



Duval County Extension Office

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

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**AUGUST 2025**



We hope to see you all, Saturday, August 16 for the inaugural UF/IFAS Extension Duval County Open House!  
In this edition, there are workshops on food safety, first time home buyers, new 4-H clubs, and more.  
This Labor Day, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday as we celebrate the value of labor.

## 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](#)

**What is Extension in Duval County?**

Science-based information and resources for Food Preservation - Food Safety - Gardening - Florida-Friendly Landscaping - Trees - Pruning - 4-H Youth Organization Clubs - 4-H Arthropod/Insect Zoo - Plant Doctor - Seed Starting - Soil Testing - Backyard Hens and Permit - Community Gardens - Garden Plots - Pesticides - Small Acre(s) Farming - Pond Management - Proper Irrigation - Bee Keeping - Strengthening Families - Money Management - Food Entrepreneur - First Time Home Buying, and more.

**Come explore everything your UF/IFAS Extension has to offer!**  
Join us for a fun and informative day featuring:

- Fast-paced lightning sessions
- Informational booths where you can meet the experts
- Bounce houses and kid-friendly fun
- Guided tours of the Canning Center
- 4-H Kick-off
- 4-H Club Food, Drinks and Treats Fundraiser (Cash or Checks)

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension provides science-based information to communities throughout Duval County. Educational programs deliver this information in myriad ways, including written materials, in-person and virtual workshops, one-on-one consultations and outreach events.

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## UF/IFAS Duval County Extension Open House is Saturday, August 16!

Come explore everything your Extension office has to offer!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. There will be something for everyone and once you complete your passport, you'll receive Chomp, the Extension Gator!

We can't keep these secrets any longer!



**Join us Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 1pm to learn about what you didn't know was going on at your Extension Office!**

# FIRST TIME HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

**2 SESSIONS**

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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm**  
**September 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**



**SELECT THE LINK TO REGISTER.**

<https://FTHBDuval25.eventbrite.com>

For more information email :  
[nparks@ufl.edu](mailto:nparks@ufl.edu)



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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 Workshops:

Thursdays, August 21 and 28 | 5-9pm

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

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

[Click here to register](#)



# 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**



**SAFE STAFF®**

**Multple and one day sessions available**

**For more information contact:**  
**Natasha Parks @**  
**904-255-7450 or [nparks@ufl.edu](mailto: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.**

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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](mailto:nparks@ufl.edu) or call the office.



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# FOOD HANDLER Training

**August 5th or 20th**  
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
1010 N. McDuff Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32254

*To Register*



**SCAN ME**

**SAFE STAFF®**

\$40 per person  
Pre-registration required  
<https://tinyurl.com/FHand>

This training is essential for anyone who works with food, including chefs, cooks, servers, and other food handlers. Contact Natasha Parks, [nparks@ufl.edu](mailto:nparks@ufl.edu) for more information.

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*Food Handler Training* is offered by the **Family and Consumer Sciences Program** at the Extension Office.

Gain essential knowledge on food safety practices by making sure you're prepared to safely serve!

This training is for anyone who works with food including chefs, cooks, servers, and other food handlers.

Upcoming Dates and Time:

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 20

10am - 12pm

Upon completion of training, participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Cost is \$40 plus tax

[Click here to register](#)



Join the **Urban Garden Program** for this

*Fall Seed Starting Workshop,*

Wednesday, August 20, from 10am - 12pm at the Urban Garden Field Office located at 1032 Superior St., 32254

This hands-on workshop is appropriate for gardeners of all skill levels. It will cover the basics of starting seeds to grow your own transplants, as well as direct seeding.

Course fee covers a seed starting kit including containers, germination mix, humidity dome, seeds and seeding tools to get started.

Cost is \$15 plus tax

[Click here to register](#)



The **Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program** is offering a workshop teaching the basics of Cool Season & Wildlife Forages for small farms, Tuesday, August 19 from 2:30-4pm at the Extension Office. Come learn new ways to incorporate these feed plots into your farm to attract wildlife and winter livestock feed. This course will be offered virtually and in-person at the Extension Office.

Topics will include: Varieties, Preparation and Establishment, Stand Management

The cost is \$10 plus tax

[Click here to register](#)



Join the **Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program** for the monthly *Backyard Hen Seminar* at the Extension Office, Wednesday, August 20 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](#)



### 4-H Enrollment for the 2025/2026 Year

4-H Online will open for enrollment August 2025.

The membership fee for the year is \$30.

If your family would like to apply for a membership fee scholarship email [duval4h@ufl.edu](mailto:duval4h@ufl.edu).

Encourage your friends to enroll in Duval 4-H

### ☀️ 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](mailto:duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu).

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# 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.

## 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

## Meeting Topics!

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



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[Click here to register](#)

# Clover Coop & Company

## 4-H Club

## When We Meet!

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**January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Cluck Yeah, Let's Learn!

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Strut Your Stuff!

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Egg-cellent Learning!

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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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Whether you're new to 4-H or just love farm animals, there's a place for you here!

## Club Leaders

Kendi Mills  
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Tara Kalb  
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## CONTACT US

### Duval County 4-H Foundation

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Jacksonville, FL 32254

904-255-7450  
duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/duval/4-h-youth-development/>

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GOLD CLOVER SPONSOR \$1,500  
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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.

## Duval County Extension 2024 Annual Report

# UF/IFAS EXTENSION DUVAL COUNTY 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Duval County Video

Click  
Here!

[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!



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

<https://www.facebook.com/DuvalCountyAgriculture>

<https://www.facebook.com/DuvalCounty4H/>

<http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/duvalco/>

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