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DUVAL COUNTY 4-H CLOVERPATCH



A note from your 4-H Agents

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Happy 2016! With the beginning of the new year, many people think about setting goals or making resolutions for self-improvement or breaking bad habits. This can be a time for reflection on what we have done and on what we would like to do! The 4-H motto, "make the best, better," encourages us to always work towards achieving new goals personally and in our project work. Many people find that it is difficult to keep their resolutions or meet their goals. One way that we can be successful, is to set SMART goals.

SMART:

Specific – what, where, when, how?

Measurable – will you know when it is accomplished?

Attainable – realistic and achievable.

Relevant – appropriate to what you want to achieve.

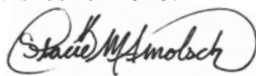
Time-bound – a deadline and progress checkpoints to keep you on track.

Set some SMART Goals of your own!

Action: What you will do or how you will do it.	Measurable: How often, how much, how many, etc?	Timetable: When will you achieve your goals?
Example: I will be able to run three miles.	I will run at least three times each week, adding distance up to three miles.	Late May.

Review your goals: Are they attainable and relevant? Remember, you may have really big goals, but it is good to tackle them in small steps to make them more manageable.

Best wishes for 2016!



Ms. Stacie



Mr. Andy



County Council Finishing 2015 Year Strong Miranda Bird, Reporter

In September, the Duval 4-H County Council made its official return for the 2015-2016 4-H year! At the first meeting, several new officers were elected into office. These new officers, along with experienced ones, are bound to make the council even more prosperous than last year.

The council held their October Fall Festival on October 13, 2015 for 4-H members and their families. It was an incredible accomplishment because the entire event was planned and implemented by the County Council members. The attendees had a brilliant time playing fun games and the council members enjoyed leading the various activities.

During the Greater Jacksonville Fair, the council volunteered at the 4-H Munch Wagon, a bountiful fundraiser that 4-H holds every year.

Now, the council is preparing for numerous events that will be taking place in the spring. The council finished the 2015 year strong and members are excited for the rest of the 4-H year and the success it will surely bring!

4-H County Council

4-H County Council Teen Leadership meetings provide Intermediate and Senior 4-H youth the opportunity to represent their club and take a leadership role in their 4-H community. County Council plans activities at the county level for 4-H club members and represents Duval County 4-H at District and State Council meetings. Participants develop leadership, communication and team building skills.

2015-2016 Officers

President: Will Ansley

Vice President: Lexi Burroughs

Secretary: Joshua Daniels

Treasurer: Caraline Coombs

Recreation Leader: Abby Burroughs

Historian: Virginia Barnett

Reporter: Miranda Bird

Greeter / Pledge leader: Joel Daniels

Sargent-at-arms: Laura Hilton

Upcoming meeting dates:

February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9

4-H County Council is open to all Duval County 4-H club members. Get involved in leadership opportunities at the County level!

2015 Holiday Bake-Off Winners



Photo above left to right: Laura Hilton, Leighmar Wilson, Will Ansley, Lexie Burroughs and Abby Burroughs

This was a fun event and the entries were great! There was a lot of creativity which made it a difficult event to judge.

Laura Hilton won first place for her cookies and cupcakes and won the Golden Spoon Award.

Leighmar Wilson won in the pie category.

Will Ansley placed first for his candy.

Lexie Burroughs won first place for cake.

Abby Burroughs placed first in the appetizer category.

There were some awesome creative entries. One of the best parts came at the end when everyone was allowed to sample the entries. They were delicious as well as pretty!

Congratulations!

Basket Ideas for the Silent Auction

Would you like to help raise money for 4-H programs? We are always looking for donations of baskets for our Annual Dinner Auction. Baskets typically range in value from \$15 - \$150. Below are some examples for basket theme ideas, but the sky is the limit! Have each club member bring in an item or donate a couple dollars towards the purchase of items for the basket. Please be sure to include the value of your basket, your club, and the name and addresses of those who donated so we can recognize your generosity. Feel free to be creative with your theme. Only non-perishable food items may be included.

Spring Is In the Air: gift cards, garden gloves, trowel, bulbs, seed packets, flower pots, gardening book, kneeling pad, watering can...

For the Birds: birdhouse, bird book, bird feeder, bird seed, suet, sun catchers...

Come Fly with Me: kites, books about kites, strings, reels...

Sew Much Fun: thread, needles, pincushion, tape measure, cross stitch kits, hoops, sewing kits, craft kits, craft store gift card, sewing basket, learn-to-sew book...

Coffee Lover's Delight: flavored coffees, ground coffee, instant coffee, coffee flavored candy, coffee mugs, travel mugs, books about coffee, coffee shop gift card...

Pizza-Time: pizza pan, pizza cutter, pizza dough mix, pizza sauce, pizza gift card...

Year of the Goat: cans of chow mein noodles, Chinese vegetables (dried), soy sauce, chopsticks, Chinese lanterns, Chinese restaurant gift cards, tea, Chinese motif tea cups...

Chocolate Lover's Dream: chocolate candy, cocoa, chocolate brownie and cake mix, chocolate frosting, mocha flavored beverages, chocolate syrups...

Go Golfing: golf balls, golf towel, driving range tokens, golf course gift cards, golf bag, golf store gift card...

What a Baby: baby powder, rattles, bibs, blankets, toys, baby shampoo, baby lotion, picture frames, teething ring, baby's first piggy bank, booties, diapers...

Italian Night: variety of pasta, sauces, candles and candle holders, glasses, placemats, Italian music, pasta strainer, serving utensils, spaghetti bowl...

Clean-Up Your Act: comet, simple green, rubber gloves, toilet brush, scouring pads, dish soap, hand soap, sponges, wet wipes, Windex, scrubbing bubbles...

Please join us for this fun event and help the youth in our local area. ALL funds for this event benefit Duval County 4-H.

SAVE THE DATE - 2016 4-H Annual Dinner & Auction - April 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Come join us for a fun-filled evening and dinner that cannot be beat! The dinner will be catered by Carrabba's Restaurant. There will be fun table settings decorated by teams of 4-H youth, entertainment, live and silent auctions and Pick-a-Prize raffles. This will be one event you do not want to miss!

In upcoming Noon Notes there will be flyers with more information, contest details and rules, partial auction item list and donation idea list.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR TABLE SPONSORS

For \$250, your name &/or business logo will be incorporated into the table decorations. You will receive 10 dinner tickets & recognition in *The Benefactor*, the 4-H Foundation newsletter and in our website.



DONATE SILENT AUCTION AND PICK-A-PRIZE ITEMS

We are collecting items for the live and silent auctions & "Pick-A-Prize"

YOU BE THE JUDGE!

4-H teams compete for prizes in a Foundation sponsored table decorating contest and you, as an attendee of the dinner, get to pick the winners at the dinner!

4-H'ERS - PLAN TO ENTER THE TABLE DECORATING CONTEST

Themes must be preapproved by the 4-H Office Create a team of 3-5 club members, choose a theme for your table, register your team and theme by **March 18, 2016**. Then come decorate your table on **April 8!** Tables will be voted on by attendees at the **Dinner & Auction on April 9th**. The team members with the winning table will receive a special prize and photos will be in the newsletters!

Tickets just \$25.00 each - All proceeds from this event benefit Duval County 4-H Programs!

Duval County 4-H Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to attend, or your organization would like to sponsor a table at this event, please contact us. You can send your payment to Duval County 4-H Foundation, 1010 N McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254. Contact **Terri Weaver** at tweaver@coj.net or 904-255-7450 with questions.

CLUB NEWS

Kirby Comets 4-H STEM Program
Ann Marie Shrader, Club leader



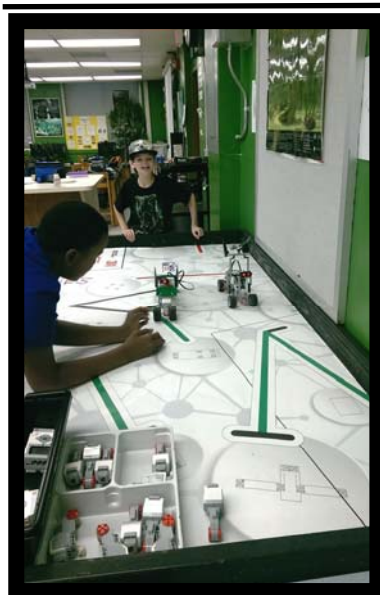
Kirby Comet Club members went on a field trip to Sweet Pete's



Club garden project - Kirby Comet Club members are growing mustards, onions,



lettuce. Some of the vegetables went to Mr. Rossi's, the Science Teacher, animals.



Kirby Comet Club members are making planets for STEM Mission to Explore and working on H2O bots.



4-H Youth as Engineers

During the summer of 2015, 4-H youth at a summer day camps became engineers and technicians of SeaPerch underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROVs). A grant from the SeaPerch Program provided kits and tools for youth to participate in this science and technology program.

During a four-day summer camp, youth worked in groups to construct all three aspects of the SeaPerch ROV: the frame, the motor system and the control box. Youth tested ROVs in a community pool and were challenged to redesign various aspects of the construction to accomplish specific tasks underwater. Tasks included traveling quickly at the surface, retrieving rings from the bottom of the pool and navigating through suspended underwater hoops.

At the Discover Florida day camp, participants experienced engineering through a SeaPerch modification challenge. Youth were tasked utilize the ROV as a plankton collecting device to test water quality in a community pond. Youth who have participated in this program developed life skills such as team work, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. Youth also experienced and reflected upon the engineering process and learned various science skills such as measuring, data collection and observation.

The SeaPerch program in Duval County 4-H has been able to continue into 2016 with H2OBots, a special interest club of eight youth who plan to compete in a regional competition. The competition, SeaPerch ROBO-CON, is hosted by Naval Station Mayport on **April 2, 2016** at Cecil Aquatics Center and will be a qualifier to compete with SeaPerch nationally.



SeaPerch H2O Club members work on remotely operated vehicles (ROVs)



What Is Your Club Doing?

If you would like an article about your club in the 4-H CloverPatch Newsletter have your Club Reporter or a member write an article and/or photos (with a caption) of your club meetings or activities. Send to GSchmidt@coj.net

4-H At Large 4-H Club

The At Large 4-H Club had our most recent meeting on January 12th. One of our local 4-H'ers came out to teach the club about astronomy. We made paper rockets, we made moon craters out of clay and learned about their formation. We looked at a model of the moon with all of it's mapped out areas, and we even got to go outside and look at the moon through a telescope!

Thank you so much to Miranda Bird, her brother, and her father for coming out and teaching us all about the moon and Astronomy! We had a blast!

The next meeting dates scheduled:

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:00 pm

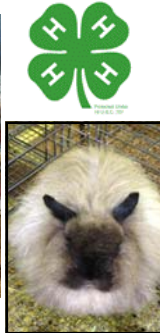
The At Large 4-H Club is a transition club for 4-H members who have not yet found a club to join, or are waiting to join a club that is full. (Open to all youth ages 5-18 years old).

Meetings are at Duval County Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32254

4-H Day at the Fair

4-H Day at the Fair is when competitive 4-Hers get together at the Jacksonville Fair and participate in a variety of events ranging from Livestock Judging and Consumer Choices, to Forest Ecology. This year things were done a bit differently from the past. The contests were divided between two days, that Saturday and Sunday. We had kids from all around Duval County and our neighboring Counties come out for the weekend.

Thank you to all who participated and the parents, Club Leaders and Agents for supporting Duval County 4-H this year at the Greater Jacksonville Fair!



2016 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

2016 Essay Topic:

"Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?"

Beekeeping has been in the news. Now more than ever, people are asking "What will happen if the bees are gone?" Your paper should research and help answer this question. Survey your community to see what is being done. Include your state in your survey to see if there are any programs they are using for pollination or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

Rules are located here: (failure to meet any one of the requirements will result in a disqualification)

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honeybee/extension/4H.shtml>

also <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/>

The deadline to submit essays to the HBREL for the 2016 contest is **February 19th, 2016**.

Please submit essays to honeybee@ifas.ufl.edu as a microsoft word document titled: "4-H Essay _YOUR LAST NAME". Please use this format in the subject of your email as well.

Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Prizes are: 1st Prize: \$750.00, 2nd Prize: \$500.00 and 3rd Prize: \$250.00.

Website: <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu>

Most events are at the
Duval County Extension / 4-H Office
1010 North McDuff Ave
Jacksonville Florida 32254
(unless otherwise noted)

Upcoming events

Intermediate State

June 10-12, 2016
4-H Camp Cherry Lake

State 4-H Horse Events

Saturday, June 18, 2016
Gainesville, FL

Camp Cherry Lake Week

June 20 to 24, 2016
4-H Camp Cherry Lake

Leadership Washington Focus

June 20 – 24, 2016
Washington, DC

4-H Legislature

June 27 – July 1, 2016
Tallahassee FL

4-H University

July 25 to July 29, 2016
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Notification of additional dates, changes and/or events will be made through future e-mail correspondence of *Noon Notes*.

February

- 4-15 Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL
- 8 4-H County Council Meeting. 6 pm - 8 pm,
Open to all Duval County 4-H club members.
Get involved in leadership opportunities at the
county level!
- 9 At Large Club Meeting, 6 pm
- 15 Presidents Day Holiday - Office closed
- 19 HBREL 4-H Beekeeping essay contest **Deadline**
E-mail to HBREL (see pg 6 for details)
- 27 My Government Day (MGD), 10 am, more
information to follow

March

- 1 **County Events Registration Deadline**
- 1 4-H Legislature Registration **OPENS**
- 8 At Large Club Meeting, 6 pm
- 10 County Events, 6 pm**
- 12 Camp Counselor Training, 8 am - 5 pm
- 13 Daylight Savings begins
- 14 4-H County Council Meeting. 6 pm - 8 pm,
Open to all Duval County 4-H club members.
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county level!

April

- 9 4-H Foundation Dinner and Auction, 5 pm**
- 11 4-H County Council Meeting. 6 pm - 8 pm,
Open to all Duval County 4-H club members.
Get involved in leadership opportunities at the
county level!
- 12 At Large Club Meeting, 6 pm
- 28 Camp Counselor Training, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

May

- 2 4-H Legislature Registration **CLOSES**
- 9 4-H County Council Meeting. 6 pm - 8 pm,
Open to all Duval County 4-H club members.
Get involved in leadership opportunities at the
county level!
- 10 At Large Club Meeting, 6 pm
- 16 District Council, 4 pm - 8 pm, Green Cove Spgs
- 19 Camp Counselor Training, 4 pm - 9 pm
- 20-22 Intermediate State
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday - Office closed



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