



Duval County Extension Office

SEPTEMBER 2025

1010 N. McDuff Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254

Hours of Operation 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Office: 904-255-7450 | Email: duval@ifas.ufl.edu

In this edition, there is a first time home buyer workshop, small farmers workshops, the annual 4-H Foundation's Sporting Clay Shoot, the inaugural Duval County Open House, and more. This Labor Day, we pause to honor the hard work, dedication and contributions of America's workforce. Wishing you a safe and meaningful Labor Day!

Quick View of Program Areas

- [Lawns, Gardens and Trees](#)
- [Horticulture and Pest Services](#)
- [Agriculture and Agribusiness Management](#)
- [4-H Youth Development, Duval County 4-H Foundation](#)
- [Family and Consumer Sciences and Canning Center](#)



FIRST TIME HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

Learn the steps to home ownership and how to obtain an affordable mortgage.

This is an online via Zoom event. Registration Required to receive the Zoom Link.

August 21st & 28th, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
September 5th & 12th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm



SELECT THE LINK TO REGISTER.

<https://FTHBDuval25.eventbrite.com>

For more information email : nparks@ufl.edu

2 SESSIONS

Certificate of Completion available. Must attend both sessions to receive the certificate.



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First Time Home Buyer Workshop

Thinking about buying your first home? Join the **Family and Consumer Sciences Program** virtually to learn steps to homeownership. In this workshop you will obtain knowledge on obtaining an affordable mortgage.

This is a two session workshop. Once complete, you will receive a certificate of completion.

Available Workshop:

Fridays, September 5 and 12 | 9am-1pm

The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per couple plus tax

[Click here to register](#)

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FOOD SAFETY

Florida requires all food service employees in a licensed Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) establishment to be trained on correct food handling and hygiene practices. Only DBPR division approved training programs are accepted as meeting the training requirement.

SIGN UP FOR OUR FOOD SAFETY MANAGER TRAINING

Classes available upon request

ServSafe
National Restaurant Association

SAFE STAFF®

Multiple and one day sessions available

For more information contact:
Natasha Parks @
904-255-7450 or nparks@ufl.edu

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Ensure your staff is up to code!
Food Safety Manager Training is offered by the **Family and Consumer Sciences Program**.

Florida requires all food service employees in a licensed Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) establishment to be trained on correct food handling and hygiene practices.

Classes are available upon request.

Need a single-day course or a multi-day course option, we have you covered. Our training is flexible to fit your schedule.

To register and for more information contact:
Natasha Parks, Family and Consumer Science Agent III via email nparks@ufl.edu or call the office.



Backyard Hen Seminar
September 30th, 2025
2-3:30pm

Location:
1010 N McDuff Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32254

Join the **Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program** for the monthly *Backyard Hen Seminar* at the Extension Office, Tuesday, September 30 from 2-3:30pm. You too can raise chickens once you receive your permit.

This course is a pre-requisite to receive a Backyard Hen Permit from Duval County. A steady stream of people continues to sign up, showing interest in raising chickens at home.

The cost is \$10 plus tax

[Click here to register](#)

Cattle for the Small Farmer

September 25th, 2025
4pm-5:30pm

Location:
1010 N McDuff Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32254
& Zoom



The **Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program** is offering a workshop on Cattle for the Small Farmer in the Living on a Few Acres series, Thursday, September 25 from 4-5:30pm at the Extension Office.

In this workshop, you will hear topics including: nutrition, stocking rate, reproduction, health, and market factors.

The cost is \$10 plus tax

[Click here to register](#)



4-H Enrollment for the 2025/2026 Year

4-H Online is open for enrollment.

The membership fee for the year is \$30.

If your family would like to apply for a membership fee scholarship email duval4h@ufl.edu.

Encourage your friends to enroll in Duval 4-H

CONTACT US

Duval County 4-H Foundation

1010 North McDuff Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32254

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duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/duval/4-h-youth-development/>
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WHITE CLOVER SPONSOR \$1,000
LUNCH SPONSOR \$1,000
GOODIE BAG SPONSOR \$1,000
AWARD SPONSOR \$500
SHOOTING STATION SIGN \$100

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Email wording and logo for signs to:
tweaver@coj.net

Make checks payable to:
Duval 4-H Foundation

Register/pay online
with QR Code:



DUVAL 4-H FOUNDATION

Sporting Clay Shoot



"Set your sights on 4-H"



Friday, September 12, 2025
Jacksonville Clay
Target Sports
12125 New Berlin Road
Jacksonville, FL 32226





Duval County Extension **4-H** Foundation needs your support.

Set your sights on **4-H** and sponsor the Duval **4-H** Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot, Friday, September 12 from 8am - 3pm. There are several ways you can support this effort. We need sponsors for ammo, lunch, golf carts, lunch, goodie bags, awards, shooting stations, and more!

Location: Jacksonville Clay Target Sports
12125 New Berlin Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32226

Entry Fee:
Per Team: \$1,000
Individual \$250

Scan the QR code for detailed information.

🌟 New 4-H Clubs Sprouting This Fall in Duval County! 🌟

We're excited to announce some new 4-H clubs launching in the 2025-2026 year! Whether your child loves animals, cooking, plants, or just trying something new—there's a place for them in Duval County 4-H!

🌿 Clover Coop & Company 4-H Club

For our barnyard buddies! Perfect for younger youth interested in rabbits, poultry, and goats. Each month brings fun animal care lessons, showmanship practice, and trivia fun.
Meets monthly at the Duval County 4-H Office | Starts September 16

🌱 Rooted in Green 4-H Club

A plant-powered journey! Youth will grow their own blueberry plants, explore sustainability, and learn from local ag experts.
Meets monthly at the Duval Extension Office

👨‍🍳 Epic Eaters 4-H SPIN Club

Calling all young chefs! This club stirs up confidence, creativity, and culinary skills with hands-on kitchen adventures.
Meets monthly at the Duval Extension Office

🌱 Growing With 4-H SPIN Club

Hands-on discovery through leadership, creativity, and practical life skills! Great for new members looking to explore all 4-H has to offer.
Meets monthly at the Duval Extension Office | Starts September 9

🐝 JAX Beekeepers Association 4-H Club

Buzz into the world of beekeeping! This club partners with local experts to teach youth about pollinators, honey production, and how to care for hives safely and responsibly. More information coming soon!

🌳 Youth Master Naturalist 4-H Club

Do you love nature and the outdoors? Learn more about Florida's environment and how to respect nature as we study ecosystems and more! More information coming soon!

Questions? Contact us at (904) 255-7450 or duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu.

New 4-H Clubs for Members

Now that registration is open, we're excited to enroll for the year! Whether your child loves animals, cooking, plants, or just trying something new - there's a place for them in Duval County 4-H.

- Clover Coop & Company 4-H Club - Meets monthly starting 9/16
- Rooted in Green 4-H Club - Meets monthly
- Epic Eaters 4-H SPIN Club - Meets monthly
- Growing With 4-H SPIN Club - Meets monthly starting 9/6
- JAX Beekeepers Association 4-H Club - Information coming soon
- Youth Master Naturalist 4-H Club - Information coming soon

For more information email duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu or call the office.

Duval County 4-H Growing With 4-H SPIN Club

What we are about!

Our club is all about empowering youth through hands-on experiences that spark creativity, promote leadership, and nurture essential life skills. Whether you're a first timer or a seasoned member, you'll discover a supportive community eager to learn and grow together. At the heart of our club are the diverse projects we undertake—each designed to help members explore various facets of life and develop practical skills that will last a lifetime.

Meeting Topics!

- September - What is 4-H?
- October - Cluckin' Good Time!
- November - Plantastic Voyage!
- December - Cooking & Confidence!

Meetings!

September 9th October 14th
November 11th December 9th

@ 6:30 pm

Where: The Duval County
Extension Office
(1010 McDuff Ave N, Jacksonville)

4-H Online

Link to Register
v2.4honline.com

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Meeting Dates and Topics:

September 9 - What is 4-H
October 14 - Cluckin' Good Time
November 11 - Plantastic Voyage
December 9 - Cooking & Confidence

For more information, email kenedimills@ufl.edu or
tara.holtzendorf@ufl.edu

[Click here to register](#)

Clover Coop & Company

4-H Club

When We Meet!

September 16th

Hats Off to 4-H!

October 21st

Some-BUNNY Loves Animal
Care!

November 18th

Hop into the Show Ring!

December 16th

Hare Raising Trivia!

January 20th

Cluck Yeah, Let's Learn!

February 17th

Strut Your Stuff!

March 17th

Egg-cellent Learning!

April 21st

Barnyard Best in Show!

@ 6:30 pm

@ the Duval County

4-H Office

(1010 McDuff Ave N, Jacksonville, FL
32254)

About the Club!

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Club Leaders

Kendi Mills

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Duval Open House!

We were thrilled to welcome over 200 guests to the inaugural UF/IFAS Duval County Extension Open House this past Saturday! The day was filled with something for everyone – engaging flash talks, guidance on landscaping issues, fun activities for kids (including a bounce house!), family-strengthening resources, food entrepreneurship information, taste testing, and so much more.

The highlight of the event was completing the passport requirements and receiving the “Duval County Extension Chomp” gator, a symbol of Extension pride.



Thank you to everyone who came out to learn, connect, and celebrate with us – our 4-H Club fundraiser was a hit as well. We can't wait to see you at our next event!

Duval County Extension 2024 Annual Report

UF/IFAS EXTENSION DUVAL COUNTY 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Click Here! **Duval County Video**
The Duval County I Know



Helpful Resources

Buy direct from a produce grower near you -
<https://www.fdacs.gov/Food-Nutrition/Buy-Fresh-From-Florida>
The City of Jacksonville's 2024 - 2025 Preparedness Guide:
<https://www.jaxready.com>
Look up your Evacuation Zone - <https://maps.coj.net/evsearch/>

Check Us Out Online and on Facebook!



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