

## General Information

**Eligibility:** Exhibitor must be 5 years old by September 1st. Exhibitor must be a current member of Sumter County 4-H or FFA.

**Tree Requirements:** All peach trees must be purchased from the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Office in April.

**Show Limitation:** Each 4-H and FFA member may enter a maximum of two (2) trees.

**Requirements:** All participants must enter at least one tree into the peach tree exhibit, turn in a completed record book, attend the workshops and complete 5 out of the 10 Peach Tree Project Activities.

**Judging:** Please see the Peach Tree “Rules and Regulations” page.

**Tree Sales:** All trees will be sold via silent auction which will close on the last Friday during fair. Premium and auction monies will be mailed to the participants.



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# 4-H & FFA Peach Tree Project



## Learning Through the Peach Tree Project

Looking for a new way to participate in the County Fair?

Are you interested in horticulture and learning how to care for plants?

If you answered yes to any of these questions. Then you need to enroll in the Youth Peach Tree Project!

### Life Skills

- Plant Biology
- Mathematics
- Meteorology
- Nursery Plant Industry
- Horticultural Techniques
- Record Keeping
- Responsibility
- Entrepreneurial ship

To learn more, contact the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County 4-H Office

**REGISTER BY:**

**APRIL 1st**

<http://2017youthpeachtreeproject.ev-entbrite.com> or UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County 352-569-6862

## Workshops and Field Trips

**\*\*ALL WORKSHOPS ARE MANDATORY \*\***

### Peach Tree Distribution

#### Workshop

April 24th

5:30pm —7:30pm

AG Center—4-H Bldg.

Learn general knowledge about peach trees, how to properly care for your tree, and general knowledge about the project.

### Peach Tree Orchard Trip

TBD

8:00am

Learn about the peach tree industry while attending a local “U-Pick” farm.

### Winter Care & Pruning

#### Workshop

September

10:00am—12:00pm

AG Center—4-H Bldg.

Learn how to pre and care for your tree during the winter months.

## Basic Peach Tree Knowledge and Care

### DAILY:

Summer—irrigate every other day depending upon rain fall

### WEEKLY:

Fall/Winter— irrigate once a week  
Scout for insects/disease

### MONTHLY:

Fertilize monthly using granular fertilizer

Take Tree Measurements for Record book

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Pruning-in late June or early July and again January

Defoliate tree in November

Frost/Freeze Protection

Fruit thinning if applicable

