will hopefully have them committing to 4-H in the new year!

These interested external participants will be registering via a new platform that is under construction on our website, which will capture the typical information we would record on 4-HOnline, who will then be added to the system as short term members post-event. We will make sure to double check all "New 4-H'er" registrations in 4-HOnline before approving them to make sure these are not youth who are already within our systems.

Schedule

In an effort to make 4-H University as streamlined as possible and exemplify all of the leadership, workforce preparedness, and life skills that we're proud of, we've made a lot of much needed changes to the schedule. This new schedule has been vetted through the 4-H University youth/adult committee at executive boards.

http://florida4h.org/events/files/4HU/4HU_ScheduleAtAGlance.pdf

Some of the biggest changes:

- Competitive Events are being moved to late afternoon on Monday (more information below)
- State Awards and Recognition interviews are being moved to Tuesday
- Gator Pit and a College/Career Fair have been added to Tuesday (more information below)
- Instead of nightly floor meetings, we will be holding District Reflections at the end of the night to enable youth and adults to reflect on their day prior to departure to the dorms
- We've went from 4 workshop opportunities throughout the week to 5

Workshops Requests

The workshop submission form is now live! If you have a workshop that you would like to host at 4-H University, please fill out the below form to the best of your ability. We welcome all creative and educational outlets!

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_7PcY9zytoJOiMKh

Workshop submission forms do not to be completed in their entirety. If needed, you are welcome to file a placeholder with workshop title and description so that we are aware of your interest and can follow up at a later time.

Additionally, every year we hear of many great opportunities on campus or in the surrounding Gainesville community for potential workshops. If you have such an idea or resource, please share the attached letter and workshop submission link. For your convenience we've also attached a draft email that you can copy and paste into the body of your message. If you would rather the State Headquarters reach out directly, please respond to this email with the name, email address, phone number, and idea behind this potential opportunity and we will connect with them directly!

Competitive Events

As previously stated, we are moving Competitive Events from Tuesday morning to Monday late afternoon, starting at 3:00PM. For those counties on the far ends of the state, we will be making an effort to make sure all youth involved in Competitive Events will be placed last on the schedule in their rooms to allow more time for transportation, if an issue were to arise.

Furthermore, with the Reitz Union finishing its construction all competitive events will now be held at the Union and should be easy to disperse and gain access to.

Dorm Update

On the heels of the Reitz Union finishing it's construction, more good news has come our way! This year we should be able to accommodate all participants in Hume, where our females have been for the last two years. Construction has finished for a new dorm on campus, freeing up the Hume dorm rooms for as many as 540 participants.

Early Arrivals

Moreover, if your delegation would like to arrive early to 4-H University, you are fully welcome to! Early arrivals will cost \$32 per person for the additional night in the dorms. Counties and districts will need to supply their own chaperones to supervise their delegation and will also need to feed them on their own as well.

If your county or district would like to arrive early, you must notify Travis Shepard by July 6th with the size of your delegation, names of youth arriving early, and the adults who will be attending to supervise.

Gator Pit/Career Fair

As many of you may have seen, Gator Pit will be taking place at 4-H University. Gator Pit is a statewide contest for senior level 4-H'ers to come and pitch their best business plans, products, or services for the chance to win an investment of up to \$1,500. Applications for Gator Pit will be open from April 1st to June 1st, and the top five applicants will be asked to present their pitches competitively at 4-H University to determine a winner. The Gator Pit information packet is available here:

<http://florida4h.org/events/gatorpit/gatorpitapplication.pdf>

Additionally, while Gator Pit occurs there will a college/career fair for youth to interact with college departments across the university and learn about potential careers and opportunities for youth to explore as non-degree seekers, technical schools, and collegiate students.