



Manatee County 4-H Youth Program

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Dear Friend of 4-H:

The Manatee County 4-H Foundation is sponsoring the 26th Annual 4-H Clover Classic, a golf tournament fundraiser, benefiting the Manatee County 4-H Youth Program on Saturday, February 25, 2017. The event will be held at The Preserve Golf Club located in East Bradenton. Foundation members are being asked to contact companies, businesses and individuals that might be interested in supporting this effort. **This letter grants Foundation members and 4-H Staff, the authority to solicit and accept donations on behalf of the Manatee County 4-H Foundation from December 7, 2016 - February 25, 2017.**

4-H is a youth development educational program. The Manatee County 4-H Youth Program is administered in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), Florida A & M University, and the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners.

The purpose of the 4-H program is to help youth become productive members of society. By acquiring life skills, youth learn about practical problems they will face in life. Citizenship, community service, leadership, public speaking, agriculture, environmental education, and foods and nutrition are just a few of the subject-matter curricula youth learn in 4-H. In the broadest sense, 4-H is a human development program designed to foster a sense of confidence, a feeling of accomplishment, and a heightened level of competence.

During 2015, the Manatee County 4-H Program reached some, 10,540 youth between the ages of 5-18 through organized clubs, school enrichment, special interest programs, day camps, residential camps, and individual study. Our club and individual study program currently consists of 24 clubs, 139 adult volunteers and some 515 youth members.

Charitable contributions to 4-H are accepted through the Manatee County 4-H Association, Inc. /Manatee County 4-H Foundation. Through financial support received from the Foundation, we are able to maintain the quality of existing 4-H programs and initiate new program opportunities for youth to develop life skills and enhance youth/adult partnerships in our community. We are certain that you will want to be a part of this positive youth development movement.

If you have questions about our local 4-H program or would like to provide additional support (financial or goods and services), please give us a call at 941.722.4524. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana L. Smith', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Diana L. Smith Ph.D.
County 4-H Coordinator

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"4-H ~ More Than You Ever Imagined"



"To Make The Best Better"