

# What is 4-H?



UF/ IFAS MARION COUNTY EXTENSION

# About Us



- 4-H is a national organization that helps youth develop knowledge and skills necessary to become productive members of society.
- Marion County 4-H teaches youth ages 5-18 about leadership, responsibility, citizenship and communication through fun, educational programs.
- There are 4-H clubs throughout the community and in participating schools.
- 4-H has something for everyone!

**JOIN** | THE REVOLUTION   
OF RESPONSIBILITY

# Motto, Slogan, & Pledge



- **Motto:** *To Make the Best Better*
- **Slogan:** *Learn by Doing*
- **Pledge:** *I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living. For my club, my community, my county and my world.*



*...To Make the Best Better.*

# History of 4-H



- 4-H began over 100 years ago in 1902
- 4-H activities began in Florida in 1909
- Now the largest youth development program in the United States
- Even bigger than Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts



# 4-H by the Numbers



- 7 million youth throughout the U.S.
- 230,000 members in Florida
- 1,000+ Marion County members and volunteers
  - Representing 39 clubs
  - 6 School Clubs
    - ✦ Ambleside, Dunnellon, Greenway, Hillcrest, Shady Hill, and South Ocala
  - 3 Specialty Clubs:
    - ✦ Arrowhead Archery
    - ✦ Horse Specialty
    - ✦ Marion County Lead Slingers (Shooting Sports)
  - 3000+ youth reached through school enrichment programs

# 4-H Project Areas



- Agricultural Science
  - Animal Science
  - Citizenship
  - Clothing and Textile Science
  - Communication and Expressive Arts
  - Community Action
  - STEM
  - Environmental Science
  - Food and Nutrition
  - Health and Fitness
  - Leadership
  - Personal Development
  - Natural Resources
  - Workforce Preparation
- ...and more!

# 4-H in Action



# Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington DC



# 4-H Legislature, Tallahassee, FL



# Southeastern Youth Fair



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- The largest all-youth fair in the state of Florida
- Oldest all-youth fair in the country without a midway

## SEYF Events

Steer/Heifer	Chicken
Swine	Rabbit
Dairy/Meat Goat	Horse
Lamb	Dog Obedience/Agility
Fashion Revue	Share the Fun Talent Show
Home Arts	Dave Baillie Barbecue Contest

# Seminole Garden Project



# Master Gardeners' Spring Festival



# Judging Teams



# Community Service Projects



- Brothers Keeper
- Bags for those in need
- Bell ringing for Salvation Army at Hobby Lobby
- Bring the Harvest Home food drive



# Get Involved



- There are currently over 19,000 volunteers for Florida 4-H
- Other programs for involvement:
  - Collegiate program
  - Internships
  - Sponsorships
  - Donations
  - Employment



# Want More?



- Our members may participate in county events, district events, state events such as Legislature, 4-H University, 4-H Summer Camp, Share the Fun, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue, Judging Teams and even national trips like Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF).
- 4-H has something for everyone; you just need to find your place!

# How to Join



- Visit [marioncountyfl.org/4-h](http://marioncountyfl.org/4-h) or contact the 4-H office
- Find a club in your area
- Contact the club leader to confirm there is space in the club for you to join
- Visit [4HOnline.com](http://4HOnline.com) to sign up
- 4-H is absolutely free!
  - Small entry fees associated with SEYF
  - Possible Specialty club dues for use of equipment



# Contact Us



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