

UF/IFAS EXTENSION Duval County Connections











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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

- <u>Lawns, Gardens</u>
 <u>and Trees</u>
- Horticulture and Pest Services
- Agriculture and Agribusiness
 Management
- 4-H Youth
 <u>Development</u>,
 <u>Duval County 4-H</u>
- <u>Family and</u>
 <u>Consumer</u>
 <u>Sciences and</u>
 <u>Canning Center</u>



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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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.



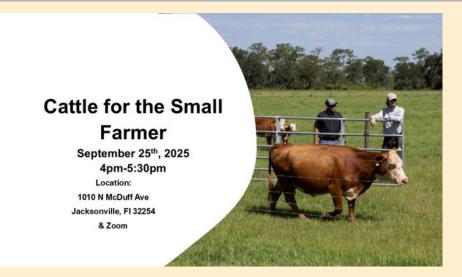
Join the Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program

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



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 her 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



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.

X 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

ing all young chefs! This club stirs up confidence, creativity, and culinary skills with hands-on kitchen

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!

Touth 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.



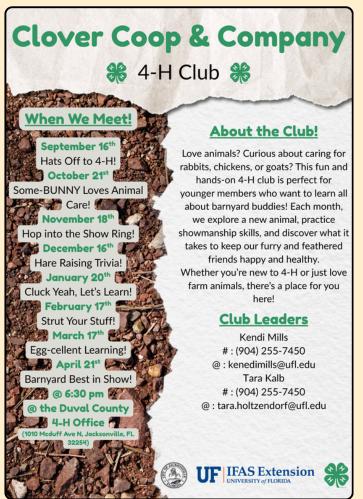
Growing With 4-H

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. Meetings are held monthly at the Extension Office at 6:30pm.

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 <u>kenedimills@ufl.edu</u> or <u>tara.holtzendorf@ufl.edu</u>

Click here to register



Clover Coop & Company 4-H Club

Love animals? Curious about caring for rabbits, chickens, or goats? This fun and hands-on 4-H club is perfect for younger members who want to learn all about barnyard buddies! Each month, we explore a new animal, practice showmanship skills, and discover what it takes to keep our furry and feathered friends happy and healthy.

Whether you're new to **4-H** or just love farm animals, there's a place for you here! Meetings are held monthly at the Extension Office at 6:30pm.

Meeting Dates and Topics:
September 16 - Hats off to 4-H
October 21 - Some-BUNNY Loves Animal Care
November 18 - Hop into the Show Ring
December 16 - Hare Raising Trivia
January 20 - Cluck Yeah, Let's Learn
February 17 - Strut Your Stuff
March 17 - Egg-cellent Learning

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For more information and to join, email <u>kenedimills@ufl.edu</u> or <u>tara.holtzendorf@ufl.edu</u>



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





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 Zome - https://maps.coj.net/evsearch/

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