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What do teens know about Money?

University of Florida Okaloosa County Extension Service, through its 4-H and Okaloosa Saves Program, will hold three-day Money Adventure Programs for area youth ages 13-17. Camps will be held daily from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with registration beginning each day at 8:30. The registration form of \$10 and a tuition fee of \$50 is due one week prior to the start of camp.

Do your teens know how to open and manage a checking account? Do they understand how to use credit cards wisely? Are you looking for a fun activity for them this summer? Then “Money Adventures” is the answer. Camps will be held the following times and locations: **Ft. Walton: June 10-12 & July 15-17 & Crestview: June 24-26**

“Youth will participate in field trips to local financial institutions and car dealerships. At the bank, they will learn about accounts, services, related fees, check writing, automatic banking, and the importance of depositor’s responsibilities such as bounced check charges and care of blank checks,” says Jennifer Heady, Okaloosa County 4-H Coordinator. Local auto dealers will also host the groups and provide instruction on automobile purchasing. Participants will learn about new cars versus used cars, warranties, credit lines, dealer stickers, finance charges and more.

The camp has been developed to help youths learn the basics of financial management. “Teens would benefit greatly from receiving just the basics of becoming a financially responsible person. These are lessons that will serve them well over a life-time and we hope will lead them to enjoy financial security and a more prosperous future,” says UF/IFAS Okaloosa Extension program assistant Brenda Smith.

Okaloosa County and University of Florida Extension Office provide education classes on agriculture, marine sciences, family and consumer sciences, horticulture, natural resources and water quality, as well as 4-H, and other youth programs. For more details, visit <http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu> or call 850-689-5850.

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