Florida 4-H Events & Activities Handbook

September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010
**Shooting Sports State Matches:** Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Hunting Disciplines.

These State level matches are open to 4-H participants who are in a county shooting sports club/program led by a discipline certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader/volunteer. Participants may enter as an individual or county team. (All participants are scored as individuals with awards going to high point individuals regardless of their participation with a team.) Registration materials are generally sent via email to county extension offices.

**When:** March and April  
**Where:** Locations vary

**Participation Criteria:**
- All participant registration forms must be submitted through the county office for signature in order to verify eligibility (i.e., County agent must certify that the participant is in a club with a certified volunteer for the discipline in which they want to compete).
- Intermediate and senior participation only for shotgun, hunting and muzzleloading. All other disciplines are open to junior, intermediate and senior divisions.

**Participation Procedures:**
- Each county may submit up to two teams (3-4 members each) per age division in each discipline. The three highest individual scores are calculated for the team score.
- If the participant quota is not met by the close of registration for the particular event, additional teams from previously registered counties will be allowed to participate.

**Awards:**
- Plaques and rosettes are awarded to high scoring teams and individuals in each division.
- High scoring individuals within the senior division are eligible to participate in the National Shooting Sports Invitational in the following year.

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**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

**Florida State Fair Fashion Show**
Fashions are designed, constructed, and modeled by 4-H’ers. Contestants must be selected through a County Contest. The contest consists of three divisions for youth with four or five categories in each division (with the exception of Designers).

**When:** February  
**Where:** Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL

**Participation Criteria:**

**Youth Divisions**
- I Young at Heart: must be 8-10 years old by Sept. 1
- II Savvy Sewers: must be 11-13 years old by Sept. 1
- III Timely Teens: must be 14-18 years old by Sept. 1

**Participation Categories:**

**Junior and Intermediate Categories:** Young at Heart and Savvy Sewers
- Active Play: One or two separates made from coordinated fabrics for a total look for your favorite leisure activities. No swim wear is permitted.
- School Wear: One, two or three garments, coordinated for a total look acceptable for school.
• Best Wear: For girls, street length one or two piece dress, or dress with jacket or vest suitable for daytime wear. For boys, slacks with shirts or vests suitable for daytime wear.
• My Choice: Costumes, western wear, lounge wear or other garments that do not fit another category.

**Senior Categories:** Timely Teens
• Active Sports Wear: One, two or three piece outfits from coordinated fabrics for a total look for your favorite leisure activities.
• School/Informal Wear: Non-tailored, casual outfits of one or more garments, coordinated for a total look acceptable for non-formal events like school, youth activities, etc.
• Dress for Work: Dresses, suits or tailored sportswear suitable for a business setting.
• Special Occasion: Dressy ensembles appropriate for special occasions.
• My Choice: Costumes, western ware, lounge wear or other garments that do not fit another category.

**Participation Procedures:**
• Official entry and data forms must be sent to Judy Butterfield, PO Box 110225, Gainesville, FL 32611, by the printed deadline date (consult the State 4-H Events Calendar).

**Awards:**
• Winners will be recognized during the Florida State Fair. Ribbons/cash will be presented in each division for each category. A “Best of Show” winner will be selected for youth. Winners will receive a “Best of Show” rosette and $50.

**Clothing Construction, Selection and Fashion Revue**
In this event, 4-H youth will develop the skills necessary to plan, select, or construct clothing for different occasions, and enhance their ability to determine which accessories are suitable and becoming. 4-H’ers can build self-confidence and poise through developing an understanding of “self” through: 1) designing and creating an article of clothing which will complement them and express their personality; Or 2) demonstrate skills in consumer decision-making as they select becoming choices for their clothing needs.

**State Contest**
**When:** Late July  
**Where:** Florida 4-H Congress, Gainesville, FL

**Contest Divisions and Categories:**
• This contest has two divisions:
  1) Clothing Construction and
  2) Clothing Selection.

Seniors (ages 14-18) may enter one outfit or ensemble in one of the following categories in either the selection or construction division.
• Active Sports Wear: One, two or three piece outfits from coordinated fabrics for a total look for your favorite leisure activities. No swimwear is permitted.
• School/Informal Wear: Non-tailored, casual outfits of one or more garments, coordinated for a total look acceptable for non formal events like school, youth activities, etc.
• Dress for Work: Dresses, suits or tailored sportswear suitable for a business setting.
• Special Occasion: Dressy ensembles appropriate for special occasions.
• My Choice: Costumes, western wear, lounge wear or other garments that do not fit another category.
Contest Procedures and Scoring:
Scoring and winners in each division and category will be selected on three parts:
1) garment evaluation;
2) modeling and presentation; and
3) skill-a-thon performance.
Score cards, procedures and training/study kits are available through county extension offices or the 4-H Web site, Clothing Project.

Participation Criteria:
• 4-H’ers must be at least 14 years old by September 1 of the current program year.
• 4-H’ers may only enter one category in either the Selection Division or the Construction division, not both.

Participation Procedures
• District: A District level event is not required but is encouraged to serve as another excellent training event.
• State: One Senior entry per category within each division. Counties may have a total of ten (10) entries plus 1 extra entry at the discretion of county staff/judges.
• Official entry and data forms must be sent to Judy Butterfield, PO Box 110250, Gainesville, FL 32611, by the printed deadline date (consult the State 4-H Events Calendar).

Awards:
• State: First, second and third place winners will receive trophies.

PLANT SCIENCES

Horticulture Identification and Judging Event
This event supports the county 4-H plant science/horticulture program by providing an opportunity for 4 H members to acquire knowledge and skills in identification and selection of horticultural products (i.e. vegetables, fruits, flowers, ornamentals) and then apply these basic skills to consumer decision-making.

State Contest
When: Last week of July     Where: Gainesville, FL

Participation Criteria:
• 4-H’ers must be at least 14 years old by September 1 of the current program year.

Participation Procedures:
• County: Establish own regulations
• District: Optional competition
• State: One senior level team consisting of three or four members (14-18 years old) per county.
• National: The state winning team is eligible to represent Florida in the National Junior Horticultural Association Conference and Contest.

Awards:
• Trophies will be given to top individuals and teams at the state level. Partial sponsorship to national competition.