

Welcome to the 2015-2016 4-H Year!

Club Leaders: I am requesting that you send these updates to your families as we are working to update our 4-H list serve.

Seminole County 4-H is now on Facebook: Like us at [UF IFAS Extension Seminole County 4-H](#). Help to spread the word!

Seminole County 4-H Spot Light: The Seminole County 4-H Spot Light is shining on all of Seminole County 4-H.

- A BIG Thank You to all the members and parents who have helped to make this year's Italian dinner and Silent Auction a huge success!

Summer Exchange Program: There are still plenty of youth who need a host family. Please consider sharing your home for 4 weeks! Florida 4-H is proud to host 12 Japanese and 8 Korean exchange students between July 21, 2016 and August 19, 2016. We are currently accepting applications for host families. This is a great opportunity for your family to share American family culture and to learn about Japanese or Korean culture. To learn more about this exchange program check out the [4-H State's Exchange](#) website. You can also fill out the host family application at the same site. **Host Family applications are due ASAP.**

If you have any questions about this program do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Shane (2016 Florida 4-H State Inbound Coordinator). smichael@seminolecountyfl.gov or 407-665-5571

Summer Event Registration for the following events is now open:

Summer Event Scholarships are available. To apply fill out the attached application and return to the 4-H office. This application will also be placed on our [4-H Current Events website](#) soon.

Legislature: Spend a week at the Florida Capitol Building in Tallahassee June 27 – July 1, 2016. This event is open to 4-H members 13 years old and older. Cost is \$235 and registration closes on May 2, 2016. For more information check out the [4-H Legislature Event](#) website. To register go to <http://florida.4honline.com>

3rd Executive Board: Spend a weekend as part of the Florida 4-H State Executive Board and learn more about upcoming state level events, what is the Florida 4-H Executive Board, attend workshop and program, participate in a community service project and so much more! Registration closes April 1, 2016. The cost is \$110 for executive board members (you know who you are) and \$120 for non-executive board members. This weekend is held at Camp Cherry Lake in Madison, FL. For more information on 3rd Executive Board check out the 4-H Executive Board website. To register go to <http://florida.4honline.com>

4-H University: Spend a week at the University of Florida campus July 25-29, 2016. This event is open to Senior 4-H members (14-18 year olds). Cost is \$250 if registered by April 30, 2016. For more information check out the [4-H University Event](#) website. To register go to <http://florida.4honline.com>

UPDATES:

Horse Leader's Meeting: There will be a horse leader's meeting on **Monday, April 11, 2016** starting at 6:30 PM in the 4-H office.

3rd Executive Board: 6 of your fellow 4-H members (Robert, Nick, Raphael, Elissa, Alyssa, and Steven) will be representing Seminole County and District VIII at the 3rd Executive Board meeting the weekend of April 15-17. They will be working in committee to put the final touches on many of the state level 4-H events this summer.

Citrus Tree Distributions: For those members who ordered Citrus Trees for the 2016-2017 Citrus Tree Project your trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the [Mid Florida Research and Education Center in](#)

[Apopka](#). Trees can be picked up between 10Am and 12Noon. Mr. Gary will be holding an informational program on caring for your tree at 11:00AM.

*****Summer Camp New Date***** - Seminole County 4-H will be camping with Orange, Lake, and Osceola County July 11-15 at 4-H Camp Clover Leaf. More information including cost and applications will be available soon. Stay tuned!

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE:

Area D Horse Show: May 6-8, 2016 at Clarcona Horseman's Park

Summer Event Dates:

Horsemanship School: June 5-10 (Western) & June 19-24. Held in Gainesville

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/HorsemanshipSchool.shtml>

Intermediate State: June 10-12, held at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake

<http://florida4h.org/programsandevents /intermediate-state/>

District VIII Mock Legislature: June 15, 2016 held in Volusia County. More information coming soon

State Horse Events: Demonstration, Speeches, Quiz Bowl June 18, 2016 held in Gainesville

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/HorseEvents.shtml>

Legislature: June 27 – July 1, 2016 held in Tallahassee <http://florida4h.org/programsandevents /leg/>

*****Summer Camp:** July 11 – 15, 2016, 4-H Camp Clover Leaf

State Horse Show: July 6-9, 2016 held in Tampa, FL more information coming soon

4-H University: July 25-29, 2016 held in Gainesville. <http://florida4h.org/programsandevents /4hu/>

Regional Horse Show: July 27-31, held in Perry, GA (Tentative)

County Council Dates:

Dates for the 2015-2016 County Council

May 5, 2016

District Council Dates:

May 10, 2016 – 6:00 PM in Orange County – Van will leave at 5:00 PM – Elections for the 2016-2017 Officers

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

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